



**Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas**

**Board of Commissioners**

Commission Chambers

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***Mayor Tyrone Garner***

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**AGENDA**

**Thursday, April 3, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**2. INVOCATION**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. REVISIONS TO AGENDA**

**5. MAYOR'S AGENDA**

**5.1 RECOGNITION: HONORARY KANSAS CITY KANSAS POLICE OFFICER  
AND WYANDOTTE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF**

Synopsis: Presentation of a Mayoral Commendation and honorary Kansas City Kansas Police Officer and Wyandotte County Deputy Sheriff designation to Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel.

*For Information Only*

Tracking #: 21259

**5.2 PRESENTATION: DOTTE PROUD RECOGNITION**

Synopsis: Mayor's Dotte Proud Initiative to recognize acts of volunteerism by citizens or businesses within Wyandotte County. Commissioner Ramirez will recognize The Hub Argentine and The Snack Shack.

*For Information Only*

Tracking #: 21265

**5.3 PRESENTATION: DOTTE PROUD RECOGNITION AND MAYORAL COMMENDATIONS**

Synopsis: Despite the shocking events on March 12, 2025, the community came together. Mayor Garner will recognize Hey Sugar, Lowriding 2 Success, Grant Elementary, as well as the police officers and detectives who demonstrated strength and collaboration during this time.

*For Information Only*

Tracking #: 21266

**5.4 PROCLAMATION: AIA KANSAS CITY ARCHITECTURE WEEK**

Synopsis: A Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 13th -19th as AIA Kansas City Architecture week.

Tracking #: 21273

**5.5 PROCLAMATION: BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK**

Synopsis: A Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 11th -17th as Black Maternal Health week.

Tracking #: 21275

**5.6 PROCLAMATION: GIVING THE BASICS MONTH**

Synopsis: A Proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2025, as Giving the Basics month.

Tracking #: 21274

**5.7 COMMUNITY INPUT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Synopsis: Public forum to allow citizens to express concerns and present solutions relating specifically and solely to the Unified Government's span of interest and control. Participants will be limited to three minutes in duration. Citizens appearing in the Municipal Office Building lobby will be given priority, followed by a limited number of participants who have registered online through the Unified Government Clerk's Office. Those who have registered online may not be given an immediate opportunity to participate due to time constraints to be determined by the Mayor/CEO. If time allows, persons listening online who wish to make comments will be recognized. All interested participants should know that Mayor/CEO Garner has also placed a maximum time limit of 45 minutes to host & conclude these discussions. In the interest of time, there should be no expectation for requested participants' guaranteed inclusion to be recognized for comment and participation.

*For information only*

Tracking #: 21267



## 6. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

### 6.1 RESOLUTION: RATIFYING PER DIEM RATES OF THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF

Synopsis: The Sheriff has determined the per diem rate for inmate housing meets or exceeds the maximum reimbursement allowable from the Kansas Department of Correction under statute K.S.A. 75-5217.

*On March 24, 2025, the **Public Works and Safety Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.*

Tracking #: 21123

### 6.2 RESOLUTION: SURVEY FOR 55TH & METROPOLITAN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Synopsis:

Authorizing a survey and descriptions of lands to be acquired by the right and power of eminent domain for the location, laying-out, reconstruction, expansion, repair, maintenance, operation and use of the 55th and Metropolitan Intersection Improvement Project. This project will upgrade the intersection with turn lanes and ADA improvements.

*On March 24, 2025, the **Public Works and Safety Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.*

Tracking #: 21176

### 6.3 RESOLUTION: SURVEY OF 98TH & STATE AVE

Synopsis: This project will upgrade the intersection with turn lanes and ADA improvements. This project will be integrated with the Kansas Department of Transportation improvements to I-435 and State Ave.

*On March 24, 2025, the **Public Works and Safety Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.*

Tracking #: 21177

### 6.4 RESOLUTION: SURVEY FOR 99TH & PARALLEL

Synopsis: This project will upgrade the intersection with turn lanes and ADA improvement with requested funds from KC 2026 (local FIFA sponsor for the 2026 World Cup) and possible matching funds from a developer installing some of the ADA improvements.

*On March 24, 2025, the **Public Works and Safety Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.*

Tracking #: 21178

**6.5 RESOLUTION: SURVEY FOR 10TH & GRANDVIEW**

Synopsis: This project was identified as being able to meet the community's request while doing the need safety improvements to the intersection. This project is split between ARPA funding and 2023 Debt funding.

*On March 24, 2025, the **Public Works and Safety Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.*

Tracking #: 21179

**6.6 RESOLUTION: GRAVITY INTERCEPTOR FROM PUMP STATION 45 TO PUMP STATION 7**

Synopsis: The Consent Decree Program has mandated measures for water quality through sewer overflow reduction and to address sewer overflows. The proposed project relates to the program. This project is funded by Sanitary Sewer Enterprise Funds.

*On March 24, 2025, the **Public Works and Safety Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.*

Tracking #: 21183

**6.7 MINUTES**

Synopsis: Minutes from Regular Session of December 14, 2023 and Special Session of March 6, 2025.

Tracking #: 21270

**6.8 WEEKLY BUSINESS**

Synopsis: Weekly business material dated February 27 and March 13, 2025.

Tracking #: 21271

**7. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

**8. STANDING COMMITTEES' AGENDA**

**8.1 RESOLUTION: APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DEFFENBAUGH INDUSTRIES, INC., D/B/A WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Synopsis: The Unified Government (UG) Solid Waste Division and Waste Management (WM) have collaborated to modernize trash and recycling services.

*On March 24, 2025, the **Public Works and Safety Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted 5 to 1 to approve and forward to full commission.*

Tracking #: 21104

## 8.2 **RESOLUTION: HEALTH FORWARD FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION**

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing application and acceptance of a one-year grant from the Health Forward Foundation.

*This item was scheduled to appear before the **Neighborhood and Community Development Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Davis, on March 31, 2025. It was requested, and approved unanimously by the committee, to fast track this item to the April 3, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting.*

Tracking #: 21258

## 9. **ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA**

### 9.1 **PRESENTATION: SOLID WASTE AND STREET DIVISION OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Synopsis: The Public Works Department will provide information and updates on the customer service transition to Waste Management and pothole and snow operations.

*For information only*

Tracking #: 21142

## 10. **COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

## 11. **LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES' CONSENT AGENDA**

### 11.1 **LAND BANK OPTIONS**

Synopsis: The attached **option application(s)** was presented at the 03/03/2025 meeting. Please visit the new site to review the applications below  
<https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html>

Tracking #: 21268

### 11.2 **LAND BANK PROPERTY TRANSFER APPLICATIONS**

Synopsis: The attached **property transfers application(s)** was presented at the 03/03/25 standing committee meeting:

Please visit the new site to review the applications below  
<https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html>

Tracking #: 21269

### 11.3 RESOLUTION: LAND BANK HOLD FOR PEREGRINE FALCON PARCELS

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the Wyandotte County Land Bank to hold specified properties in the Peregrine Falcon District.

*On March 3, 2025, the Neighborhood and Community Development Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Davis, voted unanimously to approve and forward to the Land Bank Board of Trustees.*

Tracking #: 2139

### 11.4 RESOLUTION: LAND BANK HOLD UPDATE MT. CARMEL/TREMONT PROJECT

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the Wyandotte County Land Bank to hold specified properties for the acquisition by MT. Carmel Redevelopment Corporation.

*On March 3, 2025, the Neighborhood and Community Development Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Davis, voted unanimously to approve and forward to the Land Bank Board of Trustees.*

Tracking #: 21141

## 12. ADJOURN

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## Report to Board of Commissioners

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                                                    | PRESENTER                                                                               | DEPARTMENT            |
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| AGENDA ITEM #5.1.                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                         |                       |
| RECOGNITION: HONORARY KANSAS CITY KANSAS POLICE OFFICER AND WYANDOTTE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF                                                                     |                                                                                         |                       |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                         |                       |
| Presentation of a Mayoral Commendation and honorary Kansas City Kansas Police Officer and Wyandotte County Deputy Sheriff designation to Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel. |                                                                                         |                       |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                         |                       |
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| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                       |                                                                                         |                       |
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| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                         |                       |
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| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                         |                       |
| DJ Daniels Mayoral Commendation (002)                                                                                                                           |                                                                                         |                       |

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# *Unified Government of Wyandotte County Kansas City, Kansas*

## *Office of the Mayor*

### *Mayoral Commendation*

*DJ Daniels,*

**From:**

Mayor Tyrone Garner  
701 N. 7th St.  
Kansas City, KS. 66101



On behalf of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, it is with great honor that we express our deepest appreciation for your inspiring journey in spreading awareness of childhood cancer throughout the country.

On March 4, 2025, during President Donald Trump's speech to Congress, you were bestowed with the esteemed honor of becoming an honorary Secret Service Agent. To date, you have also been sworn in by over 900 law enforcement agencies across the nation.

It is a privilege to recognize you for achieving your lifelong dream of becoming a police officer. Our community is immensely proud of the support we have shown you in your journey, including your honorary role as a Kansas City, Kansas, police officer and as a Wyandotte County Sheriff's Deputy during your visit to our city.

Your incredible resilience in the face of battling brain and spine cancer continues to move and inspire all of us. Despite your diagnosis, you have not wavered in your commitment to public service and law enforcement, proving that your spirit is unbreakable.

As Mayor, I am honored to welcome you to our city. We are grateful for your efforts to inspire and uplift our community with your strength, determination, and unwavering dedication.

Thank you, DJ, for being a shining example of courage and perseverance.

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*Tyrone A. Garner*  
*Mayor/CEO*

April 2025



## Report to Board of Commissioners

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | PRESENTER                                                                            | DEPARTMENT     |
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| AGENDA ITEM #5.2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |                |
| PRESENTATION: DOTTE PROUD RECOGNITION                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                      |                |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                      |                |
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| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                      |                |
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| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                      |                |
| Commissioner's Dotte Proud Recognition slide show 4-3-25 Final                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                      |                |

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# Commissioner's Dotte Proud Recognition



April 3, 2025

# The Hub Argentina







The  
HUB  
Argentine





# Snack Shack KC









# Report to Board of Commissioners

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| AGENDA ITEM #5.3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                      |                |
| PRESENTATION: DOTTE PROUD RECOGNITION AND MAYORAL COMMENDATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                      |                |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                      |                |
| <p>Despite the shocking events on March 12, 2025, the community came together. Mayor Garner will recognize Hey Sugar, Lowriding 2 Success, Grant Elementary, as well as the police officers and detectives who demonstrated strength and collaboration during this time.</p> <p><i>For Information Only</i></p> |                                                                                      |                |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                      |                |
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## Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Architecture Week is an annual public celebration, recognized from April 13 to April 19, 2025, and hosted by AIA Kansas City; and
- WHEREAS,** Architecture Week brings greater public awareness and appreciation of architecture and showcases the impact and value of design; and
- WHEREAS,** Architecture Week is an opportunity to celebrate the rich architectural history of the Kansas City metropolitan area and an opportunity to advocate for great design going forward; and
- WHEREAS,** Architecture Week features educational programming for students of all ages to learn more about the built environment and highlight the power of design to make our communities better places to live, work, and play; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Institute of Architects Kansas City Chapter (AIA Kansas City), was founded in 1890 and represents over 1,200 in the metro area; and
- WHEREAS,** AIA Kansas City members advocate for good community design, are responsible stewards of the built environment, and advance the community's quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** the built environment influences our well-being, shapes our interactions, enhances our experiences, and reflects our cultural diversity; and
- WHEREAS,** thoughtful architecture creates more valuable, healthy, secure, and resilient communities; and
- WHEREAS,** architects have helped create the unique visual character of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas through innovative and responsive design of public and private spaces; and
- WHEREAS,** Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas recognize architects as a force for positive change and appreciate their contributions to our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas benefit from Architecture Week and an enhanced reputation as a hub for design excellence, urban renewal, economic development, and creative entrepreneurship.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as:

### **“AIA Kansas City Architecture Week”**

in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

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**TYRONE GARNER, MAYOR/CEO**



## Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** over 80% of pregnancy deaths are preventable, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black women in the United States are 3-3.5 times more likely than White women to die from pregnancy-related causes; and
- WHEREAS,** the maternal mortality rate for Black women in Kansas is nearly 100.3 deaths per 100,000 live births, three times as high as the rate for white women in Kansas; and
- WHEREAS,** the high rates of maternal mortality among Black women span across income levels, education levels, socioeconomic status, access to prenatal care, general overall health, and mental health; and
- WHEREAS,** Wyandotte County and the City of Kansas City, KS recognize that the crisis is driven by unconscious bias, structural racism, and social determinants of health embedded in many institutions and contribute to unacceptable and preventable disparities in Black maternal health outcomes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kansas Birth Equity Network and its diverse stakeholders including parents, maternal and child health organizations, birth workers, healthcare providers, researchers, and faith-based organizations, founded in 2021 shares the mission of creating birth equity in the state of Kansas through intentional and quality perinatal, paternal, and infant care; and
- WHEREAS,** Black Maternal Health Week is an opportunity to acknowledge the tragic deaths of Black women and the impact on Black families in our state and across the nation, stand in solidarity to reduce these disparities, uplift community based responses to address the crisis and promote Black maternal health initiatives and renew our commitment to address the Black maternal health crisis in Kansas; and
- WHEREAS,** we affirm our commitment to ameliorating these unacceptable disparities and building health care, educational, and community systems that are equitable and safe for Black families; the need to acknowledge the historical and system exploitation of Black bodies; and encourage all to listen to and believe Black women seeking health care in our county and city.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as:

## “Black Maternal Health Week”

in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

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**TYRONE GARNER, MAYOR/CEO**





# *PROCLAMATION*

- WHEREAS,** Giving the Basics continues to lead a successful expansion of human dignity through access to essential hygiene items for the citizens in the city of Kansas City, Kansas By providing personal care hygiene products for the citizens of Kansas that are not covered by any government assistance programs. Hygiene products are critically needed so that adults can get clean, have improved health, as well as gain employment and so that students can focus on learning; and
- WHEREAS,** Giving the Basics continues to locations in Kansas City, KS to increase the volume of hygiene products distributed to increase the impact. Giving the Basics supports thousands of students throughout Kansas City, KS so they can come to school ready to learn, feel free of shame or fear of being bullied; and
- WHEREAS,** Giving the Basics hygiene hub has successfully provided personal care hygiene products to homeless citizens, battered women, young children, adults, veterans, senior citizens, the mentally ill, and families on edge, to ensure they can succeed and feel free of fear of humiliation; and
- WHEREAS,** Giving the Basics has successfully partnered with law enforcement outlets to provide hygiene products allowing them to strengthen relationships and communication between law enforcement personnel and citizens in need of hygiene products; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the duty and responsibility of every citizen to promote the health, welfare, and personal dignity of all humankind so that hatred can be diminished and distance can be reduced allowing all citizens of Kansas City, KS to have the ability to thrive.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim April 2025, as:

## **“Giving the Basics Month”**

in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and encourage all citizens to observe and recognize the vital services that Giving the Basics provides. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

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**TYRONE GARNER, MAYOR/CEO**



## Report to Board of Commissioners

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| AGENDA ITEM #5.7.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                             |                |
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## Report to Board of Commissioners

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| AGENDA ITEM #6.1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                 |            |
| RESOLUTION: RATIFYING PER DIEM RATES OF THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |            |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                 |            |
| <p>RESOLUTION:K.S.A. 19-1930 directs the Secretary of Corrections to pay the costs of maintaining a parole violator held under authority of K.S.A. 75-5217 for completion of revocation proceedings. By statute, the rate cannot exceed the cost to the County. After conducting an Adult Detention cost analysis, the Sheriff has determined the per diem rate for inmate housing meets or exceeds the maximum reimbursement allowable from KDOC under statute. In order to seek this reimbursement and corresponding increases, the Sheriff must provide rate certification each year. This resolution is necessary and will ensure that the UG receives the maximum amount available for reimbursement every year.</p> |                                 |            |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                 |            |
| <p>Approve</p> <p>Sheriff is unavailable for February meeting. Item will be scheduled for March meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                 |            |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |            |
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| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |            |
| To Adopt the resolution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                 |            |
| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                 |            |
| 250207 Per Diem Cert Res fv                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                 |            |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING DETENTION PER DIEM RATES ESTABLISHED BY  
THE SHERIFF OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**WHEREAS**, on October 1, 1997 pursuant to an Act of the Kansas Legislature, hereinafter referred to as the “Act”, the voters of Kansas City, Kansas and Wyandotte County, by a majority vote, approved and adopted the consolidation of the Board of County Commissioners of Wyandotte County and the City Council of Kansas City, Kansas into one (1) governing body known as the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, hereinafter referred to as the “Unified Government”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to this Act, the Board of Commissioners of the Unified Government serve and have all powers under the statutes of the State of Kansas to operate concurrently as the governing body of a county in the State of Kansas and as a city of the first class under the laws of the State of Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, by approving the consolidation of the City and County governments, the elected office of the Sheriff is authorized by and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Kansas, were preserved and continued as provided under the same statutes and additionally, the ordinances and resolutions of the Unified Government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyandotte County Detention Center is managed and operated by the Sheriff of WYANDOTTE County pursuant to Kansas law and the Unified Government Charter;

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff of Wyandotte County is authorized by K.S.A. 19-1930(a) to accept and house prisoners held by other jurisdictions, including agencies of the United States government and state and local law enforcement agencies;

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff of Wyandotte County is authorized by K.S.A. 19-1930(a) to receive compensation from the responsible jurisdiction for housing and caring for said prisoners;

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff periodically establishes a per-dem billing rate schedule for the housing and care of said prisoners with the respective agencies and has advised this governing body of the same;



**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
WYANDOTTE COUNTY, KANSAS:**

1. The Sheriff of Wyandotte County, as the manager and keeper of the Wyandotte County Detention Center, and pursuant to his statutory authority, establishes an appropriate daily per diem or rate of compensation for the housing and maintenance of prisoners from each respective jurisdiction.
2. The Sheriff may certify this rate to the respective jurisdiction as needed without further action or resolution.
3. Compensation received pursuant to agreements created hereunder shall be remitted to the Unified Government County Treasurer and shall be deemed income to the General Fund of the Unified Government County Budget.

RESOLVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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ATTEST:

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Monical Sparks, Unified Government Clerk



## Report to Board of Commissioners

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|                                                                                                                                       | <div>Troy Shaw, County Engineer/<br/>Interim Director of Public Works</div> <div>tshaw@wycokck.org<br/>x5416</div> | Public Works |
| AGENDA ITEM #6.2.                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RESOLUTION: SURVEY FOR 55TH & METROPOLITAN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |              |
| This project will upgrade the intersection with turn lanes and ADA improvements.                                                      |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                    |              |
| Approve<br><br>Approval of resolution.                                                                                                |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                             |                                                                                                                    |              |
| The project is primarily KDOT funded. UG will need to have matching funds for construction and inspection.                            |                                                                                                                    |              |
| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |              |
| We are looking to take some temporary easements for construction. This could include the need for condemnation based on the timeline. |                                                                                                                    |              |
| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                    |              |
| Commission Action Report 55th and Metropolitan Resolution of Survey, RESOLUTION-55th Metropolitan Intersection                        |                                                                                                                    |              |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.



## Report to Board of Commissioners

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                          | PRESENTER                                                                                                          | DEPARTMENT   |
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|                                                                                                                                       | <div>Troy Shaw, County Engineer/<br/>Interim Director of Public Works</div> <div>tshaw@wycokck.org<br/>x5416</div> | Public Works |
| AGENDA ITEM #6.2.                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RESOLUTION: SURVEY FOR 55TH & METROPOLITAN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |              |
| This project will upgrade the intersection with turn lanes and ADA improvements.                                                      |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                    |              |
| Approve<br><br>Approval of resolution.                                                                                                |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                             |                                                                                                                    |              |
| The project is primarily KDOT funded. UG will need to have matching funds for construction and inspection.                            |                                                                                                                    |              |
| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |              |
| We are looking to take some temporary easements for construction. This could include the need for condemnation based on the timeline. |                                                                                                                    |              |
| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                    |              |
| Commission Action Report 55th and Metropolitan Resolution of Survey, RESOLUTION-55th Metropolitan Intersection                        |                                                                                                                    |              |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.

# Commission Agenda Item Report

**Title:** Resolution of Survey for 55<sup>th</sup> & Metropolitan Intersection Improvements

**Proposed Agenda Date:** March 24, 2025 Public Works Standing Committee

**Presented by:** Kristofer Finger, Public Works

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## **BACKGROUND:**

- This project will upgrade the intersection with turn lanes and ADA improvements

## **BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The project is primarily KDOT funded. UG will need to have matching funds for construction and inspection.

## **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- No policy changes

## **PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Finance will need to find some money for match as the project was planned with Debt funds from 2026 as matching.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- We are looking to take some temporary easements for construction. This could include the need for condemnation based on the timeline.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- Approval of resolution of survey

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:**

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## **MAYOR AGENDA DIRECTION:**

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(Published \_\_\_\_\_)

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION** declaring the necessity and authorizing a survey and descriptions of lands to be acquired by the right and power of eminent domain for the location, laying-out, reconstruction, expansion, repair, maintenance, operation and use of the 55<sup>th</sup> and Metropolitan Intersection Improvement Project in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS**

**SECTION 1.** It is hereby found and determined necessary that certain lands or interests in lands be acquired by all lawful means, including by exercise of the right and power of eminent domain, for public use for location, laying-out, reconstruction, expansion, repair, maintenance, operation and use of the 55<sup>th</sup> and Metropolitan Intersection Improvement Project.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of Commissioners hereby directs and authorizes its Chief Counsel to cause a survey and description of such parcels to be undertaken and filed with the Clerk of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas; to thereafter prepare and submit to the Board of Commissioners an ordinance authorizing the exercise of eminent domain with respect to such parcels; and upon approval of the same by the Board of Commissioners to initiate eminent domain proceedings in the District Court of Wyandotte County, and to undertake all other necessary actions to complete acquisition of such parcels.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution shall be published once in the official County newspaper, The Wyandotte Echo.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF  
WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Tyrone Garner  
Mayor/CEO

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Monica Sparks  
Unified Government Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Angela Lawson  
Interim Chief Counsel

Advantage  
Child Care  
Center

S 55th St

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## Report to Board of Commissioners

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| AGENDA ITEM #6.3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RESOLUTION: SURVEY OF 98TH & STATE AVE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                    |              |
| This project will upgrade the intersection with turn lanes and ADA improvements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                    |              |
| Approve<br><br>Approval of resolution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have currently in preliminary design of the improvement with the hope of integrating this project KDOT interchange improvements to I-435 and State Ave. There is \$275K identified in a Schlitterbahn star bond agreement as having been escrowed for the direct purpose of these improvements. Further discussions to be had regarding financing of construction once we are further along.</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                    |              |
| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                    |              |
| We are looking to take some temporary easements for construction. This could include the need for condemnation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |              |
| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RESOLUTION-98th State Intersection, Commission Action Report 98th and State Ave Resolution of Survey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                    |              |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.



## Report to Board of Commissioners

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| AGENDA ITEM #6.3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RESOLUTION: SURVEY OF 98TH & STATE AVE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                    |              |
| This project will upgrade the intersection with turn lanes and ADA improvements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                    |              |
| Approve<br><br>Approval of resolution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have currently in preliminary design of the improvement with the hope of integrating this project KDOT interchange improvements to I-435 and State Ave. There is \$275K identified in a Schlitterbahn star bond agreement as having been escrowed for the direct purpose of these improvements. Further discussions to be had regarding financing of construction once we are further along.</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                    |              |
| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                    |              |
| We are looking to take some temporary easements for construction. This could include the need for condemnation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |              |
| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RESOLUTION-98th State Intersection, Commission Action Report 98th and State Ave Resolution of Survey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                    |              |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.

(Published \_\_\_\_\_)

**RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION** declaring the necessity and authorizing a survey and descriptions of lands to be acquired by the right and power of eminent domain for the location, laying-out, reconstruction, expansion, repair, maintenance, operation and use of the 98<sup>th</sup> & State Avenue Intersection Improvement Project in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS**

**SECTION 1.** It is hereby found and determined necessary that certain lands or interests in lands be acquired by all lawful means, including by exercise of the right and power of eminent domain, for public use for location, laying-out, reconstruction, expansion, repair, maintenance, operation and use of the 98<sup>th</sup> & State Avenue Intersection Improvement Project.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of Commissioners hereby directs and authorizes its Chief Counsel to cause a survey and description of such parcels to be undertaken and filed with the Clerk of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas; to thereafter prepare and submit to the Board of Commissioners an ordinance authorizing the exercise of eminent domain with respect to such parcels; and upon approval of the same by the Board of Commissioners to initiate eminent domain proceedings in the District Court of Wyandotte County, and to undertake all other necessary actions to complete acquisition of such parcels.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution shall be published once in the official County newspaper, The Wyandotte Echo.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF  
WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tyrone Garner  
Mayor/CEO

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Monica Sparks  
Unified Government Clerk

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Angela Lawson  
Interim Chief Counsel





# Commission Agenda Item Report

**Title:** Resolution of Survey for 98<sup>th</sup> and State Ave Intersection Improvements

**Proposed Agenda Date:** March 24, 2025 Public Works Standing Committee

**Presented by:** Kristofer Finger, Public Works

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## **BACKGROUND:**

- This project will upgrade the intersection with turn lanes and ADA improvements

## **BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- We have currently in preliminary design of the improvement with the hope of integrating this project KDOT interchange improvements to I-435 and State Ave. There is \$275K identified in a Schlitterbahn star bond agreement as having been escrowed for the direct purpose of these improvements. Further discussions to be had regarding financing of construction once we are further along

## **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- No policy changes

## **PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

- This project can only move forward with outside funds as we lost our planned debt financing.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- We are looking to take some temporary easements for construction. This could include the need for condemnation.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- Approval of resolution of survey

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:**

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## **MAYOR AGENDA DIRECTION:**

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## Report to Board of Commissioners

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                                                                                            | PRESENTER                                                                                                          | DEPARTMENT   |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <div>Troy Shaw, County Engineer/<br/>Interim Director of Public Works</div> <div>tshaw@wycokck.org<br/>x5416</div> | Public Works |
| AGENDA ITEM #6.4.                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RESOLUTION: SURVEY FOR 99TH & PARALLEL                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                    |              |
| This project will upgrade the intersection with turn lanes and ADA improvements.                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                    |              |
| <p>Approve</p> <p>Approval of resolution of survey</p>                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |              |
| We have requested funds from KC 2026 (local FIFA sponsor for the 2026 World Cup). If we are accepted we have matching funds from a developer that was required to install some of the ADA improvements. |                                                                                                                    |              |
| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                    |              |
| We are looking to take some temporary easements for construction. This could include the need for condemnation based on the timeline.                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |              |
| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                    |              |
| Commission Action Report 99th and Parallel Resolution of Survey, RESOLUTION-99th Parallel Intersection                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |              |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.



## Report to Board of Commissioners

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                                                                                            | PRESENTER                                                                                                          | DEPARTMENT   |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <div>Troy Shaw, County Engineer/<br/>Interim Director of Public Works</div> <div>tshaw@wycokck.org<br/>x5416</div> | Public Works |
| AGENDA ITEM #6.4.                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RESOLUTION: SURVEY FOR 99TH & PARALLEL                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                    |              |
| This project will upgrade the intersection with turn lanes and ADA improvements.                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                    |              |
| <p>Approve</p> <p>Approval of resolution of survey</p>                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |              |
| We have requested funds from KC 2026 (local FIFA sponsor for the 2026 World Cup). If we are accepted we have matching funds from a developer that was required to install some of the ADA improvements. |                                                                                                                    |              |
| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                    |              |
| We are looking to take some temporary easements for construction. This could include the need for condemnation based on the timeline.                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |              |
| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                    |              |
| Commission Action Report 99th and Parallel Resolution of Survey, RESOLUTION-99th Parallel Intersection                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |              |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.

# Commission Agenda Item Report

**Title:** Resolution of Survey for 99<sup>th</sup> and Parallel Intersection Improvements

**Proposed Agenda Date:** March 24, 2025 Public Works Standing Committee

**Presented by:** Kristofer Finger, Public Works

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## **BACKGROUND:**

- This project will upgrade the intersection with turn lanes and ADA improvements

## **BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- We have requested funds from KC 2026 (local FIFA sponsor for the 2026 World Cup). If we are accepted we have matching funds from a developer that was required to install some of the ADA improvements.

## **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- No policy changes

## **PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

- This project can only move forward with outside funds as we lost our planned debt financing.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- We are looking to take some temporary easements for construction. This could include the need for condemnation based on the timeline.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- Approval of resolution of survey

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:**

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## **MAYOR AGENDA DIRECTION:**

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(Published \_\_\_\_\_)

**RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION** declaring the necessity and authorizing a survey and descriptions of lands to be acquired by the right and power of eminent domain for the location, laying-out, reconstruction, expansion, repair, maintenance, operation and use of the 99<sup>th</sup> & Parallel Intersection Improvement Project in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS**

**SECTION 1.** It is hereby found and determined necessary that certain lands or interests in lands be acquired by all lawful means, including by exercise of the right and power of eminent domain, for public use for location, laying-out, reconstruction, expansion, repair, maintenance, operation and use of the 99<sup>th</sup> & Parallel Intersection Improvement Project.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of Commissioners hereby directs and authorizes its Chief Counsel to cause a survey and description of such parcels to be undertaken and filed with the Clerk of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas; to thereafter prepare and submit to the Board of Commissioners an ordinance authorizing the exercise of eminent domain with respect to such parcels; and upon approval of the same by the Board of Commissioners to initiate eminent domain proceedings in the District Court of Wyandotte County, and to undertake all other necessary actions to complete acquisition of such parcels.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution shall be published once in the official County newspaper, The Wyandotte Echo.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF  
WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tyrone Garner  
Mayor/CEO

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Monica Sparks  
Unified Government Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Angela Lawson  
Interim Chief Counsel





## Report to Board of Commissioners

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PRESENTER                                                                                                          | DEPARTMENT   |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <div>Troy Shaw, County Engineer/<br/>Interim Director of Public Works</div> <div>tshaw@wycokck.org<br/>x5416</div> | Public Works |
| AGENDA ITEM #6.5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RESOLUTION: SURVEY FOR 10TH & GRANDVIEW                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                    |              |
| <p>The need for these intersection improvements was identified as part of an analysis of the safety of the intersection. Based on community feedback during the design of the storm and park improvements for Northrup Park this project was identified as being able to meet the community's request while doing the need safety improvements to the intersection.</p> |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                    |              |
| <p>Approve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of resolution of survey</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |              |
| This project is split between ARPA funding and 2023 Debt funding.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |              |
| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                    |              |
| We are looking to take temporary easements for construction. This could include the need for condemnation based on the timeline.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                    |              |
| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                    |              |
| Commission Action Report 10th and Grandview Resolution of Survey, RESOLUTION-10th Grandview Intersection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                    |              |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.



## Report to Board of Commissioners

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PRESENTER                                                                                                          | DEPARTMENT   |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <div>Troy Shaw, County Engineer/<br/>Interim Director of Public Works</div> <div>tshaw@wycokck.org<br/>x5416</div> | Public Works |
| AGENDA ITEM #6.5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RESOLUTION: SURVEY FOR 10TH & GRANDVIEW                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                    |              |
| <p>The need for these intersection improvements was identified as part of an analysis of the safety of the intersection. Based on community feedback during the design of the storm and park improvements for Northrup Park this project was identified as being able to meet the community's request while doing the need safety improvements to the intersection.</p> |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                    |              |
| <p>Approve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of resolution of survey</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |              |
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| Commission Action Report 10th and Grandview Resolution of Survey, RESOLUTION-10th Grandview Intersection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                    |              |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.

# Commission Agenda Item Report

**Title:** Resolution of Survey for 10<sup>th</sup> & Grandview Intersection Improvement

**Proposed Agenda Date:** March 24, 2025 Public Works Standing Committee

**Presented by:** Kristofer Finger, Public Works

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## **BACKGROUND:**

- The need for these intersection improvements was identified as part of an analysis of the safety of the intersection. Based on community feedback during the design of the storm and park improvements for Northrup Park this project was identified as being able to meet the community's request while doing the need safety improvements to the intersection.

## **BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- This project is split between ARPA funding and 2023 Debt funding.

