

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, February 29, 2024

7:01 PM-10:55 PM

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:

- Commissioner Burroughs (Mayor Pro Tem)
- Commissioner Bynum
- Commissioner Davis
- Commissioner Stites
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Kane
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Townsend

Commissioners Absent:

- Mayor Tyrone Garner
- Commissioner Ramirez (absence memo provided)

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Interim Unified Government Clerk)
- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Angela Lawson (Acting Chief Counsel)
- Gunnar Hand (Director of Planning and Urban Design)
- Debbie Jonscher (Interim Chief Financial Officer)
- Jeff Fisher (Executive Director of Public Works)
- Jeff Conway (Senior Counsel)
- Angel Ferrara (Director of Parks and Recreation)

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Chaplain Jim Kemper, Sr. of Ebenezer Ministries led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Revisions to Agenda

No revisions to the agenda were reported.

VI. Clerk's Statement (Statement Read 4:09)**VII. Planning and Zoning Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Townsend made a request to set aside Item No. B.6, SP 2023-115, Deborah Sage.

The applicant, William Lanier, requested to set aside Item No. C.1, PR 2023-039, William Lanier United LLC.

Tscher (CeCe) Manck requested to set aside all items on the Planning and Zoning Consent Agenda.

A. CHANGE OF ZONE APPLICATIONS

Item No. 1 – COZ 2023-030 – RIAD BAGHDADI (**Discussion Begins 18:18**)

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

Commissioner Townsend made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for denial of Item A.1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 2 – COZ 2023-033 – ROBERT KARL **(Discussion Begins 19:33)**

Staff presented opening comments.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve item A.2 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

B. SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Item No. 1 - SP2023-078 – ANDREW HARRIS WITH PIPER DEVELOPMENT GROUP
(Discussion Begins 20:46)

Staff presented opening comments.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve item B.1 for a period of two years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 2 - SP2023-096 – SANDRA COLEMAN (**Discussion Begins 21:55**)

Staff presented opening comments.

Commissioner Townsend made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for denial of Item B.2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 3 - SP2023-103 – JUAN CARLOS MALDONADO (**Discussion Begins 25:02**)

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing.

Public comments in favor of item:

- Marlene Bouray (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 26:50)
- Sandy Ziolo (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 27:34)
- Teddy Scott (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 27:56)
- James Martin (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 28:07)
- Tscher (Cece) Manck (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 28:32)

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Townsend made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for denial of Item B.3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 4 - SP2023-108 – MARCOS OLIVA (**Discussion Begins 29:49**)

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve item B.4 for a period of one year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 5 - SP2023-111 – RYAN FORSHEE WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NE KANSAS **(Discussion Begins 31:45)**

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing. Public comments in favor of item:

- Amelia Reyes (Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas) (Comment Begins 35:29)

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve item B.5 for a period of five years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 6 - SP2023-115 – DEBORAH SAGE **(Discussion Begins 36:37)**

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing.

Public comments in favor of item:

- Angelynn Howell (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 38:05)
- Tscher (Cece) Manck (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 43:02)

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Townsend made a motion to approve item B.6 for a period of two years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 7 - SP2023-116 – DONNA BARNETT **(Discussion Begins 44:02)**

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing.

Public comment in opposition of the item:

- Louise Lynch (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 46:11)

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve item B.7 for a period of one year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 7/1

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites
- Nays: Lopez
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 8 - SP2023-118 – JUSTIN APPLEBERRY WITH THE DAVENPORT **(Discussion Begins 48:01)**

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve item B.8 for a period of two years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 9 - SP2023-120 – HOUSTON DEFOE WITH BLUE PALM LLC (Discussion Begins 50:25)

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve item B.9 for a period of two years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 10 - SP2023-121 – JESSICA MORENO WITH NEXT GUEST KC (Discussion Begins 53:06)

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing.

Public comment in opposition of the item:

- Louise Lynch (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 55:28)

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Townsend made a motion to approve item B.10 for a period of one year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carries 7/1

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites
- Nays: Lopez
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 11 - SP2024-001 – GUY HOLBERT (**Discussion Begins 57:29**)

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve item B.11 for a period of two years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

C. PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION

Item No. 1 – PR2023-039 – WILLIAM LANIER WITH LANIER UNITED LLC (**Discussion Begins 1:00:03**)

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing. No comments were received.

Public comments in favor of the item:

- Rita York Kenneke (General Manager, Merc Co-Op) (Comment Begins 1:12:19)
- Laura Marsh (Marketing Director, Merc Co-Op) (Comment Begins 1:14:23)
- Melissa Williams (Turtle Hill Association and President, Merc Co-Op) (Comment Begins 1:16:19)
- Story Rowan (First Baptist Church) (Comment Begins 1:18:15)
- Deon Whitten (Treasurer, Merc Co-Op) (Comment Begins 1:19:09)

- Cedric Rowan (Pastor, First Baptist Church) (Comment Begins 1:22:35)
- Greg Kindle (Wyandotte Economic Development Council) (Comment Begins 1:24:34)
- Tscher (Cece) Manck (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 1:27:17)

Public comments in opposition to the item:

- Louise Lynch (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 1:29:22)

The applicant presented closing comments.

