

**ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, April 22, 2024**

The meeting of the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee was held on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The following members were present: Commissioner Bynum, Chairman; Commissioners Kane, Ramirez, Davis, Hill. The following officials were also in attendance: Wendy Green, Deputy Chief Counsel; Michael Abbott, Election Commissioner; Michael Keith Rankin, Legal Counsel; Monica L. Sparks, Deputy UG Clerk and Brittnie MacDonald, UG Clerk.

Chairman Bynum said before I call this meeting to order, I want to announce that some committee members, staff, and public are attending remotely via Zoom as well as on site. All participants joining by phone should 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 observing knows who is speaking. When speaking, be sure and speak directly into your microphone, so all comments are heard, and the record of the meeting is accurate. This is critical given the number of remote participants and is current guidance from the Kansas Attorney General.

The public is allowed to participate by Zoom or submit comments by email prior to the meeting, and those comments will be included in the record of this meeting. The public may also indicate their intent to provide remote public comment by contacting the Clerk's Office by 5:00 P.M. the Thursday before the meeting. The public will also have the opportunity to provide brief comments, either by telephone, via Zoom, or from the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office building.

Chairman Bynum called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken, and all members were present as shown above.

Chairman Bynum said, Clerk, do we have any revisions for our meeting tonight? **Monica L. Sparks, Deputy UG Clerk**, said there are no revisions.

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Approval of standing committee minutes from January 23, 2023, and February 13, 2023. On motion of Commissioner Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the minutes were approved. Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Hill, Davis, Ramirez, Kane, Bynum.

COMMITTEE AGENDA

Item No. 1 – 2139...RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF TITLE OF REAL ESTATE TO KANSAS CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the transfer to Kansas City Housing Authority the legal title of multiple properties they have been operating and managing for many years, submitted by Wendy Green, Assistant Counsel, Legal.

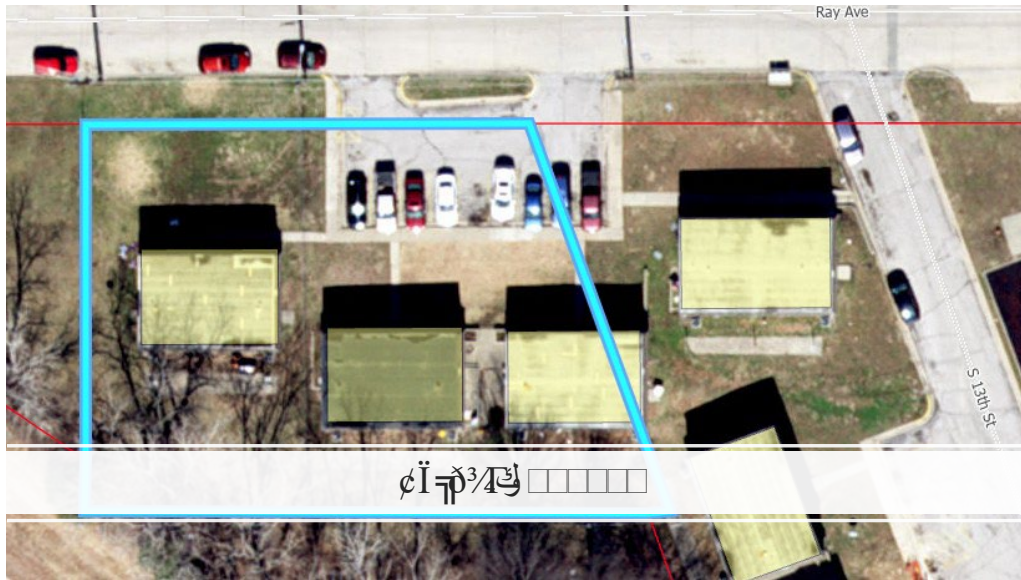
Wendy Green, Deputy Chief Counsel, said this all began when we first discovered, and I don't know if it was when we first discovered, but when we realized we needed to do something about the fact that Juniper Gardens was still in the name of the Unified Government and technically it was in the name of the city of Kansas City, Kansas. That got the ball rolling for us to realize that there were lots of properties that were in the name of either the city of Kansas City, Kansas or the Unified Government that were really the Kansas City Kansas Housing Authority properties and they didn't need to be in our name anymore. And quite frankly these aren't assets of the Unified Government. They shouldn't belong in the name of the Unified Government and the right thing to do would be to transfer them into the name of the Kansas City Kansas Housing Authority. That's what the resolution is in front of you. It would be to give authority to David Johnston, our County Administrator, to sign the deed that would transfer all of these properties over to the Kansas City Kansas Housing Authority. When we were in agenda review, we did have Commissioner Bynum ask if she could see a map for some of these properties because a lot of these properties are multi-family properties. There's no way if you wanted me to put addresses with them this would be a lot longer of a paper presentation because there's multiple units in some of these. So, I did parcel numbers on a lot of them and some of them where I could I did addresses, but the best thing to do would be to go through a PowerPoint presentation that I have made where I've given you maps to see where these properties are located. Most of them are in the northeast. There is one in Turner but most of them are in the north.