## **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- No policy changes

## **PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

- This project has already been bid and awarded to take advantage of ARPA funding that ran needed to be allocated by the end of 2024.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- We are looking to take some temporary easements for construction. This could include the need for condemnation based on the timeline.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- Approval of resolution of survey

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:**

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## **MAYOR AGENDA DIRECTION:**

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(Published \_\_\_\_\_)

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION** declaring the necessity and authorizing a survey and descriptions of lands to be acquired by the right and power of eminent domain for the location, laying-out, reconstruction, expansion, repair, maintenance, operation and use of the 10<sup>th</sup> & Grandview Intersection Improvement Project in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS**

**SECTION 1.** It is hereby found and determined necessary that certain lands or interests in lands be acquired by all lawful means, including by exercise of the right and power of eminent domain, for public use for location, laying-out, reconstruction, expansion, repair, maintenance, operation and use of the 10<sup>th</sup> & Grandview Intersection Improvement Project.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of Commissioners hereby directs and authorizes its Chief Counsel to cause a survey and description of such parcels to be undertaken and filed with the Clerk of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas; to thereafter prepare and submit to the Board of Commissioners an ordinance authorizing the exercise of eminent domain with respect to such parcels; and upon approval of the same by the Board of Commissioners to initiate eminent domain proceedings in the District Court of Wyandotte County, and to undertake all other necessary actions to complete acquisition of such parcels.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution shall be published once in the official County newspaper, The Wyandotte Echo.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF  
WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tyrone Garner  
Mayor/CEO

Attest:

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Monica Sparks  
Unified Government Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Angela Lawson  
Interim Chief Counsel







## Report to Board of Commissioners

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| AGENDA ITEM #6.6.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RESOLUTION: GRAVITY INTERCEPTOR FROM PUMP STATION 45 TO PUMP STATION 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consent Decree Program has mandated measures for water quality through sewer overflow reduction.</li> <li>Completion of these projects is a requirement of the Consent Decree to address sewer overflows.</li> <li>Completion of these projects will reduce operation and maintenance requirements and increase capacity for service population growth.</li> <li>Project includes installing an estimated 3,000 feet of 36-inch diameter gravity sewer from Pump Station 45 to Pump Station 7 to alleviate surcharging upstream of Pump Station 45 and a new 0.6-million-gallon excess flow holding basin.</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |              |
| <p>Approve</p> <p>Recommendation by the Public Works standing committee to approve the resolution for approval by commission.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |              |
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| This project is funded by Sanitary Sewer Enterprise Funds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |              |
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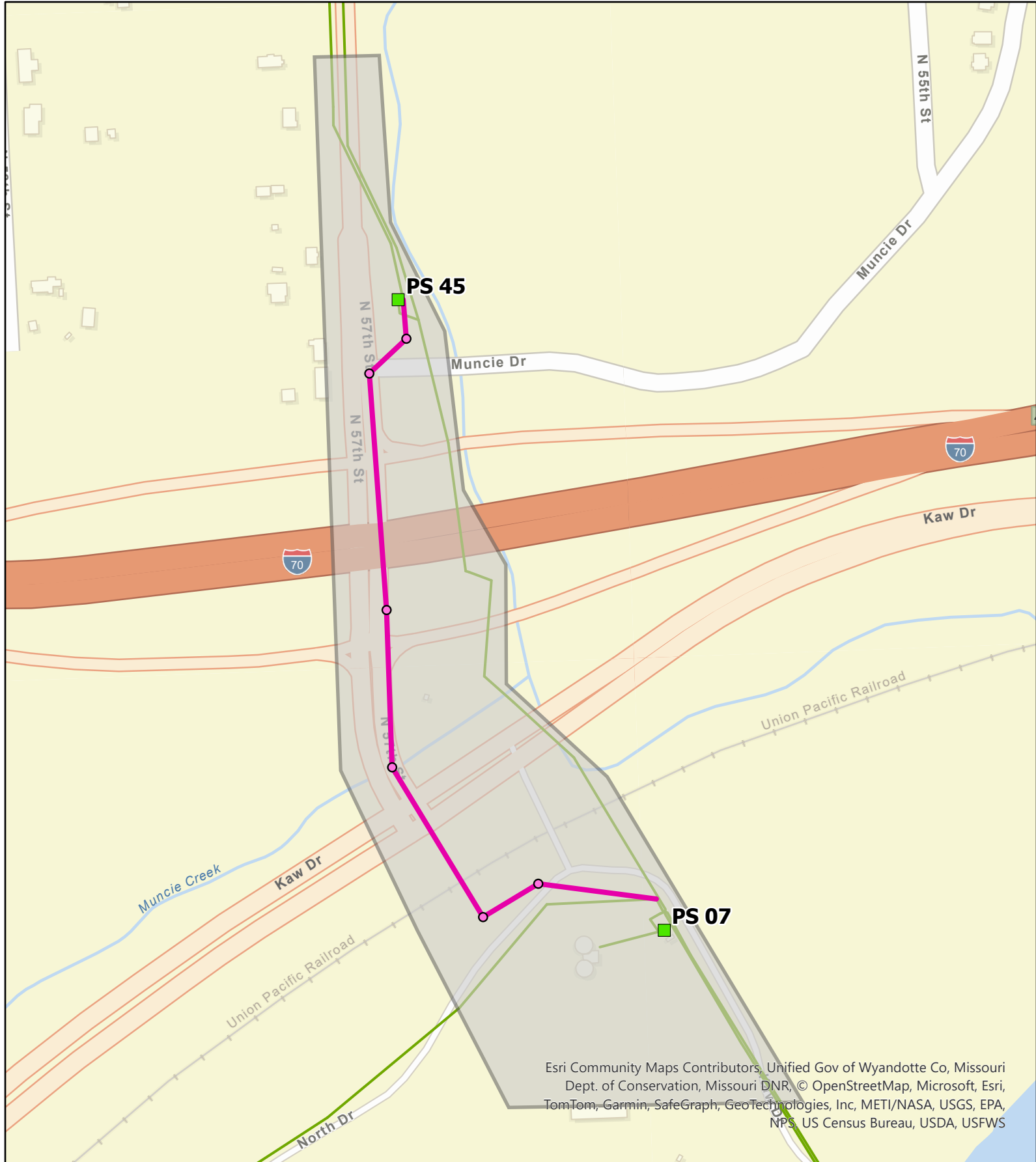
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## Report to Board of Commissioners

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent Decree Program has mandated measures for water quality through sewer overflow reduction.</li> <li>• Completion of these projects is a requirement of the Consent Decree to address sewer overflows.</li> <li>• Completion of these projects will reduce operation and maintenance requirements and increase capacity for service population growth.</li> <li>• Project includes installing an estimated 3,000 feet of 36-inch diameter gravity sewer from Pump Station 45 to Pump Station 7 to alleviate surcharging upstream of Pump Station 45 and a new 0.6-million-gallon excess flow holding basin.</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                    |              |
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**Legend**

-  Existing Pump Station
-  PS 45-7 - Proposed Sanitary Sewer Manholes
-  PS 45-7 - Proposed Sanitary Sewer Lines
-  Existing Combined Sewer Lines
-  Topographic Survey Extent

**Gravity Interceptor from  
Pump Station 45 to Pump Station 7  
and Pump Station 7 Storage  
Exhibit 2. Location of Survey**

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION declaring the necessity and authorizing a survey and descriptions of lands to be acquired by the right and power of eminent domain for the location, laying-out, reconstruction, expansion, repair, maintenance, operation and use of sewer and stormwater projects.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners after study and review has determined as follows, to wit:

**THAT** the projects known as the Gravity Interceptor from Pump Station 45 to Pump Station 7 and Pump Station 7 Storage are requirements of the Consent Decree to address sewer overflows;

**THAT** completion of these projects will reduce operation and maintenance requirements and increase capacity for service population growth;

**THAT** the location of these projects is identified generally in the 2013 EPA Consent Decree and more specifically is located in an area adjacent to and east of N. 57th Street between just south of Tauromee Avenue to the north and just south of Kaw Drive to the south;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS**

**SECTION 1.** It is hereby found and determined necessary that certain lands or interests in lands be acquired by all lawful means, including by exercise of the right and power of eminent domain, for public use for location, laying-out, reconstruction, expansion, repair, maintenance, operation and use of the aforementioned sewer project.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of Commissioners hereby directs and authorizes its Chief Counsel to cause a survey and description of such parcels to be undertaken and filed with the Clerk of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas; to thereafter prepare and submit to the Board of Commissioners an ordinance authorizing the exercise of eminent domain with respect to such parcels; and upon approval of the same by the Board of Commissioners to initiate eminent domain proceedings in the District Court of Wyandotte County, and to undertake all other necessary actions to complete acquisition of such parcels.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution shall be published once in the official County newspaper, The Wyandotte Echo.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY,  
KANSAS THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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Tyrone Garner  
Mayor/CEO

Attest:

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Monica Sparks  
Unified Government Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Angela Lawson  
Interim-Chief Counsel



# Commission Agenda Item Report

**Title:** Gravity Interceptor from Pump Station 45 to Pump Station 7 and Pump Station 7 Storage

**Proposed Agenda Date:** Public Works and Safety Standing Committee

**Presented by:** Troy Shaw and Sarah Shafer, Public Works

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## BACKGROUND:

- Consent Decree Program has mandated measures for water quality through sewer overflow reduction.
- Completion of these projects is a requirement of the Consent Decree to address sewer overflows.
- Completion of these projects will reduce operation and maintenance requirements and increase capacity for service population growth.
- Project includes installing an estimated 3,000 feet of 36-inch diameter gravity sewer from Pump Station 45 to Pump Station 7 to alleviate surcharging upstream of Pump Station 45 and a new 0.6-million-gallon excess flow holding basin.

## BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- This project is funded by Sanitary Sewer Enterprise Funds.

## POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

- No policy considerations for this item.

## PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

- Procurement of Gravity Interceptor from Pump Station 45 to Pump Station 7 and Pump Station 7 Storage design and construction services will follow the UG policies and requirements.

## LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Legal will be reviewing and approving the resolutions to be considered by the standing committee and taken to full commission for authorization.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Recommendation by the Public Works standing committee to approve the resolution for approval by commission.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:

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## MAYOR AGENDA DIRECTION:

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

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 14, 2023**

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in Regular Session Thursday, December 14, 2023, with ten members present via Zoom and on-site; Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Burns, Commissioner Second District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; Hill, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Lopez, Commissioner Sixth District; Stites, Commissioner Seventh District; Davis, Commissioner Eight District; and Garner, Mayor/CEO; presiding. Commissioner Townsend, First District; was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: David Johnston, County Administrator; Wendy Green, Assistant Counsel; Jeff Conway, Legal Counsel, Irene Caudillo, Chief of Staff in Mayor's Office; Andrea Vineyard, Deputy Treasurer, Dennis L. Rubin, Interim Fire Chief; and Monica Sparks, Acting UG Clerk.

**Mayor Garner** said before I call the meeting to order, I want to announce that some commissioners, staff, and the public are attending remotely via Zoom, by phone, or on-site. All participants joining by phone should mute their phones when not speaking to avoid background noise.

During the meeting, please make sure that you announce yourself by name and title every time you speak so the public that is observing knows who is speaking. Please be sure to speak directly into the microphone when speaking so the public can hear your comments and there's an accurate recording of the meeting for the minutes. This is critical given the number of remote participants and is current guidance from the Kansas Attorney General's Office. Thank you for being here tonight. This is our first meeting with several new commissioners that you'll see, so welcome to our new commissioners.

**Mayor Garner** called the meeting to order.

**Roll call:** Burroughs, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Garner.

December 14, 2023

**Invocation** was given by Pastor-elect Reverend Deleno Sheffield of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mayor Garner** said Clerk, are there revisions to the agenda tonight? **Monica Sparks, Acting UG Clerk;** said yes Mayor, we've had two revisions to our agenda. The first revision was adding item number four, a resolution setting schedule a meeting times to the Mayor's agenda. The second revision was adding item number five, a proclamation for Bob Breitenstein Day under the Mayor's agenda and also adding nominations to Boards and Commissions under the Consent Agenda. Those are all of our additions.

**Mayor Garner** said before we start our agenda this evening, I want to just take a moment to ask everybody for a moment of silence. A gentleman I've known when I worked here pretty much throughout my career, Parking Control Officer Henry V. Jones, he departed us on December 9, 2023, and if we could just take a moment of silence in his honor and his memory, for his service, years of service to this great community, that would be appreciated. I'm going to let the Administrator have some words, just bear with me shortly.

**David Johnston, County Administrator,** said just to add to what the Mayor stated, unfortunately, one of our UG family passed away, Mr. Jones. I think to talk about why it's an important time to remember, this gentleman gave over 40 years of his life in service of our citizens with our government. He was a few times that I met him, just a wonderful human being, really loved coming to work, doing his job, serving our citizens and didn't ask for any fanfare. He just wanted to do his job the best that he could, and so the Mayor has prepared a very beautiful succinct. Sincere condolences to his family and if I may take a few moments to read this in honor of one of our colleagues Henry Jones.

"To the family, friends, and loved ones I'd like to send my deepest sympathy on the loss of your precious loved one Henry V. Jones. The homegoing of your beloved has brought about a reflection of who he was and what he represented to so many that loved him. We pray that the comfort of his memory aid you and keep you with a knowledge that gone may be the sound of his voice but never your memories. Gone is his physical touch but never from your hearts. Gone from immediate sight but will never be forgotten. Please know that the thoughts and prayers will be with

you as you navigate through your bereavement, sorrowfully submitted Tyrone Garner, Mayor, Unified Government of Wyandotte County, KCK.”

**Mayor Garner** said the Administrator is tasked with overseeing the 2,300 authorized employees here at the Unified Government, so it’s befitting that he sends that to the staff. Mr. Jones started on March 14, 1984, and was well known here at the Unified Government so he will be missed.

## **VI. MAYOR'S AGENDA**

### **Item No. 1 – 212949...RESOLUTION: AMENDING POLICY RENAMING UG-OWNED BUILDINGS OR PARK.**

**Synopsis:** Resolution amending the current policy to provide for a procedure for the Mayor or a Commissioner to request to name or rename a UG-owned building or park, submitted by Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO.

### **Item No. 2 – 212950...RESOLUTION: RENAMING BETHANY COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Synopsis:** Resolution to rename the Bethany Community Center to the Earl Watson, Sr., Community Center, submitted by Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO.

**Mayor Garner** said these first two of the items on the Mayor’s agenda are related with the approval of a resolution amending the current policy for the renaming of UG owned buildings or parks. It’ll allow the Mayor or Commissioner to make that request and change. The second item under this agenda, again, is the approval of a resolution renaming Bethany Community Center to the Earl Watson Sr. Community Center. I’ll ask our Legal Counsel to make some open remarks in regards to those policies.

**Wendy Green, Assistant Legal Counsel**, said the Mayor put that exactly correctly. Our former policy did have a procedure to where a citizen could petition the Unified Government by submitting a petition with a number of signatures depending on what type of building it was, what type of park it was to the Unified Government Clerk and that would be placed on a Standing Committee Agenda to rename a park or a building. But we didn’t have anything in our policy for the Mayor to make that request or for a commissioner to make that request. So, the resolution

before you would be to amend that policy, and all we did was add Section 8 and Section 9 to the policy. Section 8 provides that the procedure for the Mayor to request to name or rename a park or building and that would be that the Mayor would be to submit to the UG Clerk to place on the Mayor's Agenda at the next available Commission for consideration, the request to name or rename a building. Section 9 is for a commissioner to submit to the UG Clerk to place on the next available agenda for Public Works and Safety Standing Committee to rename or name a building. If you have any questions, please let me know.

**Item No. 2 – 212950...RESOLUTION: RENAMING BETHANY COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Synopsis:** Resolution to rename the Bethany Community Center to the Earl Watson, Sr., Community Center, submitted by Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO.

**Mayor Garner** said at this time my Community Engagement Advisor, I believe, Mr. Steve Williams, he's going to have a presentation related to both resolutions.

**Steve Williams, Executive Coordinator to the Mayor**, said it is my honor to stand before you on a community-driven initiative to rename the Bethany Community Center to the Earl Watson, Sr. Community Center. I know myself personally, I can't think about Bethany Recreation Center without picturing Mr. Watson. A small bio about Mr. Watson, to start a little bit about his history employment with the Unified Government. He started in 1991 and he worked 32 years there at the Community Center. Some of the positions he held, he started off as a Recreation Specialist and eventually moved to a Recreation Supervisor by the time he retired. So that transition happened somewhere within that time. Some of his notable contributions was he operated the Parkwood Pool as well as the Bethany Community Center. So, he kind of had a dual role. He coordinated the Annual Back to School Supplies; giveaway supplies with the Community Policing where they supply backpacks and school supplies for our youth of our county. He coordinated the Night Hoops Program which was a large basketball program in our community for years where our kids had a place to go, a safe haven to go where they could play basketball. Like I said, he worked at the Bethany Center and the Parkwood Pool providing all kind of different activities for the kids. But what I remember most about Mr.—I'm a little bit nervous you all, so forgive me. What I remember most about Mr. Watson was I was a policeman for thirty years and I was in Community Policing

and for a large tenure of that time the Bethany Community Center was either in my district or connected to my district. So, I operated out of that building, I operated out of that community center and whether it was 6:00 in the morning on a Saturday for a community cleanup at Bethany Park, Mr. Watson was there. If we were having a Halloween party for the youth and we got out of there 11:30-12:00 o'clock, Mr. Watson was there. Out of all that time, as much time as I spent there, I only remember a handful of times, one or two times that Mr. Watson wasn't there. I mean his connection to our community, that building was his connection to our community and it was—when I go there—I used to go there sometimes just to talk to him, just to get wise counsel from a man who—I mean he's going to shoot you straight, he's going to be honest and he loved, loved, loved this community.

When I took this position and I started hearing the buzz about the renaming of the community center on social media and from people, I thought what a blessing this would be for us to name this facility after a man who's gave so much to our community. I thought it would be an awesome opportunity for us to give our flower—give him his flowers while he can still smell them. I think that's huge and sometimes we forget that. We try to remember people after they're gone and it's crucial that we remember them while they're still here. So, when I start digging into it, I met with Mr. Edgar Galicia, he had started this process awhile ago and when I made contact with him, he kind of shared with me the work that was done to get us to where we're at right now. And to tell you how proud I am to be a part of it even getting to this part of the process, you have no idea because I'm used to teasing him sometimes and say Mr. Watson you here so much this building should be named after you, so to be standing here before you guys today and making this request with the community support, it's amazing to me. When it was finally—it was clear it was going to be on the docket tonight, people start reaching out, people from the community start reaching out saying what can they do? What can I do to be a part of helping this process? How can I—to the point where they was like if it's finances, we'll figure a way to come up with the finances to make this happen if it's signage. The community just really—I mean kind of took over and this thing has snowballed and started rolling.

So what I'm going to do is give you an opportunity to hear from some of those people tonight, some of the people from the community and they're going to share with you stories about Mr. Watson, some of the things he's done for them. But we're going to start off with Mr. Earl Watson Jr., he's going to be our first speaker and there's going to be several other speakers that



come and I'm going to let them identify themselves and tell you who they are and their role. But what I want to do is thank you guys for even listening to this because I believe it's really important and I think it's important in our community. I think it's really important to our community to show Mr. Watson what a great impact he has on our community.

**Earl Watson, Jr.** said thank you for having me here to leadership of Wyandotte County, I know it's not easy, trust me. The imagination and sympathy is with you but in great gratitude I sit here and stand here in honor of my father. If you don't know a lot about him, let me be really clear, he's 91 years old, he worked there until he was 90. My dad always taught me little things make big things happen and what he meant by that—well it was three things to him that was important. It was family, it was community, and it was commitment. And when my father talked about family, I feel like whoever entered Bethany Rec Center or Parkwood Pool is my sibling because I truly shared my father with community. When he said he was there, when Steve Williams said he was there throughout the day, he left the house about 6:00 o'clock in the morning, he would walk Central Boulevard, he had to get his walk in. Then he would open up the gym and he would let the judges in, then he would let the police in, and then he would open up in the evening for anyone in the community. So growing up as a kid if I wanted to see my father I had to go into Bethany Rec. So, obviously I play pick up with the judges, the police, and the community three times a day. The judges fell harder than the policemen, the policemen talk more trash just being honest with you. But my dad was truly a mentor to all.

I heard stories about my dad and to be honest with you when it comes to family, I really didn't appreciate my dad doing it. I'm going to be honest with you, I wanted my father to myself. Sometimes he wouldn't make some of my games, and then when I went off to UCLA he didn't make any of them himself for the holiday season because he had to open up Bethany Rec Center. And even in my early 20's all the way through college I despised that. And it wasn't until I got older I realized what he was truly doing. He was truly changing lives instead of inspiring lives, and as a former professional athlete, I inspired people but my impact is nowhere near as powerful as his with changing people.

Then the next thing was community. My father grew up on Quindaro Boulevard, he'll let you know. He believed in the north end of the whole time and we had a thing we used to do when we were younger, we eat lunch at Big Eleven Lake, that was his thing. He would walk the gates,

get lunch, we'll walk Big Eleven Lake, we'd eat and feed the ducks, and just take in all the experience of Big Eleven Lake. He is truly prideful and passionate about Wyandotte County. He believes in Wyandotte County. I would like to thank everyone that forced him to retire because we want him to retire a long time ago as a family. So as a family we appreciate you for sending home back home to us because my father would have stayed in Bethany Rec until his last breathe truly.

And the last thing is commitment. For those who don't know my father, was one of the first to integrate the US Army as an African-American drill sergeant in 1954. He joined the Army in 1948, and what he was most prideful of is that flag, that Army outfit, and that army belt that sometimes disciplined us when we were younger. It hung up in the closet, we couldn't touch it, he kept it pressed and he always believed that that was a way. So growing up I had two options, either join the Army or find a way to make it with basketball. I obviously chose basketball.

I was not tough enough to do the Army like he did, but my father also experienced, born in 1932, segregation and integration and for my father to be one of the first to integrate the US Army as a drill sergeant he believed in community and commitment and bringing all people together and he truly believed that so when he speak to you, he speak to you as a person, he speak to you as a soul. It's one thing he always taught me in order to win the battle you have to win the war. You're not going to win every war, but win as many as you can and bring as many with you and never leave anyone behind. He believed in brotherhood, he believed in community, he believed in commitment and he believed in family. So thank you with much gratitude from our family, I wish he could have made it, but he could not. I appreciate you and it's just an honor just to be here. Thank you.

**Cynthia Lane, Kansas City, KS**, said I'm a long time member of this community and it's a very honor to be before you Mayor Garner and distinguished commissioners. I want to start by thanking you for your leadership. Leadership is difficult. You are making some very important decisions for our community and leading us forward and we are very grateful for your service, so thank you. It's a real honor to stand before you, it's been a minute since I've had a chance to be in this Chamber, and it could not be more fitting to be here in support of renaming Bethany Community Center for a man whose day-to-day actions are truly the definition of community, Mr. Earl Watson Sr. As I went down memory lane after Irene gave me call and let me know about this tonight, my mind began thinking about all the times that I had the privilege of interacting with Earl Sr., so I

contemplated what words I might offer that truly give honor and appreciation to a remarkable man who graced my life, who encouraged me, and kept me focused on the way forward whenever I had a chance to meet. And a humble man who as Earl Jr., just said, has done so much for our community, but my mind took me to a Parable, one of my favorite Parables called The Giving Tree, and so if you will just give me a moment, I'm going to take some liberties and talk to you about The Giving Tree and I think you'll see how Earl comes through.

Once there was a tree and the tree loved his community. Every day a child would come and visit the tree, gather leaves, climb the tree's trunks, swing from the tree's branches and play. The tree offered shelter from life's storms and shade on a sunny day. The place where the tree stood became so important to that child that he returned on a regular basis. The child grew to love the tree. For the child the tree was a place of belonging, a place to explore, to compete, to develop and to grow. The tree was steadfast and reliable and would often share words of wisdom reminding the child to work hard, stay positive, never give up or give in. Now I hope I'm not taking too much liberty with this story so far but for that child and I daresay for all of us, that tree symbolizes what it means to be rooted in the community. The tree, I daresay, is Earl. Earl reached out his arms, had that most magnificent still does, welcoming smile. Never seeming to give up or give in, always having a positive attitude, inviting us all in, encouraging us to extend our branches, to work united to improve KCK to be a better place. A place where dreams are nurtured. That's what Earl did everyday in his work with our youth. A place where children and youth are our priority. A place where we can all thrive. Earl Watson Sr., is our tree. So I stand here united with the community, thanking you for the opportunity for this very fitting and lasting tribute to a remarkable man who is truly rooted in our community. Thank you very much.

**Calvin Thompson, Owner of Semi-Pro Basketball Team,** said I'm not as tough as I was when I was playing so I'm going to have to read mine because I'm going to get a little sensitive when I talk about my elders. Mr. Watson meant so much to so many. There's no place I would rather be than here tonight speaking for him. One word that I never heard from Mr. Watson was no. You see, I grew up in the playground era and whenever there was inclement weather I would always call on Mr. Watson to see if I could get into the gym and it was always yes, I'll be there. He looked out for me even back when I was as tall as I was wide and he believed in me at a very early age before he even knew who I was. Once he found out how much I like basketball and why he really

took a liking to me. Different aspect. I told him my aspirations was not to go play pro ball although I ended up playing for 9 years. My aspirations was to be the first in my family to go to college and that's when he wrapped his arms around me and really took me in. He taught me at a very early age that it was more than just a game. It's more than just a game, and when I retired back in '95 I was trying to figure out what I was going to do with my life and I was scribbling on some paper scribbling out, scribbling out what am I doing, what am I doing, I'm helping people, I'm helping out other people. I'm helping people and helping out other people was the acronym that I use for my youth program, was Hoop Service Helping Out Other People, and he taught me that along with my father at a very early age and it wasn't about him, it wasn't about—I mean it was before EJ. And obviously, with him looking out for us, we looked out for EJ, and he talked about family, when we greet each other it's big bro, little bro and it was more than just a game with Mr. Watson.

He looked out for everyone, it wasn't just me, it was thousands before me, and thousands after me. His efforts to keep young kids like myself out of the streets and out of trouble was tremendous. I remember the doctor told me that I would never walk again, and he would say, Calvin the door is open, come and rehab, come and rehab, I would turn around he'd be sitting in or standing in the doorway watching and he'd look at me and I'm looking at him, next thing I know, I turn around, he didn't realize how long I was going to be in there. Now he's sit but he never once complained about the time that I was in that gym. He sat there, he held my hand and a couple years ago when I would come back down here I would go up there, Mr. Watson you at the center? Yes. I would go up there just sit down and talk with him, pick his brain. There's no other person that I would think or I could think of that this honor should be bestowed upon. So, please consider renaming Bethany Rec to Mr. Earl Watson, Sr.

**Carolyn Wyatt** said I'm glad to be here this evening in honor of Mr. Watson. I met Mr. Watson a long time ago. I used to be a coach. I used to coach a team, a couple teams, different years until the guys went to college. When I would go over to Bethany Mr. Watson was there. Even after I was coaching and that time I had nephews that were playing basketball so then I would go over there and I see Mr. Watson, sit and talk with him, he's very brilliant and when you talk to older people you can learn a lot and they give you some wisdom and Mr. Watson would be around all the time. And then I would see him at the swimming pool, he'd be down there, he had to go down

there to do some work down there, he'd be down there in the summer or all the time in the morning and then I'd see him at JFK, which is Beatrice Lee now and at Bethany. So he's been around a long time and you don't find very few people who give their time to young people like that. Very few people who really love young people, love what they're doing, making sure the gym is open. It's a safe haven for young people and we should make sure that every center is the same. It's a safe haven for young people. Mr. Watson gave all that time, his life, but it's like it was so much it was so important for him to help young people and the community he worked in. The time wasn't an issue. Most people want to get in and get out, he wasn't trying to get out. Like his son said, he'd be still there now. That's just how important people and young people was to him and I think it's important that when a person give their service like that, give their life like that, it's a worthy cause to renaming the center. It means something. It means something to the people on Central, it means something to the people that went there all those years that knew Mr. Watson and I think it would be very fitting for it to be renamed Mr. Earl Watson Community Center. Thank you.

**Reverend Tony Carter Jr., Pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Kansas City, KS,** said it's been my awesome privilege to serve that congregation for 23 years. I met Mr. Watson when I first got here because I wanted to do something to exemplify my youthfulness at 40, and Mr. Watson opened his doors to us on a number of occasions before little Earl, my jumper got broke, I done broke my jumper now I don't—it don't work like it used too. But one of the things that drew me to Mr. Watson was he reminded me so much of my dad. Earl Jr. my dad too, was a father to everybody in the community and if he wasn't their father, he was their uncle. Everybody wanted to be Uncle Tony. Uncle Tony and I—Mr. Watson really, really in a empathetic way reminded me of my dad because everybody used him to mentor them. He made himself available. His community advocacy. He was always trying to advocate for somebody in the community, particularly those who were undeserved or those who didn't have the same privileges that others did and he was always advocating for them. I don't know if all of you all know who do community work to include you, commissioners and Mayor, it's hard work.

There's a passage in First Corinthians, I'm sorry, I am who I am. The passage says we are laborers together with God and Mr. Watson epitomized that passage because there were times he worked hard, they—just everybody just got done telling you, he show up early or he show up late, and he stay as long as it took, it did not matter to him. He did it even to the detriment of his family

at times or at least it felt that way but he was a laborer, he worked but then he realized that you have to work together. And he was always looking for other people to help him reach out, to help him bridge gaps, to help him fill the voids that were there. He understood the labor, he understood that it had to be done together and there were times when even with the right kind of laborers and even people trying to work together it really required a higher power and God stood in. He epitomized that. His life spoke that, even though he never quoted scripture perhaps, I don't know, maybe he did but I never heard him quote scripture, but he lived it out in faith. I think we would be doing a grave injustice if we didn't take this opportunity while he yet lives to give him the flowers and to rename the Bethany Community Center after Earl Watson Sr., is what we call a no-brainer but I want you to use your brain. It's not a no-brainer. If you don't do it, it's no heart because if you have a heart, no one could be more deserving than Earl Watson than he is, excuse me Earl Watson Sr., God bless.

**Paul Soptic, Kansas City, KS**, said I should know better than to follow a preacher up here, but I'll try my best. I remember meeting Mr. Watson 28 years ago, back in 1996 when I started with Wyandotte Countians Against Crime, WCAC. We had our first Summerfest in Bethany Park then Mayor Marinovich, Ron Miller, our ex-Chief of Police, and a whole bunch of other people. We brought a lot of people together in those 17 years that we did have the Summerfest at Bethany Park. We had the Halloween celebration for 14 years from 2005 to 2019. In 2019, the last time we had the Halloween celebration there we had 4,002 kids come through that center that night. The reason we know it's 4,002 because Mr. Watson had the little clicker at the door and celebrated everybody coming into the park and doing the clicking and making sure that everybody was counted. This was just the kids, didn't include the family. It was unbelievable, but every time that we had an event at either the park or the center itself, we had some guys sitting off in the corner and he would be holding our hand or he would be cheerleading or he would be providing chairs or tables or utilities or whatever it took to get the job done, but that was Mr. Watson and actually it was a second love, helping people. His first love was actually the youth of Wyandotte County. We would sit and talk for hours and hours about him putting together the basketball teams and the groups of players that he would mentor and hold their hands or enjoy teaching them about life as well as basketball. He did so many things in the community that it would be hard to talk about. I know when he had to take himself away from the Parkwood Pool, they hired three people to take

his place. That was just Mr. Watson, I don't think we could find a kid on the street that he didn't hold a hand or mentor him some way or another. I do hope that you do use your brain like Reverend Carter said and change the name of the Bethany Rec Center to Earl Watson Sr., and if you do it tonight, I'll even help you hang the sign tonight. Thank you.

**Victor Harris** said in 1991 I met Mr. Watson and this is how I knew that he's the kind of person that was into the community. This is before a lot of you all. He used to have a business on 13<sup>th</sup> & Quindaro. Right now the Family Dollar is right there, but he had a little small grocery store there and we used to call them little neighborhood stores, and my wife and I was working with kids, I had just came home from the military and we was trying to do things for the community. So we looking for somebody to donate, when you're working with kids, it's kind of expensive trying to do it but Mr. Watson would donate the Kool-Aid, the cups, anything we needed that was for those kids and we would go to him occasionally and he said just go in the store and get what you want. Then after a while, I want to do something else and I—let me go to Bethany and start coaching. So I started coaching Mr. Watson. He was in the Army, I was in the Army. When you go into Bethany's parking lot, it's a big window up there, usually he's sitting right there in that window and that's why I knew most of the time he was in there because when I'm coming to parking lot, I look up at that window he's sitting right at that table reading or doing something and we were talking. He told me how Leman Smith was the Director of Parks & Recs or something got him into Parks & Rec. He said he gave him the keys and said go up to Bethany, I mean sorry, to JFK, open up, let the kids hang around.