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Bynum said, “I want to state for the record that I support the item that is in front of us tonight.”

Commissioner Townsend made a motion to approve item C.1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 6/2

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Hill, Kane, Stites
- Nays: Burns, Lopez
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

D. MISCELLANEOUS - ORDINANCES (The following ordinances formalize previous Commission approval.) (Discussion Begins 2:09:58)

Item No. 1. AN ORDINANCE authorizing a Special Use Permit (SP2023-066) for a non-owner-occupied Short-Term Rental at 408 Sandusky Avenue

Item No. 2. AN ORDINANCE authorizing a Home Occupation Special Use Permit (SP2023-088) to produce gummies, topicals and a powdered drink at 11411 Hollingsworth Road

Item No. 3. AN ORDINANCE authorizing a Home Occupation Special Use Permit (SP2023-089) for a dog grooming operation at 10120 Hollingsworth Road

Item No. 4. AN ORDINANCE authorizing a Special Use Permit (SP2023-102) for continuation of a drinking establishment with live entertainment at 614 Reynolds Avenue

Item No. 5. AN ORDINANCE authorizing a Home Occupation Special Use Permit (SP2023-104) to operate a cottage bakery business at 1206 North 132nd Street

Item No. 6. AN ORDINANCE authorizing a Special Use Permit (SP2023-105) for a non-owner-occupied Short-Term Rental at 4509 Garfield Avenue

Item No. 7. AN ORDINANCE authorizing a Special Use Permit (SP2023-107) to operate a daycare on the campus of the Boys and Girls Club at 1220 Troup Avenue.

Item No. 8. AN ORDINANCE authorizing a Special Use Permit (SP2023-079) for eight (8) mature ducks and ducklings not to exceed 40 at any one time at 1921 Nebraska Avenue.

Item No. 9. AN ORDINANCE rezoning property at 290 South 10th Street (COZ2023-012) from CP-O Planned Nonretail Business District to RP-5 Planned Apartment District.

Item No. 10. AN ORDINANCE rezoning property at 4105 Gibbs Road (COZ2023-029) from R-1 Single Family District to A-G Agriculture District.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Items D.1 through D.10. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

IX. Planning and Zoning Non-Consent Agenda

A. CHANGE OF ZONE APPLICATIONS

Item No. 1 - COZ2023-032 – ASHLEY MEEK (**Discussion Begins 2:11:23**)

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

Public comments in favor of the item:

Leslie Scott (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 2:17:27)

Herbert Fields (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 2:19:33)

Corinne Shaw (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 2:20:03)

Reggie Moton (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 2:21:12)

Rose Eilts (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 2:22:09)

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Townsend made a motion to approve item A.1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

B. SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Item No. 1 - SP2023-094 – FRAN SUTTON WITH CROSSLINES (**Discussion Begins 2:24:42**)

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to approve item B.1 for a period of two years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 2 - SP2023-112 – ASHLY MEEK (**Discussion Begins 2:24:18**)

Discussion was previously conducted under Item A.1 on the Planning and Zoning Non-Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to approve item B.2 for a period of two years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 3 - SP2023-122 – ANDREW C. MALL (**Discussion Begins 2:29:24**)

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Public comment in favor of the item:

- Meredith Casares (Kansas) (Comment Begins 2:36:07).

Public comments in opposition of the item:

- Francis Howard (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 2:37:25)
- Alia Casares (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 2:39:24)

The applicant presented closing comments.

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Kane made a motion to refer the matter back to the Planning Commission meeting in April for further documentation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bynum.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

C. MASTER PLAN APPLICATION

Item No. 1 – MPL 2023-020 – KELLY WINKEL (**Discussion Begins 2:52:21**)

Staff and the Applicant presented opening comments.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to approve item C.1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 6/2

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane
- Nays: Lopez, Stites
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

D. PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION

Item No. 1 – PR 2023-044 – KELLY WINKEL (**Discussion Begins 3:04:59**)

Discussion was previously conducted under Item C.1 on the Planning and Zoning Non-Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to approve item D.1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 6/2

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Burns, Hill, Kane
- Nays: Lopez, Stites
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

IX. Mayor's Agenda

Item No. 1 – Proclamation proclaiming February 2024, as Black History Month (Discussion Begins 3:05:42)

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

X. Regular Consent Agenda (Discussion Begins 3:06:16)

Item No. 1 – NOMINATIONS: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Item No. 2 – PLAT: HOMEFIELD ATLAS 9

