

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commission Chambers

701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Mayor Tyrone Garner

Commissioner At-Large Dist. 1 Melissa Bynum – Commissioner At-Large Dist. 2 Tom Burroughs –

Commissioner Dist. 1 Gayle E. Townsend – Commissioner Dist. 2 Bill Burns –

Commissioner Dist. 3 Christian Ramirez – Commissioner Dist. 4 Dr. Evelyn Hill –

Commissioner Dist. 5 Mike Kane – Commissioner Dist. 6 Phil Lopez –

Commissioner Dist. 7 Chuck Stites – Commissioner Dist. 8 Andrew Davis

MINUTES

Thursday, August 1, 2024

7:04 PM – 8:49 PM

Attendance:

Commissioner's Present:

- Mayor Tyrone Garner
- Commissioner Burroughs
- Commissioner Bynum
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Kane
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Stites
- Commissioner Townsend

Commissioner's Absent:

- Commissioner Davis (absence memo provided)

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Interim Unified Government Clerk)
- David Johnston (County Administrator)

- Wendy Green (Deputy Chief Counsel)
- Reginald Lindsey (Budget Director)
- Jeffrey Conway (Senior Counsel)
- Kay Sharp (Community Development Director)

Call to Order:

Mayor Tyrone Garner called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Commissioner Hill led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Revisions to Agenda: (Discussion Begins 3:10)

The clerk reported there was an agenda update issued, adding Item No. 12 to the Consent Agenda and adding Item No. 1 to the Mayor's Agenda.

VI. Administrator's Agenda:

Item No. 1 – BUDGET PRESENTATION (Discussion Begins 3:41)

David Johnston, County Administrator, presented the amended 2024 budget and proposed 2025 budget for the Unified Government.

Key points of the presentation included:

- Overview of commission priorities for the fiscal year
- Explanation of revenue neutral rate and its implications
- Budget cuts and reductions across departments
- Proposed 1% reduction in BPU pilot for residential customers
- Hiring of a new Economic Development Director
- Proposed ordinance to dedicate 25% of new tax revenue to property tax relief

This item was for information only and no commission action was required.

VII. Mayor's Agenda:

Item No. 1 – VETO: MAYOR’S VETO TO ORDINANCE RELATED TO COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUND AND HOME REPAIRS (ADDED PER SECOND AGENDA UPDATE) (Discussion Begins 1:31:50)

Mayor Garner presented his veto of the previously passed ordinance related to the Community Benefits Fund and home repairs. The mayor clarified that the veto was specifically for the amendments passed, not the entire Community Benefits Fund. He cited concerns about unclear roles between the Livable Neighborhoods Task Force and the Community Benefits Advisory Board, as well as issues with the approval process. The mayor referred the matter back to standing committee to review and clarify these points. He emphasized that the veto is not opposition to the Community Benefits Fund or home repairs, but a request for more precise language and process.

No action was taken by the committee.

VIII. Regular Consent Agenda: (Discussion Begins 1:39:39)

Item No. 1 - RESOLUTION: STATE AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PLAN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Item No. 2 - RESOLUTION: STATE AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PLAN AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Item No. 3 - ORDINANCE: GRANTING LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS TO MAINTAIN TELECOM SYSTEMS WITHIN RIGHT OF WAY

Item No. 4 - ORDINANCE: GRANTING CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS TO MAINTAIN TELECOM SYSTEMS WITHIN RIGHT OF WAY

Item No. 5 - RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM GRANT CATEGORY 1

Item No. 6 - RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM GRANT CATEGORY 3

Item No. 7 - RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FISCAL YEAR 2024 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIME GUN INTELLIGENCE CENTER INTEGRATION INITIATIVE- CATEGORY 1

Item No. 8 - RESOLUTION: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH KANSAS CITY KANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Item No. 9 - RESOLUTION: DEVELOPMENT OF FISHER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Item No. 10 – MINUTES

Item No. 11 – WEEKLY BUSINESS

Item No. 12 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SP2024-030) FOR A 10-DAY HAZARDOUS MATERIAL/WASTE TRANSFER STATION AT 5510 KANSAS AVENUE, RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. (ADDED PER AGENDA UPDATE)

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites
- Nays: None
- Absent: Davis

X. Standing Committees' Agenda:

Item No. 1 - RESOLUTION: AMENDING DEADLINES RELATED TO ISSUANCE OF INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (AMERICAN ROYAL PROJECT)

(Discussion Begins 1:40:14)

Commissioner Burroughs presented the resolution for the American Royal project. He explained that the resolution was to extend the deadline for industrial revenue bonds from July 31 to December 31, allowing more time for contract negotiations. He noted that legal representative, Todd LaSala, was present to answer any questions about the contract negotiation and IRB request.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carries 8/1

- Ayes: Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Stites
- Nays: Lopez
- Absent: Davis

Item No. 2 - RESOLUTION: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DRAFT 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (Discussion Begins 1:42:16)

Commissioner Bynum presented the Community Development 2024 Annual Action Plan in the absence of Commissioner Davis. She noted that this is an annual submission to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and includes three grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Kay Sharp, the Interim Director of Community Development, was also present to answer any potential questions.

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites
- Nays: None
- Absent: Davis

XIV. Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 1:44:28)

Commissioner Ramirez made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bynum.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites
- Nays: None
- Absent: Davis

MAYOR GARNER
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:49 P.M.
August 1, 2024

Monica L. Sparks, CMC
Unified Government Clerk