Mr. Watson kept doing it repeatedly, finally, he ended up getting the job. But that's how he said he started working at Parks & Rec, Mr. Leman Smith. So, to go on Mr. Watson he spent time and hours and commitment at that facility because I know a lot of times we would go and Mike would be up there and we would show up early in the morning. He would be there somewhere 8-9 o'clock at night. I guess Ms. Watson finally got fed up with it so she started hanging out up there then. So you would see her sitting on the bench over there too. Mr. Watson gave that community and his kids, I heard they was trying to reach out to like three miles of the community to get this petition done. Mr. Watson knew people over in Missouri, he knew people in Topeka, he knew people everywhere. So to say limited to get a group of names to sign this petition, three miles, Guys come on, that's a joke. You would have to go completely out of this state almost to



find people that will sign that petition said that what we're doing is right because Mr. Watson he deserved it.

I was getting into politics. Yes, I ran for commissioner, who I'd go talk to? Mr. Watson. He talked me through step by step. He talked me who to go to talk to. He was a mentor, he loved this community, and one thing most of you guys can see, you ever seen an 80 year old run him down that basketball court officiating games. Half of the coaches when we would play coaches game, Mr. Watson would have a coaches game up there, we couldn't even do it. I would get out there run up, down two times, holler sub. Mr. Watson is still running up and down the court blowing the whistle. That's what he gave to this community, that facility. The repasses that a lot of people in this city had of families that you didn't have a place to have a repass at because maybe you are short of money. Mr. Watson was there. Birthday parties, Mr. Watson was there. Dance recitals, Mr. Watson was there. He opened that door if you want to do free plays where you thought your kids would be somewhere that's not getting in trouble, Bethany Rec, Mr. Watson was opening, he had free play for them.

He gave to this community, I'm just hoping that I get the age that he is and be able to do what he does, and that's why my wife said why I want to retire? I can't retire because I sit up and watch how Mr. Watson continued in his 70's-80's doing what he did for this community. Commissioners, I'm gong to say it, please, please from your heart seriously think about naming that facility Earl Watson Sr. Community Center. He don't want it, I'm telling you right now, he don't want that because that's the kind of person he is. So, if you do it, you're going to have to do it without his permission, without his blessing because that's not what he wants. Mr. Watson just want to be Mr. Watson known for everybody's pops. Yes, Earl, I shared and called him pops too. Commissioners, please consider this. Thank you very much.

**Adrian Robertson, Pastor of Kingdom Community Church,** said I'm also honored to be the co-founder and executive director for KC United Youth and Family Sports and Education Initiative, and we've been around going on year 14. I've been wondering all day since I got this call from Steve. He said man, can you come and talk about Mr. Watson for two minutes. There's not enough time in the day. I've been trying to figure out all day what to say about Mr. Watson. So, I also am honored to work for the Kansas Leadership Center because what came into my heart is that we teach people around the country about adaptive leadership where we try to teach people

that don't just look at everything from a technical fix, but with some of the challenges that you have to deal with from the position of a leader, there are different acts of leadership that can help close gaps and challenges. So, one of the first things that we teach people to do is to what do you observe? What do you see? So, this is the question I want to ask those standing out here with me? How many of you sitting out here right now can say that the work that you do right now, those seeds were planted by Mr. Watson's standards. Point number one. Point number two, when we started youth football back in 1992, we went to a couple local groups to see if they would support us and we were turned down.

That brother right there Tony Carter and another young man said man come use my church. Mr. Watson said Robinson, what are you trying to do? We are trying to do football, he said come down to Bethany. We were with the Kansas City Gators. That brother back there Victor Harris, we had parties there, we had celebrations there, and now we're celebrating year 14 next year. Then also with that with Mr. Watson when we're talking about the work that he has done, you have to look at him from the perspective of the leader. Let me give you some competencies. These are five competencies that we were—I just got off a zoom call today, we're just doing the same training with 220 folks talking about adaptive leadership. These are my examples of Mr. Earl Watson Sr.; One adaptive leadership competency is that leadership is an activity and not a position.

We're not saying get rid of the President's, Pastor's, Board Chairs and CEO's, we need to have people in positions of authority that's true, but when it comes to the really difficult complex challenges, the problems that keep us up at night, the issues that make us worry for future generations. You just heard, Mr. Watson give, gave, and is currently giving his life for young people. It's going to take more than authority to make things better. Earl Watson Sr., perfect example, anyone can lead anytime, anywhere. When it comes to adaptive challenge, we adaptive challenges we all have a part to play. Lots of people need to get involved, lots of people need to contribute time and energy, you've heard that story already. Many people need to change, you've heard that story already. More people need to exercise leadership, this he did. Number three, leadership starts with you and must engage others. You saw how many people stood up. Literal example of legacy is standing in the room.

Some things an expert can fix, or the boss can order done but as a culture we've gotten into the bad habit of waiting for others to act or to lead. For you, if you embrace this principle and for me, the waiting is over, Mr. Earl Watson Sr., gave us that example. Point number four, your

purpose must be clear. It's cut and dry. Mr. Watson's purpose was to love this community, to love his family, and to show what commitment meant by tactically and tangibly touching people by just being himself. And finally, leadership is risky. We'd be irresponsible if we didn't share this one final principle. If you've ever attempted to get people to work together on a difficult challenge, you know that leadership is risky. You'll need to identify and navigate those risks and Mr. Earl Watson Sr. was never one to back down from a challenge. As a Pastor, I got to give you all this scripture. You all have no idea, you help me with this, so let me give you Psalms 1. It says blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers but he delights in the law of the Lord and on his law, he meditates day and night. He is like a tree.

You heard that word already, he is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields his fruit in its season, and his leaf does not wither, in all that he does, he prospers. You've heard it already, we are asking you, we're literally challenging you. There can be no way that a no vote can come from this group. Rename Bethany Rec Center Earl Watson Sr. Center. Thank you.

**Jeffrey Bagsby, former KCKPD,** said along with several of my classmates that we came on in 1985, which is when I first met Mr. Watson. Mr. Watson was like I don't even want to say father, because he was greater than a father because he did things that a lot of people's fathers never get a chance to do with their sons. I remember I used to talk to Mr. Watson when I was very young, I was 21, when I started on the Police Department, so really I was kind of naïve and I wasn't a street kid and I didn't really know a whole lot about the stuff so I was just getting to know a lot about a community and serving and things like that. I remember he had a conversation with me, he was telling me, he said and he had a funny way of talking but he would always say Bagsby, he said man, you just need to just act like you know what you're doing and I'd say yeah I'm trying to do that so, and he was really talking about us playing basketball and being leaders in the community, but one thing that he told me he taught me when I was—I saw him one day up at the swimming pool up on Quindaro.

I don't know if you guys remember, well I know you remember Maurice Green. Mr. Watson was up at the pool with him because I think he had just hurt himself and wasn't able to go to the World Championships or something like that. He was up there talking to this guy; he was literally in tears, but Mr. Watson was telling him how he was going to be a great runner, and he

was going to be a great man. I was just kind of sitting there listening to him and he was never talking about himself, he was always trying to inspire people and inspire young people. I think that everybody in this community, every young person who knows anybody, knows Mr. Watson. All of my children know Mr. Watson. He's just very deserving of this honor. I don't think anybody else that knows anything about Bethany knows anybody else but Mr. Watson. He was a great—he is a great man, and I could go on and on just different things that he just taught me and always a caring and giving person. He never asked for anything, he was always talking about what could he do, who could he give something for, how many kids do we need to have come in, or just what can he do to help. So, I just thank you Earl Jr., for allowing us to have a part of your dad's life.

I know it was hard because he was there all the time, and I can't even imagine how he felt. I mean, he explained that he resented it but I know he knows now that it was a greater purpose in his dad's life. A scripture I want to leave with you, it's in Psalms 37 and this is what I think about when I think about Mr. Watson. It says the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delighteth in his way though he fall he shall not be utterly cast down for the Lord upholdeth him in his hand and I don't think anybody in this room or anybody in this community saw Mr. Watson fall they wouldn't be there to pick him up. Please rename the Bethany Community Center, Earl Watson Sr. Community Center. Thank you.

**Eric Williams, Owner Clipping the Pleas Barber Shop**, said I am a product of Wyandotte County. I grew up here my whole life, so I'm as Mr. Thompson said, I was one of those kids that grew up in the gyms around here and there was one person that I saw all the time, he wasn't as tall as Calvin Thompson, but he was still a giant. Like he sat in that window, I used to pull up and we'd wonder if the gym's going to be open. You could look up in that window, you knew the gym was going to be open that day. Mr. Watson was, like I said, as I went with the crowd that went into the gym, he was always there for us as a leader and I saw he always—I just watched how he worked with the young men, the young. He'd pull them to the side just to give them just nuggets that they could use, and I remember just kind of standing around being close because it seemed like he was this giant of a guy that maybe I couldn't get to, I just want to be around as he shares his wisdom. I just want to be somewhere near him as he gives his wisdom. I do remember the gym's dad opened and realized that was when I went through, not telling I'm 56 years old, when I went back again when my baby brother went, I was like is that still Mr. Watson at the gym. So,

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that let me know that he's been there for a long time, so it was like man, he's still at the gym so I knew that he had the passion and that he loved what he did. Probably as much or more than we love going there. He was always there, and he stayed there even through my baby brother's time which is younger than me and it was like that's the same man. He pretty much still looked the same when he got there too.

As they say, running down the court at 80, he looked the same that he did when I was there in the '80's so I don't see anybody else that I think would be—when you think as everybody has said before me, when you think of Bethany, I think you—we wouldn't even say Bethany as much as we would say up there Mr. Watson spot up there. We never would even say Bethany, we said Mr. Watson spot, so we already kind of hood wise dubbed it Mr. Watson spot without a sign but we do, in getting older, we realize that would be an honor for us to see it as what we spent the time in there for him as well. As it's been said before so not to be repetitious but to for him to be able to get the flowers to show you that his—that's not his goal, that he didn't do that for the flowers, shows to me a lot about his humility.

How it wasn't for to name this he didn't stay there for all those years to name the Center after himself, but just to give back to us little guys that was trying to make it and try to do their things. A guy like me got a chance to meet Stevie Williams at Bethany. So, I was—we was in two different sides of Kansas City so me, Stevie Williams 40, 50 years later he's still one of my good friends so that opportunity was allotted us by being able to come to Bethany Rec so like said before me, I'll ask that if you would find it in the kindness of your heart to make Bethany Rec, Earl Watson Sr. Community Center. Thank you.

**Paul Jones, Retired Battalion Chief KCKFD**, said I can say this, ever since I've heard that Mr. Watson was possibly going to be named—Bethany was going to be named after him, I can't think of a more deserving person who needs that honor. I would like for him to see his flowers while he's alive. I want to thank his family for sharing him with us all these years. He not only opened up the gym and the pools and everything, but he made sure that we had good leadership there, quality people there and he took control and knew what everybody else was doing. I want to thank him for opening up the gym when the firefighters and the policemen had a little battle with basketball every now and then. They know the outcome of that though. Like everyone has said, especially his family as well, thank you for sharing. I called him Uncle Earl and everybody, a lot

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of other people call him Pop or Uncle. I call him Uncle Earl because he made you feel just like family. When Mike and everybody was doing the Halloween celebrations, he was there. When I did the parades for the Back to School and Mr. Watson would be one of the main leaders who would help coordinate that and he never—I've asked him every year; our first Grand Marshal was Buck O'Neal. I asked him every year to be our Grand Marshal, he didn't want that. He didn't want to be out in the light like that, but it's everybody here knows everything that he's done in this community. He was never a selfish person; he gave his self to his community. He was a server, and I think that's what God put us all here to do is to serve and I'll be honored, and I ask of you to name Mr. Earl Watson Sr.—Bethany need to be named Mr. Earl Watson. Thank you.

**Mayor Garner** said if anyone else would like to speak, please take this opportunity. Just state your name.

**Tony Martinez, Kansas City, KS**, said I'm not here in any official capacity but Mr. Watson is a big part of my story. The four words I have to say that are most important are do the right thing. I spend my days telling people to do the right thing, I'm asking this Commission to do the right thing. I met Mr. Watson in 1998 or 1999, very important to remember too that I don't know anybody in my whole life that I've ever called anything but Mr., Mr. Watson has always been Mr. Watson. I've never called him Earl; I've always called him Mr. Watson because I have so much respect for the man. Back then, I had three little boys and one little girl, and we were a mixed family. My two adopted bonus children were redhead and blonde and I had two Mexican American children that looked a lot like me. I lived in a different county at that time, from Argentine, from Armourdale but I lived in a different county at that time. I'd gotten my education on most things I think except the one thing that had passed me by and that was how to raise my children but I was learning.

My sons and my daughter all wanted to play sports. I didn't know anything about basketball, I just knew that my sons and daughter wanted to play basketball, and I was going to learn how. Watching TV, reading books, whatever it took, I was going to do that. The county that I lived in at the time, didn't really afford much places for me to practice. Those reasons for that, see the teams that I had started with from the YMCA and Salvation Army they were mostly Black, Indian, Mexican, Pakastani, whatever minority group there was, that's who we are. Unfortunately,

truthfully, in the county that I lived in at that time there weren't many places to practice, whether that was because of the make up of my teams or just because. We knocked on the door at Bethany Center and Mr. Watson opened that door and invited me in. I told him my problem, he said when do you want to practice? Let me know what you want to do but keep the door open to all the children from the county that you grew up in because they need your help. He knew I was an attorney; he thought it was important that kids stay in school, I did too. From there we developed a friendship, his door was always, always open for me and every kid I could find that wanted to play or practice. Back in those days we had epic battles with the KC Panthers, with the 76ers, with the Blue Dogs, with all great local teams. Eventually my team was composed of just about 90% of the kids from Wyandotte County, great athletes from Sumner, Washington, Schlagle, just great athletes.

Eventually, we went to many of those great tournaments in Las Vegas, in Chicago, in Texas, in California, 90% of the kids were from right here. Mr. Watson always had the door open for the kids that played on the KC Outlaws. He always had the door open for Coach Martinez and his teams. 99% of those kids that played for me were right from here and they went to college, and they did well. We only lost one to the streets. When I told Mr. Watson about that he cried with me. He cried for Marcus, a playground legend. He cried for him, we cried together. As my children got older, they stopped playing sports, they went to college, they did well. Then something really neat happened. Six years ago, something really great happened in my life. Mr. Watson knocked on my door and encouraged me, keep going no matter what you do, but don't you forget about the kids in this community because they need role models, and you have to continue that Tony.

Mr. Watson, I'll do whatever I can. I still do that, and I do that as much for Mr. Watson as I do for myself, as I do for my kids, and as much as I do for the kids here in this community. I can't tell you what I do all day and that's when I tell people do the right thing. But I can't ask you, I can plead with you, do the right thing. Change that name from Bethany to the Earl Watson Sr. Community Center. Thank you for your time.

**JD Rios, Mayor's Office**, said I think you've heard of plenty, but I as a policy I want to remind you; in order to do this great thing, you must first pass the resolution allowing for the Mayor and yourselves to do a renaming. So that would be the first course of action, and I just want to remind you of that and then the actual resolution further renaming is the second item that you'll act on.

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And so, I want to thank you. I will add this one, I've known many of students through my educational career that would talk to me about Mr. Earl Watson Sr. and I utilized him on a few occasions for students that were kind of giving me—I said you know what I got someone you need to visit with and he happily did it. So, I think it's a great thing here but I really just want to remind you of procedure. Thank you very much.

**Mayor Garner** said I'm going to close the public comment now in the audience unless there's anyone else that wanted to speak. We have someone waiting online. Clerk, we have someone online? **Ms. Sparks** said Mr. Galicia, you'll need to unmute.

**Edgar Galicia, Central Area Betterman Association Executive Director**, said I want to thank all commissioners, the Mayor, and the County Administrator and everyone here for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Bethany Resource Center change of name. It is important to say that CABA operates a community building program called the Adversity. This program is solely dedicated to increasing the community pride. The pride of people, residents, business owners and workers in Kansas City, Kansas feel for our community. Community pride builds nations. Community pride saves cities in despair. The purpose for increasing the pride our community feels for our city is ever so important as it is a pillar to the increase of self-investment. Self-investing has helped our community come back from where it was during the 90's and move forward to where we are today. Community pride has kept us standing. We have plenty to do and we have a long road ahead of us to become the city all of us could be proud of and yet, each step we take is important.

Changing the name of the community center or the resource center as it's officially known to the Mr. Watson or Earl Watson Sr. Resource Center, is only one way to make sure all of us stand proud and all of us work together in building this community of ours. I want to thank everyone here again for allowing us, allowing the community to express their feelings about this petition. We've worked since 2018 in trying to make this a reality and this is the time to do it. This is the time to make it happen. Help us be proud of our community by honoring one of our local heroes. Help us belong to our community by recognizing that Mr. Earl Watson Sr. deserves such a great honor because of all his work. Help us be stronger together and become a proud community. Thank you very much.

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**Mayor Garner** said Clerk, is there anyone else? **Ms. Sparks** said there are no other hands raised. **Mayor Garner** said thank you and thank everybody for your comments and thanks to my staff for facilitating the presentations and for everyone that spoke. We have a new commissioner to this District. I believe it's Commissioner Burns, and that's his district and I know he's been listening intently to all the ongoing and he's the first button to push would like to make a comment, so I'm going to open up for Commission comment.

**Commissioner Burns** said this is a no brainer. I mean first of all, I'm glad Mr. Watson didn't file against me even though I represent that but what a great man and I would like to have the honor and the distinct honor to make the motion to rename the Bethany Community Center, that's in my district to be forever the Earl Watson Sr. Community Center and I hope the Public Works will not just put some little letters up. I hope they find the biggest letters they can that will represent what a great man he is on that building. So, I would like to make a motion to do that. **Mayor Garner** said I'm going to hold that motion Commissioner. **Commissioner Burns** said yes sir. **Mayor Garner** said so save it.

**Action:**        **Commissioner Burns made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs, to rename Bethany Community Center to Earl Watson Sr. Community Center.**

**Mayor Garner** said I'm going to hold that motion Commissioner. **Commissioner Burns** said yes sir. **Mayor Garner** said so save it.

**Commissioner Ramirez** said I remember meeting Mr. Watson. I can't remember if it was when I was campaigning the first time or when I was already reelected. It was during the time when we were fighting for Parkwood Pool. I remember I went to Parkwood Pool; I had an interview to fight for Parkwood Pool and that's when I met him. Anyone could say once you talked to him you knew he loved this community. He cherished this community. He fought for that pool and fought for the youth. And so, just as Commissioner Burns said, this is a no brainer. This is to me, I would be proud to support this and with that, before we get to Commissioner Burn's motion, I make a motion to approve the resolution amending the policy renaming UG buildings or parks.

**Action:**        **RESOLUTION: NO. R-82-23** “A RESOLUTUION AMENDING THE EXISTING POLICY ON NAMING AND RENAMING UNIFIED GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND PARKS.” **Commissioner Burns made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stites, to adopt the resolution.**

**Mayor Garner** said okay, any further comment from any Commissioners. I'd just like to say that again, I appreciate everybody, it's been a long time coming. I think what Mr. Watson represents is you don't have to be the Mayor to be somebody of value. You just have to care about people and God can work with you and in you and to allow and design a purpose for you to feel that person that improves people's lives and that's what Mr. Watson did. God can work with you right where you are and I think his life legacy is a testament for all of us, especially at this time of the year when we talk about the holidays and giving. He gave so much and really it's a time to reflect on ourselves, looking at what he did and realizing that it starts with love. Love of others, love of our community, and realizing that if we had more of that in our world, what a better world this would be, and so I don't get to vote, but if I could, I'd vote to change the Bethany Rec Center to Earl Watson Sr. Community Center and I urge this Commission to do the same.

**Commissioner Davis** said I'll say this very, very quickly. I'm really excited about this policy change because like Mr. Watson Sr. we have so many champions in this community that deserve to be celebrated. Looking at this policy it's very difficult, although kudos to you Mr. Williams and Mr. Galicia for doing the work of getting the signatures, and showing that the community is very, very much invested in wanting this to happen and so thank you all for that work and I'm excited to vote in favor of this.

**Mayor Garner** said thank you commissioners. There is a motion on the first item. Clerk, am I correct, amending the policy renaming the UG own buildings or parks. **Ms. Sparks** said yes we have a motion and second. **Mayor Garner** said okay, any further discussion. Seeing none, Clerk roll call.

**Roll call:** Burroughs, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum.

**Mayor Garner** said Commissioner Burns put a motion out on item number two a resolution renaming Bethany Community Center into the Earl Watson Sr. Community Center. I have a motion, is there a second? Commissioner Burroughs seconded the motion. Mayor Garner said there's a motion and a second, any further discussion? Seeing none, Clerk, roll call please.

**Action:**        **RESOLUTION: NO. R-83-23** "A resolution to rename the Bethany Community Center as the Earl Watson Sr. Community Center." **Commissioner Burns made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Burroughs, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum.

**Mayor Garner** said before we proceed on, Earl Jr., would you like to have some comments before we close out. I know this has been a long time coming for me, a lot of hard work went into this.

**Earl Watson Jr.** said I'm going to be very transparent. I've never been more emotional in my life than now, for anything. I guess I got my dad for myself, I care less, but for him, he has no clue this is even happening. So when we tell him as a family, I would videotape it and make sure to post it to see his reaction. I almost just want to wait until he gets there, but everyday is significant for us and just to have him here, I think I'm just going to tell him sooner. So, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Like I said, leadership is difficult, I know it's hard when you have thousands of people telling you what to do but they never sit in the seat when it's really hot. So, I understand it's easy to talk from the stands, trust me I know that for sure. So, just thank you for everything you do. Once again, it's about community love and family and I'm always a resource for the community as well. Thank you.

**Commissioner Lopez** said District 6. I'm new here on this—I maybe—I got to run by Code of Ethics, but I have equipment, and I don't know if I would be allowed to help put the sign on the building. **Mayor Garner** said well, I believe that you can get with our Administrator, our Legal team and they can walk you through that commissioner, but I know that everybody appreciates that gesture. Thank you so much.

**Item No. 3 – 212952...UPDATE: APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Synopsis:** Discussion of the process regarding policy and procedures for appointments to Boards and Commissions, submitted by Irene Caudillo, Chief of Staff.

**Mayor Garner** said I'll ask my Chief of Staff, Irene Caudillo to lead this conversation and answer some of your questions.

**Irene Caudillo, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office,** said Mayor, Commissioners, County Administrator, and special first commission welcome to Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Burns and Commissioner Lopez. It's always an honor to stand before you but tonight, I want to do something about reminding you of the importance of the opportunity of voice and representation that you offer our community via appointments, certain committees, boards, task force. Now I understand all of you have said it's been difficult to find appointments, people that can commit and serve based on times, days of the meeting. But what is important is as you enter the new year, what I want you to think about is how we fill, reappoint, or appoint your positions. For new commissioners, I know you've been through a wealth of information and training this weekend, so you have a lot that you have to think about. But for all commissioners, I do want to share that we recently had a Legislative Audit, and it was about the boards, committees, and task force, and something I want to take as a quote from there if you haven't seen it, talked about many board seats are vacant and some of these are longstanding vacancies. And additionally, many seats are held by members whose terms have expired but are still serving until a replacement can be found. That's citizenship all the way. That's civic engagement but one of the things that I would like to remind you is it is so important to think about the ways we can have public be a voice and be at the table, often not invited at some of these tables.

So, I also have some more information that I think you would be interested in. Our Clerk's Office actually provided some research, even as early as today, and it indicated about 47 boards, committees and task force that are important to have community voices in. Now, of these though, 10 are inactive, 7 are the Mayor's task force that really are open invitation to participate by all of our community members, but that leaves almost about 30. 30 appointments that must be made by the Mayor and/or the Commission. Many of these you might kind of remember or know and have a good feel for including things like the Landmark's Commission that 's responsible for overseeing

the preservation and cultural heritage of our community. Wyandotte/Leavenworth County, Areawide Advisory Council on Aging that assist our Area Agency on Aging through planning, coordination, Kansas City Housing Authority, of course you know that helps many individuals and families of low income achieve greater stability and self-reliance by providing safe, affordable and quality housing.

We have a Wyandotte County Library Board that looks at contracting library services and furnishing library services and setting tax levy and budget. Our Board of Parks Commission advises Parks & Recreation Department in areas on park management, long-term planning, initiative for park needs. A Solid Waste Committee. Imagine you inviting someone for this, but it's so important because it provides a solid waste management plan for our county. And then last week for new members, last week this board actually approved a new committee that would look at Quindaro Ruins and really build a plan to share this historical site with people all over hopefully the country in hopes to spark development in the northeast portion of our county, but that's only six or seven. Many of you long-time commissioners—think there's about seven to nine and we're going to be working with the Clerk's Office along with even the Auditor's Office to really determine how many there actually are and how many actual appointments you have.

So, with that being, the Mayor's Office really is happy to work with you to recommend candidates but what I ask that's more important is that your networks and sharing your networks with each other, being able to vet, and think about community members that we can invite to be a part of some of our work is really important. So that's one, but the second thing I'll say is now it's asking you to think about a commitment from you. The Mayor has four appointments and the Mid-America Regional Council Board of Directors. And with that Board of Directors, it consists of 33 locally elected leaders from nine-member counties and the six largest counties in our region. This Board position is often appointed by the Mayor, but what we're asking is that you think about as we ask community to sit at the tables to share their voices.

We ask three of you to consider being MARC Board members that meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at noon, to be Wyandotte County voices, to be our voices at that table and represent this community. So, if you have an inkling to volunteer, I need three volunteers to let the Mayor know you can do that tonight too, be sitting right there, Mayor sitting right there, you can do that.

The other appointment from MARC that's also important is the Total Transportation Policy Committee which serves as a local decision-making and policy development body that's related to multimodal transportation in the region. So, it's a forum for state and federal officials to communicate with local officials and representatives as well as for citizens and members of the business community to address local officials about transportation related issues. The Mayor has already appointed two community members to serve on that.

We're looking for a commissioner that would be interested. They meet the third Tuesday of every month 9:30. So it has one position on that available, please consider representing Wyandotte County at this table and if I haven't said it; Mayor's sitting right there, so tonight before you leave, he or I could be willing to do that so commissioners I'm also going to speak to our residents that are either online or listening here that stayed today and I'm going to close by saying that the steps we take together for a better Wyandotte County includes diverse voices at tables that our residents often aren't invited to. These appointments offer you and our community an opportunity to share lived experience to provide opportunity, voice and representation for a better Wyandotte County. Thank you. Alright, Mayor let's hope we hear from at least four of the commissioners tonight. Thank you.

**Mayor Garner** said thank you Irene. Do any commissioners have any questions about any of the Boards? There's several out there and we would like to get some of these Boards filled.

**Commissioner Ramirez** said I just want to reiterate what our Chief of Staff Caudillo said to the community. These Boards are important. Everyone has their mandate and they touch almost every part of our government and our community in ways that we can fix it, especially on the Area Agency on Aging, our parks, our landmarks, as you said our historical and cultural heritage. So, these aren't Boards where you just—I know some community members may think you just sit and listen and hear reports from staff about what's going on. No, these are Boards where you make change, you recommend change for us or either you may be the final voice on that change. And so it's—if you want to be involved, reach out to your commissioner and see what vacancies they have open, or as you said, that there may be some expired terms that are still serving so I really—because I think I have a couple and I know which Boards I have and I'm having a hard time finding people to fill those vacancies. So I urge the community, if you want to be involved, reach out to your



commissioner. It's important, we need your voice as Chief of Staff Caudillo said, your voice is important, and I would love to be considered for any of the other commissioner appointments that are available. Thank you.

**Commissioner Davis** said Ms. Caudillo you forgot one which is the Community Benefit Advisory Board which is also passed as well, so just add that to the list. What I would also ask, which I think would be really—and thank you this is very helpful, I'm glad we're having this conversation. If there are folks that we think are eligible candidates for a particular Board because some Boards in Task Forces have certain requirements. For example, Library Board, I'm appointing somebody from Edwardsville. I'm not even appointing somebody from my District. Information on—maybe we have a pool of people of who they are, what district they live in, and then what particular skill set they have. I've had one appointee of mine, send me their resume—I thought that was doing quite a bit much, but just getting an idea of who you are, what you're interests are, you don't need to be an expert, but there needs to be some sort of experience or interest or relation to what that Board is but some sort of pull from us to look at would be very, very helpful. But thank you.

**Ms. Caudillo** said I appreciate that. Can I just say that one of the important factors behind this too, is of course, you want to accept appointments where there's some interest but I would challenge our community to understand the importance of getting outside, getting uncomfortable sometimes because that learning curve can be very important. When I actually, years ago, was appointed to the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority because at that time Mayor Marinovich said she got tired of me standing up in front of the Commission saying how bad our transportation system was. So, I was going to do something about it. Now, I knew how to ride the bus, but anything about—but that was one of the best Board experience I could have at that time and was shared and learned so much about regulations, rules but also just the desire to make some great things happen that we did in Wyandotte County. So, I challenge you to—it doesn't have to be something of interest or knowledge because we should also be able to have some of that learning curve as well. But, we'll work on that because I would love for us to either have some vetting or opportunity to share with you resumes aren't bad, share those with other folks, but I think you're right, we want to get some information so that you'd be able to have people that you can also vet as well. Thank you.

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**Commissioner Bynum** said to Commissioner Davis's point, I believe if we check with our Administrative Staff in the Commission Office, there's an online application now for Boards and Commissions and I think it has room within it for some of what it is we seek when we're looking to make those appointments. So we might want to have a look at what exists right now that's been created for it's a portal for the community to make entry and show their interest in serving on a Board and I know that in the past when I've had someone approach me about being appointed to something. I've been directed to direct them to the portal so there's a pool of we should—applicants somewhere and we might just want to look at that and see what kind of refresh it needs.

**Ms. Caudillo** said thanks, appreciate that. We will do that. Thank you.

**Commissioner Davis** said I'll just add, perhaps next year we think of some sort of communication push or something to really get the message out because I know these Boards exist, but I mean the website is a little bit cumbersome, then you got to pick and there's not really a description. Some of them have minutes so I can say hey, here's what they're doing. A lot of them do not have minutes at all so I can tell you what they talked about last week or last month and so there is some tidying up that needs to be done, but I think on the communication side, the knowledge that these opportunities exist is something that we can do a better job of. But thank you, it's really helpful.

**Commissioner Kane** said I'm a little upset, I appointed somebody to the Library Board, the Board voted the lady into be in charge. She actually has a degree in the Library Board, she was removed from that position an hour before the meeting. So, when I appoint somebody, the group decides that they're going to be the chairperson. Then they put a chairperson in there that says that people in Wyandotte County don't have to have a Library here, they can go in Johnson County or some other places. So, I'm a little apprehensive to fill any of these jobs because I don't want my people being insulted and removed from a committee that they're on and by the way this young lady has a degree as a Librarian and without notice I wasn't notified that my person was no longer the Chair. So, you sit there, and you think okay, well I appointed the right person, with the right degree, with the qualifications, they're the Chair and all of sudden, the next thing you know, they weren't even notified, and you know this.

**Ms. Caudillo** said yes, I do know this. **Commissioner Kane** said and they weren't even notified before the hour, before the meeting so I'm going to be hard pressed to fill some of the openings.

**Ms. Caudillo** said I understand.

**Mayor Garner** said Ms. Caudillo, I think there's several Boards that really that are prominent. I think there's only seven or eight of them that—it's really the library. I believe it's the—you want to go through those just main ones that—**Ms. Caudillo** said just the names real quick that I think everyone's familiar with in regard to commonly appointing are things like the Golf Advisory Board, the Landmarks Commission, Wyandotte County/Leavenworth County Advisory Council, Kansas City, Kansas Housing Authority, the Law Enforcement Advisory Board, the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District, the Wyandotte Library Board, Board of Public Commission, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Corrections, Adult and Juvenile, Solid Waste, and more recently Quindaro Ruins as well as you are correct, I apologize for missing that the Community Benefits Fund. But I don't know if any of you have—these are new to me as well Mayor. We've also have some others that we've been the Board of—no, that's inactive. Contract Fairness Board, the Development Review Committee, the Drug Task Force, which I don't know. Ethics Commission, there are some others that I think, besides the Task Force that I'm not—I think I'm going to work with and I think Communications is a good idea too. I'm going to work to work with the Clerk's Office to understand some of these that do we have the Rental License Appeal Board. I know I talked to Commissioner Bynum about that one that is just—we don't know if they're active or inactive or how those operate but we're going to be able to get some information around, not just the who or the guidelines of appointment, but really trying to get a handle on making sure it's in one area that Commission support staff have as well as the Mayor's Office has, and the Clerk's Office and County Administrator's Office so that we can support understanding those true vacancies.