Chairman Bynum said I would appreciate that. Did I see a hand go up at the end of the room?

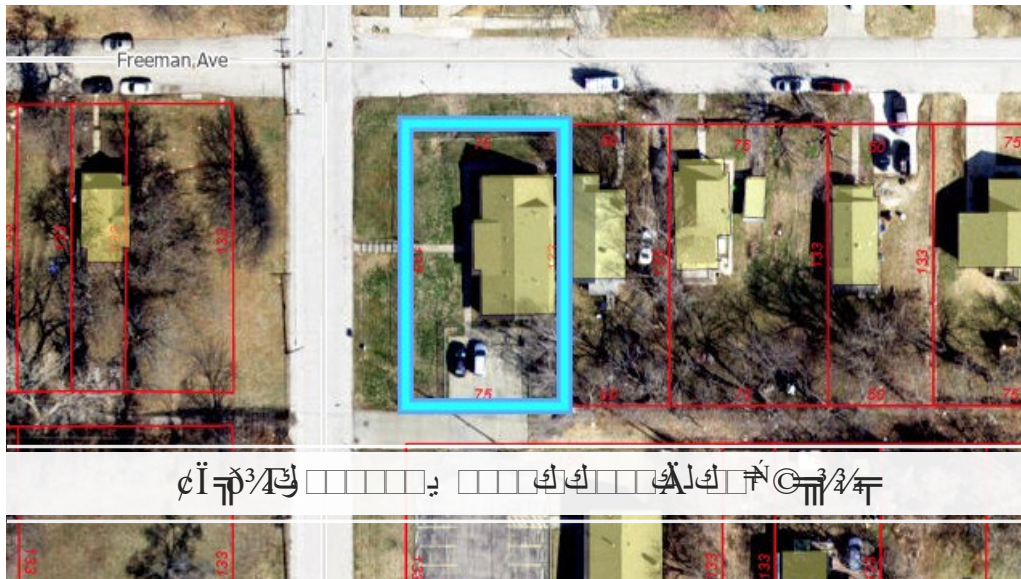
Commissioner Ramirez said just clarification, these are properties that already the Housing Authority operates and takes care of, but the only thing is they're under our name, the UG's name. **Ms. Green** said exactly. **Commissioner Ramirez** said we're just transferring that. **Ms. Green** said that is correct. Some of these properties I would say probably they all started it out to be obtained through condemnation. A lot of them we were able to negotiate, and the owners just deed them over to us or the land in essence. Then we had agreements with the Housing Authority to build a lot of them and Ms. Tapia may be able to elaborate on a lot of that. The Unified Government or the city of Kansas City would acquire them under different kinds of authorities and acts to establish a Housing Authority, but after that was done everything else was done by the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority funds them, runs them, staffs everything that needs to be staffed to take care of them. We do absolutely nothing for these properties.



This first set of properties is located at 14th & Ray. It is just northeast of I-70. That gives you an idea of where those are. It's multifamily housing here.



This is not very far from there. It's just at 13th & Ray. Again, just northeast of I-70.



These parcels are at Oakland to the south and it's just due north of Big 11 Lake to give you an idea of where those are.



