Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas

Public Works & Safety Standing Committee

Standing Committee Room, 5th Floor
701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Chairman Tom Burroughs
Commissioner Mike Kane, Commissioner Chuck Stites
Commissioner Bill Burns, Commissioner Phil Lopez

MINUTES

Monday, July 22, 2024
5:00 PM-5:44 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Burroughs (Chair)
- Commissioner Kane
- Commissioner Stites
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Lopez

Committee Members Absent:

- Ms. Henry (BPU Board Member)

Staff Present:

- Brittnie MacDonald (Clerk)
- Deasiray Bush (Director of Transportation Department)
- SueZanne Bishop (Senior Attorney)
- Laura Cromwell (Fiscal Manager, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department)
- Major Santana (Police Department Services Division)
- Troy Shaw (Interim Public Works Director)
- Sarah Shafer (Senior Engineer)
- Wendy Green (Deputy Chief Counsel)

- Michael Rankin (Assistant Counsel)
- Alan Howze (Assistant County Administrator)

Call to Order:

Commissioner Burroughs called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

Revisions to Agenda:

The Clerk reported there was an agenda update, adding item No. 8 to the Committee agenda.

Approval of Previous Minutes: (Discussion Begins 2:45)

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the minutes from the April 24 and May 22, 2023, meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry

Committee Agenda:

Item 1: - RESOLUTION: STATE AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PLAN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Discussion Begins 3:20-Chair moved Item 8 to be discussed with this item)

Deasiray Bush presented the State Avenue Corridor Improvement Plan, funded by the Surface Transportation Block Grant.

<u>Key Points:</u>

- Funding Structure:
  - A. Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
  - B. Total project budget: $1.2 million
  - C. $800,000 federal grant
  - D. $200,000 additional TIP funding
  - E. $50,000 additional local match required
- Parties Involved:
  - A. Unified Government Transportation Department
  - B. Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA)

- Project Scope:
  A. Improve access, safety, and operations
  B. Focus on smart moves, fast and frequent corridors
- Infrastructure Improvements:
  A. Replace dilapidated bus shelters
  B. Upgrade bus benches
  C. Repurpose/install new kiosks
  D. Upgrade trash bins
- Corridor Details:
  A. Area: 29th and State to the Legends
  B. Over 20 locations impacted
- Implementation:
  A. First agreement approved by KCATA board in May
  B. Unified Government to approve inter-local agreement
- Strategic Objectives:
  A. Enhance public transit infrastructure
  B. Improve user experience
  C. Modernize transit corridor

The inter-local agreement formalizes the partnership and funding mechanism for the corridor improvement project.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry

Item 2: ORDINANCE: GRANTING LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS TO MAINTAIN TELECOM SYSTEMS WITHIN RIGHT OF WAY (Discussion Begins 19:15)

Michael Rankin from the Unified Government Legal Department presented the ordinance granting Level 3 Communications the right to maintain telecom systems within the public right of way.

Key Points:

- Franchise Agreement Details:
    A. Allows Level 3 Communications to maintain telecommunications systems in public right of way
    B. Part of a subsidiary with CenturyLink, a Lumen company
- Financial Requirements:
    A. 5% franchise fee on gross receipts paid to the city
    B. $50,000 bond requirement to cover potential damages
    C. $1,000 fee for preparing the ordinance
- Insurance and Liability:
    A. $2 million insurance policy required
    B. Covers potential damages or accidents during work
- Operational Conditions:
    A. Must maintain telecommunications infrastructure
    B. Responsible for repairing any damage to public right of way
    C. Separate entity from Century Link (though both owned by Lumen)
- Regulatory Compliance:
    A. Follows standard franchise ordinance procedures
    B. Provides legal framework for telecom infrastructure maintenance

Commissioner Burns moved to approve the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry

Item 3: ORDINANCE: GRANTING CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS TO MAINTAIN TELECOM SYSTEMS WITHIN RIGHT OF WAY (Discussion begins with Item 2, motion made 28:43)

Michael Rankin from the Unified Government Legal Department presented the ordinance granting Century Link Communications the right to maintain telecom systems within the public right of way. He explained that while Century Link is a subsidiary of the same parent company as Level Three Communications (Lumen), they maintain separate entities and thus required a separate franchise ordinance.

<u>Key Points:</u>

- Franchise Agreement Details:
  A. Allows Century Link to maintain telecommunications systems in public right of way
  B. Subsidiary of Lumen company, but maintained as a separate entity from Level 3 Communications
- Financial Requirements:
  A. 5% franchise fee on gross receipts paid to the city
  B. $50,000 bond requirement to cover potential damages
  C. $1,000 fee for preparing the ordinance
- Insurance and Liability:
  A. $2 million insurance policy
  B. Covers potential damages or accidents during work
- Operational Conditions:
  A. Must maintain telecommunications infrastructure
  B. Responsible for repairing any damage to public right of way
- Regulatory Compliance:
  A. Follows standard franchise ordinance procedures
  B. Provides legal framework for telecom infrastructure maintenance

Commissioner Burns moved to approve the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry

Item 4: RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM GRANT CATEGORY 1 (Discussion Begins 29:14)

Laura Cromwell, the Fiscal Manager for the Kansas City Police Department, presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Body Worn Camera Grant Category 1.