**Commissioner Ramirez** said I believe you mentioned one of them. It's the—I always forget the name of it—the Special Alcohol and Drug Committee or something. **Ms. Caudillo** said the Drug Task Force but there is a Drug and Alcohol but that is inactive. **Commissioner Ramirez** said that is currently inactive and that was something I had a couple months ago, I had mentioned to James Bain, who was a former attorney with our Legal Department and I had asked him to look into

because it by State Statute we receive the special—we receive the special taxes through the alcohol taxes. **Ms. Caudillo** said by the state. **Commissioner Ramirez** said by the state and by State Statute, if we have a Board set up then the taxes that we receive from the alcohol have to be recommended they create—that Board creates a budget and they recommend it to us and currently we, as I had mentioned this to Commissioner Bynum, and she put it very succinctly. Once again, in one of these Boards we are not in compliance with what State Statute is wanting us to do with that Board. So, that's again another Board where we have to make appointments to so that we're in compliance with State Statute. **Ms. Caudillo** said we'll take a look at that. I look at Monica and go we got some work to do.

**Mayor Garner** said thank you Ms. Caudillo. And just so you know staff, Commission, Irene really took this on with Mr. Murray and Mr. Rios to really take a hard look at this. So they're going to continue to work with staff and our Administrator's Office to hopefully get you something robust. The vision that I'd like to get is hopefully at some point next year, a recommendation for you all to consider what are the key Boards that you want to maintain and maybe look at some Boards that have been inactive for a long period of time that you all could consider to let go by the wayside to cut down on 40 plus Boards and there's still a lot of other Boards out there. There's ghost boards that exist. There's a Merc board, believe it or not for the Merc Co-Op downtown. And so there's just a lot of ghost Boards that are not operating that we just need to narrow down, so we just want to bring that to your attention. That's something we're going to be working on but I think those key main eight or nine, ten Boards, including the newer ones, are the ones that are really most important of value to the day-to-day of the Unified Government. So, to the new commissioners and to our long-term commissioners, if you can just consider just finding some key appointments to those Board that would really be helpful.

**Item No. 4 – 212924...RESOLUTION: APPROVING TWO-YEAR MEETING SCHEDULE  
(ADDED PER AGENDA UPDATE)**

**Synopsis:** A resolution approving the schedule of meeting times for standing committees and commissions meetings of the Unified Government pursuant to Appendix C, Section 107 of the 2008 Code of Ordinances and Resolutions. Two options are presented, submitted by Jeff Conway, Assistant Legal Counsel.

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**Mayor Garner** said item number four is a resolution approving a two-year meeting schedule added per the agenda and really what this looking at I believe Counsel we have actually two options. We've been out of compliance. I guess at some point there was a practice put in place to where before I became Mayor that there were two Commission meetings, which you know I don't have a problem with, but you know you got to know my background. If it's in black and white and I'm sworn, and I've taken an oath to make sure to uphold the policies of the Unified Government and make sure that they're enacted as written and approved by whatever Commission. And so, prior Commissions had authorized per ordinance that we should be operating under three commission meetings a month and so we have been out of compliance. I believe last year in talking to our At-Large Commissioners and I think I told this Commission as well, that coming in this year we would take a hard look at it and I would try and bring us into compliance but I know that the practice has become the expectation and so I've gotten with Legal to give this Commission a recommendation for two options.

To keep things basically as they have been with two commission meetings and to change the ordinance to reflect that or to keep in line with the current ordinance that obligates us to three commission meetings. There are pros and cons. I've heard some of you have complained about the length of meetings, going into the midnight hour. I agree, I come in here, I'm here all day and then I have to stay here all-night doing commission meetings, that's not a complaint, that's what I signed up to do. But for our staff and folks and for the public that have to endure those long meetings, it does become somewhat burdensome as well as to the Commission. I know a lot of you have jobs as well, and so those are the options on the table. Naturally if you have three meetings, the meetings times would be shorter, so really this was a discussion and a debate that you could have. I come in every day, I work here every day, there's not a day that I don't miss being here unless I'm sick or out-of-town. So, I have to be here, I really don't have a recommendation or a preference one way or the other. Really, this is for the convenience of the public and for yourselves and taking into consideration staff and whatever the commission's will is. That's something you would have to decide for yourself. I'm going to let Counsel weigh in on this to give it some clarity.

**Wendy Green, Senior Counsel**, said so you have two options and whichever option you choose is what the corresponding schedule will be. Option A is to make Section 107 of our ordinances

coincide with what we have been doing, which would be two commission meetings per month. It would change Section 107 so that we would have a regular commission meeting, which would meet the first Thursday of the month and then on the last Thursday of the month would be a Commission meeting with Planning and Zoning matters as well as additional items. So, it would be the same thing we have now. It would just be two commission meetings per month, one on the first Thursday and one on the last Thursday. The last meeting of the month would be subject to change or if even in the first one, if there was a holiday, so those that are not set in stone. The corresponding schedule with that under Option A reflects those changes if there is a holiday.

This also does a little bit of clean up in Section 2. Under Section 202 Standing Committees created that cleans up the Standing Committees to where it actually makes us in compliance with what we've already been doing where we flip-flopped the Economic Development and Neighborhood and Community Development Committee meetings. Where we've been having the Economic Development Finance Committee Meeting first and then we had the Neighborhood Community Development Meeting second, that's actually not what our ordinance states. It states that Neighborhood Community Development should meet first and then Economic Development & Finance. So this would just make that ordinance in us in compliance with the ordinance by changing the ordinance.

So then Option B then would be if you choose to stay with the existing ordinance so that we would have three commission meetings a month. The first two would be the first Thursday and the third Thursday of the month, they would just be normal regular commission meetings and then the last Thursday of the month would have Planning & Zoning matters on it. So, it's a Planning & Zoning commission, which could also have additional matters on it. And the schedule with Option B would reflect that. It also has Section 2 which would again clean up Section 202, which is the Standing Committee ordinance, which would again make us in compliance with Economic Development & Finance first, and then Neighborhood Community Development second on the Monday night meetings. So clear as mud, I'm sure. But if you have any questions, please let me know. So, in short, if you want two meetings a month it's Option A, if you want three meetings a month, it's Option B.

**Commissioner Burroughs** said presently, we meet two times a month with one of the meetings being quite lengthy which could be with Planning and Zoning. If we go to three meetings, we're

mandated to have those three meetings and we haven't been in compliance to do that. I might suggest body that we continue to stay with the two and if we need to have a third, that we could call a Special Meeting, and we may not need to have it on a Thursday if a different day of the week for the Planning and Zoning meeting would be more beneficial instead of starting at 7:00 p.m. we could start at 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. so that we're not here until late in the evening. I mean I'm just throwing that out as a possible suggestion while we're talking and working through this but I kind of like the two meetings and if we have light agendas, we get through them. If we need a Special Session, we can call a Special Session. That's just a point of discussion for the body.

**Commissioner Bynum** said I just have a couple of questions. On the proposed schedule for 2024 for two meetings, are we suggesting that we would codify first Thursday, last Thursday or is it just a suggestion and the reason I ask is because I'm looking November was different because there were holidays, December is different because we have holidays, but I've looked at August, September and October. In August we met on the 17<sup>th</sup>, which was the third Thursday and then we met on the 31<sup>st</sup>, which was the fifth Thursday. In September we met on the second and fourth Thursdays. In October we met on the second and fourth. So, I was just—all I'm trying to do is wrap my head around what consistency are we asking for. **Mayor Garner** said hold on a second. Counsel you also—I don't know if you've seen it, you also have the updated schedules and the comparisons there as you can look at, but I'll let Counsel answer your question Commissioner. **Ms. Green** said that is absolutely correct. The schedules that are attached to the different options would be in compliance with the ordinances unless there is a holiday and then that would reflect a holiday. If there is a change, if it's not set on a first Thursday or last Thursday it's because there is a holiday. Otherwise, it's a first Thursday and the last Thursday. **Commissioner Bynum** said and are you saying that that's how the ordinance reads now or that's what we would make the ordinance say. **Ms. Green** said that's how it actually reads now. **Commissioner Bynum** said oh, okay, because I'm just saying in looking at August, September and October, those are not the days we met. **Ms. Green** said correct. The current reading of Section 107, is that we will have regular Full Commission meetings on the first and third Thursday's and a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on the last Thursday. **Commissioner Bynum** said that's for three meetings

a month and if we went to two, we would meet the first and last. **Ms. Green** said correct by Option A. **Commissioner Bynum** said okay, thanks.

**Commissioner Ramirez** said I have no preference which way we go, but I do like Commissioner's Burroughs idea of keeping it how we've been doing if we need to call a Special meeting for whatever purpose. The only thing I would have liked going to three was having one meeting, just Planning and Zoning and then the other two regular commission meetings but how we've been doing it, if we can figure out a way to make agendas light or what have you, I'm okay with that. I have no preference. I would support Commissioner's Burroughs idea of just maintaining how we do and if we need another meeting, we another meeting.

**Commissioner Stites** said so my question would be with what Commissioner Burroughs has recommended or suggested, what and who would trigger the—what criteria for the third meeting. Who's going to say now we need one. Is it 10 items, is it 15 items because you know that could get where somebody just says well, I just really want to get out here early, on our second meeting we'll have—we'll push all this off to the third one. **Ms. Green** said that would really depend on you all. Under our current code either the Mayor or four Commissioners can call a special meeting at this point. **Commissioner Stites** said so we can do that now if need be, right? **Ms. Green** said absolutely, so we need to change the code for that. I would just state that to call that a Special Session, you could not do it just for Planning and Zoning. Planning and Zoning Commission meetings by our ordinances are only to be on that last Thursday of the month. So, if you're calling a Special meeting it would not be for Planning and Zoning matters. You could do it for any item you could have on a regular commission meeting but not for Planning and Zoning matters if that makes sense. So, because you can set the agenda, the agenda for a Special meeting is whatever you say it is, but I would not do a Planning and Zoning Special Meeting.

**Commissioner Davis** said I am also in agreement with Commissioner Burroughs. We do a lot here, we take up a lot of time, we have the public come find parking, find a seat, and sometimes they're doing that just to come and speak for three minutes. I just can't imagine adding another meeting for that to be necessarily beneficial. As far as the agenda being lighter, I would just make the recommendation that we put more items through the Standing Committee process as opposed



to skipping the Standing Committee process and then putting it on the Full Commission because those items that are not going through the Standing Committee process aren't on the Consent Agenda and so at any time we can call a meeting, Mayor, you can call a meeting, we get a quorum, we can get it going. With that, I'll make a motion to adopt Option A.

**Action:**        **Commissioner Davis made a motion to adopt Option A, seconded by Commissioner Kane.**

**Commissioner Burroughs** said I do appreciate the motion. The purpose of even bringing that option forward is just what was stated, we have a tremendous amount of public that shows up to these meetings, we have developers, we also have staff who are held at our mercy and it's out of respect to them. Some of the people in the audience are paid by the hour to be here and sometimes they start at 7:00 when we start and they don't get out of here until midnight. Is that really fair to whoever is paying their bill when it's on us to run the clock. So, I do appreciate the opportunity to at least share with you why I chose Option A, but I wanted to explain it and I do believe it may be a better option for us and this be a learning opportunity for us.

**Commissioner Kane** said I agree with Commissioner Davis. If we got the agenda adjustment at 3:56 today and you've got how much time because you got to leave work, you got to come up here to actually go over this as thoroughly as you should and there's a process to go through the Standing Committee and sometimes we're circumventing the process. If we went through the Standing Committee which could make them last longer, but it would make the Commission meetings less long.

**Mayor Garner** said there is a motion and a second for Option A. Is that correct? Is there any further discussion?

**Commissioner Burroughs** said Counsel you said we couldn't call a Special Session for Planning and Zoning, is that by ordinance that we can't do that or what is the criteria as to why we can't do that. **Ms. Green** said I would suggest at this point, it would be because of ordinance because our Section 107 specifically states that Full Commissions will happen on the last Thursday and our

meeting for specials, calling a Special Session doesn't state anything about Planning and Zoning Commission. It only says Full Commission meeting so that's why I would suggest I wouldn't call a Special Session for Planning and Zoning matters. I would only call it for anything the Full Commission could discuss. **Commissioner Burroughs** said so if I may Mayor, so if I understand correctly, we have first and fourth by this amendment or is it first and third. **Ms. Green** said it's the first and last. **Commissioner Burroughs** said first and last Thursdays so if we didn't call a Special Session, what could we call to do Planning and Zoning on a third meeting and on a Special Session for not for a Special Session maybe on a different day. Is there—do you need an ordinance maybe or because I don't want to tie our hands if we want to come in most of our Planning and Zoning anymore deals with the neighborhood short-term rentals.

**Ms. Green** said Planning and Zoning is different because we also have to wait 14 days after the Planning and Zoning Commission, or the Planning and Zoning Board meet because you have 14 days after the Planning and Zoning Board meets for people to file a protest. So, we have to wait 14 days after that. So, you wouldn't be able to have it, that's why I would also suggest not moving it up and not trying to do a special day so Jeff, please feel free to correct me if I'm wrong, but I would not suggest doing a special meeting for Planning and Zoning. I would leave that on that last Thursday and if you think agendas are going to get heavy, have a special meeting for all the other items, but leave the Planning and Zoning on the last Thursday. **Commissioner Burroughs** said thank you, that's what I was trying to get some clarity. So, we can still do Planning and Zoning the last Thursday knowing that we're going to have that portion on that last Thursday. **Ms. Green** said correct.

**Commissioner Burroughs** said okay, that would allow us one other suggestion. I might throw it the body to consider, that if we're going to throw something on the agenda, that maybe we take something off the agenda so that we don't add more to the agenda on an evening. It's just an idea; it makes it harder on staff that if we want to streamline this and make it acceptable to the public we should be as short and as concise but as thorough and prudent as we can be.

**Commissioner Davis** said I'll just add this and I hope we're able to get through with this so the other thing is maybe working with staff kind of coming back with a recommendation for the Planning Commission and what can be done if that is a ordinance change or a charter change or what have you that's worthy of looking at because I wholeheartedly believe we probably have lost

business because of the way meetings have happened here and if someone did a study, it probably is in the millions of dollars because people see this process and then they're like you know what, forget it. I would ask next year maybe, doing a deeper dive into what currently is in process for or on the books for our Planning Commission and then seeing what other options we can come up with.

**David Johnston, County Administrator**, said I think we are going to have to work with our Legal Counsel to give flexibility regarding Planning and Zoning meetings because when you have seen the amount of our Planning and Zoning meetings on the designated day, we've had long agendas. In other communities I've worked for we've had the flexibility to have a focus special meeting. If you see you're running along and you still have things to be doing, we've had the ability to have the Commission or Counsel say we're going to meet another day to finish this agenda and just this agenda. I would recommend that we make sure we have that flexibility in any ordinance but still keep it solely focused on Planning and Zoning only matters for the reasons that you stated. We're dealing with businessmen and women looking to invest in our community and even by looking at the size of the agenda, we should be able to come up and say hey look, we need to adjourn after agenda number fifteen. And so we have time to communicate with the other people so they don't come and wait and wait and when then they're told they're not going to have something tonight.

**Ms. Green** said the Open Meetings Act actually lets you continue a meeting to the next day if needed without having to provide notice ahead of time. If you needed to stop it and then go to the next day if you needed to or if you needed to stop and say we're going to continue this Friday, or we're going to continue this next Monday. **Mr. Johnston** said the only thing I have with that is we have eleven people with eleven different schedules in their life and we need to find a common date for them to reconvene to carry it. I just want to say I think we need to look at a flexible language in the ordinance that provides them, but still keep it focused. **Ms. Green** said I think we could do that actually probably without changing the ordinance just under the Open Meetings Act because the meeting itself began on the required day, but we could continue it to another day because we started it on the right day. **Mr. Johnston** said okay, so just keep in that in mind maybe you have to wordsmith something to guarantee that whatever—**Commissioner Burroughs** said be date and time certain. So that's all I have, Mayor, thank you.

**Commissioner Ramirez** said our Administrator kind of said what I was going to say is I think let's pass Option A now and then work through whatever we need to moving forward. This needs to be studied more by our Administrator and our Legal Department. To me, there's no point in us keep hashing it out when I think just work. Our Legal Department needs to do their job and see what options we can get later. This is a living document, you know, it's going to change as we move on. If we see later next year, let's say by March, April we see that—I know we've been doing two meetings for some time now but if we see that something needs to be changed, we can change it. So, I just say let's just go with Option A for tonight make this change and then continue to study and move forward.

**Mayor Garner** said there's a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion. Seeing none, Clerk, roll call, please.

**Action:**        **RESOLUTION NO. R-81-23**, "A resolution setting the schedules of meeting times for the Standing Committees of the Unified government Commission and for the Unified Government Commission through January 2026." **Commissioner Davis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Burroughs, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum.

**Action:**        **ORDINANCE NO. 0-162-23**, "An Ordinance amending the meeting days of the Full Commission, setting the days as the first and last Thursdays of the month, and changing the order of meeting of the Neighborhood and Community Development and the Economic Development and Finance Standing Committees." **Commissioner Davis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to approve the ordinance.** Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Burroughs, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum.

**Mayor Garner** said the last item on the Mayor's Agenda is—Commissioner Bynum?

**Item No. 5 – 212956...PROCLAMATION: BOB BREITENSTEIN DAY (ADDED PER SECOND AGENDA UPDATE)**

**Synopsis:** Proclamation proclaiming December 14, 2023, as Bob Breitenstein Day submitted by Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO.

**Commissioner Bynum** said I think you were getting ready to say that the last item is the Proclamation for Bob Breitstein, is that right? **Mayor Garner** said yes ma'am. **Commissioner Bynum** said I had an email come through from his daughter, well, since we've been in the meeting and they're very happy to hear of the Proclamation, but she also was saying, and they didn't know that the Proclamation was going to occur tonight and they only found that out in like the last hour. And so, the request is can this possibly be pushed perhaps into January, so that they can come, and Bob Breitstein can come and be here. Would that be a possibility? **Mayor Garner** said yes, Clerk, if you can just remove that, set that aside I'll withdraw that and—**Commissioner Bynum** said they're very appreciative, but they didn't know that it was tonight, and I think they'd like to come to the meeting. **Mayor Garner** said no problem at all.

**Action:** At the request of the recipient, the Proclamation will be set over to the January commission meeting.

**Mr. Johnston** said this is on as an aside I don't think we want to. It's always nice to hear that somebody actually wants to come to a commission meeting so anything we can do to help that along, we should. Sorry for the comic relief but it was getting a little heavy here.

**VII.CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mayor Garner** said that takes us to our Regular Consent Agenda. Do any members of the Commission or County Administrator wish to set aside any item on the Regular Consent Agenda? If an item is not set aside, all items on the regular Consent Agenda will be voted on by one vote. I'll entertain a motion.

**Action:** Commissioner Ramirez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve all items as submitted. Roll call taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Burroughs, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum.

**Item No. 1 – 212844...COMMUNICATION: PROPOSED 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Synopsis:** Below is the following proposed 2024 holiday schedule:

|                             |                        |
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| New Year’s Day              | Monday, January 1      |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | Monday, January 15     |
| Presidents Day              | Monday, February 19    |
| Spring Holiday              | Friday, March 29       |
| Memorial Day                | Monday, May 27         |
| Juneteenth                  | Wednesday, June 19     |
| Independence Day            | Thursday, July 4       |
| Labor Day                   | Monday, September 2    |
| Veterans Day                | Monday, November 11    |
| Thanksgiving Day            | Thursday, November 28  |
|                             | Friday, November 29    |
| Christmas                   | Wednesday, December 25 |

**Action:** Commissioner Ramirez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve. Roll call was taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Burroughs, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum.

**Item No. 2 – 212869...RESOLUTION: ANNUAL CASH AND INVESTMENT POLICY APPROVAL**

**Synopsis:** A resolution approving the Cash Management and Investment Policy, submitted by Andrea Vinyard, Deputy Treasurer.

*On December 4, 2023, the **Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.*

**Action: RESOLUTION: NO. R-84-23**, “A resolution that the Board of Commissioners adopts the Cash and Investment Policy.” **Commissioner Ramirez made a motion, seconded**

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**by Commissioner Davis, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Burroughs, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum.

### **Item No. 3 – 212955...NOMINATIONS: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Synopsis:** Nominations for Boards and Commissions:

Jaqueline Browne to the Area Wide Advisory Council on Aging

Wyandotte/Leavenworth, submitted by Mayor Tyrone Garner.

Thomas Roberts to the Golf Advisory Board, submitted by Mayor Tyrone Garner.

Paul Jones to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, submitted by Mayor Tyrone Garner.

Commissioner Tom Burroughs to the KCATA Board of Commissioners, submitted by Mayor Tyrone Garner.

Mario Escobar to the Board of Parks Commission, submitted by Mayor Tyrone Garner.

Carlos Maderos to the Solid Waste Committee, submitted by Mayor Tyrone Garner.

Brett A. Deichler to the Solid Waste Committee, submitted by Mayor Tyrone Garner.

**Action:** **Commissioner Ramirez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve.** Roll call taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Burroughs, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum.

### **VIII. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

No items.

### **IX. STANDING COMMITTEES’ AGENDA**

No items

### **X. ADMINISTRATOR’S AGENDA**

**Item No. 1 – 212951...UPDATE: KANSAS CITY KANSAS FIRE DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN**

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**Synopsis:** An update from the Kansas City Kansas Fire Department and IAFF 64 regarding the KCKFD Master Plan, submitted by Dennis L. Rubin, Interim Fire Chief.

**Mr. Johnston** said I just want to let you know that one of the points of the agreement when you passed the last Labor Agreement with the Local IAFF included in that was a joint agreement to update or create a long-term Master Plan for the Fire Department that both the Union and management wanted to do. So, you authorized that to move under the direction of Union Leadership and Chief Rubin and you're going to hear presentation today to show that working relation proved to provide a very good document and they're here to present it so, Chief.

**Dennis Rubin, KCKS Fire Chief**, said thank you for this opportunity. As we have worked pretty diligently since June, we've begun to put together the framework of what we think is going to be an excellent Master Plan. The Master Plan's vision we hope would be a ten-year window and at the end of each year we'd add an additional year down the road. We've also agreed that we would meet quarterly to go over any obstacles, issues or concerns as we continue to try to improve our Fire Department. I would just say we will be completing that process at the end of January 31<sup>st</sup>, and we'd like to make a formal presentation with all the details supported by our local supported by our Administration sometime in February. Mr. President.

**J.J. Simma, President International Association of Firefighters**, said yes, Chief, I agree, we've been working diligently on this project. It's a very good opportunity for us to collaborate. I would like to give you a little history, if you don't mind, on how we arose at that. Pursuant to the MOA, the Memorandum of Agreement as you stated Administrator Johnston the department and the union were tasked with conducting a Fire and EMS Service analysis. That's been underway, as Chief said, for six months and what it is tasked with doing, just to give you a little bit of the criteria, is taking a look at station locations, deployment of manpower and apparatus, response times and consideration of national standards. That's been going along, we've made some significant progress for having productive conversations. The IAFF also requested a GIS mapping study from our international office to assist us in that task and we have that in hand that we're going to be able to use as we continue our discussions.



What that study does is take all those factors into consideration and looks at roads traveled with regards to response times in an effort to meet national standards and provide the service that this community deserves and do the utmost—make the utmost effort to keep the firefighters safe and doing so. I believe that we’re going to have a joint agreement to extend our extension or our time frame to January 31<sup>st</sup> is the Chief spoke and the only difference would be is I think we got to work out the schedules and we may be into March with the presentation but that’s—we’re going to conclude it here in about another six weeks and then we’ll bring it to you by the end of the first quarter it looks like. **Chief Rubin** said are there any questions Mr. Mayor?

**Mayor Garner** said any questions from our Commission?

**Commissioner Ramirez** said I thought I would never see Local 64 and our Fire Chief standing right next to each other in Commission Chambers. I’m very, very happy that our current leadership, Fire Department leadership and Union leadership are able to work together and have what I can see is a healthier working relationship than what was previous—than what we previously had. This is amazing because that means you—these two entities having a healthy working relationship means we’re going to have a safe and protected community, and so I thank you for working together, for understanding each other. You as always as adults, as public figures, you’re never going to always agree but finding the ways where you can agree and in the points where you disagree, find the compromise. So, I thank you for doing that and, again, I thought I would never see this day. Thank you.

**Commissioner Bynum** said when you bring the plan it’s going first I heard analysis of EMS and Fire, but I also heard Strategic Plan, is that right? Excuse me, Master Plan. So, I mean I’m just curious what the components of a KCKFD Master Plan are, but J.J. before you answer that, do you remember, I know you do, when we met, and met, and met, and met Union, Administration, and a couple of Commissioners trying to get that Fairfax Fire Station open? **Mr. Simma** said certainly. **Commissioner Bynum** said I always felt like I was receiving multiple sets of different data about the same thing and I even remember asking can we all agree on what the data is before we talk anymore about this. Not to go back to those dark days, but are we as your working through this

process, are we all agreeing on the source of the data and what the data is telling us as we work through this Master Planning process, does that make sense?

**Mr. Simma** said yes, I'll comment, of course, Chief. So do you to the first portion of your question when we reference a Master Plan interchangeably with Strategic Plan, I guess you could say, is what it's looking at is that service-based analysis that I discussed and with those criteria I was discussing and our study that we've commissioned will look at that and identify those components with all of those elements in consideration. Right now, we're sorting through the data still, we've made some great progress in the last six months, but we still have some work to do. I will tell you and as Commissioner Ramirez stated, we may not always agree, and we may not be in a 100% agreement on the entire proposal. The MOA allows for us to bring minority reports to you if that's where we end up with differing opinions. However, I think we're trying to collaborate and cooperate the best we can to arrive at what's in the best interest of the community and the Fire Department. **Commissioner Bynum** said that's all we can ask for.

**Mayor Garner** said I have to agree with Commissioner Ramirez. I mean, before I became Mayor, just talking to a lot of our firefighters and I know Commissioner Bynum said it was dark days. I see it as opportunities when you all came to me and said you hadn't had a contract for five years, fire stations were closed, morale was at its lowest point ever. It really inspired hope in me to see Administration and the Union coming together in good faith and under the leadership of our new Fire Chief, we're here at this point and we've got our fire station open and I think it goes without being said I don't know if General Motors would not be ready for a major announcement that's coming when it talks about refitting and expansion of the General Motors plant had we not opened that fire station. I don't know where morale would be right now had this Commission not stood firm behind our firefighters because I've always said to have a great Kansas City, you got to have a safe Kansas City and Public Safety is at the forefront of that and this Commission, probably unlike the Commissions I've seen in the past, over my 32 years, have really been overly supportive of that statement that I just made by supporting Public Safety in Kansas City, Kansas and Wyandotte County.

To get us to this point where you have the President of the Union and our Fire Chief standing side by side, working on a strategy to bring about something that could provide enhanced and improved efficient and effective service for our residents, I want to applaud you, I want to

applaud our new County Administrator and staff and our Legal team that I know over the course of since I've been Mayor, they really have put a lot work in you all to get you to this point and so it's going to make for a better Fire Department. If we have a better Fire Department, it's going to allow that morale to go up and if the morale of our men and women that provide those services are at a high level, we know the quality of care that our citizens are going to be even higher. So, I just want to say thank you all for the work that you've done and really appreciate that. Thank you.

**Chief Rubin** said it's truly our honor to collaborate. It's truly our honor to work for this great City, and again, I think the President said it, always focused on the citizens first and our firefighter's safety next. So very proud sir.

**Commissioner Stites** said under Section X Administrator's Agenda, if you go down to the second line it says submitted by Dennis L. Rubin, Interim Fire Chief. I'd like to see that we make sure that we get that corrected because we're proud to have him as our permanent Fire Chief.

**Mr. Johnston** said January 1<sup>st</sup> the title changes. **Commissioner Stites** said oh, is that right? January 1. **Chief Rubin** said thank you. **Commissioner Stites** said hey, good job.

**Commissioner Davis** said I'll just say, hope you all knock it out of the park and Chief Rubin, I don't know where these weekly update reports came from, but if you can send those our way more often, that would be incredible. **Chief Rubin** said can we send them weekly? **Commissioner Davis** said yeah, if you want to that or at least in me it would be great, just get that information. **Chief Rubin** said hoping to make it a jovial comment, but we do send them out weekly and we were under the impression that the Commission got them. We get a slip back that in fact has been sent, so we'll certainly check into that as—**Commissioner Davis** said please do. Yeah, we would love to stay abreast of everything that's happening there. **Chief Rubin** said but that is a weekly report, we'd love for you to have it sir. **Commissioner Davis** said awesome, thank you for the work.

**Commissioner Bynum** said just to that point at new commissioner orientation, we ended our evening with the Fire Department and it was fabulous by the way, it was a great day. But what was part of what was provided to us was that weekly report and the gentleman said please make sure

you read the weekly report, we put a lot of work into that. So, I asked that that be given to Lisa and Diana in our office so that we can all have it and that's how you got it today and I think the plan is that we'll get that from now on.

#### **XI. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

No items.

#### **XII. LANDBANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES' CONSENT AGENDA**

No items.

#### **XIII. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

No items.

**Mayor Garner** said alright, before we end tonight, it was brought to my attention and I think we would be remiss, Commissioner Kane, Piper sits in your district. Commissioner Bynum, it sits in your district as well. Dr. Jessica Dane with the Piper School District, she has been selected as a 2023 Superintendent to watch by the National School Public Relations Association, NSPRA. She's just one of 24 other Superintendents nationwide who are selected for this great honor in recognition of her innovative and effective use of technology to engage and inform the school community and to expand two-way communications and outreach effort. Dr. Dane's contributions to Piper USD 203 have been nothing short of remarkable.

Her visionary leadership has paved the way for innovative educational initiatives fostering an environment of growth inclusivity and excellence. I think it goes without being said for the parents and students as well as the staff at USD 203 that this Unified Government is proud of the accomplishment of Dr. Jessica Dane and I just like to send a congratulations on behalf of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas.

With that being said, there is no further business. This will be your last commission meeting of the year; it has been a great year. Good things are slated for us in 2024, yes, we have challenges, but I always say those challenges offer unique and hopeful opportunities. The best is yet to come for Wyandotte County, stay tuned. Congratulations again to our new commissioners who were sitting with us tonight. As your Mayor, I just want to say Merry Christmas to everyone and a happy

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New Year and blessings throughout 2024 and beyond. I don't know if any other commissioners would like to make some remarks for the holidays.

**Commissioner Burroughs** said Mayor, I have this little gift in front of me and I'm assuming from last year's cookie grinch that this also came forward from you so, I just want to say thank you and Merry Christmas to my colleagues and the next year creates challenges but also tremendous opportunity. I look forward to spending it with all of you.

**Mayor Garner** said thank you all so much. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

#### **XIV. ADJOURN**

**Action:** **Commissioner Bynum made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs, to adjourn.** Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Burroughs, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez, Davis, Bynum.

**MAYOR GARNER**  
**ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:29 P.M.**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2023**

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Monica L. Sparks  
Deputy Unified Government Clerk

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CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KS )

SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in Special Meeting, Thursday, March 6, 2025, with nine members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Townsend, Commissioner First District (arrived at 6:31 p.m.); Burns, Commissioner Second District; Hill, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Lopez, Commissioner Sixth District; Stites, Commissioner Seventh District; Davis, Commissioner Eighth District; and Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District and Mayor Pro Tem; presiding. Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; and Garner, Mayor/CEO, were absent. The following officials were also in attendance: David Johnston, County Administrator; Angela Lawson, Interim Chief Counsel; Reed Partridge, Legislative Auditor's Office; Monica L. Sparks, Unified Government Clerk; and Ian Tomasic, Ethics Commission, was also present.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said before I call the meeting to order I want to announce that we have individuals attending remotely as well as on-site. All participants joining by phone should please mute their phones when not speaking to avoid background noise. During the meeting, please make sure you announce yourself by name and title every time you speak so the public that is participating knows who is speaking. This is critical given the number of remote participants and is current guidance from the Kansas Attorney General's Office and please be sure to speak directly into the microphone to ensure your comments are heard and an accurate record can be made of this meeting.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** called the meeting to order.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING** of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, is scheduled to be conducted in a hybrid format on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. for a presentation from the Unified Government Ethics Commission regarding proposed amendments to the Ethics Code. It was originally noticed for the fifth floor conference room. It

was moved to the Chambers. Roll call was taken and there were eight “Ayes,” Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Burns, Hill.

**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.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said tonight we are scheduled for a presentation from the Ethics Commission regarding the proposed changes to our Ethics Code. I will turn the meeting over to Reed Partridge from our Legislative Auditors Office for remarks and introductions.