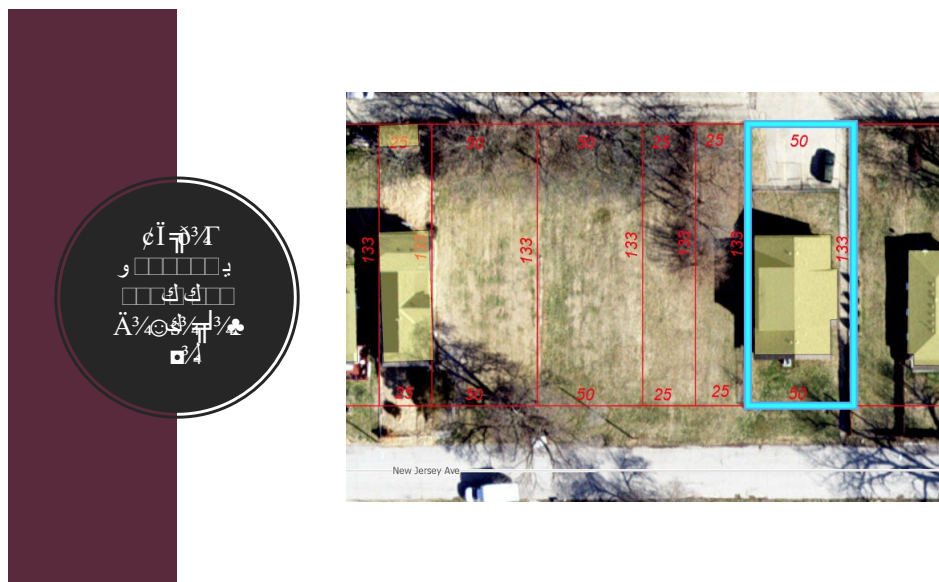
This is to the west. That street is 10th Street and then you also have Boeke & Ray, Gilmore Avenue and I-670 is just directly to the south of that.



And for this parcel, again, lots of multi-family housing there. You have 10th Street to the west and due east of this is Big 11 Lake.



For this it's at 13th & Washington Avenue. It's also west of the Big 11 Lake. So, just right around there in that same area.



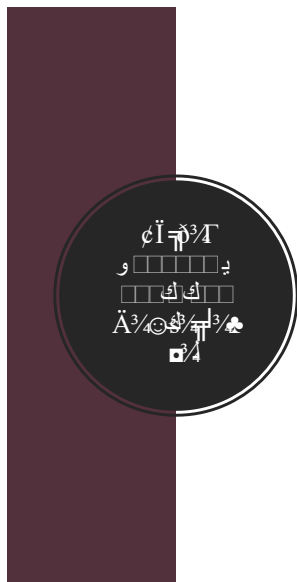
This is a duplex. It's located there at 9th & New Jersey. That's pretty easy to figure out where that one is.

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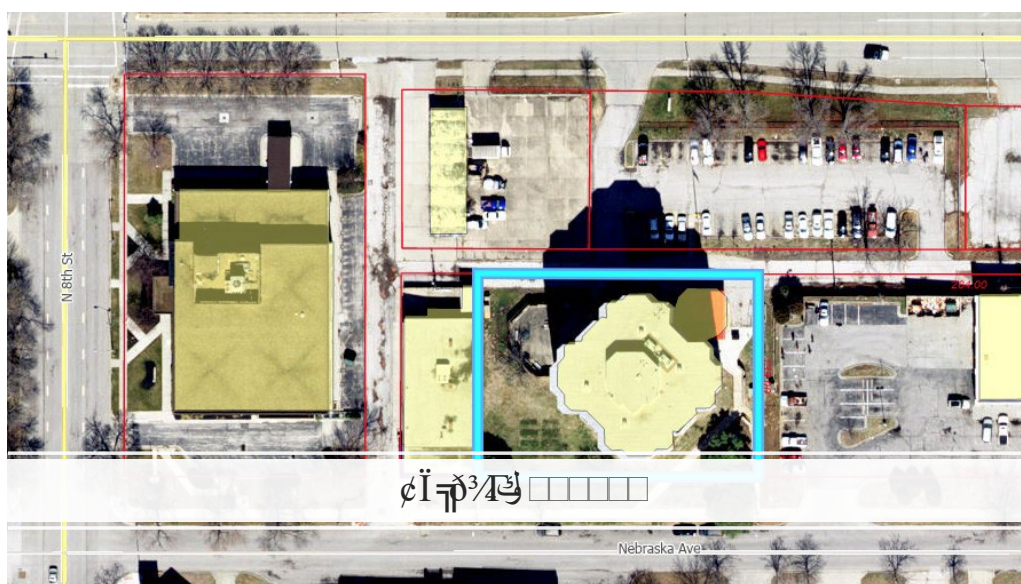
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And this one is just across the street from the last one. So also, there at 9th & New Jersey. This is west of the last property.