<u>Key Points:</u>

- Grant Details:
  A. Funding to purchase new body-worn cameras
  B. Total federal award: $614,000
  C. Requesting funding for 307 body-worn cameras
- Financial Aspects:
  A. Award cap: $2,000 per body-worn camera
  B. Requires a local match of $614,000
  C. Existing capital improvement program budget covers the match requirement
- Project Timeline:
  A. Project period: October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2027
  B. Three-year implementation window
- Purpose:
  A. Replace the current camera system that is at the end of its life cycle
  B. Improve the police department's evidence and documentation capabilities
- Funding Source: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Body Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Grant Program

- Current Status:
  - A. No additional funding needed from the Unified Government
  - B. Existing budget can cover the required local match

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry

Item 5: RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM GRANT CATEGORY 3 (Discussion Begins 33:16)

Laura Cromwell, the Fiscal Manager for the Kansas City Police Department, presented the resolution for the Fiscal Year 2024 Body Worn Camera Program Category 3 grant.

Key Points:

- Grant Specifics:
  - A. Funding source: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
  - B. Purpose: Digital Evidence Integration Project
  - C. Total grant amount: $1 million
  - D. No local match required
- Project Objectives:
  - A. Implement cloud-based evidence storage solution
  - B. Integrate with District Attorney's office newly acquired software
  - C. Streamline body-worn camera data sharing with the District Attorney's office
- Project Timeline: October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2027
- Technical Goals:
  - A. Improve evidence management and sharing processes
  - B. Enhance collaboration between law enforcement and prosecution

- Funding Characteristics:
  A. Fully funded grant
  B. No additional financial burden on Unified Government
- Strategic Approach:
  A. Modernize digital evidence management
  B. Improve the efficiency of evidence sharing between departments

Commissioner Burns moved to approve the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry

Item 6: RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FISCAL YEAR 2024 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIME GUN INTELLIGENCE CENTER INTEGRATION INITIATIVE- CATEGORY 1 (Discussion Begins 35:01)

Laura Cromwell, the Fiscal Manager for the Kansas City Police Department, presented the resolution for the Fiscal Year 2024 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) grant.

<u>Key Points:</u>

- Grant Specifics:
  A. Funding source: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
  B. Total grant amount: $300,000
  C. No local match required
  D. Fully funded grant
- Project Objectives:
  A. Expand capabilities of existing Crime Gun Intelligence Center
  B. Reduce gun-related crimes
  C. Increase success rate of gun-related prosecutions

- Planned Equipment and Investments:
    A. Integrate records management system with ATF national ballistic database (NIBIN)
    B. Purchase mobile device extraction software
    C. Acquire additional license plate readers and traffic cameras
    D. Purchase laptops
    E. Provide training for CGIC staff
- Project Timeline: extended for two years
- Strategic Goals:
    A. Improve technological capabilities for tracking and investigating gun crimes
    B. Enhance law enforcement's ability to prosecute gun-related offenses

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry

ITEM 7: RESOLUTION: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH KANSAS CITY, KANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Discussion Begins 37:41)

Troy Shaw, the County Engineer, presented the resolution for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools. He was accompanied by Sarah Shafer, Senior Engineer, and they discussed the relocation of a combined sewer line at Sumner Academy's football field.

<u>Key Points:</u>

- Project Location: Sumner Academy, and it involves the football field area
- Sewer Line Relocation Details:
    A. The current combined sewer line runs underneath the football field
    B. Line has experienced a collapse and needs to be relocated
    C. Separate the combined sewer line into sanitary and storm systems
    D. Relocate the line around the football field
    E. Improve infrastructure for future CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) removals

- Financial Aspects:
    A. Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools will contribute $500,000 to the relocation project
    B. Unified Government has existing funds budgeted for the project
    C. The school district is replacing the football field with new turf
    D. Relocation helps mitigate risks for both the school and the Unified Government

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry

ITEM 8: RESOLUTION: STATE AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PLAN AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (ADDED PER AGENDA UPDATE) (Discussion begins same time as Item 1, motion made 18:05)

Deasiray Bush , the Unified Government Transportation Department Director, presented the State Avenue Corridor Improvement Plan. She provided an overview of the project, its funding, and the planned improvements to transit infrastructure along the corridor.

<u>Key Points:</u>

- Funding Details:
    A. Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
    B. Total project budget: $1.2 million (increased from original $1 million)
    C. $800,000 federal grant
    D. $200,000 additional TIP funding
    E. $50,000 additional local match required
- Project Scope:
    A. Replace dilapidated bus shelters
    B. Upgrade bus benches
    C. Repurpose/install new kiosks

D. Upgrade trash bins

- Corridor Coverage:

    A. Area from 29th and State to the Legends

    B. Over 20 locations impacted

- Infrastructure Improvements: new bus shelter prototype with metal mesh material, solar lighting, more durable design, easier maintenance, and vandalism-resistant

- Collaboration:

    A. Partnership between the Unified Government Transportation Department

    B. Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA)

- Strategic Goals:

    A. Improve transit infrastructure

    B. Enhance accessibility

    C. Upgrade user experience along State Avenue corridor

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 41:30)

Commissioner Burns moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM.

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