



Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas

**Neighborhood & Community Development
Special Meeting**

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

Commissioner Andrew Davis, Chair

*Commissioner Gayle Townsend – Commissioner Evelyn Hill –
Commissioner Christian Ramirez – Commissioner Melissa Bynum*

MINUTES

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024
5:04 PM-7:50 PM**

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Andrew Davis (Chair)
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Townsend
- Commissioner Bynum
- Commissioner Ramirez

Committee Members Absent:

- None

Other Commissioners Present:

- Commissioner Burns (non-voting)

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Interim UG Clerk)
- Wendy Green (Deputy Chief Counsel)
- SuZanne Bishop (Senior Attorney)
- Gunnar Hand (Director of Planning and Urban Design)
- Jason Haworth (License Administrator)
- Terrie Garrison (Deputy Director of the Health Department)

- Deputy Chief Kent Anderson (Deputy Chief, Kansas City Kansas Police Department)
- Chief Dennis Rubin (Fire Chief, Kansas City Kansas Fire Department)
- Jeff Miles (Director of Water Pollution Control)
- Bridgette Cobbins (Assistant County Administrator)

Call to Order: (Discussion Begins 11:53)

Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Revisions to Agenda:

The Clerk reported there was an agenda update issued, removing Item No. 2 from the Committee Agenda.

Committee Agenda:

Item 1: - ORDINANCE: APPROVING CHANGES RELATED TO MOBILE VENDING OPERATIONS (Discussion Begins 15:36)

SuZanne Bishop from the Unified Government Legal Department presented the proposed changes to the mobile vending ordinance. Various staff members provided additional input and clarifications:

- Gunnar Hand (Planning and Urban Design Department) suggested amendments regarding distance measurements and light restrictions.
- Chief Dennis Rubin (Fire Department) explained fire code requirements for food trucks.
- Deputy Chief Kent Anderson (Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department) presented data on calls for service related to food trucks.
- Terrie Garrison (Public Health Department) clarified that the state Department of Agriculture handles food truck inspections.
- Jason Haworth (Business Licensing Department) explained current licensing and permit requirements.
- Jeff Miles (Public Works Department) discussed plans to implement a FOG (Fats, Oils, and Grease) program for food trucks.

Key Points:

- Operating Hours:
 - A. Sunday to Thursday: 8am to 11pm
 - B. Friday and Saturday: 8am to midnight
- Parking Duration:
 - A. Mobile vendors can park at one location for up to 8 hours
- Distance from Food Establishments:
 - A. 100 feet from the parcel of a food establishment (changed from "front door")
- Documentation Requirements:
 - A. Display two stickers (health and fire inspection)
 - B. Business license and occupation tax receipts on-site
- Restrictions:
 - A. Cannot park in fire lanes
 - B. Cannot park in electrical charging stations while not charging
 - C. No amplified sound beyond 50 feet (following existing noise ordinance)
 - D. No distracting lights that could interfere with traffic
- Penalties:
 - A. Increased fines for illegal dumping of food waste and cooking oil

The proposal aims to balance the needs of mobile vendors, brick-and-mortar businesses, and neighborhood residents.

Several members of the public were present both in-person and virtually. Public Comments included:

- Louise Lynch (Kansas City, Kansas resident) (**Comment Begins 56:34**)
- Gabe Munoz (The Toolbox Small Business Resource Center) (**Comment Begins 1:00:26**)
- Beatrix Arce (Kansas City, Kansas resident) (**Comment Begins 1:02:27**)
- Leonardo Nolazquez (Food truck owner) (**Comment Begins 1:04:37**)
- Sarah Lynch (Wyandotte resident) (**Comment Begins 1:08:08**)
- Francisco Valencia (Food truck owner) (**Comment Begins 1:11:35**)
- Julio Arencibia (Food truck owner) (**Comment Begins 1:15:34**)

- Erik Andersen (Wyandotte County resident and small business owner) (**Comment Begins 1:16:34**)
- Fannie Hill (Wyandotte County resident) (**Comment Begins 1:20:08**)
- Irma Morataya (Food truck owner) (**Comment Begins 1:21:48**)
- Judith Arevalo (Food truck owner) (**Comment Begins 1:25:05**)

Commissioner Davis moved to allow hours of operation between 8 AM and 11 PM Sunday through Thursday and 8 AM to 12 AM Friday and Saturday. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 5-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Townsend, Bynum, Davis
- Nays: None

Commissioner Davis moved to allow 8 hours on a site, keeping prohibition of storage overnight. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 5-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Townsend, Bynum, Davis
- Nays: None

Commissioner Townsend moved to leave language as proposed regarding parking within 100' of a store, changing to parcel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 5-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Townsend, Bynum, Davis
- Nays: None

Commissioner Davis moved to add language in Section 188(b)(4)(k) that no flashing lights should be directed toward the public right-of-way. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend.

Vote: Motion carries 5-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Townsend, Bynum, Davis
- Nays: None

Commissioner Bynum moved to adopt ordinance as submitted with all amendments as stated and to fast track approval to the next full commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend.

Vote: Motion carries 4-1

- Ayes: Hill, Townsend, Bynum, Davis
- Nays: Ramirez

Item 2: RESOLUTION: APPROVING REVISED LAND BANK POLICY

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

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 2:55:53)

Commissioner Townsend moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 5-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Townsend, Bynum, Davis
- Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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