

STATE OF KANSAS)
WYANDOTTE COUNTY)) SS
CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KS)

SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in Special Meeting, Thursday, October 3, 2024, with eight members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Burns, Commissioner Second District; Hill, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Lopez, Commissioner Sixth District; Stites, Commissioner Seventh District; and Mayor Garner, Mayor/CEO, presiding. Townsend, Commissioner First District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; and Davis, Commissioner Eighth District; were absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Alan Howze, Acting County Administrator; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Casey Meyer, Assistant Counsel; Rodney Lucas, Executive Assistant to County Administrator; and Monica L. Sparks, Unified Government Clerk.

Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to be conducted in person on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room of the Municipal Office Building for purposes of going into Executive Session for consultation with counsel on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship such as litigation or claims against the city, immediately followed by an Executive Session relating to employer-employee relations and negotiations. The Executive Session portion of the meeting is closed to the public under the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

CONSENT TO MEETING of the governing body of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, accepting service of the foregoing notice, waiving all and any irregularities in such service and in such notice, and consent and agree that we, the governing body, shall meet at the time and place therein specified and for the purpose therein stated.

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, Burns, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Bynum, Garner.

Mayor Garner said we have two different matters on tonight's Special Meeting. The original Executive Session, at least in part, has been cancelled. At this time, I'm going to ask our Commission to go into Executive Session on another Executive Session matter for consultation with counsel on matters that would be deemed privileged as it relates to attorney-client relationships such as litigation or claims against the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. Do we have a motion for Executive Session?

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bynum, to go into Executive Session until 5:25 p.m. to consult with our attorneys and to discuss confidential matters related to pending claims and litigation as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act; and that Alan Howze, Acting County Administrator; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Casey Meyer, Senior Counsel; and Beth Evers Guerra, Outside Counsel; be present to participate in the discussion and that we reconvene in open session at 5:25 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room. Roll call was taken and there were seven "Ayes," Burroughs, Burns, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Bynum.

Present for the Executive Session: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Burns, Commissioner Second District; Hill, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Lopez, Commissioner Sixth District; Stites, Commissioner Seventh District; and Garner, Mayor/CEO; presiding. **Staff present:** Alan Howze, Acting County Administrator; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Casey Meyer, Senior Counsel. **Others present:** Beth Evers Guerra, Outside Counsel.

Mayor Garner reconvened back into Special Meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Mayor Garner said do we have a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters related to Employer-Employee Relations.

Commissioner Bynum made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs, to go into Executive Session until 6:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room to consult with our attorneys and to discuss confidential matters related to labor negotiations as permitted under

the Kansas Open Meetings Act; and that Alan Howze, Acting County Administrator; Angela Lawson, Casey Meyer, Ryan Denk, Outside Counsel, John Droppelmann, Shakeva Christian, Shelley Kneuvean, Rodney Lucas, and Reginald Lindsey participate in the discussion and that we reconvene in open session at 6:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room. Roll call was taken and there were seven “Ayes,” Burroughs, Burns, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Bynum.

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Mayor Garner reconvened into Special Session at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, to adjourn. Roll call was taken and there were seven “Ayes,” Burroughs, Burns, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Bynum.

**MAYOR GARNER AJOURNED
THE MEETING AT 6:05 p.m.**

Monica L. Sparks
Unified Government Clerk

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