

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, July 11, 2024

7:00 PM-9:38 PM

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

- Commissioner Ramirez

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Angela Lawson (Acting Chief Counsel)

- Jeff Conway (Senior Counsel)
- Dr. Elisha Caldwell (Health Department Director)
- Terrie Garrison (Deputy Director of the Health Department)
- Colleen Kelly (Strategic Operations and Communications Manager)
- Dr. Pearl Wynn (Public Health Department)
- Dr. Allen Greiner (Public Health Department)

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Tyrone Garner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Reverend Fannie Hill led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Revisions to Agenda: (Discussion Begins 5:45)

The Clerk reported there was an agenda update issued, removing Item No. 4 from the Mayor's Agenda and adding Item No. 6 to the Consent Agenda.

VI. Mayor's Agenda:

Item No. 1 – COMMUNITY INPUT AND RECOMMENDATIONS: (Comments Begin 6:11)

Multiple residents spoke during the public forum. Public comments:

- William Rogers (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 6:51)**
- Denise Smithheisler (Wyandotte County, KS) **(Comment Begins 10:29)**
- Linda Smithheisler (Wyandotte County, KS) **(Comment Begins 13:01)**
- Edward Bain (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 15:49)**
- Tim Lewis (Piper, KS) **(Comment Begins 19:10)**
- Scott Harding (Bonner Springs, KS) **(Comment Begins 22:49)**
- Sylvia Vobornik (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 26:31)**
- Carolyn Wyatt (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 28:15)**
- Randy Nye (Bonner Springs, KS) **(Comment Begins 31:50)**
- Fannie Hill (Wyandotte County, KS) **(Comment Begins 33:11)**
- Helen Hokenson (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 36:49)**
- Craig Estus (Bonner Springs) **(Comment Begins 39:00)**
- Alex Sanchez (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 41:10)**

- Jessie Villarreal (Kansas City, KS) (**Comment Begins 44:30**)
- Hendrick Von Braun (No residency stated) (**Comment Begins 47:52**)
- Tori Walker (Kansas City, KS) (**Comment Begins 50:28**)
- Joanna Carl (Kansas City, KS) (**Comment Begins 53:33**)
- Pamela Penn Hicks (Kansas City, KS) (**Comment Begins 56:53**)
- Cheryl Yates (Kansas City, KS) (**Comment Begins 58:16**)
- Jeff Stewart (Kansas City, KS) (**Comment Begins 1:00:44**)
- Robert Carl (Kansas City, KS) (**Comment Begins 1:01:46**)
- Joe Quinn (Kansas City, KS) (**Comment Begins 1:05:15**)
- Anna Joy Walker (Kansas City, KS) (**Comment Begins 1:05:55**)
- William Rogers (Kansas City, KS) (**Comment Begins 1:07:41**)
- Susan Stevens (Kansas City, KS) (**Comment Begins 1:12:20**)
- Louise Lynch (Kansas City, KS) (**Comment Begins 1:15:01**)
- Dr. Alma Rosas Hall (No residency stated) (**Comment Begins 1:18:42**)

Clerk read comments submitted by:

- Edna Haney (Wyandotte County, KS) (**Comment Begins 1:10:33**)
- Michael Jurick (No residency stated) (**Comment Begins 1:10:58**)

Item No. 2 – Proclamation proclaiming July 20, 2024, as Colombian Cultural Association Day. (Discussion Begins 1:25:48)

This item was read into the record of the meeting, and no commission action was required.

Item No. 3 – PRESENTATION: DOTTE PROUD CARD (Discussion Begins 1:26:13)

The Dotte Proud Card is a recognition program introduced by the Mayor's Office to celebrate unsung heroes in Wyandotte County.

Key points:

- Aims to recognize individuals who work quietly to make a positive difference in the community.
- Distributed 56 cards to commissioners to honor people who:
 - A. Work behind the scenes.
 - B. Make community contributions.
 - C. May be long-term or new residents.

- Encourages commissioners to:
 - A. Identify and recognize community heroes.
 - B. Share stories of who they recognize.
 - C. Highlight positive contributions.
- Goals of the program:
 - A. Combat negative perceptions.
 - B. Create a better image of the community.
 - C. Celebrate everyday people making a difference.
- The mayor's office plans to coordinate with commissioners to recognize more individuals and organizations at future meetings.

The program emphasizes celebrating people who improve Wyandotte County through their actions, without expecting recognition.

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

Item No. 4 – PRESENTATION: KANSAS CITY KANSAS HOUSING AUTHORITY UPDATE (REMOVED PER AGENDA UPDATE)

The item was removed from the agenda per the Agenda Update.

VII. Regular Consent Agenda (Discussion Begins 1:36:14)

Item No. 1 – RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING DONATION OF EQUIPMENT FROM KCK FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CITY OF PIERCEVILLE, KS

Item No. 2 – RESOLUTION: COMMUNITY BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION INITIATIVE SITE BASED GRANT

Item No. 3 – RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Item No. 4 – MINUTES

Item No. 5 – WEEKLY BUSINESS

Item No. 6 – ORDINANCE: VACATING UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED AT 7980 STATE AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS. (ADDED PER AGENDA UPDATE)

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burroughs.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

X. Administrator's Agenda:

Item No. 1 – ORDINANCE: KANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR TERRACE POINTE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROJECT (Discussion Begins 1:36:52)

Matt Folsom, president of Folsom Housing Group, presented the ordinance regarding the issuance of private activity bonds by the Kansas Development Finance Authority (KDFA) for the Terrace Point multi-family housing project. He explained that his company is under contract to purchase and renovate the 125-unit property, currently owned by another organization, with plans to improve living conditions and maintain full tax payments.

No action was taken by the Commission, allowing the developer to proceed with applying for KDFA funding.

Item No. 2 – ORDINANCE: KANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY-LEGACY AT NORTHEAST MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROJECT (Discussion Begins 1:57:04)

Matt Folsom, president of Folsom Housing Group, also presented the ordinance regarding the issuance of private activity bonds by the Kansas Development Finance Authority (KDFA) for the Legacy at Northeast multi-family housing project. He discussed the 40-unit senior housing complex, highlighting plans for substantial renovations, maintaining full tax payments, and improving the property's management and living conditions.

No action was taken by the Commission, allowing the developer to proceed with applying for KDFA funding.

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to adjourn and reconvene as the Board of Health. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis. (Discussion Begins 2:10:38)

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

XII. County Board of Health Agenda:

Item No. 1 – PRESENTATION: CONVENING THE BOARD OF HEALTH (Discussion Begins 2:11:17)

Dr. Pearl Wynn from the Wyandotte County Public Health Department gave a presentation on the role of the local Board of Health. Dr. Allen Greiner, County Health Officer, spoke about concerns regarding the health department's operations and staffing.

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

XIV. Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 2:38:52)

Commissioner Burroughs moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bynum.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

MAYOR GARNER

ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:38 P.M.

July 11, 2024

Monica L. Sparks, CMC

Unified Government Clerk