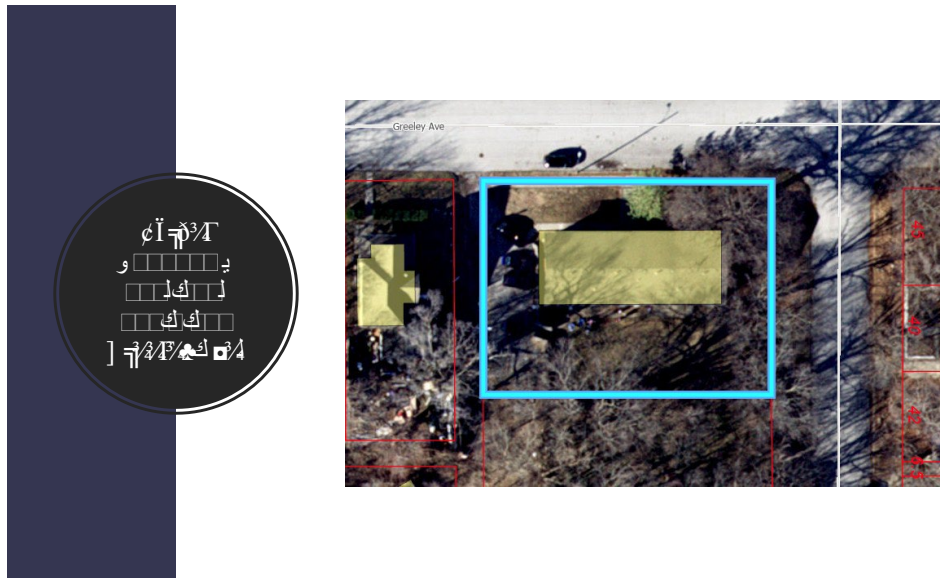


And for this one this is just right next door to the property I just showed you. So also, at 9th & New Jersey.



This is the parking lot to that property, which are apartments, and that apartment building is located at 730 Nebraska Avenue.

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And for this, same thing. It's 3rd & Greeley again. It's just down the street from the other property I just showed you.



This is at 5th & Stewart, and it's just south of Quindaro.



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This is on Parallel Avenue. It's 832, it's two different duplexes and it's up against the southwest corner of the cemetery there located off 9th Street.



And then this is 8th & Lafayette. It's also alongside that cemetery.

need to go ahead and (inaudible) them at a later date, they can if they need to just narrow down their inventory or whatever they need to do with them. They don't have to worry about using the correct legal description that we make sure that we do it correctly. I'm waiting on correct legal descriptions from our Mapping Department who's helping me with those as well as our abstractors over in Delinquent Real Estate, and once I know I have the correct legal descriptions for those properties, then those will also get transferred. **Chairman Bynum** said about how many do you think that will be on round two. **Ms. Green** said oh less than 10. This is the biggest majority of them.

Chairman Bynum said any other questions? Can you remind me the duration of time that the Housing Authority has actively been managing operating and renting these properties? **Andrea Tapia, Director of Housing Authority**, said you can go back to 1962 and 72 and forward. So, we've been maintaining those properties for quite some time. **Chairman Bynum** said okay, so it's high time we take care of this cleanup effort. I don't mean to make light of it, but it is kind of a cleanup effort. Would you agree? And putting real property in the hands legally of where it actually belongs. **Ms. Tapia** said I agree. **Chairman Bynum** said okay, Ms. Tapia thanks for taking time to come to the meeting. Are there any comments you want to share with the committee tonight.

Ms. Tapia said I just want to say thank you for this opportunity. It's a Housing Authority that's been around for quite some time and so we're finding different things that need to be addressed that were not addressed. It's just nice to know that the Unified Government is willing to help us clean some things up and get organized. I just want to say we really appreciate it. **Chairman Bynum** said well, we're happy to be able to do it. **Ms. Green** said I'm sorry, if I may, a clarifying point, this resolution would actually take care of the other properties as well or if the commissioners would like, I can come back again when I have the correct legals for the other one, if you would rather I do that.