**Reed Partridge, Legislative Auditors Office**, said I’m acting as the Ethics Administrator. That position is vacant right now, but we’re going to fill that. Tonight we have a presentation on the code and the program, revisions to the code which are mostly minor revisions to the code. Nothing I consider drastic or earth shattering. We have the Ethics Commission here. We have one member who couldn’t make it, Commissioner Paris Clark, she couldn’t make it, but otherwise I will let our commissioners introduce yourself if you would like. The following introduced themselves: Rickey Bragg, Ian Tomasic, Joe Wittman, Adrienne Ford.

**Commissioner Burns** said, Reed, before we get started I think at the last meeting we requested that the Chief Judge be here. **Mr. Partridge** said I talked to Judge Burns as well as District Attorney Dupree and they feel their role is pretty limited with the Ethics program. We’re going to get into their role a little later, but it felt like—well, first of all he said that he would discuss that with you personally. He also said that really their role is limited to—Judge Burns appoints my position. I report to him and then Judge Burns as well as myself and the District Attorney we appoint the commissioners and that’s the extent of their role. **Commissioner Burns** said I just thought he maybe he could come and say that. I don’t know if members of the Commission knew that he appointed you along with the D.A. **Mr. Partridge** said that’s going to be part of our program here tonight. So, hopefully, after we’re done here, those questions will be answered.

I’m going to move on and I’m going to roll through this PowerPoint.

## UG Ethics Commission

From the Consolidation Study Report (UG Charter) 1997:

Ethics Commission: An Ethics Commission will be created as an ~~advisory board~~ <sup>advisory board</sup> against unethical behavior in the new Unified Government. The new Unified Board of Commissioners will draft and adopt a Code of Ethics. The Ethics Commission members, appointed by the Administrative Judge of the District Court with the consent of the sitting District Judges of Wyandotte County, will serve a single, ~~full~~ <sup>full</sup> yeaterm. The terms will be staggered at the initial appointment with ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> half of the Commission serving a ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> year term and ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> half serving a single, full, ~~four~~ <sup>four</sup> year term. The Ethics Commission may recommend ways to improve the Ethics Code to the Unified Board of Commissioners. The Ethics Commission will have the power to make recommendations for actions to be taken for violations of the Ethics Code to the Unified Board of Commissioners. The Ethics Commission will also have subpoena power, the ability to swear witnesses and have power to censure those in violation of the Ethics Code. All elected officials, and any appointed board and/or committee member as the Unified Legislature may include, will be subject to this Code.

The first couple of slides, and there's a lot of words here, you don't have to read that. The main thing, the main thrust to this is that the Ethics Commission and the program was authorized under the Consolidation Report in 1997 and it was adopted as part of our Charter, so that's where we get our authority from. It comes right at the very beginning of the Unified Government. It outlines some of the things that—the responsibilities as well as, you know, given its authority.

For example, it discusses the role of the commissioners which is to recommend improvements to the code which is why we're here tonight. That's specifically mentioned in the Charter. They also make recommendations for any ethical violations, what recommendations may be necessary if there is a violation of the code. They also give direction on any advisory opinions that are issued by the Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission has subpoena power, although to my knowledge it's never been used, but the code does give them subpoena power.

The code also outlines that almost everyone in the Unified Government falls under—the code applies to say almost everyone in the Unified Government. It does not apply to state employees, the District Court. It does not apply to the Sheriff himself or the District Attorney himself, but it does apply to their departments and their employees.



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### Citizen Oversight

Two additional safeguards will ensure each citizen can question, challenge and seek redress for unethical or illegal behavior of its government officials. An Ethics Commission is established to uphold the responsible behavior of its elected officials. A Legislative Auditor will provide independent scrutiny of the performance and operations of government offices and employees. Mindful of the right of the citizenry to demand the highest standards of conduct from its public servants, these safeguards give the community its own checks and balances.

This next slide is also more excerpts from the Charter and you don't have to read that. The main thing is at the very top, Citizen Oversight. The Charter established the Auditor's Office as well as the Ethics Commission as Citizen Oversight.

There's a couple things I wanted to add to that. One of the main thrusts of the code is independence. That was the idea behind the Citizen Oversight to give this program independence. That independence gives the program credibility that minimizes any outside influence from department heads, elected officials. However, the independence kind of comes at a cost. It comes at a cost of authority, so any recommendations that we make have to rely on the strength of their argument rather than our say so.

I also want to mention that the Ethics program is not the beginning or the end of ethics in the Unified Government. It has a focus and that focus is the code and it's outlined in the code and Ian later is going to go over the parts of the code, but there are other programs in the Unified Government that deal with ethics. Our Procurement Division has an enormous responsibility for ethics in their procurement of goods and services. The Legal Department and the HR Department all have components of ethics. The Police Department and the Sheriff's Office, they have Internal Affairs programs and those are essentially ethic programs. I wanted to keep that in mind that the Ethics Code can possibly cover every ethical scenario that comes down the pike and so that's why we have this code that has a focus. So when we get complaints, that's one of the first things we do is we filter it through. Now, is this for us or is it better suited for the Procurement Department or the HR or Legal.

The other thing I've done recently is I've kind of compared our program with other jurisdictions and I can really honestly say that the Unified Government Ethics program compares favorably with any of the larger jurisdictions. I looked at all the large counties, Sedgwick, Johnson,

Leavenworth, Douglas, Shawnee, all the large cities, Wichita, Overland Park, Olathe, Topeka, Lawrence and our program—you know I just did brief research. I went through their website, went through their code, their municipal code and I'm confident that our program is not lacking compared to any of those jurisdictions.

A couple of things that stand out from our program is our web presence. We have three web pages dedicated to the program. We have one for the Ethics Administrator, one for the commissioners themselves, and one for the code and the overall program. You know a lot of those jurisdictions you type in the word ethics, anything, and it just comes up nothing. The other thing is the independence. No other program has the level of independence that we do. There's other differences as well. I mean some of the jurisdictions have two codes, one for elected and one for their employees and some of them don't have a standalone code. Part of it is in their employee handbook and part of it is in their procurement section and so on. There's nothing wrong with that. It's just some of the differences I've noticed.

A few more things, I wanted to mention that the Ethics Administrative program is a part-time program. That's written right into the Charter and the code. At the time, and I was around in '97 when it started, I was much younger, but it was intended not to be another bureaucracy. It was fully intended to be part-time, no pre-approvals, no extra paperwork or red tape. You don't have to run things by the Ethics program to get a contract approved or something like that. At the very beginning there was a small office on the mezzanine in the Courthouse. We gave them a laptop and a projector for training and some furniture and even that proved to be unnecessary. The program now operates just using any of the equipment that we happen to have in our office or any office space that they can find in the Courthouse to hold meetings.

I'll just mention for the record, the budget this year is \$63,852 and actual costs are quite a bit less when it comes down to it.

## UG Ethics Commission

The purpose of the Ethics Commission is to recommend ways to improve the Unified Government's Ethics Code, to review and report on any and all violations of the Code of Ethics, to render advisory opinions on questions of ethics, conflicts of interest and the applicability of the Code of Ethics. The appointees are Wyandotte County residents who will serve a ~~four~~ term.

When we get to the commission themselves, as I said before, their job and role is to improve the Ethics Code, which is why we're here tonight. To review and report on any violations and they make recommendations. That's one of the things, they have no real authority to make change. The only real authority we can do is the censure, which is essentially just a letter. The censure can be public or private, but almost everything else is done through recommendation. The commission also renders advisory opinions. They assist the Ethics Administrator with advisory opinions on any questions that come about the code.

## UG Ethics Commission

Ethics commissioners are selected to serve on the Ethics Commission for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas by an Ad Hoc Ethics Commission Appointment Panel.

The Ad Hoc Ethics Commission Appointment Panel is comprised of the Chief Judge of the Wyandotte County District Court; the District Attorney of Wyandotte County, and the Legislative Auditor of Wyandotte County.

The Ethics Administrator of the Unified Government serves as staff to the Ethics Commission.

This is where Commissioner Burns was talking about—whenever there's a vacancy in the commission there's an Ad Hoc Ethics Commission Appointment Panel which is Judge Burns, District Attorney Dupree and myself. We appoint from volunteers from Wyandotte County to fill that position. It's a four-year term. I think we have two people rotating out this year so we'll be getting the panel together soon. Judge Burns of course and the District Attorney, they're elected,

they're state employees. That's the separation, that independence that we talked about earlier and then I'm appointed by Judge Burns.

The Ethics Commission gets complaints and I just wanted to go over real quickly before I turn it over to Ian and I tell people all the time the first thing to do go to the website and it explains how—you can read the code to see if you have a complaint. If you do have a complaint, you can email it, you can call the hotline. I wanted to mention that the ethics complaints are confidential. They can be anonymous. If you email the code, you'll notice that it's a Gmail address. That ensures some confidentiality. Our technology people don't have access to that account. I'm the only one currently that has access to that email account. We also have a phone number for hotline, answering machine. I'm the only one—it's not a 573 number. I'm the only one that—you know voicemail is in our office in the Courthouse, so I'm the only one that has access to that right now.

So far this year we've had about 10 calls and that's about the average, five a month. We rarely get email complaints, not too many. We almost never get a fax, via fax, or a written complaint like that. It's almost always through the phone.

That is all the background I have for you. If you have any questions, now would be a good time and then we're going to turn it over to Ian for the actual code.

**Commissioner Burns** said, Reed, you correctly identified the District Court employees. The DA, the Sheriff, you left out the Register of Deeds. **Mr. Partridge** said that's right, the Register of Deeds, that is correct, they're state, they're elected officials. They're kind of technically state employees, it's a state function. The employees themselves fall under the code, but the elected do not.

**Commissioner Kane** said we've had 10 complaints, so if there's a complaint against a commissioner, does the commissioner know there's a complaint against the commissioner? **Mr. Partridge** said no. We'll take it forward. I mean if there's an investigation, obviously we'll probably have to talk to the commissioner and it depends on if it goes forward or not, but yeah, I would say yes that you'd have to know. Then, of course, obviously if there's some kind of censure or letter or something, you would get that. If there is a censure or some kind of action, there's like three days to respond, so it's not just going to be slapped on you. Yes, obviously, if we do any kind of investigation, we would have to get you involved.

**Commissioner Stites** said of the 10 that you're talking about, is that county, is that UG wide or is that—you're saying over the first of the year you said you've had 10 complaints. Is that 10 against the commissioners? **Mr. Partridge** said no. **Commissioner Stites** said UG wide. I was going to say golly. **Mr. Partridge** said we get a lot of calls and that 10 includes things that are not related to ethics. We get a lot of dog barking, absentee landlord, a lot of things that have to be redirected.

**Commissioner Burns** said I have one more question and I think I know the answer to it. If someone files for a County Commissioner position or the Mayor, they don't come under any obligation to follow the Ethics Code, do they? **Mr. Partridge** said I think that's part of the changes that we're going to. At some point the candidate does not, but once they're elected they are. There has been some changes over the years.

**Commissioner Bynum** said on the website I see agenda's. The most recent one being July of last year and the minutes the most recent I see are February of last year. **Mr. Partridge** said right. Let me—that website what you're looking at is I guess you call it archived or whatever. What we've done in the last couple months and if you kind of read the fine print, but it redirects you to Monica, so we're trying to get onboard with getting everything through Monica like it should be. But before, yeah, we were kind of doing our own thing, but I think in the last six months any meetings and minutes and so forth will go through Monica so you'll be able to find them just like everybody else's minutes and agendas. **Commissioner Bynum** said, Monica, is that done because I think I'm looking at the official website. **Monica Sparks, Unified Government Clerk**, said we have started noticing out those meetings. I think we've done two this year. **Mr. Partridge** said there's only been—we've only had one meeting. We had one cancellation, so this is our third—we're not having a March meeting because this is it, so there hasn't been a lot of opportunity to use Monica's system. **Commissioner Bynum** said I see. It says here beginning 2025 agendas and minutes will be posted to the Unified Government Clerk's Office on the agendas and minutes web page, so I probably still am not in the right place yet. **Mr. Partridge** said you'll find the minutes and agendas in the same place that you find all the other minutes and agendas. **Commissioner Bynum** said thank you.

**Mr. Partridge** said I'm going to let Ian dig into the code itself and some of the changes and like I said I don't think there's anything here too terribly drastic, but he's got quite a bit.

**Ian Tomasic, Ethics Commission**, said I have prepared a lot of remarks, but my hope is I don't just go through and read all the slides because I believe you guys have had these for at least a month at this point. We have highlighted with our slides some of the changes or just some of the important parts of what we've changed.

One of the things that we touched on is that part of our duty as commissioners every time we meet is continuously addressing and reviewing the code to decide based on what complaints we've received, based on our review, what amendments need to be made, what things need to be changed just to come up to the times, what do we think we're lacking, or what just can be written better to be better understood.

## UG Code of Ethics

Codified at:  
Sections ~~251~~ through ~~272~~  
of the UG Code

- Ongoing review of the Code of Ethics by the UG Ethics Commission, spread over several years.
- The compilation of recommended changes is presented periodically to the UG Board of Commissioners.
- When one set of recommendations is adopted by the Board of Commissioners, the Ethics Commission often begins work on the next compilation of changes.

The code that we have presented or that we've submitted actually is a process of I think the last 11 years, so 11 years of iterations of the Ethics Commission have been making amendments. I know it was presented to Mayor Holland a while back, some of these changes and nothing happened with that, so we took it back up and we've continued to make amendments. Tonight is a culmination of 11 years' worth of groups of comments and considerations in amendments trying to make the code better. So it's not just us four the last four years. It's a whole process for 11 years to make it better to understand and easier to comply with frankly because if you are UG employees or if you're individual citizens of Wyandotte County that are trying to understand what the purpose of the code is, if you can't understand it because it's too legal ease or it's too confusing, then what's the point of it if you don't know what you're supposed to be doing.

We've tried to fix some of that. As we continue on we will continue amending some of the language to try and make it more clear, but that's sort of what our goal is when we're sitting down in meetings, not just talking about the complaints that we received because when Ruth would

explain the complaints that were received, as Reed mentioned, I think 90% of them were trash or dogs or something like that. There are some, obviously, that were substantive but there's a lot where individuals are just asking for advisory opinions. Hey, the political season is coming up I want to be able to do X, Y & Z, can we do that. So, it's not just a code where we're looking to punish individuals. We're trying to guide individuals into making the right decisions so that whatever decisions they are making are the most beneficial for the citizens of the UG and the UG as a whole.

That really is what our idea is behind the code. Of course, anytime there has to be some restrictive language in the code because if individuals—in order for us to discipline anyone or in order for individuals to know what they can't do, we have to have that language in there. We would also like, I think, to transform the code into something more of what should we be striving towards. In our decisions what should UG officials be looking to do in order to make sure that we are continuously being ethical and making the right decisions for our office, for our positions, for our citizens. That's some of the things we're thinking about when we're amending the code or when we're considering or having comments about what the code should be.

## Proposed Amendments to the UG Code of Ethics

### **Section-251. Declaration of policy**

Adds language that the Unified Government seeks to serve its citizens in a just and equitable manner and established a Code of Ethics to that end.

Some of the slides in Section 2-251 through 2-272 have I guess major changes. Some of them don't have changes that are that significant at all. I've got notes on all the slides. I'm happy to go through it. I guess at the outset, is there anyone that has question on a specific slide or a specific section. If you do, please interrupt at any time, otherwise I'm going to read through some of the changes that I think are important just so you have an idea what's been changed. I was not intending on reading the entire code though just for the record.

Section 2-251 is the introductory paragraph. It simply is the Declaration of why we have this code, what's the purpose of it. The only thing we did here that would change the original language is to add in language to specifically indicate that Unified Government, its employees, its representatives are seeking to serve the citizens of the UG in a just and equitable manner. Again, it's a comment that is leaning towards our idea of we want to make the code something that employees can read and look at to understand what they're doing, how they should be striving in order to serve the citizens. So, that small change just at the beginning of the paragraph is something that we're trying to add in to indicate the point or the whole purpose of the code in and of itself.

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### **Section-252. Findings and purpose. (unchanged)**

#### (a) Findings.

- (1) The mayor/chief executive officer (CEO) and the unified government board of commissioners recognize that the representative form of government is dependent on the trust of the people in their public officials.
- (2) The citizens of the unified government are dependent on their unified government representatives to preserve the safety, health, and welfare through the fair and impartial enforcement of laws, imposition of taxes, and expenditure of public funds.
- (3) Each citizen of the unified government has a right to be assured of impartial and independent judgment from unified government representatives.

#### (b) Purpose to guard against the undue influence or the appearance of improper influence or impropriety, and ensure public trust in the unified government, the mayor/chief executive officer (CEO) and the unified government board of commissioners adopt this division:

- (1) To encourage high ethical standards in official conduct by unified government representatives;
- (2) To establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all such unified government representatives by setting forth those acts or actions that are incompatible with the best interests of the unified government; and
- (3) To serve as a basis for disciplining those who refuse to abide by its terms.

Section 2-252, Findings and Purpose, there is nothing that was changed in that section.

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### **Section-253. Definitions.**

Modifies the definition of "child"

Adds the definition of "parent"

Adds the definition of "usual and customary"

Adds the definition of "social media"

Section 2-253, Definition. This is again just trying to modernize the code and change it to make sure it's progressively changing with the times. We're updating the definition of "child" as it pertains to different sections of the code just to include a natural child, so it includes a natural



child, includes adopted child, stepchild, foster child to hopefully include—to be inclusive of anyone that might have children and how they might have obtained those children.

The next section we added was the definition of what a parent would be because there are multiple sections that talk about parents or households members, so trying to describe that and then finally for the—well, the last two “usual and customary”, so usual and customary the only place that’s used is in Section 2-265 which is Prestige of Office. Previously that was undefined so I think we thought that left too much ambiguity, so we wanted to go in the definition section. We added a definition of what usual and customary means just so it’s less ambiguous when you’re looking at prestige of office and whether someone is doing something that is usual, that’s customary, a little bit more of an explanatory role there.

The final thing for the definitions was adding a definition of “social media”. The only place that this is used is in 2-267, which is the prohibited political activities. Facebook, Instagram, all that was not as big when the original code—I don’t even know if it existed when the original code was made so in terms of individuals sharing things on Facebook or using social media while they’re at work or with their UG logo in the back or with whatever thing would identify them as a UG employee, we wanted to make sure that there were restrictions as far as how you can interact with your social media for political purposes just because it wasn’t there previously and there was a gap we felt like.

## Proposed Amendments to the UG Code of Ethics

### **Section-254. Ethics commission.**

Adds that the Ethics Commission may request the Ethics Administrator to render advisory opinions on its behalf.

Clarifies that advisory opinions can be at the request of not just a UG representative.

Clarifies that copies of advisory opinions are also maintained by the Legislative Auditor and given to the requestor and may be given to the County Administrator.

Clarifies that opinions may be released to the public with redactions to protect the privacy of the requestor.

Requires oaths and pledges to be retained by the Legislative Auditor.

Provides that Ethics Commissioners can be removed by the Ad Hoc Ethics Commission Appointment Panel for just cause.

Section 2-254, really there’s just some procedural changes and clarifications here. As it’s written now the Ethics Commission is the only one that can issue an advisory opinion. Really we just clarified that the Ethics Administrator also can obviously do that. One is because the Ethics Administrator is paid and we are not, so it’s nice if the Ethics Administrator can do that while

they're on the clock versus—the only time we would have time to do that is when we're meeting semiannually as required, but when we meet on a monthly or every other month.

The next thing is it clarifies the length of term for Ethics Commissioners and it allows for advisory opinions to be requested by anyone. As it's written now, advisory opinions can only be requested by UG representatives, so not just citizens. With the amendment a citizen of Wyandotte County or anyone could request an advisory opinion on behavior or on something that dealt with the Ethics Code.

The final thing at the very end is that it allows for provisions for removal of Ethics Commissioners and what circumstances us commissioners could be removed from the Ethics Commission.

## Proposed Amendments to the UG Code of Ethics

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### **Section-255. Ethics administrator.**

Modernizes references to modes of receiving complaints and requests for opinions or information.

Permits the Ethics Administrator to provide verbal and written advisory opinions.

Authorizes Ethics Administrator to access and use the resources of various UG offices to investigate or prepare advisory opinions.

Allows Ethics Administrator to recommend discipline for violations.

Sets out procedures for the posting a public censures on the website (90 days minimum)

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### **Section-255. Ethics administrator.**

Authorizes Legislative Auditor to issue a memo of recommended removal from office.

Authorizes Legislative Auditor to recommend to County Administrator an involuntary leave for a UG employee

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Section 2-255, Ethics Administrator. Here it clarifies a procedure for public censure discipline basically explaining how long it needs to be on the website, how long it's visible for, when it can be taken down. The next thing that it adds on here is other forms of discipline that the Ethics Administrator and the Ethics Administrator can seek. As Reed mentioned the Ethics Administrator in and of itself doesn't have any power to remove someone from their job or to terminate employment, but the Ethics Administrator can make recommendations for those types of things. That's what we added a Section 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 just explaining that the Ethics Administrator can have a memorandum recommending removal from office of individuals. They can recommend to have different involuntary leave without pay. The Ethics Administrator can recommend to have as little as a verbal warning, a written warning or demotion, something like that, but it explains the whole process. It clarifies the whole process. Section 8 is a list of tabs—Sections A through O which just explains here's all the things that the Ethics Administrator, Ethics Commission should consider when making this determination, so it lays out what things the Ethics Administrator and Commission will review before making any sort of determination on what sort of discipline to recommend.

**Commissioner Bynum** said in this section it was quite extensive with the new language and I was just curious if it was found in another code or if the commissioners all worked with Mr. Partridge to like develop this whole section or where did it all come from? **Mr. Tomasic** said I think this is one that's been around in some form for many years through Ruth previously and other commissions and then obviously finalized with us. The belief is that as it stands if you have someone who has an extremely severe ethics violation, the only thing that Ruth or the Ethics Administrator could recommend is a public censure. In some scenarios that might not be enough.

It's almost—the hope was if you added in these other things of the Ethics Administrator being able to recommend a demotion or leave or that someone be fired that then it adds a little more teeth to some of these more severe violations. Let's say something is short of a criminal—of a crime or they're not convicted of something, but something that clearly we would find to be so adverse to our ethical standards, the hope is that there can at least be more behind the Ethics Code than just a public censure of you shouldn't have done that. That's why extending it and adding more provisions in just so that we can say yes, we are striving—the code is hopefully having individuals strive to be the most ethical versions of themselves for the citizens of Wyandotte County. But also saying if you violate that, if you violate that trust that you've been given to have this position, that there can be real world consequences for violating your ethical standards as opposed to just committing a crime. That's the hope behind that. Does that answer your question?

**Commissioner Bynum** said yeah, I was just curious if that language was developed among the commissioners or—I found it—**Mr. Tomasic** said I don't know specifically where the language came from. It was in the version before I was a commissioner. **Commissioner Bynum** said I see. I got you. It's been in progress. **Mr. Tomasic** said yes. **Commissioner Bynum** said okay.

**Mr. Tomasic** said I think that was it for 2-255.

## Proposed Amendments to the UG Code of Ethics

### **Section-255. Ethics administrator.**

Authorizes a recommendation to Legislative Auditor to refer a criminal matter to the DA.

Sets out a list of factors to consider for discipline or censure.

Provides that matters assigned to or investigated by Ethics Administrator are only disclosed to the County Administrator when appropriate.

**Mr. Tomasic** said the last portion of the slide here talks a little bit about I think what Commissioner Kane had asked for about whether you'd find out of certain—if there's a complaint made to the commission. Those are generally private matters and not public. As Reed mentioned, of course, if there's an investigation and everyone is interviewed, by proxy, you're going to understand you're going to find out, but the Ethics Commission, Ethics Administrator is not

allowed to publicize any ethics complaint that's received or any actions that's received unless it's a public censure or something that has gone through the correct processes. So, while it's under investigation it's private to everyone except for the Ethics Administrator, the commission, and obviously whoever is involved or whoever is interviewed.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said I have a question in regards to that. If a commissioner comes forward with an accusation or a proposed suspected ethics violation, how do you all treat that so that it's not back and forth between the commissioners, aha gotcha, aha gotcha. If I remember correctly on the state side, if there was an ethics violation and I reported it in hypothetically of contributions, violation of contributions, the representative that reported it, they are pulled in too, their files are checked. That kind of eliminates some of this back and forth between individuals. Is there any kind of setup like that within your ethics? **Mr. Tomasic** said it's not specifically written out. Luckily we've not had any complaints about that for anyone, which is great, but that would be, of course, the duty of the Ethics Administrator and the commission to hopefully see is this something that looks like it's retaliatory or is this something that looks like we're trying to go after one person or another because of differing views. The hope would be that during the investigation, during any interviews reviewing the complaints that the Ethics Administrator and the commission will be able to see that.

That was one of the other sections that we've not used it, not had to use it, but the Ethics Commission does have—the Ethics Administrator does have the subpoena power so if necessary, presumably we would be able to do that in order to obtain some of those contribution lists if it wasn't already available or if we weren't able to get it in some other manner voluntarily I suppose.

## Proposed Amendments to the UG Code of Ethics

### **Section-256. Advisory opinions.**

Minor stylistic and editorial changes.

Section 2-256, Advisory Opinions, nothing really changed here, just making it more readable.

## Proposed Amendments to the UG Code of Ethics

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### **Section-257. Distribution of ordinance/advisory opinions.**

Clarifies that a copy of the ethics pledges and oaths of elected officials and other UG representatives are kept by the Legislative Auditor.

Section 2-257 just clarifying and confirming that the pledges and oaths of office for all officials, elected and UG representatives, are kept in the Legislative Auditor's Office.

## Proposed Amendments to the UG Code of Ethics

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### **Section-258. Conflicts of interest; prohibited interests.**

Minor stylistic and editorial changes.

Section 2-258 just stylistic and editorial changes. I would note here that 2-258 is conflicts of interest, prohibited interests and it goes through in the first section talking about UG representatives, which in this scenario would include commissioners and elected officials cannot have a substantial interest in other businesses that are doing business with the Commission. Makes sense that you can't be voting on or having dealings with company A and you sit on the board of company A or you're paid by company A. That's one of the things that's listed in 2-258. The caveat being Section B and it applies to commissioners, it applies to everyone that works for the UG that's not a state elected employee and is that you can have a substantial interest in a business if that business was awarded a contract for the UG on the basis of a competitive bidding or a sealed

bid. So, in that idea being okay it's open to everyone within the community. It's sealed, it's a competitive bidding so it's not something where you all are voting—you're not voting for yourself to get this reward. It's procurement and someone else is making this determination in a sealed bid process which is open to the rest of the UG public, so in that manner it would be fair—at least the idea it would be fair because you've received it in due process and allowing the entire community to also be involved in that process and if your bid won, then that's the way that it works.

## Proposed Amendments to the UG Code of Ethics

### **Section 2-259. Conflicts of interest; disqualification.**

Clarifies that prohibitions on conflicts of interest include the UG representative themselves.

Clarifies that a UG representative is disqualified from a matter where they know their relative has an interest in a business entity.

For the disqualification where a UG representative or their relative holds a position in a business entity, exempts ~~positions~~ where they are not paid and if they fully disclose prior to the participation or vote.

Section 2-259, so disqualification. This is really talking about—the thing that's added—previously it said that it's a conflict of interest for a UG representative to vote on something or to do something that would benefit their own interests. Now we've added in, not only is it a conflict of interest if you're going to vote on something or if you're going to do something in your job that would benefit you, but if it would benefit your family or your household, then it remains a conflict of interest. It just adds in the okay well you're not benefiting yourself, but your son is awarded something because you voted because you awarded a contract to somebody or you made some decision in your office or you have voted on one thing or another that provides gain to yourself or someone in your household, then that would also be a conflict of interest. It expands the definition a little bit more.

The one caveat from that disqualification is that you would be allowed despite the appearance of a conflict of interest if your involvement was you're in a nonprofit from which you would receive no personal financial gain and if you have disclosed that relationship. So, if you're on the board of a nonprofit, you're not getting paid anything, your family's not getting paid anything, you're not getting any other sort of gain from this, then your nonprofit could do business

with the Unified Government as long as you're not or your family is not gaining anything in that scenario.

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### **Section-260. Employment Restrictions.**

Reinstates exception proposed for UG commissioners in the employment restrictions of subsection (a), which prohibits employment by the UG, or being employed within 1 year after termination with the UG by:

A business entity regulated by the UG representative or their agency; or

A business entity negotiating or in contract with that UG agency

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### **Section-260. Employment Restrictions**

Simplifies references and clarifies provisions of subsection (a) to include current and former affiliation.

Permits a former UG employee to respond to an RFP and be awarded a contract during the year period after termination.

Section 2-260, here is the portion talking about employment restrictions. It's clarifying really that you should not be employed by the UG and another business or you should not be employed by another business within one year of you leaving the UG if that business has a contract or some other sort of business with the Unified Government. It's very similar to the conflicts of interest portion. The one change that I would note on this and this is based on our ongoing review of the code and how we are considering at all times what the proper wording should be. The slide 19 indicates that it reinstates the exception proposed for UG commissioners, so as it is read right now—I apologize, let me turn to it, it says a UG government representative, except a member of the Unified Government Board of Commissioners, shall not be employed by the Unified



Government or shall not within one year of terminating representation with the UG also be employed by and then it gives a list.

For a period of time we had taken out the exception for commissioners. When we had proposed it we had taken out the exception for the commissioners thinking that no one should be excluded from the employment restrictions because we're continuously reviewing that, we moved it back to the way that it was written and adopted initially. So the only change we have here is just stylistic mostly.

**Commissioner Stites** said you said that you moved it back to the way it was originally written, so sometime after it was originally written in '97 it got changed. **Mr. Tomasic** said in the last 11 years when we've been writing our proposed amendments we had changed it, but of course it had never been voted on or approved. I think in the slides and I don't know what version in the slides that it indicates that the commissioners are exempt or not exempt from that portion. Because we've decided we want to make sure that all of the portions to 258 conflicts of interest, 259 also conflicts of interest, and 260 all match we re-reviewed even after the last 11 years and decided that the way it's written that has the exception that includes UG commissioners are exempt from the conflict of the employment restrictions. We thought that at this point in time that made more sense. **Commissioner Stites** said that they should be restricted. **Mr. Tomasic** said that they are exempt from the employment restrictions. **Commissioner Stites** said so you're saying hypothetically, not me, I did my 25 years at the Police Department, I'm not coming back, so if I left next year, you're saying within that next year I would be able to come back and work for the UG. **Mr. Tomasic** said subject to some of the Section 258, 259 Conflict of Interest portion.

**Commissioner Stites** said I guess I'm kind of confused. I don't know why we would allow—I mean why would we be any different than anybody else. I mean why are we allowed to come back to work when any other UG employee couldn't? I think it should be all inclusive. It should include everyone. That's my opinion. **Mr. Tomasic** said and that's what our conversations have been. Honestly just amending that one portion has affects—it affects other portions of the code as well, so we thought that changing it would be—we would have to change a lot more in 2-258 and 2-259 if we change 2-260 right now. I'm not saying that we're unwilling to do that, it just takes a little more thought of how to marry all of those provisions together so that there's not internal conflict between all of those sections.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said I agree with Commissioner Stites that if a commissioner after the service on the Commission was to apply for a position with the Unified Government, in the hypothetically maybe as a lobbyist or as another level of administration due to the knowledge that they've gained here, I question why we wouldn't want them to sit out for a year. I know in the legislature I think they've even gone as far as two years. That discussion that if you've been in the list, you can't come back and work as a lobbyist or go to work for a private firm and come back in. That stops the interactive relationship building with entities that may do business with the local unit of government. I just have the same concerns that Commissioner Stites raised with that. **Mr. Tomasic** said I can tell you we don't disagree with either of your comments. That's part of our last few meetings have been determining how to make the language—how to change 2-260 and also how to change 2-258 and 2-259 so that they all will say the same thing because if we just made the change in 2-260 of removing the exemption for commissioners, it would come into conflict with 2-258 and 2-259 internally, which we didn't like and we thought we needed more time to make sure that all of them matched up.

**Commissioner Kane** asked, does that include the Mayor and if you agree with these two, then why would we change it? **Mr. Tomasic** said why wouldn't we change it? **Commissioner Kane** said why would you change it. We need to be included. **Mr. Tomasic** said let me go back to the definition page. The employment restrictions indicates that a Unified Government representative shall not be employed by the UG and then within the one year and then the definition includes Unified Government representative means elected officials, Unified Government officials, and employees. It would include the Mayor as an elected official. The Sheriff would not because it's a state just as the District Attorney is also state elected, so they're not subject to the Ethics Code and also the Register of Deeds.

**Commissioner Stites** said I guess I'll ask it, so it's ultimately up to us. We vote on this if we like it or do not like it or we say that we want that change to be inclusive of commissioners and Mayor, do we get—I mean are we able to—**Angela Lawson, Interim Chief Counsel**, said that's correct. **Commissioner Stites** said I think it's only right. I don't think we should be any different than any other employee in the Unified Government. I think the commissioners, the Mayor should be held to the same exact set of rules. That's what I think for a period of time. I understand that you are

saying it opens up another can of worms down the—but I mean that’s just how I feel. I just think I shouldn’t be any different than any other employee, that’s just me.

**Rickey Bragg, Ethics Commission**, said we agree with you as said. One of the things that the commission is doing, we’re always looking at the code. What you have before you are the changes that we’ve recommended to this point. Next month we’re going to get back to it and that’s one of the issues that we’re going to tackle starting next month, so you will be getting another copy of this code in another meeting where we’re talking about an issue like this or this issue itself probably within the year. I can’t promise that because my term is coming to an end, but probably within the year tackling this issue because it is something that we’ve talked about and recognized that we need to change it. The problem was when we caught it we had already submitted the changes and we didn’t want to change what we had already submitted, so we said we need to go back and tackle that, but let’s deal with what we’ve already submitted so far and then we’ll bring this back the next round. **Commissioner Stites** said thank you for the explanation.

**Mr. Tomasic** asked, do you have more questions about that specific section. We talked about 260.

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### **Section-261. Solicitation or acceptance of gifts.**

Deletes a typographical error.

**Mr. Tomasic** said 261, there’s nothing there.

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### **Section 2-262. Gratuities and kickbacks.**

Deletes a typographical error.

Section 2-262 is just typographical.

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### **Sec. 263- Prohibition against contingent fees. (unchanged)**

(a) Contingent fees. In addition to violating any other ordinance or any state or federal criminal statutes, it shall be a violation of this division and a breach of ethical standards for any person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure a unified government contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.

(b) Representation of contract. Every person, before being awarded a unified government contract, shall represent, in writing, that such person has not retained anyone in violation of subsection (a) of this section. Failure to do so constitutes a breach of ethical standards and of this division.

(c) Contract clause. The representation prescribed in subsection (b) of this section shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract solicitation therefore.

Section 2-263 is unchanged.

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### **Sec. 264- Confidential information. (unchanged)**

Other than in the discharge of the unified government representative's official duties, a unified government representative may not disclose or use for the unified government representative's own economic benefit or that of another party, confidential information which the unified government representative has acquired by reason of the unified government representative's position and which is not available to the public.

Section 2-264, Confidential Information is unchanged.

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### **Sec. 265--Prestige of office.**

Corrects a typographical error.

Adds a cross-reference to new definition of "usual and customary"

Clarifies that gain of another is not limited to private gain.

Clarifies that a UG representative must avoid misuse of office and can request an advisory opinion.

Section 2-265, there's just a typographical error and then as I mentioned before, it cross-references the new definition of usual and customary to explain that.

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### **Sec. 266--Nepotism.**

**Deletes the existing section and replaces it in its entirety with more prohibitions.**

**Previous language prohibited the UG from hiring a person whose spouse, child sibling, or parent is Mayor/CEO; a UG commissioner; or an employee of the mayor or UG commissioners or county administrative**

**Ethics Commission also proposed to delete the grandfather clause for already employed before the provision was adopted and those who spouses after being employed.**

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### **Sec. 266--Nepotism.**

**General prohibition on UG representative supervising, promoting, disciplining, etc., a relative or household member in their office or one over which they control (except as following a written advisory opinion).**

**General prohibition on UG representative discussing or deciding budgetary items affecting the employment, compensation, or benefits of a relative or household member (except as following a written advisory opinion).**

**Clarifies that a UG representative may discuss or decide general budget matters provided that the relative or household member is not affected individually greater than other UG residents.**

Section 2-266, Nepotism, is really the biggest change from the original version to the new version. Again, we believe the change was necessary just to sort of recognize the unique scenario that we

are in Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas and then also to bring it up to the times. The new section of nepotism, Section A is the hiring prohibitions. Here it says that a UG representative cannot appoint, hire or influence someone who is appointing or hiring that Unified Government's family or household member. There is a caveat where we could recognize that we need a very specific position filled and for whatever reason there's only three people that are applying and one of them happens to be a family member of someone else. In that scenario, if it's necessary, the Ethics Commission with pre-approval could write an advisory opinion explaining why that may or may not be okay. So, if whoever is making this hiring feels like we really want to hire this one person, but it looks like it would violate the Ethics Code of Nepotism, but we think this is the best for the job, they could write a request to the Ethics Commission and then the Ethics Administrator and the Ethics Commission would provide an advisory opinion about why that should or should not be allowed.

Section B talks about supervision and advocacy, it's the same thing. A UG representative cannot supervise any family or household member unless you get a written opinion from the Ethics Commission because in some scenarios that might be necessary if a department is very small or just depending on how it might be in Wyandotte County. It's a small area, so there might be a situation where you run into that and we wanted to acknowledge that and say it's not allowed, that's the rule, but you can petition and make a request of the Ethics Commission to review to see whether there should be an admission in this one scenario.

**Commissioner Lopez** said does that mean department directors too? Like if one department director says you know I've got this but it happens to be a family member that should be a department director of another department. **Mr. Tomasic** said in that scenario that would not be allowed because you should not be able to talk—you should not be able to go down your chain of command or even across to try and influence someone else hiring your family member or your household member. **Commissioner Lopez** said very interesting.

**Commissioner Bynum** said the bottom sentence there, Ethics Commission also proposed to delete the grandfather clause for those already employed before the provision was adopted. What are you telling us there? **Mr. Tomasic** said that portion is deleted because it's no longer necessary. In the current code it says that you cannot be employed if you have a family member or a spouse

that also works for the UG. Our provision is saying you just can't hire someone who is a family member or spouse or you can't supervise someone who is a family member or spouse, so it does leave open the opportunity for spouses to work in the UG or siblings or family members to work in the UG, you just can't hire your family or your spouse or you can't supervise your family or spouse. So, the grandfather position is no longer necessary because we're not saying that you shouldn't be allowed to have family members who work for the UG.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said if I may, that verbiage may be is what—because I have down here also give us an example of what you're referring to because I think of grandfather something that's already happened and we're wanting to ensure that we don't impact that with the new ethics policy and if two employees end up getting married while they're working at the UG, this new policy doesn't affect them except for the direct supervision aspect. It doesn't impact them getting terminated, one of them having to leave the Unified Government because of either a personnel issue or the fact that they're grandfather, that happened before the policy went into place. That's how I interpret grandfather. That whatever's happened up to this point is still, I don't want to say okay, it's just recognized that from this point forward this is the new policy. I would hope that I'm saying that right. **Mr. Tomasic** said I don't want to just repeat myself obviously because the way I said it before wasn't clear enough. The reason why we took that out was because you will not be subject to being fired under the new provisions if you're related or a spouse or just because of that relationship.

**Commissioner Bynum** said you know I was looking through the whole code in our agenda packet for 7:00, but it's hard for me to get back to that now and I guess I would want to—where I got hung up was the words here delete the grandfather clause because I thought to me that means we're taking that protection away, but that's not what you're saying. **Mr. Tomasic** said it deletes the entirety of the old section, so it does delete the grandfather clause, but also deletes everything else. It also deletes the portion that says no one shall be employed by the Unified Government if that persons spouse, child, sibling or parent is the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, a commissioner or an employee of the signed office. So, it also takes away all of that that says you will be fired if—or you cannot be employed here if your relative is in one of these positions. It takes away the portion, it takes away everything and reinserts an entire new definition of what nepotism is which only

prohibits hiring and supervision of your affected relative or household member. It is true it takes away the grandfather clause, but it also takes away what the grandfather clause was protecting. **Commissioner Bynum** said okay, just as long as there's clarity in what's newly adopted about what can and cannot happen. **Mr. Tomasic** said I think it's pretty clear. There's only three sections of it and it sets it out pretty well.

The last section of the nepotism is participation in budgets. That's Section C for specific line items and it essentially says you cannot participate in discussion of specific line items if you've got a family or household member that would be directly impacted by that specific line item. You would have to not discuss it and also not vote on it, but then you are allowed to vote on the entire budget as a whole in general as long as whatever you're voting on wouldn't affect your family or household member any more than it would affect anybody else in the UG. So understanding that there might be some scenarios or some things in the budget as a whole that would affect your family, but as long as you're not voting on something that would affect them more than any other similar situated citizen you can participate in that general budget discussion and vote.

**Commissioner Stites** said so if somebody hypothetically had a son on the Police Department, you would be able to vote on the budget because it's not affecting just that single individual employee. It's affecting the whole Police Department like a raise or a race. **Mr. Tomasic** said correct.

**Commissioner Kane** said then I can vote for the Fire Department because years ago I was blocked because my son is a fireman and it was said I couldn't vote. By God my son's a fireman, he's one person and I'm voting the next time. **Mr. Tomasic** said the section on this is you could not vote on a specific line item—**Commissioner Kane** said it's not a specific line item. I was stripped from any vote of any kind for the Fire Department regardless of what it was. So, Mr. Administrator, I'm telling you right now the next time that comes around whatever it is I'm voting. Thanks for bringing that up.

**Mr. Tomasic** said moving on from that section unless somebody has a specific question, I'm happy to go back to it.



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### **Sec. 267—Permitted and prohibited political activities**

Adds a prohibition for a UG representative using UG equipment or materials to produce or forward social media communications to a personal computer, using a UG title or resources to advocate support for or opposition to a candidate or issue.

Permits a UG representative to file to run for mayor/CEO or UG commissioner. Provides that such person must resign employment appointment before being sworn in. Previous language prevented such person from filing for office unless they resigned.

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### **Sec. 267—Permitted and prohibited political activities**

Changes the dollar limit from \$25 to the statutory limit for certain state offices now set at \$500 for UG employees or officials to contribute to a candidate for UG office or a referendum.

Clarifies that an incumbent UG official can use their title in election campaign materials.

Section 2-267 about prohibited political activities, again, this is just coming more in the times. It adds a section about what you can and cannot do with social media while on the job as it relates to promoting a specific candidate or issue in an election. It also mentions in Section c2a it was sort of the current—the new version that we have proposed is if you're a UG representative and you're running for Mayor or Commissioner, in the new version you would not have to resign from your job in order to do so. The only clarification would be that you would have to resign if you are successful and before you're sworn into office or there's an automatic provision that's written in there that if you do not resign for whatever reason, the Administrator can terminate your previous employment so that you can be sworn in to your new office.

There's a clarification that allows for incumbents obviously to use their title and other marks in their campaign material. That wasn't clear before, but now it's clarified in there that you are allowed to do that.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said if I may, was there consideration given—I want to go back to where you stated the previous language prevented such person from filing for office unless they resigned. Now you're changing it that they don't have to resign unless they're elected. **Mr. Tomasic** said correct. **Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said if that's the case they don't have to resign, that could create a hostile work environment if an employee was continuing to threat a commissioner by stating I'm going to run against you, I'm tired of your actions, and it can actually lead to a hostile work environment, which could then put us in a legal liability by creating such a policy. Was there a reason why that was changed to go a different direction? **Mr. Tomasic** said from my perspective the reason it was changed is because there are so many people that work for the Unified Government as a whole that would be qualified to potentially run for commissioner, run for Mayor/CEO because of their involvement in the UG as it is that we didn't want to disqualify certain qualified candidates from being able to do that and having to quit from the UG where the pool of qualified applicants for the new job might not be to the level of what this person is that's already on the job.

**Commissioner Kane** said so if we don't like that spot right there, what do we do about it? **Commissioner Bynum** said I just want to tell a little story. **Commissioner Kane** said okay. **Commissioner Bynum** said we had in the '04 Mayoral race we had a candidate who was employed here file for Mayor and she was forced to resign her position here which caused her to lose her time in service and I can't speak specifically to what it did to her KPERS, but it hurt her financially obviously. We had a local lawyer, you all know him, who stepped forward on her behalf to get all of her money—her time in and her financials all reinstated because she had made this frankly unwise decision thinking that she could be elected Mayor. It was detrimental to her in a significantly financial way, so that's why I can see—I totally see where you're coming from, but I can also see why this change would be proposed because of her specific situation that I will never forget.

**Commissioner Kane** said okay, let's get back to where I was at. I don't like it, so how do we remove it? **Mr. Tomasic** said if you don't like it, you don't vote for it. **Commissioner Kane** said here's the problem with that. A lot of this looks good. There's a portion of it I don't like. I don't know why we couldn't be specific about yanking that out and continue to vote on the rest of it. I mean this is a suggestion, right? **Mr. Tomasic** said it's a suggestion from the Ethics Commission that has put in 11 plus years of doing this. **Commissioner Kane** said okay, well I've only been here coming up on 20 and I don't know how you guys fix it. I won't vote for it unless that comes out. It was there originally. It's put in there now for other reasons that I won't mention right now, but if that's going to stay in there, I won't vote. I mean this is—I don't like it. I'm going to leave it at that, but you guys got to make up your mind because I know you've been working on it, you're working on it hard and you appreciate it. I've been here 20 years and it's been that way and I don't mind it being that way and I don't know why you guys wouldn't—if the commissioners are trying to make a decision here and you guys made that decision and that's fine, we should be able to right what you're saying and I don't know why in the hell you couldn't remove that. I've negotiated I can't tell you how many contracts for the UAW at General Motors and you always put something in there and you always got to remove something to make changes to make it better and this isn't better.

**Commissioner Bynum** said, Commissioner, can I ask you a question? Are you stating that you want this section to stay as it is with a person resigning their UG position. **Commissioner Kane** was inaudible. **Commissioner Bynum** said okay, I just wanted to make sure.

**Ms. Lawson** said I think the Commission would have I think two options for this. One is if it's just one section you're wanting to remain the same, the person that made the motion could move to adopt with the exception of the change and then call it out 2-267, Section 3. If there's more changes than that, the Ethics Commission has brought to you their suggestions. If you want changes, then you could direct the Legal Department to make those changes and bring it back. That would be another option.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said the reason why I brought that forward is the creation of a hardship, elections are tough enough anyway. A disgruntled employee or employee that disagrees with their leadership, there's other actions available but should they file for office then every day

as a public individual they could come up at that podium and attack a sitting officeholder which creates a hostile work environment. Even in the workplace the reputation, the liable, the slander that would go on within the workplace in reference to—it's really more about the workplace and the institution than it is about the two individuals that I bring to concern to ensure that we limit our exposure to liability due to a hostile work environment. I believe that this could quite readily and easily create a hostile work environment.

So, to follow Angela's lead if I may Counsel, that if we wanted to accept the recommendations by the Ethics Commission exclusive of Section 267, line item—I don't know which line item it is in the full—is it paragraph 2 sentence, paragraph 2, sentence 2 and 3, it would be three altogether. That's the new language, right? Yeah, 3 is the new language, so we would strike—would we have to strike all three, Counsel, and reinstate the previous language because the language that's marked out is the language that's being eliminated and the new language is put in. **Ms. Lawson** said I think with the motion you could just say that you accept the proposed changes with the exception of that section 3A, that you do not accept those changes. **Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said 267, 3A.

**Mr. Partridge** said I just wanted to kind of—we've had some back and forth and different opinions on this piece and I just wanted to go back to what I said at the beginning is that the commission is set-aside separately as part of the under the Judge, under the District Attorney's Office or not really under the District Attorney, but appointed by the District Attorney and the Judge and myself and that we're set-aside in independence and we talked about the independence at the beginning and that's our strong suit. I would encourage—I appreciate the back and forth and the input, but I would encourage that the Ethics Commission—by putting your thumbprint on the code you lessen the independence. We're not here for a take it or leave it scenario, but I would hope that you just respect their judgment. I would recommend that you don't substitute your judgment for their judgment. I think Ian has a few more pieces.

**Mr. Tomasic** said 2-267 was really the last of the substantive changes.

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### **Sec. 269.—Unified government representatives violating code**

**Adds that violations found by the Ethics Commission are also subject to discipline. Currently, only violations found by a court are subject to discipline.**

**Includes violations of the Ethics Pledge and the Ethics Oath the provision providing that violations of the Ethics Code are subject to discipline.**

The only other substantive change is 2-269 which indicates that violations found by the Ethics Commission are subject to discipline. As it's currently written, it's only violations found by a court, so it just adds in that whatever violations our commission finds could also recommend discipline in the manner that's set out in the rest of the code.

Other than that the rest of the changes are either stylistic or minor. Before I sit down if anyone has any questions, I'm happy to answer, otherwise I appreciate you all taking the time and listening.

**Commissioner Kane** said don't take my enthusiasm the wrong way. We appreciate the hard work that you folks have done and sometimes this heat, this seat is pretty damn hot.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said and you stated something earlier and just from my personal experience I know that the Ethics Commission—I make those calls. I will call the Ethics Commission either to self-report if I think I've done something or to get guidance to ensure that I'm operating above board. I would just assume that's why you are there. I think it's kind of like audits. Audits are not necessarily a bad thing to guide you. It's my experience over my 30 years of experience, I talk with the Ethics Commission. I just talked to them yesterday at the state just to ensure that my understanding of what they send out in materials is my interpretation is correct and that guidance eliminates a lot of concern and violations if you just reach out to them. You

stated that early on in your presentation and I didn't bring it up, but I would encourage you all if you have questions to reach out to the Ethics Commission. They're not there to be punitive, they can be, they are there to guide.

**Commissioner Hill** said I have a question. In Section 2-269 the very last three words is subject to discipline. Could you give me some examples of discipline? Say if one of the commissioners was found guilty with one of the ethics rules, then how would that discipline—what would it look like? **Mr. Tomasic** said that would be laid out in 2-255, which one of the options would be a public censure. Of course, there would be as it's listed or as our proposal it would be on the UG Ethics website for a minimum of 90 days. It also potentially would last for the entire—if the person's elected or there's another position, could last for the duration of their term. Another form of discipline could be a recommendation of removal from office or from whatever their position would be. Another option for discipline could be an involuntary leave with or without pay and then one of the last options could—well, there's two more options. One could be a verbal warning, written warning, or demotion and the last one if the factual allegation support that there is a potential for a crime has been committed, we would refer it to the District Attorney. So those are the four or five ways that discipline could be enforced if there's a violation of that. **Commissioner Hill** said okay.

**Commissioner Lopez** said okay, let's just say as a commissioner, but I have equipment and I know how to run equipment and trucks, big trucks too. Let's just say that we had another big snowstorm and I just went and jumped in a truck, a snowplow and just started plowing, is that a violation of something? **Mr. Tomasic** said if you're not receiving funds for it, then no, but it could be a violation if you're accepting funds depending on the situation. **Commissioner Lopez** said no, I would just be on my normal payroll because I am a commissioner. I'm talking about like a Public Works truck with a plow on it. I just went to Public Works and jumped in their truck and started plowing to help. **Mr. Tomasic** said it might be a crime. **Commissioner Lopez** said how would that be a crime. I'm an employee though, right? **Mr. Tomasic** said right, but just as I couldn't come up here and sit and pretend to be one of you. I don't believe that you would have authorization to work in the District Attorney's Office. **Commissioner Lopez** said well that's a state office. **Mr. Tomasic** said it's a great hypothetical. **Commissioner Lopez** said I told him I

would. I was like if you need help and your boys are tired, I'll just go jump in the truck. **Mr. Tomasic** said it could be a violation of prestige of office depending on the things that you said in order before jumping in the truck or why you thought you could jump in the truck in the first place. **Commissioner Lopez** said I'm just trying to help the boys that are tired that's all. **Commissioner Stites** said I think I'll go jump in a police car tomorrow night and just drive around. I mean I've done it before and you know what, there's things that you've got to be a qualified driver to be in those, you're covered on the insurance to drive UG equipment. I mean there's a whole litany of things that would preclude you from being able to do that.

**Commissioner Bynum** said I realized that I had a couple of questions I was thinking about earlier before we came down here. In the packet there's the whole big list of definitions and it talks about usual and customary and whatnot, but it's not in this presentation. Two thoughts and one of them is we get asked often to provide letters of support for nonprofits that are submitting grant applications to foundations and I was a little bit confused by what I was reading in the large packet as to whether that was an okay thing or not okay. Secondly, some nonprofits that own real estate make application through our Appraiser's Office for property tax exemption on those parcels and they are required in the application to include a letter from an elected official that states that they are helping the community by being the nonprofit that they are. I'm guessing that's probably by state law and so I'm curious about those two things. **Mr. Tomasic** said without all of the information it's hard for me to give an advisory opinion I guess just on the fly, but under the 2-265 prestige of office one of the things says that you shall not do is do something, use your prestige of office in order to—for your own private gain or of another person. So, if it's a nonprofit that leaves it open to consideration, which is again as Commissioner Burroughs mentioned, a request for an advisory opinion with the specific facts would be welcomed in that scenario. **Commissioner Bynum** said sure and I've done that in the past. I just wondered. I can do that over and over and over again and I can and I have, but then like I said, secondarily the actual property tax exemption application requires a letter from one of us to go in the packet, so that seems to be at odds a little bit with that. So just wanted to point that out.

**Commissioner Burns** said I am asked on occasions and I answer I think I am. People will ask are the commissioners UG employees. **Mr. Tomasic** said you are Unified Government

representatives. **Commissioner Burns** said I didn't ask you that. So, your answer is yes. **Mr. Tomasic** said I mean our code doesn't specifically talk about that. We do have—that's why there are multiple definitions of what Unified Government employee is versus what Unified Government official is versus Unified Government representative because they mean different things in different scenarios. There's a definition for Unified Government employee and for the code purposes it says any person employed by the UG, but does not include independent contractors. So, if you're employed by the UG, then you would be an employee, but that's specifically for the code and not for other HR related purposes. I don't know if that answers your questions, but that's the best that I have. **Commissioner Burns** said I'll ask another attorney. **Mr. Tomasic** said that's probably best.

**Ms. Lawson** said I did want to bring to the Commission's attention that there is a second reference in the section we've discussed previously regarding employees who run for office, so if the Commission is not going to approve that section, they also need to reference D3 of that same section because it talks about termination for someone who runs for office. So, then it would need to be setback to the filing for candidacy instead of the swearing in and so that is another change.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said if I may, if we were just to make a motion to strike the new language in 3A, that leaves the old language in place. **Ms. Lawson** said I would move to not accept the changes to those because you would—because also the format strikes some of the old language so it would not be just so—you would have to either move to reinstate previous language and not accept the new language or just not accept any of the changes.

**Commissioner Kane** said could you put that down in writing so I can make that part of my case at 7:00? **Ms. Lawson** said yes. **Commissioner Kane** said that would be great. Thank you.

**Commissioner Davis** said just given how important this is it might be best, and this is just an idea, for us to express our concerns or the things that we would like the Ethics Commission to look at again and then have them do a more thorough review and edit as opposed to trying to figure this out by 7:00 or by the time we get to it on the full commission agenda. My reading of this is if one part changes, it may have influence or different meanings for different areas of what is proposed and we may not be able to ascertain all of the changes—or the impact of all of the changes that we



want to make and how it impacts the entirety of what is being proposed and that's kind of what I hear. My thinking, this is just me, is instead of trying to figure out motions and sections and all that stuff, to maybe just have the Ethics Commission come back to us after we have given them some considerations. That's just me.

**Ms. Lawson** said, Commissioner, I think you might want to direct Legal to do that. I think the Ethics Commission has provided you what they believe the changes should be. It is the Commission's discretion whether or not to accept those, but you may want to direct Legal to do that because I believe they've brought you what they believe to be the changes and they're not under a duty to go back and make any changes to what they brought forth.

**Commissioner Davis** said understood. I don't know, again, what my colleagues are feeling or what the appetite is, but just to do this well given the importance of this, it just might be better to have all of these edits and changes go to the Legal Department, have the Legal Department make sure that everything makes sense and then bring it back at another time so that we can put it up for a vote. But again that's just my read of the situation.

**Commissioner Stites** said regarding that section that we're talking about, do you know right off the top of your head, and if you don't, you don't, does that have other implications within the code that would need to be looked at? Does this change if we were to change it, does it affect anywhere else in the charter? **Mr. Tomasic** said just in a quick review only Section D3 I think. **Commissioner Stites** said and that's the section that Counsel has pointed out already and so in that case what I would say, and this is my opinion, just like Commissioner Davis has his opinion, you guys have been here already. This is your second time now, not that we don't like seeing you all's beautiful faces, but I would like to get it resolved and done tonight so that we can get move on it and let you guys know that it's put to bed.

**Mr. Tomasic** said that's all I've got. I think just off hand I don't believe there's any other section that is specifically affected by—if you were to make those changes on 2-267 c3a and D3. I don't recall that there's a—I don't think there's any other section that would apply. I can't do with 100% certainty. **Commissioner Stites** said I hope it wasn't inappropriate to say you guys had beautiful faces, sorry.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said at the very least we could adopt a motion and if there is something moving forward later, it can be brought back to us for the piece that might have got caught inadvertently, but as you stated the D3 I believe is what has been requested to be struck. If we were to make a motion to accept the presentation this evening minus D3 and this was to pass move forward after this discussion, then while you're going back to look at the other part that we talked about earlier tonight and bring forward later—**Ms. Lawson** said yes and it would be B3 and D3 in that section. **Commissioner Kane** said and you're getting that ready for 7:00, right? **Ms. Lawson** said C3. **Mr. Tomasic** said 2-267 C3 and D3, c3a and D3.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said is that the end of the presentation? **Mr. Tomasic** said yes. **Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said are there any other questions? On behalf of the committee I would just again thank you for your work keeping us transparent and guiding this Commission in a manner that's respectful and transparent and to borrow the title of this discussion ethical. We appreciate the time and guidance you've given us. We will look forward to having a, I hope it's not a robust discussion at 7:00, but hopefully we've had the answers that we have. Could you give us a phone number that we could call. Is it a public number that we could call without having to go out and try to find it. Is there a number that we could call, if the public could call, if there's questions? **Mr. Partridge** said we have the Ethics hotline number and then we have my number. **Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said the hotline and that would be the one for generic questions if we had questions of the Ethics Commission. As commissioners, that's the number we would call and get guidance. **Mr. Partridge** said the hotline is 913-621-3294 and, again, that's available on the website. Everything you need to know is on the website and then my number is 913-573-8043.

**Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs** said any other questions, any other comments. I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Action:** **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, to adjourn.** Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Hill.

**MAYOR PRO TEM BURROUGHS ADJOURNED  
THE MEETING AT 6:36 p.m.**

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Monica L. Sparks  
Unified Government Clerk

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March 6, 2025



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## Memorandum

**To:** David Johnston  
County Administrator

**From:** Monica L. Sparks  
UG Clerk

**Date:** February 27, 2025

**Re:** Weekly Business Material

Attached is a listing of weekly business items presented to the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, for informational purposes.

In addition to the listing of the items, we have indicated the action taken by the Unified Government Clerk.

Attachments

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## **Weekly Business Material for February 21, 2025 – February 27, 2025**

### **1. NOTICE OF CLAIM:**

- Dion Kidd Jr., Kansas City, KS, by and through his attorney Grant Hannold, with DM Injury Law, alleging damages to personal damage on 2/9/2024.

**Action:** Received and filed. Copies previously forwarded to Legal.

### **2. CLAIM FOR DAMAGES:**

- Jarnell DeAndre Curne, Grandview, MO, alleging harassment in 2010-2025.
- James Golubski, Kansas City, KS, alleging damage to personal property on 1/4/2025-1/6/2025.
- Symone Warren, Mission, KS, alleging damage to personal property.

**Action:** Received and filed. Copies previously forwarded to Legal.

### **3. SUMMONS:**

- David Spears, vs. The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ Kansas City, KS., Case No. WY-2024-CV-000813.
- Veneer Stone LLC., vs. Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City Railway Company et. al., Case No. WY-2025-CV-000123.

**Action:** Received and filed. Copies previously forwarded to Legal.

### **4. TRAVEL REQUESTS:**

- Kent Anderson, KCKPD, travel to Phoenix, AZ, from 5/19/2025 through 5/23/2025, to attend the Station Design Conference, Employee Training & Travel.
- Zee Bishop, Legal Department, travel to Washington, D.C., from 4/24/2025 through 4/28/2025, to attend IMLA 2025 Mid-Year Seminar, Employee Training & Travel.
- Karl A. Oakman, KCKPD, travel to Nashville, TN, from 5/28/2025 through 5/31/2025, to attend 2025 PERF Annual Meeting, Employee Training & Travel.
- David Sunderman, KCKFD, travel to Muskogee, OK, from 2/22/2025 through 3/1/2025, to attend Oklahoma Smoke Diver, Employee Training & Travel.
- William Wallace, KCKPD, travel to Louisville, KY, from 3/23/2025 through 3/28/2025, to attend Louisville Civil Service Board, Louisville City.

**Action:** Approved by Administrator's Office and received and filed.

### **5. APPLICATIONS FOR CMB LICENSE (OP):**

- Sonia Davis, Jessy Haworth, d/b/a To the Hoop Bar & Grill, 7912 State Ave., Kansas City, KS 66112.

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR DRINKING EST./PUBLIC VENUE:**

- Big Dawgs Bar KC LLC, Bridget Drake, d/b/a Big Dawgs Bar KC, 6720 Kaw Dr., Kansas City, KS 66111.
- Tan 39 Rain LLC, James Hendricks, d/b/a Tanner's Bar & Grill, 3900 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66103.

**Action:** Referred to License.

**7. APPLICATIONS FOR CATERER/DRINK EST./HOTEL:**

- RI Heritage Inn of KC LLC, Thomas Richard Rehorn III, d/b/a Residence Inn Kansas City at the Legends, 1875 Village West Pkwy., Kansas City, KS 66111.

**Action:** Referred to License.

**8. APPLICATIONS FOR LIQ. TEMP. LIC.:**

- Synergy Entertainment LLC, Zak Cummings, Synergy FC19, Memorial Hall, 600 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, KS 66101. This temporary permit is for 03/01/2025 from 5:00 PM to 03/02/2025 at 2:00 AM.

**Action:** Referred to License.

**9. APPLICATIONS FOR PRIVATE SECURITY BUSINESS:**

- Andy Frain Services, Inc., D/B/A Andy Frain Services, Inc., 761 Shoreline Drive., Aurora, IL, 60504.
- Huffmaster Crisis Response, Inc., D/B/A Huffmaster Crisis Response, Inc., 1055 West Maple Road, Clawson, MI 48017.
- Titan Security & Consulting, D/B/A Titan Security & Consulting, 9350 Metcalf Avenue, Ste. 210, Overland Park, KS 66212.

**Action:** Referred to License.



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**From:** Monica L. Sparks  
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**Date:** March 13, 2025

**Re:** Weekly Business Material

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## **Weekly Business Material for March 7, 2025 – March 13, 2025**

### **1. CLAIM FOR DAMAGES:**

- Damon Bly Jr., Kansas City, MO, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 03/11/2025.
- Alecia Chapple, Kansas City, KS, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 02/25/2025.
- Edgar Dunn, Basehor, KS, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 03/09/2025.
- Patrick Foster, Kansas City, KS, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 02/18/2025.
- Raymond A. Garrett, Kansas City, KS, alleging injuries to person on 02/27/2025.
- Jannel Jackson, Kansas City, KS, alleging damage to personal property on 01/09/2025.
- Rachel Jenkins, Kansas City, KS, alleging injuries to person on 09/17/2024.
- Keith Lumley, Kansas City, KS, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 02/27/2025.
- Brad Miller, Kansas City, KS, alleging injuries to person on 09/16/2024.
- Janice Potter, Kansas City, KS alleging damage to personal property on 11/30/2024.
- Whitney Preston, Kansas City, KS alleging damage to personal vehicle on 02/10/2025.

**Action:** Received and filed. Copies previously forwarded to Legal.

### **2. SUMMONS:**

- John E. Barnes, vs. Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, et al., Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, et al., Case No. WY-2024-CV-000881.
- Wilson Vazquez et. al., vs. Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, et. al., Case No. WY-2024-CV-000931.

**Action:** Received and filed. Copy previously forward to Legal.

### **3. TRAVEL REQUESTS:**

- Alaine Cawthon & Natalie Fiorella, District Attorney's Office, travel to Dallas, TX, from 05/17/2025 through 05/03/2025, to attend Crimes Against Women Conference, Employee Training & Travel.
- Sharron Villegas, District Attorney's Office, travel to Hays, KS, from 03/17/2025 through 03/19/2025, to attend Safe Training, Employee Training & Travel.

**Action:** Approved by Administrator's Office and received and filed.

### **4. BUSINESS BONDS:**

- Electrical Bonds:
  - AV Electrical and Construction, LLC.
  - DC Electrical, Heating & Cooling, LLC.