Chairman Bynum said what is the desire of the committee. **Commissioner Ramirez** said if we can take care of it in one fell swoop tonight, I'm okay with that. **Chairman Bynum** said okay, I'm seeing heads nod, so that's fine. I will ask our Clerk if there were any comments received by the public on the item. Anyone online have their hand up to speak. **Ms. Sparks** said no hands raised.

Chairman Bynum said and is there anyone in person, come to the microphone name and city of residents and three minutes.

Matt Watkins, Kansas City Kansas, said I serve as Chairman of the Housing Authority, and I would just want to thank you all for the time here to clean this up. I want to compliment staff. I do want to publicly acknowledge Andrea and her work here too because it has been an arduous task as you can imagine. So, thank you all for helping us do this. I am hopeful that this is the beginning of some times when you're going to see us come forward with some more exciting and innovative things for the Housing Authority. JD and I both were reelected as chair and vice chair this last week and we look forward to bringing some really exciting things for the Housing Authority forward. You guys will see it, and this is just the beginning of the cleanup that starts with the projects that you're going to see hopefully coming as soon as May. So, cross your fingers that we get an award and make sense. Thank you again.

Chairman Bynum said thank you very much. Any other person in person in the room that would like to speak to the item. Okay, I will entertain a motion for approval.

Action: **Commissioner Ramirez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve as submitted.** Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Hill, Davis, Ramirez, Kane, Bynum.

Item No. 2 – 2147...RESOLUTION: CERTIFYING COSTS OF 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

Synopsis: A resolution certifying the costs incurred by Wyandotte County in conducting the 2024 presidential preference primary, submitted by Michael Rankin, Assistant Counsel, Legal.

Michael Keith Rankin, Legal Counsel, said I'll talk a little about this one. This item is just to approve or to certify the cost of the presidential preference primary that was conducted back in March. With the ultimate goal being that the state will reimburse us for those costs. Normally, how we've done it for the last 30 years, the parties have done their caucuses, that's how they decide their candidates. This year the state decided to do the Presidential Preference Primary and so the

catch there is the state runs it. How the state runs it is through the counties. So, we bore the cost, the initial cost anyway of carrying out that election. The good news being though that the state will reimburse us that money and so the first part of that process is to certify those costs so we can get that ball rolling. The Election Office has calculated the cost of running that election. It came out to be at \$164,856 and on the attachment to the resolution kind of is a breakdown of that, of what all the costs were, and everything like that. That's kind of about it. Once it's passed, assuming it passes, the Election Office will forward it off to the Secretary of State and look at the ball rolling on having them reimburse us that almost \$165K.

Chairman Bynum said as far as our responsibility here, it will only be this resolution. You won't have to come back to us for a second thing? **Mr. Rankin** said I don't believe so. **Chairman Bynum** said so we will pass the resolution that certifies this is how much it cost and then you will send that on to the state so that you can be reimbursed. **Mr. Rankin** said that's correct. We might need all the commissioners to sign off on the certification, but the resolution is kind of—is that piece.

Chairman Bynum said, Madame Clerk, if I'm not mistaken this would come, assuming we would pass this here, then it would move forward to a full commission meeting and possibly on that night if there was a document that you needed every commissioner to sign, we could sign it. **Ms. Sparks** said that's correct and it would move forward to May 2nd. **Chairman Bynum** said May 2nd and then after that meeting you would just have the commissioners sign the document, if that's needed by the Election Office. **Ms. Sparks** said yes. **Chairman Bynum** said okay great. Any questions from the committee.

Commissioner Ramirez said after everything gets done, after you know we sign and certify the cost, how long does the state anticipate that the Election Office will receive the funds. **Michael Abbott, Wyandotte County Election Commissioner**, said I think they said end of June. I think is kind of the time frame, so pretty quick.

Chairman Bynum said okay, any other questions. Anyone online, Madame Clerk, have their hands up. **Ms. Sparks** said no hands raised. **Chairman Bynum** said I'm sorry did you receive any

written comments from the public. **Ms. Sparks** said no comments were received. **Chairman Bynum** said anyone in person want to speak on this item. Okay I will entertain a motion.

Action: **Commissioner Ramirez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hill, to approve as submitted.** Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Hill, Davis, Ramirez, Kane, Bynum.

Chairman Bynum said that is all of our agenda items this evening. I'll take a motion to adjourn.

Action: **Commissioner Ramirez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hill, to adjourn.** Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Hill, Davis, Ramirez, Kane, Bynum.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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