- Electrical Corporation of America, Inc.
  - G3 Solar, LLC.
  - Mathis Contracting, LLC.
  - MZI Group Inc. D/B/A MZI South, LLC.
  - Piros Signs, Inc.
  - Sachs Electric Company
  - Sosaya & Sons Construction, Inc.
  - Superior Electrical Construction, Inc.
- Mechanical/HVAC Bonds:
    - Travis Allen, D/B/A/ Allen Heating & Cooling
    - Hanover Insurance Company
    - Cool Heat KC
    - DC Electrical, Heating & Cooling, LLC.
    - DC Refrigeration Technologies, LLC.
    - Martin Mechanical, Inc.
    - Ross Mechanical, Inc.
    - Rovi Air Care, LLC.
- Plumber's Bonds:
    - Accurate Mechanical, LLC.
    - Diamond Plumbing, LLC.
    - Fireman Plumbing, LLC.
    - Pristine Plumbing, LLC.

**Action:** Referred to License.

## 5. CONTINUATION CERTIFICATES:

- Plumbers Bonds:
  - H.A. Plumbing, Inc.
  - Homemeister, LLC.
  - Scott's Square Deal, LLC.
  - Stine-Nichols Plumbing, Inc.
  - Farr Mechanical, LLC.
- Mechanical/HVAC Bonds:
  - Apex Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
  - Delta T Heating and Cooling, LLC.
  - Joe Lowrey HVAC, LLC.
  - Levalds Technical Coordination Group, LLC.
  - Madden Rentals, LLC.
- Electrical Bonds:
  - Fred Roberts II, Inc. Suburban Electric
  - Levalds Technical Coordination Group, LLC.
  - Pride Services, Inc.
  - Rohan R. Kerr, D/B/A Kingston Electric

- General Bonds:
  - Miller Sign Shoppe, LLC.

**Action:** Referred to License.

## **6. CANCELLATION NOTICE OF INSURANCE/BOND:**

- Electrical Bonds:
  - Chase Street Energy, LLC.
  - Climate Control Heating & Cooling, Inc.
- Mechanical/HVAC Bonds:
  - Climate Control Heating & Cooling, Inc.
  - Commercial Kitchen Service, LLC.
- Plumbers Bonds:
  - Climate Control Heating & Cooling, LLC.
  - Polestar Plumbing, Inc.

**Action:** Referred to License.

## **7. RIDER**

- Full Nelson Plumbing, Inc.
- Oswaldo Ramirez to Integrity Signs and Maintenance

**Action:** Referred to License.

## **8. APPLICATIONS FOR CMB LICENSE (PKG):**

- Parallel Stop, LLC., William Hutton, d/b/a Parallel Stop, 4701 Parallel Pkwy., Kansas City, KS 66104.

**Action:** Referred to License.

## **9. APPLICATIONS FOR LIQ. TEMP. LIC.:**

- Porch Group Entertainment, LLC. Charles Byrd, d/b/a Bring Back the Love Tour, Memorial Hall, 600 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, KS 66101. This temporary permit is for 04/25/2025 from 5:00 P.M. to 11:30 P.M.

**Action:** Referred to License.

## **10. APPLICATIONS FOR MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE:**

- Chateau Avalon, 701 Village West Pkwy., Kansas City, KS 66111.
- Talkenna Yoga & Massage, 8833 State Ave., Ste. 2, Kansas City, KS, 66112. (x2)

**Action:** Referred to License.

## **11. APPLICATIONS FOR PRIVATE SECURITY BUSINESS:**

- Vets Securing America, Inc. D/B/A, Vets Securing America, Inc. 505 S. Broadway, Ste. 217, Wichita, KS.,67202.

**Action:** Referred to License.



## Report to Board of Commissioners

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | PRESENTER                                                                                                          | DEPARTMENT   |
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| AGENDA ITEM #8.1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RESOLUTION: APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DEFFENBAUGH INDUSTRIES, INC., D/B/A WASTE MANAGEMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                    |              |
| <p>The Unified Government (UG) Solid Waste Division and Waste Management (WM) have collaborated to modernize trash and recycling services. As part of this initiative, a cart-based collection program would be implemented, providing each household with a 96-gallon trash bin and a 96-gallon recycling bin at no cost to residents. The carts program will be implemented in phases. Phase One will commence on June 1, 2025, followed by Phase Two in the fall. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the UG and WM has been finalized. The MOU and maps for both phases are attached for reference.</p> |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                    |              |
| <p>Approve</p> <p>Approval to move to full commission (fast track to 2/27/25)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                    |              |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                    |              |
| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                    |              |
| Legal has reviewed the MOU.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |              |
| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |              |
| pilot program reso, Solid Waste Carts Program, Pilot Program MOU_WM_UG final (dek 02.19.25), WM-Carts-PPT-NEW 31725                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                    |              |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED  
GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:**

That the County Administrator of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, is hereby authorized and directed to execute in the name of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and the Unified Government Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest the signature of said County Administrator and to attach the seal of the Unified Government thereto as the voluntary act of the Unified Government to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc. d/b/a Waste Management.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED  
GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS  
THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**

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**Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO**

**ATTEST:**

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**Unified Government Clerk**

**Approved as to Form:**

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**Angela Lawson  
Interim-Chief Counsel**

# Commission Agenda Item Report

**Title:** Solid Waste Carts Program

**Proposed Agenda Date:** Feb. 24, 2025

**Presented by:** Diana Miles, Public Works

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## **BACKGROUND:**

The Unified Government (UG) Solid Waste Division and Waste Management (WM) have collaborated to modernize trash and recycling services. As part of this initiative, a cart-based collection program would be implemented, providing each household with a 96-gallon trash bin and a 96-gallon recycling bin at no cost to residents. The carts program will be implemented in phases. Phase One will commence on June 1, 2025, followed by Phase Two in the fall. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the UG and WM has been finalized. The MOU and maps for both phases are attached for reference.

## **BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- N/A

## **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- An MOU was created to outline specific changes.

## **PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

- N/A

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Legal has reviewed the MOU.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- Approval – MOU and fast track to 2/27 Full Commission Meeting.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:**

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## **MAYOR AGENDA DIRECTION:**

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNIFIED  
GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS AND  
DEFFENBAUGH INDUSTRIES, INC. D/B/A WASTE MANAGEMENT**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is by and between the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, (“UG”) and Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc. d/b/a Waste Management (“WM”), collectively referred to as the “Parties,” and is effective upon the date of the last signature below.

WHEREAS, the UG currently has a contract with WM for non-cart based residential waste collection services (*see* the 2012 Contract for Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal for the City of Kansas City, Kansas (“2012 Contract”), attached as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, currently, residential waste is collected from trash cans provided by residential customers, plastic bags placed at the curbside, and from recycling bins provided by the UG or by residential customers that are marked or otherwise identified as recycling containers;

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the need for the demonstration (a “Pilot Program”) of a cart-based waste collection system within the UG’s jurisdiction to evaluate the possibility of improved efficiency, reduction in litter and illegal fly dumping in Kansas City, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions reductions, safety and convenience for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to collaborate on this initiative in accordance with the terms outlined herein.

FURTHER, it is understood and agreed between the Parties that this MOU is not intended to alter, amend, or supplant any of the terms and conditions contained within the 2012 Contract unless expressly addressed herein;

FURTHER, it is understood and agreed between the Parties that this MOU is not intended to replace or permanently amend or otherwise modify the 2012 Contract, and that any terms and conditions expressly contained in this MOU that deviate, depart, or are inconsistent with the 2012 Contract in any manner, shape, or form, are only in effect as long as this MOU remains in force, and shall not survive termination of this MOU; and

FURTHER, the Parties agree to begin the Pilot Program at an agreed upon date, as early as practicable.

**Agreement**

**Section 1. Collection of Residential solid waste under the Pilot Program:**

1.1 **Carts.** WM shall provide one 96-gallon waste collection cart and one 96-gallon recycling cart free of charge to each Residential Unit (as defined in Section 1.13 of the 2012 Contract) located within the Phase One and Phase Two geographical areas as described in Sections 2.1 and 2.1.2 below. WM will assume responsibility for distributing, collecting, servicing and maintaining the carts. A second 96-gallon waste collection cart is available, upon request. WM retains ownership of all carts provided to Residential Units.

1.1.1 All trash must be contained in a plastic bag in accordance with Section 1.01 of the 2012 Contract and placed inside the waste collection cart. All recycling must be placed loose (not bagged) inside the recycling cart. WM is not required to collect Waste or recyclables in excess of the Waste and recyclables contained within their respective carts.

1.2 **Bundles and Yard Waste** (identified in Sections 1.02 and 1.14 of the 2012 Contract, respectively). All Bundles and Yard Waste will continue to be picked up in accordance with the 2012 Contract, except that each Residential Unit may not set out more than ten (10) bags and/or bundles of yard waste each week. WM is not required to collect yard waste in excess of the 10 bag/bundle limit.

1.3 **Bulky Items.** WM will continue to pick up White Goods (identified in Section 2.05(c)(i) of the 2012 Contract), furniture, mattresses, and Christmas trees. WM will pick up three bulky items or White Goods per week. To schedule a bulky item or White Goods pickup, a Customer must call WM at least seven days prior to their trash service day.

## **Section 2. Phases:**

2.1 **Phase I and II.** Phase One will include the geographic area located within the geographical boundaries of the City of Kansas City, Kansas shown in Exhibit B. Phase Two will include the geographic area located within the geographical boundaries of the City of Kansas City, Kansas shown in Exhibit C.

WM & UG (Solid Waste) will collaborate on the outreach and education portion of each phase change. WM will be responsible for mailing the notification (postcard), at its own expense, for each open house for Phases One and Two.

2.1.2 Phase I is anticipated to start on approximately \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and continue for six (6) months. Phase II is anticipated to start on approximately \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and continue for six (6) months. At the end of each 6-month period, the Parties agree to meet and confer in full faith regarding whether to extend the applicable phase and/or continue to additional phases or terminate this MOU.

2.2 **Subsequent Phases.** After the initial six months of Phase I and Phase II have concluded, the Parties will jointly determine whether Phase I and/or Phase II should be extended, and the schedule and scope for any additional phases. If the Parties decide to proceed with additional phases beyond Phase I and Phase II, they intend on doing so pursuant to a permanent amendment to the 2012 Contract. Any such amendment shall be



for the purpose of incorporating the terms of the Pilot Program and the parties intend for it to be limited to the terms of this MOU. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this provision precludes the parties from discussing and negotiating changes to the 2012 Contract, regardless of whether such changes are described in this MOU, as long as the changes are mutually agreed upon.

### **Section 3. Customer Service:**

3.1 **Customer Service.** WM will handle all customer service calls for Phase One and Phase Two of the Pilot Program, addressing resident inquiries and concerns regarding waste collection, cart maintenance, and other related matters. Every week, WM will supply a report to the UG of customer complaints received by WM and a description of the disposition of each complaint.

3.1.1 **Complaints.** Complaints received by WM for failure to make a scheduled collection of Waste, recyclables or yard waste as described in Section 1 of this MOU that are not resolved in accordance with Section 7.02(b) of the 2012 Contract may be subject to penalty in accordance with the 2012 Contract.

### **Section 4. Termination/opt-out.**

4.1 **Term.** This MOU shall remain in effect until the completion of the Pilot Program, including all phases, or until either Party exercises its right to opt out of the Pilot Program, whichever occurs first.

4.1.1 This MOU is subject to the Term stated in Section 2.03 of the 2012 Contract and will end on December 31, 2032, if neither Party terminates/opt out of the MOU prior to that date.

4.2 **Termination/opt-out.** Either party may terminate/opt out of this MOU for any reason and revert to the terms of the 2012 Contract upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other Party in accordance with Section 12.04 of the 2012 Contract. In the event either Party terminates/opt out of this MOU, both Parties agree to cooperate and act in good faith. If this MOU terminates, either Party opts out of this MOU or if the Parties do not enter into a permanent amendment to the 2012 Contract within twelve (12) months after completion of Phase II of the Pilot Program, the Parties agree that WM may retrieve the carts distributed pursuant to Section 1.1 of this MOU. WM shall fully bear the cost of retrieval and for any carts that cannot be or are not retrieved. Neither the UG nor any resident may be charged for a cart that is not retrieved by WM.

4.2.1 If the Parties do not enter into a permanent amendment to the 2012 Contract within twelve (12) months after completion of Phase II of the Pilot Program, WM agrees that it will not file a lawsuit against the UG for breach of this MOU. WM acknowledges that it is not entitled to such an amendment as a matter of right, even if preliminary phases of the Pilot Program are considered a success.

4.4 In the event the UG terminates/opts out of this MOU, WM shall not be entitled to any payment or reimbursement for its expenses incurred in the implementation, operation, or termination of the Pilot Program, or in any other manner related to this MOU. The prohibition on payment or reimbursement related to the Pilot Program does not include payment for services or other charges specified and allowed in the 2012 Contract.

#### **Section 5. Terms of the MOU:**

5.1 **Entire Agreement:** This MOU constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties concerning the Pilot Program. The Parties agree that this MOU is intended to temporarily modify the 2012 Contract for the duration of the Pilot Program and that it satisfies the requirements of Section 12.07. Unless expressly addressed herein, all terms and conditions contained within the 2012 Contract retain their full force and effect.

5.2 **Governing Law.** The interpretation and performance of this MOU shall be in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Kansas. The sole and exclusive forum for the initial determination of any question of law or fact to be determined in any judicial proceeding relating to this MOU shall be a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Kansas.

5.3 **Waiver.** A failure on the part of a party to exercise or any delay in exercising any right or remedy under this MOU shall not operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise by a party or any right or remedy preclude any other or future exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. No waiver of any breach of any provision of this MOU shall be held to be a waiver of any subsequent breach, and the failure of a party to enforce at any time any provision hereof shall not be deemed a waiver of any right of such party to subsequently enforce such provision or any other provision thereof.

5.4 **Severability.** In the event that any of the provisions, portions, or applications of this MOU are held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the Parties shall negotiate an equitable adjustment in the provisions of this MOU with a view toward effecting the purpose of this MOU, and the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions, portions, or application thereof shall not be affected thereby.

This MOU may be executed in counterparts, with one original copy held by each party.

DEFFENBAUGH INDUSTRIES, INC. D/B/A WASTE MANAGEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

## EXHIBIT A

# EXHIBIT B

## Phase I Pilot Map

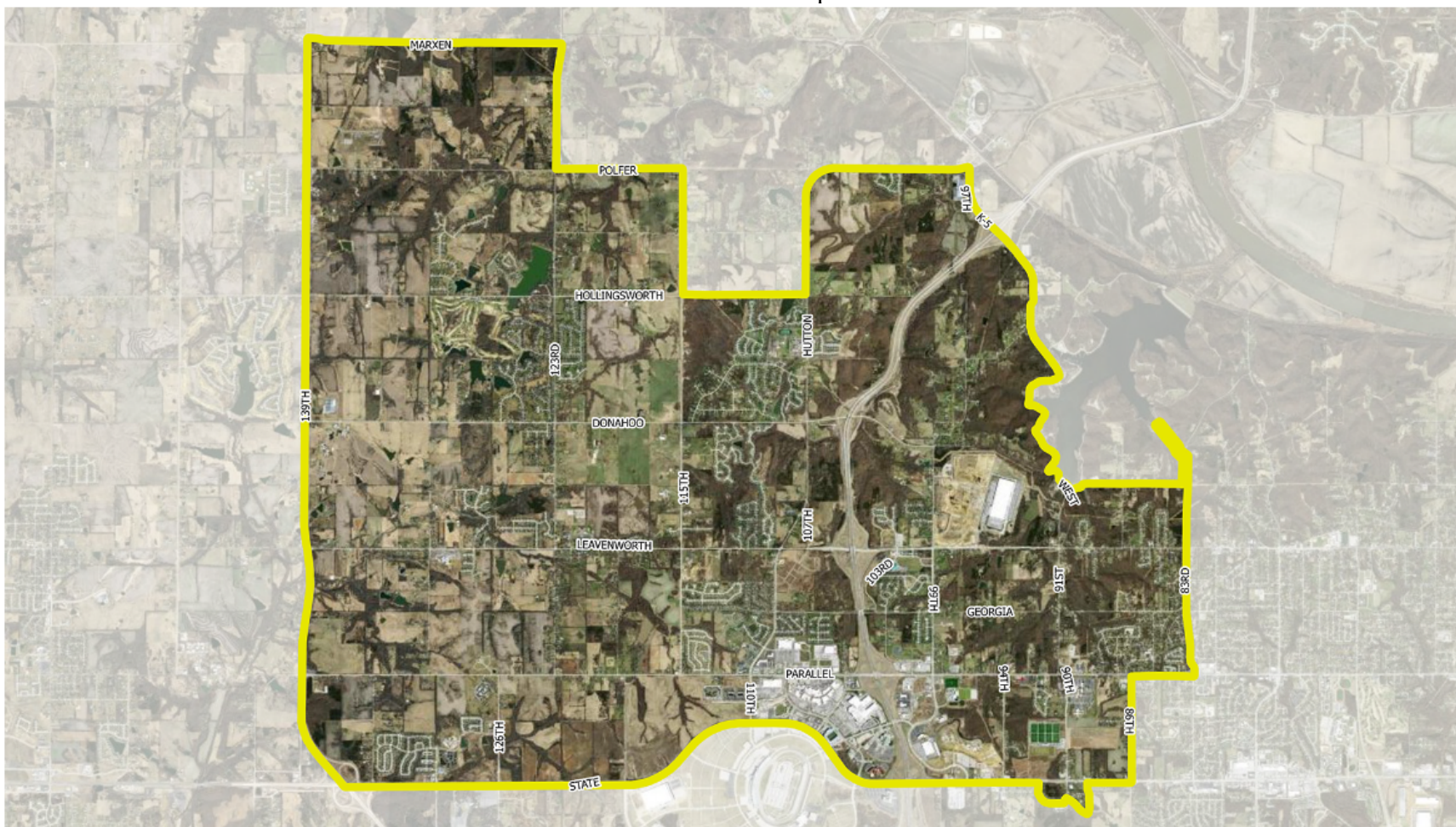
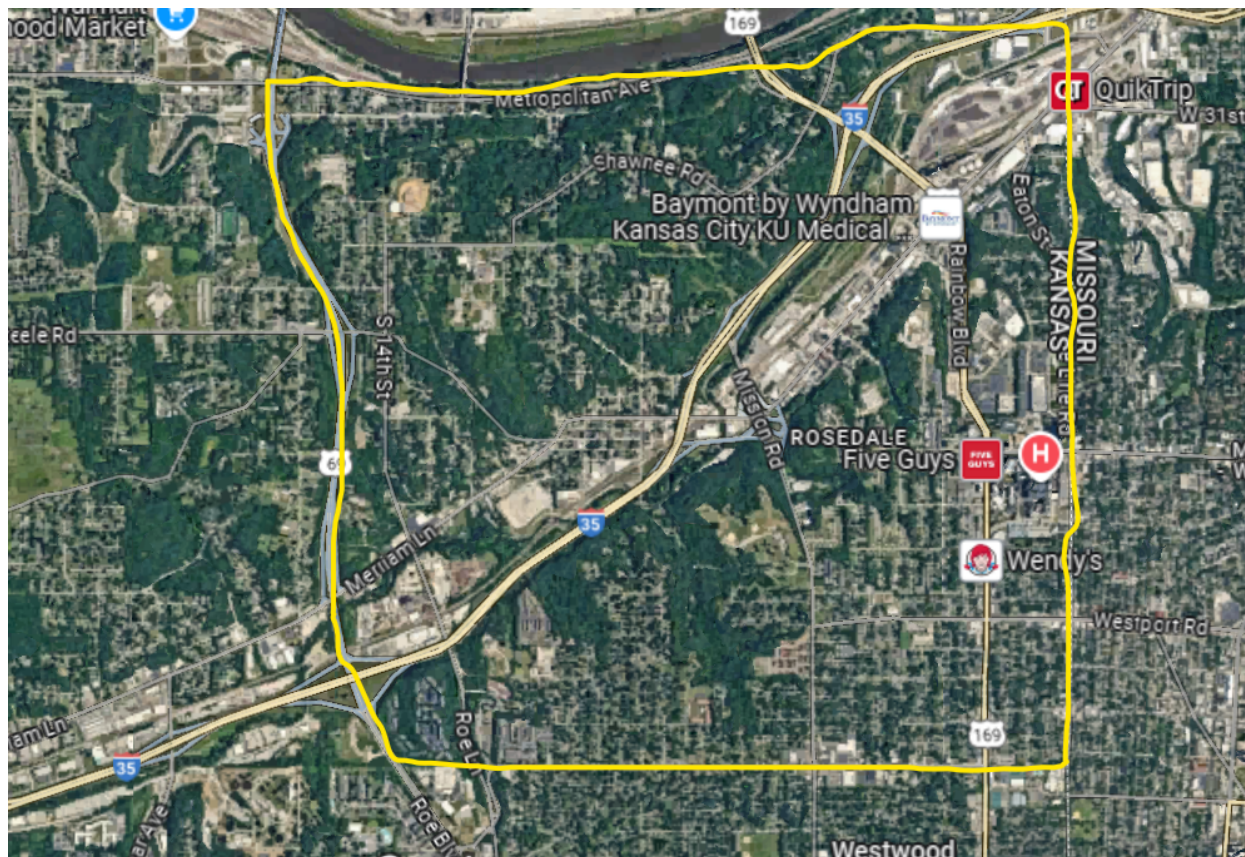




EXHIBIT C  
Phase II Pilot Map





The background image shows a residential street scene. In the foreground, a large, messy pile of trash is on the sidewalk. It includes several large black and yellow plastic bags, a cardboard box with the brand name 'AngelSoft' visible, and other unidentifiable debris. A grey wheeled trash bin is partially visible behind the pile. In the background, there are green trees and a light blue house. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent grey layer where the text is located. On the right side, there is a large yellow diamond shape with a black border. In the bottom left corner, there is a partial view of a black wheel.

# **Solid Waste** **Carts Program**



# Challenges

- Missed collection
- Blight
- Low recycling rate
- Litter/debris





# Carts Program



- Cart-based system for refuse and recycling
- Yard Waste – weekly pick-up with a limit of 10 paper bags
- Call the week prior for bulk – Limit 3 Items

# Community Comments

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Can the neighborhoods where it would work get bins to make collection more efficient? I know some spots in the city it is not feasible, but many neighborhoods have the wide streets.

Thank you so much for hearing us. Plus WM needs to handle reports not UG. Now for them to give us bigger recycling cans to be able to recycle more.

Why can't we get new trash cans like everybody else does? My parents in JOCO get new big trash and recycling ones every so often. Nothing here ever.

It would be great to get a large trash cart. An a large recycling cart , please.

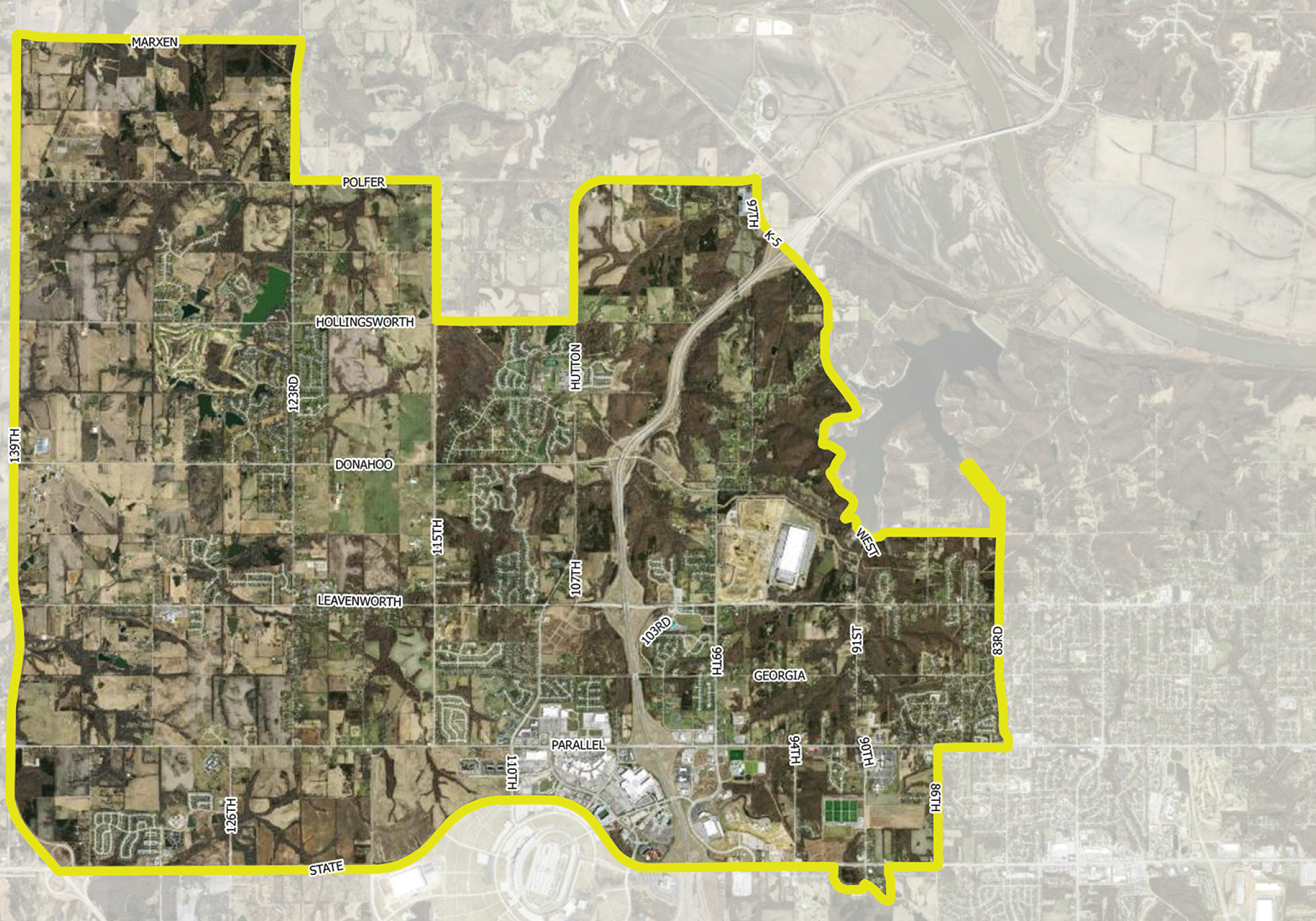
How do we get trash bins and recycling bins from them

# What Does This Solve?

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- FREE containers & maintenance (2 @ 96 gal).
- Litter and debris caused by loose trash would decrease.
- Fewer hot/cold weather delays.

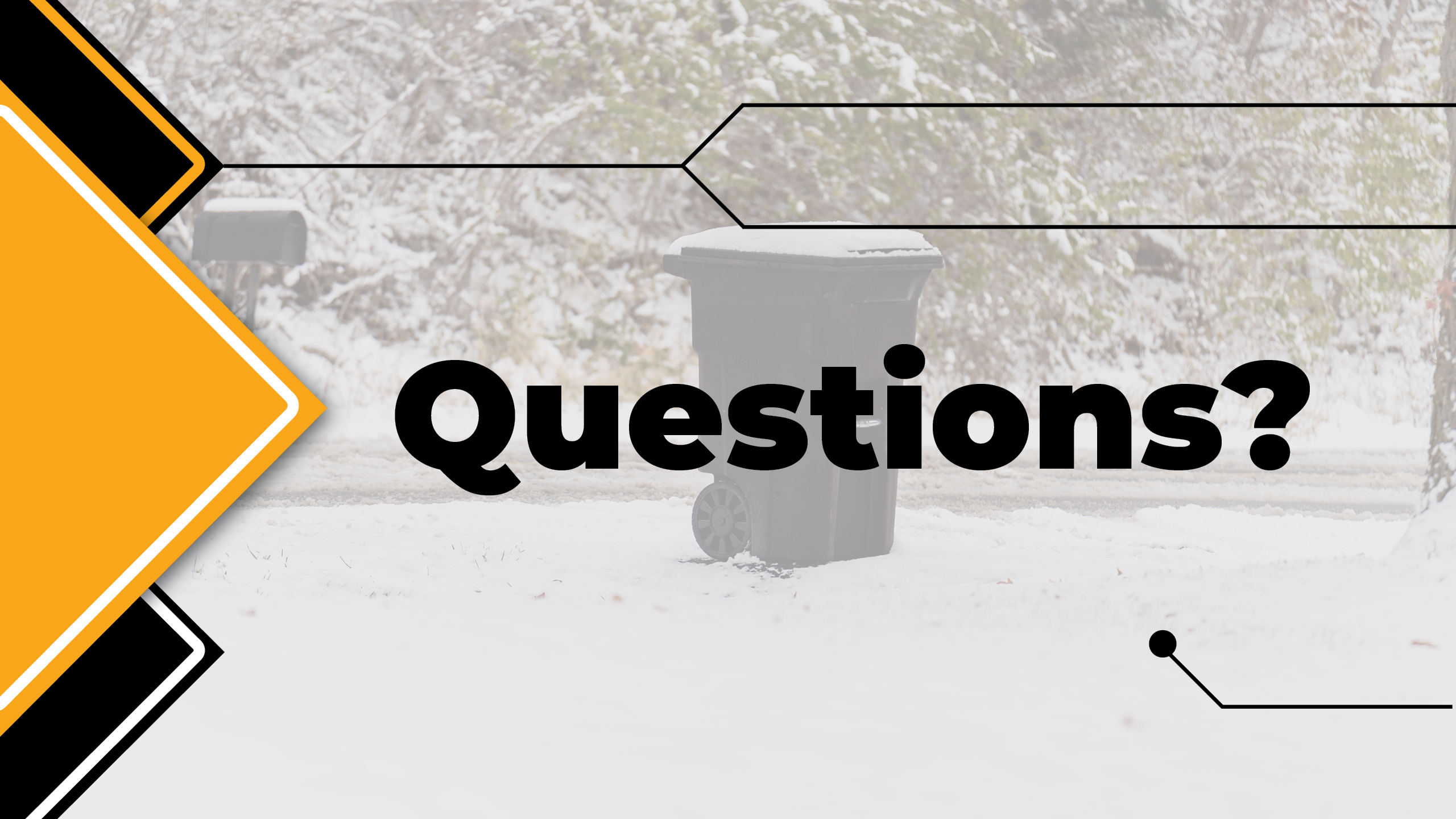










A black and white photograph of a trash can in a snowy landscape. The trash can is dark-colored with a wheel and is partially covered in snow. The background shows snow-covered trees and a path. On the left side, there is a large yellow and black geometric graphic consisting of overlapping shapes. The word "Questions?" is written in a large, bold, black font across the center of the image.

**Questions?**



## Report to Board of Commissioners

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | PRESENTER                                                                                           | DEPARTMENT        |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <div>Wesley McKain, Policy &amp; Development Manager</div> <div>wmckain@wycokck.org<br/>X8833</div> | Health Department |
| AGENDA ITEM #8.2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                     |                   |
| RESOLUTION: HEALTH FORWARD FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |                   |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                     |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Public Health Department was invited to an invitation-only funding opportunity from the Health Forward Foundation, called Affordable Housing and Homeownership 2025.</li> <li>The invitation came because of the Health Department's work on housing as a part of its Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Health Forward has been a long-time supporter of the CHIP.</li> <li>The Funding Opportunity Announcement was released 3/14/2025</li> <li>The goal of the funding announcement is "to create and preserve affordable housing and homeownership."</li> <li>The deadline for submitting the application is April 9, 2025.</li> <li>Funding amount is approximately \$75,000.</li> <li>Health Department staff are currently working on the application. It is not complete, but we plan to request funds for two purposes that align with Health Forward priorities:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the Affordable Housing Trust Fund</li> <li>Support the Planning Department's upcoming Zoning Code update</li> </ol> </li> </ul> |                                                                                                     |                   |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                     |                   |
| Fast Track<br>Approve<br><br>Approval of grant submission, Fast tracked to appear on 3/31 Neighborhood & Community Development, 4/3 Full Commission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                     |                   |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                     |                   |
| No match is required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                     |                   |
| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                     |                   |
| Approval of grant resolution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                     |                   |

## ATTACHMENTS

Resolution for Health Forward Foundation grant application approval FINAL, Commission Action Civic Clerk - Health Forward Foundation Housing 2025

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.



**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT’S APPLICATION FOR A ONE-YEAR GRANT FROM THE HEALTH  
FORWARD FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND  
HOMEOWNERSHIP, AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ELIGIBLE USES**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyandotte County Public Health Department (“the Health Department”) was invited to an invitation-only funding opportunity from the Health Forward Foundation (“Health Forward”), called Affordable Housing and Homeownership 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the invitation came because of the Health Department’s work on housing as a part of its Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the funding announcement is “to create and preserve affordable housing and homeownership”; and

**WHEREAS**, Health Forward released its funding announcement on March 13, 2025, with an application submission deadline of April 9, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant amount is up to \$75,000 with no local match; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant, if awarded, will be used to support the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Planning Department’s upcoming Zoning Code update, which will include an analysis and recommendations related to housing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/  
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Unified Government Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application for and, should the grant be awarded to the Health Department, its acceptance of the Health Forward Foundation grant for a term of one year for a total grant amount of up to \$75,000.00.

**Section 2.** If the Health Department is awarded the Health Forward Foundation grant, the Unified Government Board of Commissioners hereby approves the allocation of the award amount to support the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Planning Department’s upcoming Zoning Code update, focusing on those aspects of the zoning code update related to housing.

**Section 3.** If the Health Department is awarded the Health Forward Foundation grant, the County Administrator and other officers, agents, and employees of the Unified Government are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as may be appropriate or desirable to accomplish the purpose of this Resolution.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately after its adoption by the Governing Body of the Unified Government.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS,  
THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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**Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Unified Government Clerk**

**Approved as to Form:**

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# Commission Agenda Item Report

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| <b>Title:</b>                | Grant request: Health Forward Foundation – Affordable Housing and Homeownership 2025                   |
| <b>Proposed Agenda Date:</b> | March 31, 2025 – Neighborhood & Community Development<br>Fast tracked to April 3, 2025 Full Commission |
| <b>Presented by:</b>         | Wesley McKain, Community Health Manager, Public Health                                                 |

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## BACKGROUND:

- The Public Health Department was invited to an invitation-only funding opportunity from the Health Forward Foundation, called Affordable Housing and Homeownership 2025.
- The invitation came because of the Health Department's work on housing as a part of its Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Health Forward has been a long-time supporter of the CHIP.
- The Funding Opportunity Announcement was released 3/14/2025
- The goal of the funding announcement is "to create and preserve affordable housing and homeownership."
- The deadline for submitting the application is April 9, 2025.
- Funding amount is approximately \$75,000.
- Health Department staff are currently working on the application. It is not complete, but we plan to request funds for two purposes that align with Health Forward priorities:
  1. Support the Affordable Housing Trust Fund
  2. Support the Planning Department's upcoming Zoning Code update

## BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no match required

## POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

- No policy considerations required.

## PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

- No procurement considerations

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- A resolution of grant acceptance is required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- Approval of grant request.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:**

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**MAYOR AGENDA DIRECTION:**

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## Report to Board of Commissioners

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                                             | PRESENTER                                                                                                          | DEPARTMENT   |
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|                                                                                                                                                          | <div>Troy Shaw, County Engineer/<br/>Interim Director of Public Works</div> <div>tshaw@wycokck.org<br/>x5416</div> | Public Works |
| AGENDA ITEM #9.1.                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                    |              |
| PRESENTATION: SOLID WASTE AND STREET DIVISION OPERATIONS UPDATE                                                                                          |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |              |
| The Public Works Department will provide information and updates on the customer service transition to Waste Management and pothole and snow operations. |                                                                                                                    |              |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                    |              |
| For information only                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                    |              |
| No action. Information only.                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                    |              |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                    |              |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                    |              |
| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                    |              |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                    |              |
| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                    |              |
| Solid Waste and Streets Update, Snow-Potholes-WM-Customer-Service-BOC 04.03.25                                                                           |                                                                                                                    |              |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.

# Commission Agenda Item Report

**Title:** Solid Waste & Street Division Operations Update

**Proposed Agenda Date:** Feb. 24, 2025, PW Standing Committee

**Presented by:** Troy Shaw, Diana Miles and Dewayne Smith

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## **BACKGROUND:**

- Update for the customer service transition to WM.
- Information and update about snow operations and potholes.

## **BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- N/A

## **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- N/A

## **PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

- N/A

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- N/A

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- N/A

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:**

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## **MAYOR AGENDA DIRECTION:**

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# PUBLIC WORKS

Snow Removal, Pothole Patching, and Solid  
Waste Customer Service Updates





# WM Customer Service

Requiring WM to manage customer service increases efficiency and holds them accountable to the contract.







# Background

- Residents report collection issues to UG by calling 3-1-1 or visiting MyWyCo
- UG became middleman
- Highly inefficient reporting process

# Old Process

This is one example of how reporting a collection issue plays out from start to finish.



# Reporting



My WM App



WM.com



1-800-796-9696





# Pothole Patching

Patching large numbers of potholes is not a good thing. Excess potholes mean street conditions are declining.





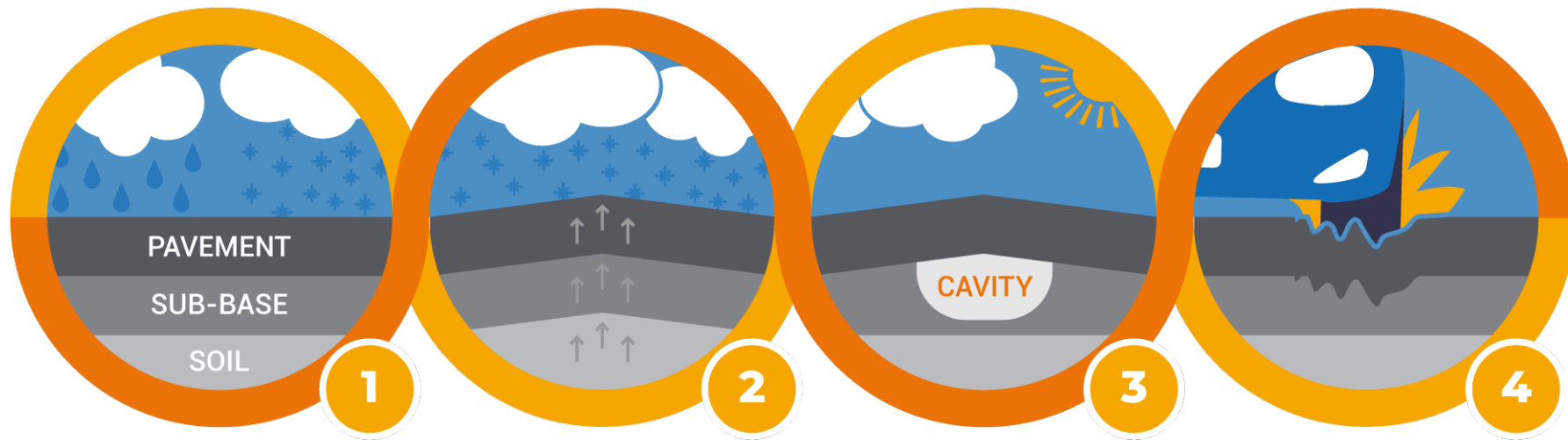
# Patching

- 41,941 potholes patched in 2024 (11.5% increase)
- Teams use a variety of patching methods, including a spray patching machine
- When conditions allow, teams will be patching
- Report potholes to 3-1-1 or MyWyCo





# How Do Potholes form?



Water penetrates  
the foundation

Freezing water  
expands causing  
displacement of the  
pavement and/or  
foundation

The ground thaws  
and leaves a void  
in the foundation

The unsupported  
pavement fails  
under the traffic  
load

# Potholes

- Teams patched 41,941 in 2024
- Significant time is spent on patching efforts
- Potholes increased by 54% from 2019 to 2024
- The pavement Condition Index has declined from 56 in 2018 to 48 in 2024





# PCI & Potholes

- Pavement Condition Index (PCI) & potholes are related
- As PCI declines, potholes increase
- Street conditions are worsening, so teams patch more potholes



# 1,050

**(Roughly 40x fewer potholes patched)**



# Snow & Ice Removal

The goal of snow and ice removal is to return traction to the streets, not to make the streets look clean.





# Operations

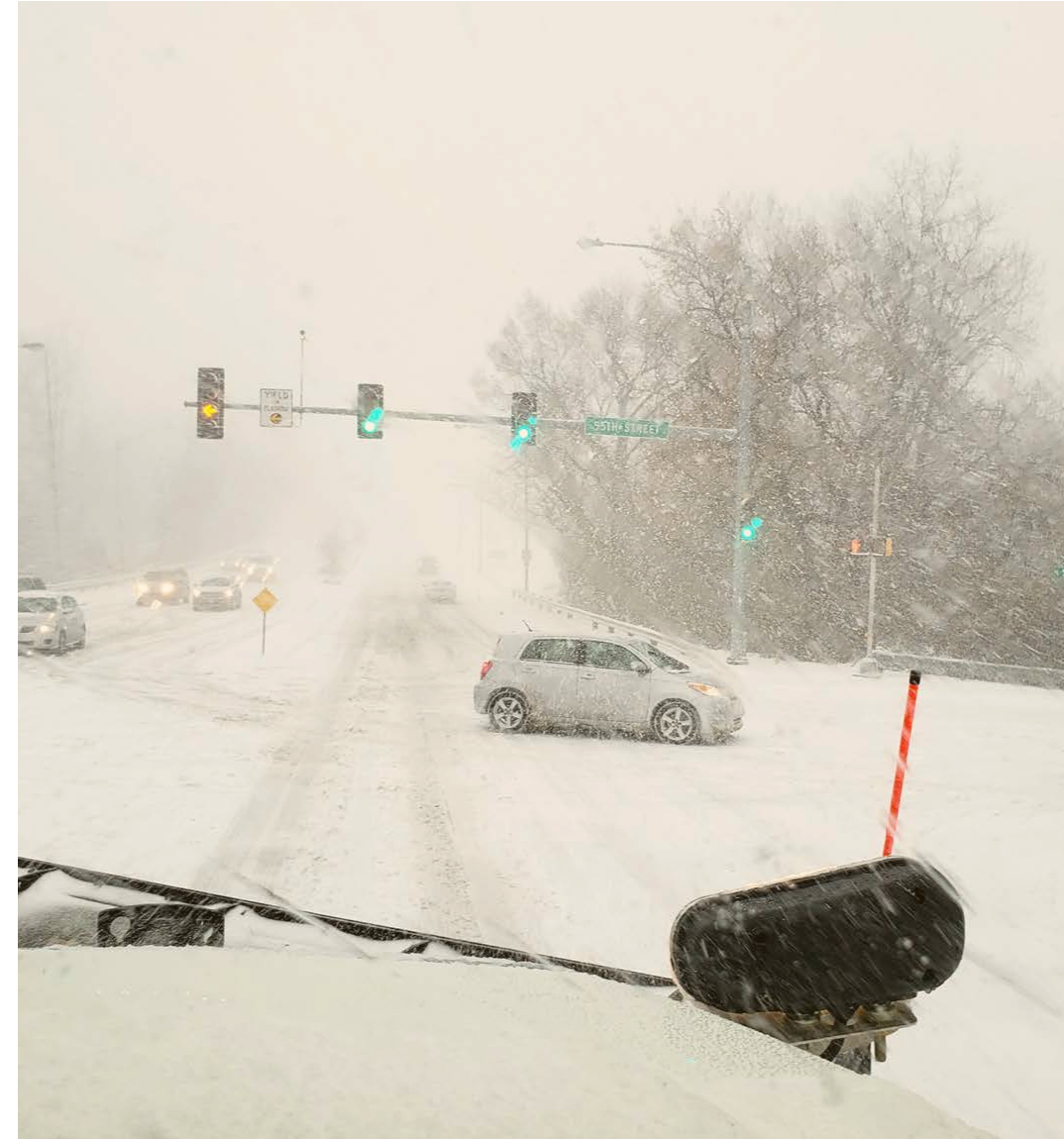


- Crews prepare year-round
- Routes are always worked in the same order: Hot, Secondary & Neighborhood
- No storm is the same
- The goal is to return traction to streets, not to clean them



# Challenges

- Street conditions continue to decline which makes snow & ice removal more difficult
- Plows and salt more easily damage streets
- Recent heavy storms with low temperatures increase the likelihood of potholes forming





# Street Conditions

KCK's declining Pavement Condition Index negatively impacts snow and ice removal





**Thank You!**





## Report to Board of Commissioners

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT          |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |           | Land Bank Approvals |
| AGENDA ITEM #11.1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |           |                     |
| LAND BANK OPTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |           |                     |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |           |                     |
| <p>The attached <b>option application(s)</b> was presented at the 03/03/2025 meeting. Please visit the new site to review the applications below</p> <p><a href="https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html">https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html</a></p> |           |                     |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |           |                     |
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| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                     |
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| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |           |                     |
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| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |           |                     |
| FC Memo Land Bank Options 04.03.25_                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |           |                     |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.





**Wyandotte County Land Bank**  
Economic Development Department  
Jud Knapp, Manager

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Kansas City, Kansas 66101

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Email: [jknapp@wycokck.org](mailto:jknapp@wycokck.org)

## **M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Full Commission  
**FROM:** Jud Knapp, Land Bank Manager  
**DATE:** March 28, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Option applications for consideration  
The following **option application(s)** was presented at the 03/03/2025 meeting:  
Please visit the new site to review the applications below  
<https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html>

**A. Single Family Homes – 4 Homes**

1. William Powell – 1 home
  - i. 826 Ohio Ave – 119025
2. Nathaniel Dagley – 1 home
  - i. 1309 Springhorn Rd – 128641
  - ii. 1307 Springhorn Rd – 128642
3. Charles Robinson – 1 home
  - i. 4324 Lathrop Ave – 172819
  - ii. 3018 N 43<sup>rd</sup> St - 172820
4. Chevy Johnson – 1 home
  - iii. 731 H Tenny Ave – 119926

**B. Multi-family – 2 units**

1. Ray Peoples – 2 units
  - i. 731 H Tenny Ave – 119926



## Report to Board of Commissioners

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT          |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |           | Land Bank Approvals |
| AGENDA ITEM #11.2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |           |                     |
| LAND BANK PROPERTY TRANSFER APPLICATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |           |                     |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |           |                     |
| <p>The attached <b>property transfers application(s)</b> was presented at the 03/03/25 standing committee meeting:</p> <p>Please visit the new site to review the applications below <a href="https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html">https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html</a></p> |           |                     |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |           |                     |
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| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |                     |
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| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |           |                     |
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| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |           |                     |
| FC Memo Land Bank Property Transfers 04.03.25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |           |                     |

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.



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## **M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Full Commission  
**FROM:** Jud Knapp, Land Bank Manager  
**DATE:** March 28, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Property Transfers applications for consideration

The following **property transfers application(s)** was presented at the 03/03/25 standing committee meeting:

Please visit the new site to review the applications below  
<https://gisapp.wycokck.org/Landbank.html>

**PT – Property Transfers – 3**

1. Unified Government – Storm water project
  - i. 1825 Armstrong Ave – 909416
  - ii. 2119 R Lombardy Dr – 054220
2. Unified Government – Storm water project
  - i. 801 Ann Ave – 081357



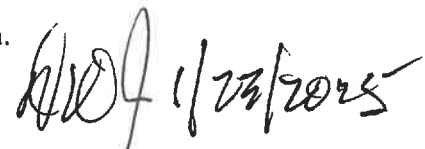


Report to

Tracking ID: 2139

| MEETING DATE                                                                                                           | PRESENTER                                                          | DEPARTMENT          |
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| FEB 03 2025                                                                                                            | Jud Knapp, Acting Land Bank Manager<br>jknapp@wycokck.org<br>x5472 | Land Bank Approvals |
| AGENDA ITEM #                                                                                                          |                                                                    |                     |
| RESOLUTION: APPROVING LAND BANK HOLD FOR PEREGRINE FALCON PARCELS                                                      |                                                                    |                     |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                             |                                                                    |                     |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                         |                                                                    |                     |
| Approve                                                                                                                |                                                                    |                     |
| Request consideration of the following Land Bank hold for Peregrine Falcon, submitted by Jud Knapp, Land Bank Manager. |                                                                    |                     |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                              |                                                                    |                     |
| IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                               |                                                                    |                     |
| PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                             |                                                                    |                     |
| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                   |                                                                    |                     |
| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                            |                                                                    |                     |
| Resolution for Hold for Peregrine Falcon_Option A, Option A_Ex A, Resolution for Hold for Peregrine Falcon_Option B    |                                                                    |                     |

Approved by Mayor and/or Chair and Administrator to add to agenda.

Approved:    1/23/2025

**RESOLUTION NO. R-\_\_\_\_-25**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY LAND BANK  
TO HOLD SPECIFIED PROPERTIES IN THE PEREGRINE FALCON DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Unified Board of Commissioners of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, by way of Resolution No. R-21-99, established the Wyandotte County Land Bank and provided that it would be guided in its affairs by a Board of Trustees consisting of the Mayor/Chief Executive and the Commissioners of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Wyandotte County Land Bank Board of Trustees is solely authorized, pursuant to K.S.A. 19-26,110 and Sec. 2-173 of the Unified Government Ordinances, to sell or dispose of any property acquired by the Wyandotte County Land Bank; and

WHEREAS, a purpose of the Wyandotte County Land Bank is to return blighted and vacant properties to a productive use; and

WHEREAS, the Peregrine Falcon Redevelopment District (the "District") was adopted in 2005 and a Development Agreement was entered into between the Unified Government and Hughes Development Corporation, Inc. for the development of Project Area 1 of the District; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of the Development Agreement were not met, and only a small portion of the homes were constructed within the District; and

WHEREAS, the parcels within the District and surrounding area were obtained by the Wyandotte County Land Bank which aims to return these parcels to a productive use; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the properties within the District have conveyed their desire to the Unified Government that the District be developed uniformly while adhering to the Declaration of Residential Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Peregrine Falcon Phase I recorded in 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Wyandotte County Land Bank Board of Trustees that:

1. A hold shall be placed on all properties held by the Wyandotte County Land Bank within the boundaries of the Peregrine Falcon First Plat, as defined in Exhibit A attached hereto, for a period of one year, at which time the hold will be released and said properties will be available again for disposition.

2. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage by the Wyandotte County Land Bank Board of Trustees.

ADOPTED BY THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES THIS  
\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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Tyrone Garner  
Mayor/Chief Executive Officer

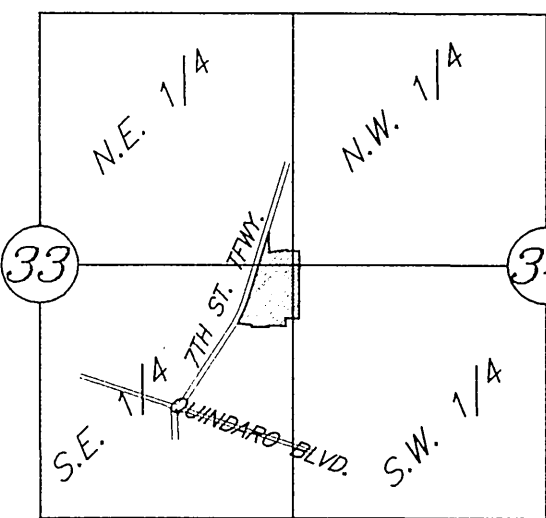
ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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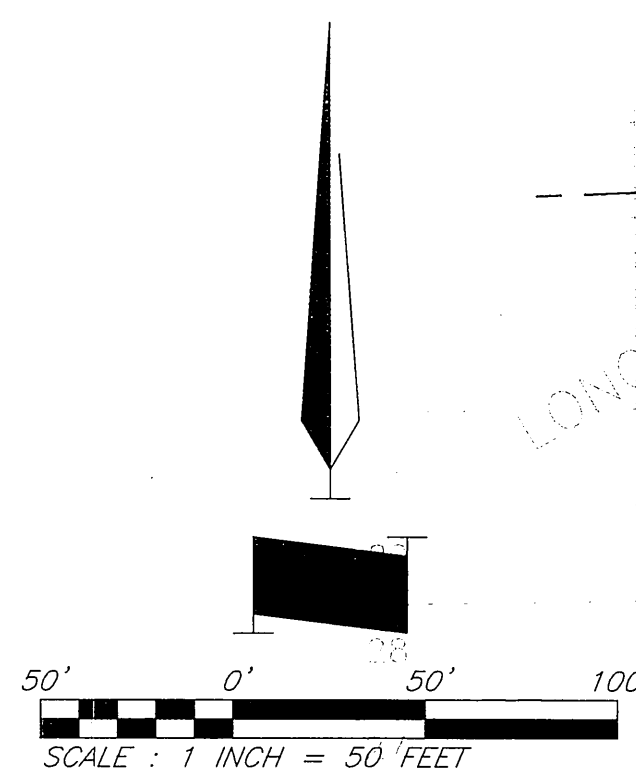
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Wendy M. Green, Deputy Chief Counsel





VICINITY MAP  
SECTION 33 & 34  
TWP. 10 - RING. 25

NOTE:  
The West line of the plat boundary was based upon the street plans for 7th Street Trafficway and the section information shown hereon for the location of existing platted subdivisions and streets.



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# FINAL PLAT OF PEREGRINE FALCON FIRST PLAT

## DESCRIPTION:

This is a replat and resurvey of all of Lots 2-4, and part of Lots 5 and 6, HARTFORD PLACE and all of the adjacent alley; all of Lots 11 and 12, and part of Lots 13, 14, 15, BEACON HILL, Block 5; all of Lots 47-64, and part of Lots 65, 67, 68 and 69, NORTH FIFTH STREET PLACE and the west half of the adjacent alley; all of Lots 1-3 and 4, and part of Lots 5 and 6, LONG BROTHERS ADDITION, Block 1 and all of the adjacent alley; part of Lots 1-8 and 32, LONG BROTHERS ADDITION, Block 6 and part of the adjacent alley; part of Lots 13-18, LONG BROTHERS ADDITION, Block 5; all of Lots 2-30, and part of Lots 31-35 LONG BROTHERS ADDITION, Block 4 and all of the adjacent alley; part of Lots 16-28, SYLVAN PARK, Block 1 and part of the adjacent alley; all the above are subdivisions of land in the East One Half of Section 33, Township 10 South, Range 25 East, in Wyandotte County, Kansas, and all those parts heretofore dedicated for public road purposes as Georgia Avenue, Rowland Avenue, 6th Street and Hallock Street adjacent to the above said Lots, all being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 10 South, Range 25 East; thence North 87°56'09" East, along the South line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 69.84 feet, to the Point Beginning; thence South 00°34'45" West, a distance of 24.52 feet; thence South 89°32'18" West, a distance of 7.80 feet; thence South 00°18'41" East, along the centerline of an existing alley between Lots 28 through 46 and 47 through 65 in NORTH FIFTH STREET PLACE, a distance of 542.89 feet; thence South 89°41'19" West, a distance of 132.41 feet; thence South 00°14'16" East, a distance of 48.78 feet; thence Southeast, Southerly, Southwesterly, Westerly, Northwesterly, Northerly and Northeasterly, along a curve to the right, having a radius of 40.00 feet, a central angle of 258°52'57", and whose initial tangent bearing is South 51°34'45" East, a distance of 180.73 feet; thence South 89°45'44" West, a distance of 118.57 feet; thence South 21°23'24" West, a distance of 14.21 feet; thence South 89°45'44" West, a distance of 174.73 feet; thence North 00°18'41" West, a distance of 9.81 feet, to a point of tangency; thence Northerly, along a curve to the right, having a radius of 325.00 feet, and central angle of 01°51'29", a distance of 10.54 feet; thence North 85°24'16" West, a distance of 152.27 feet, to a point on the East right-of-way line of 7th Street Trafficway, as now established; thence Northwesterly, along said East right-of-way line of 7th Street Trafficway, and along a curve to the left, having a radius of 1035.00 feet, a central angle of 14°46'16", and whose initial tangent bearing is North 31°45'07" East, a distance of 266.83 feet, to a point of tangency; thence North 16°58'51" East, continuing along said East right-of-way line of 7th Street Trafficway, a distance of 741.44 feet; thence South 00°56'32" East, a distance of 209.47 feet; thence North 82°74'49" East, a distance of 140.66 feet; thence Northwesterly, along a curve to the left, having a radius of 50.00 feet, a central angle of 32°27'47", and whose initial tangent bearing is North 43°27'21" West, a distance of 28.33 feet, to a point of tangency; thence Northwesterly, Northerly, Northeasterly, Easterly and Southeast, along a curve to the right, having a radius of 40.00 feet, and a central angle of 250°49'26", a distance of 175.11 feet, to a point of tangency; thence South 11°41'53" East, a distance of 30.08 feet; thence North 82°37'49" East, a distance of 13.04 feet; thence South 11°41'53" East, a distance of 13.00 feet; thence North 89°06'45" East, a distance of 125.12 feet; thence South 04°09'46" East, a distance of 80.46 feet; thence South 00°34'45" West, a distance of 63.14 feet, to the Point of Beginning, said tract containing 9.0458 acres, more or less.

## VACATIONS

The street right-of-ways, alley right-of-ways, and utility easements that were previously existing within the plat boundary shown hereon are hereby vacated.

## RESTRICTIONS

The restrictions for these lots shall be those established for this area in Section 27-21 "R-1 Single Family District" in the Kansas City, Kansas Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision Regulations and as accepted by the City of Kansas City, Kansas. The minimum habitable floor area for a dwelling shall be 1215 square feet.

Only one single-family dwelling may be constructed upon any Lot conveyed for residential purposes. There shall be no Lot splits that create additional residences.

Tracts A, B, C, and D are to be owned, administered and maintained as a Common Area by the PEREGRINE FALCON HOMES ASSOCIATION pursuant to the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for the PEREGRINE FALCON RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT as recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wyandotte County, Kansas. Upon its failure as an Association or failure to maintain the Common Area, the maintenance shall be the responsibility of each of the members of the Association or any owners of record in said subdivision.

The temporary cul-de-sac easement at the North and South end of Hallock Street and the temporary cul-de-sac easement on the South end of 6th Street shall remain in place until the extension of Hallock Street to the North and the South are constructed and the extension of 6th Street to the South is constructed. The City of Kansas City, Kansas is hereby granted the right of ingress and egress thereon for maintenance, snow removal and for any other purposes, and the general public is granted the right of public access thereupon. Upon completion of any extension of Hallock Street to the North and South and any extension of 6th Street to the South and acceptance of the same by the City, the temporary cul-de-sac easement shall be automatically vacated and the right thereto granted herein shall be dissolved.

All access to and from Lots 54 through 63 adjoining 7th Street will be restricted to 6th Street. All access to and from Lots 1 through 7 adjoining 6th Street will be restricted to Hallock Street.

## DEDICATION

I, the undersigned proprietor of the tract of land described on this document have caused the same to be subdivided in the manner shown on the accompanying plat, which subdivision and plat shall hereinafter be known as:

"PEREGRINE FALCON FIRST PLAT"

That portion reserved for public uses as roads, drainage easements and utility easements, the extent and direction of which are shown on this plat, are hereby dedicated to public use forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, the undersigned proprietor of the property described herein, have hereunto set their hand this 15th day of Dec., 2005.

JOE REARDON, Mayor/Chief Executive Unified Government  
Attest: Thomas G. Roberts, Unified Government Clerk

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF WYANDOTTE, SS:

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 15th day of Dec., 2005, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Joe Reardon, Mayor/Chief Executive of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument of writing on behalf of said Unified Government and she duly acknowledged the execution of the same to be the free act and deed of said Unified Government.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year above written.

Jeri A. Kumble  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 11-9-06

This plat of PEREGRINE FALCON FIRST PLAT has been submitted and approved by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Unified Government Planning Commission, ON MARCH 14, 2005

Brad Radtke, Chairperson  
Robbin H. Richardson, AICP

The dedications shown hereon, if any, are accepted by the Commissioners of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, this 15th day of Dec., 2005.

JOE REARDON, Mayor/Chief Executive Unified Government  
Thomas G. Roberts, Unified Government Clerk

Recommended for approval by the Unified Government, Engineer this 4th day of November, 2005.

Frederick A. Backus, P.E., County Engineer

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF WYANDOTTE, SS:

This is to certify that this instrument was filed for record in the Register of Deeds Office on this 15th day of Dec., 2005, at o'clock and is duly recorded.

Thomas W. Groneman, Register of Deeds

UNIFIED GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR

This survey has been reviewed for filing, pursuant to K.S.A. 20-2003, 58-2005 AND 58-2011, for content only and is in compliance with those provisions. No other warranties are extended or implied.

Reviewed by: L. Allen Greenwood, Ks. P.L.S. 654

## SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION:

This is to certify that the survey shown hereon was made by me, or under my direct supervision, this 15th day of Dec., 2005, that the results are shown hereon and said survey meets or exceeds current Kansas Minimum Standards for Boundary Surveys, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

## SECTION CORNER REFERENCE TIES

Center of Sec. 34-10-25  
Found 5/8" Rebar  
ENE 30.10 feet to top of 18" Elm tree  
NNW 18.95 feet to top of 4" Elm tree  
SSW 20.90 feet to center of Storm Manhole Lid  
SE 41.45 feet to center of Storm Manhole Lid  
West 80.00 feet to the centerline of Hallock Street  
At the centerline of Hallock Street

Kansas Registered Professional Surveyor No. LS-831

Revised February 11, 2005  
Revised October 6, 2004  
September 20, 2004

Job No. 10557

Drawn By: MRH/JPO/LRA

DEVELOPER  
Robert L. Hughes  
1021 N. Seventh Street, Suite 106  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101  
Ph. 913-321-2262, ext. 116

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WHEREAS, the Peregrine Falcon Redevelopment District (the “District”) was adopted in 2005 and a Development Agreement was entered into between the Unified Government and Hughes Development Corporation, Inc. for the development of Project Area 1 of the District; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Wyandotte County Land Bank Board of Trustees that:

1. A hold shall be placed on all properties held by the Wyandotte County Land Bank in the Peregrine Falcon Redevelopment District within the boundaries of Quindaro Boulevard on the South, 7<sup>th</sup> Street Trafficway on the West, Boswell Street on the North and 5<sup>th</sup> Street on the East, for a period of one year, at which time the hold will be released and said properties will be available again for disposition.

2. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage by the Wyandotte County Land Bank Board of Trustees.

ADOPTED BY THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES THIS  
\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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Tyrone Garner  
Mayor/Chief Executive Officer

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Wendy M. Green, Deputy Chief Counsel





Report to

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| MEETING DATE                                                                                                                         | PRESENTER                                                              | DEPARTMENT          |
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|                                                                                                                                      | Jud Knapp, Acting Land Bank Manager<br><br>jknapp@wycokck.org<br>x5472 | Land Bank Approvals |
| AGENDA ITEM #                                                                                                                        |                                                                        |                     |
| RESOLUTION: LAND BANK HOLD UPDATE MT. CARMEL TREMONT PROJECT                                                                         |                                                                        |                     |
| BACKGROUND                                                                                                                           |                                                                        |                     |
| RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                       |                                                                        |                     |
| Approve<br><br>Request consideration of the following Land Bank hold for Tremont Project, submitted by Jud Knapp, Land Bank Manager. |                                                                        |                     |
| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                            |                                                                        |                     |
| IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                             |                                                                        |                     |
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| LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS                                                                                                                 |                                                                        |                     |
| ATTACHMENTS                                                                                                                          |                                                                        |                     |
| 2nd Resolution for Hold for Tremount Project                                                                                         |                                                                        |                     |

Approved by Mayor and/or Chair and Administrator to add to agenda.

*ROA 2/20/2025*

*Approved: [Signature]*

**RESOLUTION NO. R-\_\_\_\_-25**

**A RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY LAND BANK  
TO HOLD SPECIFIED PROPERTIES FOR THE ACQUISITION  
BY MT. CARMEL REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, the Unified Board of Commissioners of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, by way of Resolution No. R-21-99, established the Wyandotte County Land Bank and provided that it would be guided in its affairs by a Board of Trustees consisting of the Mayor/Chief Executive and the Commissioners of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas; and

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WHEREAS, a purpose of the Wyandotte County Land Bank is to return blighted and vacant properties to a productive use; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Carmel Redevelopment Corporation has a multi-year development project that would require the acquisition of certain parcels currently part of the Wyandotte County Land Bank; and

WHEREAS, the Wyandotte County Land Bank Board of Trustees previously approved a hold of certain parcels for the benefit of Mt. Carmel by way of Resolution No. R-38-23, adopted May 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Wyandotte County Land Bank Board of Trustees recently adopted a new policy on December 19, 2024, by way of Resolution No. R-93-24, with an updated provision for holds in Section 5.7, and wishes to renew the hold for these parcels per the new policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Wyandotte County Land Bank Board of Trustees that:

1. The Wyandotte County Land Bank shall hold all properties held by it within the boundaries of Quindaro Boulevard to the North, 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the East, Parallel Parkway to the South and 7<sup>th</sup> Street to the West for the future acquisition by Mt. Carmel Redevelopment Corporation subject to Section 5.7 of the Wyandotte County Land Bank Policy.

2. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage by the Wyandotte County Land Bank Board of Trustees.

ADOPTED BY THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES THIS  
\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tyrone Garner  
Mayor/Chief Executive Officer

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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UNIFIED GOVERNMENT CLERK

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Wendy M. Green, Deputy Chief Counsel