Item No. 3 – PLAT: VUE39

Item No. 5 – MINUTES

Item No. 6 – WEEKLY BUSINESS

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, except Item No. 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Commissioner Townsend recused herself from Item No. 4, Plat of McGrew Grove, due to a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Davis amended a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, except Item No. 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Burns, Hill, Kane. Lopez, Stites
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem and Townsend (Recused)

Set aside item:

Item No. 4 – PLAT: MCGREW GROVE (**Discussion begins 3:08:00**)

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Item No. 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Burns, Hill, Kane. Lopez, Stites
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem and Townsend (Recused)

XIII. Administrator's Agenda

Item No. 1 – ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION: SALE AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION 2024-A BONDS (Discussion Begins 3:08:48)

Debbie Johnscher, the Interim Chief Financial Officer, presented the sale and issuance of general obligation 2024-A bonds.

Key Points

- Three sales were conducted:
 - A. \$34.1 million city bond at 3.55% interest
 - B. \$6.6 million county bond at 2.97% interest
 - C. \$54.89 million temporary note at 3.68% interest
- Rates were favorable compared to recent years
- City and county bond ratings were reaffirmed:
 - A. S&P: Double A stable
 - B. Moody's: A1 stable

- Bonds were necessary to:
 - A. Pay off 2023 temporary notes
 - B. Fund capital projects included in the budget
- No mill levy increase for city or county
- Ratings agencies noted the UG's conservative budgeting and management

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adopt the resolution and approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carries 7/1

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Townsend
- Nays: Lopez
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

**Item No. 2 – RESOLUTION: GENERAL OBLIGATION 2024-B COUNTY BOND SALE
(Discussion Begins 3:25:17)**

Debbie Johnscher, the Interim Chief Financial Officer, presented the sale and issuance of general obligation 2024-B bonds.

Key Points

- Bond amount: \$6.6 million
- Interest rate: 2.97%
- Term: 10-year bond (will mature in August 2034)
- Received four bids, with Piper Sandler and Company winning the bid
- Part of the bond issue included:
 - A. Refunding temporary notes
 - B. Funding county projects
- Projections were for rates between 3-4%, so the 2.97% rate was favorable
- City and county bond ratings remained stable:
 - A. S&P: Double A stable
 - B. Moody's: A1 stable
- No mill levy increase associated with this bond sale

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

Vote: Motion carries 7/1

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Townsend
- Nays: Lopez
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 3 – RESOLUTION: GENERAL OBLIGATION 2024-I TEMPORARY NOTES SALE (Discussion Begins 3:25:48)

Debbie Johnson, the Interim Chief Financial Officer, presented the general obligation 2024-I temporary notes during the meeting.

Key Points

- Total amount: \$54.89 million
- Interest rate: 3.68%
- Term: One-year temporary note
- Received six bids
- Rate was slightly higher than last year's temporary note (previous year was 3.65%)
- Purpose:
 - A. Refund prior temporary notes
 - B. Fund new capital projects
- Part of the budgeted capital improvement program
- No mill levy increase associated with the temporary notes
- Consistent with the Unified Government's financial strategy of using temporary notes for capital projects

Commissioner Burns made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 7/1

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Burns, Hill, Kane, Stites, Townsend
- Nays: Lopez
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 4 – ORDINANCE: PROCTER & GAMBLE TRAILHEAD (Discussion Begins 3:26:17)

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Burns, Hill, Kane. Lopez, Stites, Townsend
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 5 – ORDINANCE: JAMES STREET TRAILHEAD (Discussion Begins 3:27:30)

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Burns, Hill, Kane. Lopez, Stites, Townsend
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 6 – APPOINTMENTS: WITNESS DESTRUCTION OF ELECTION BALLOTS AND RECORDS (Discussion Begins 3:27:53)

Jeff Conway, Legal Counsel, presented the item regarding the destruction of election ballots. He explained that the process follows Kansas state statute (KSA 25-2708), which requires specific procedures for preserving and destroying election records.

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Burns, Hill, Kane. Lopez, Stites, Townsend
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Item No. 7 – PRESENTATION: 2024 CASINO GRANT OVERVIEW (Discussion Begins 3:30:00)

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Sarah Forge from the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation presented the 2024 Hollywood Casino Grant Program overview.

Key Points

- Total fund: \$500,000
- Funding source: Annual contribution from Hollywood Casino since 2013
- Eligibility:
 - A. 501(c)(3) public charities
 - B. Must serve Wyandotte County residents
 - C. Can use fiscal sponsors
- Grant allocation:
 - A. Each commissioner receives \$41,778.18 to allocate
 - B. Previous year's grants ranged from \$500 to \$27,000
 - C. Average award was almost \$7,000
 - D. Approximately 65 projects were awarded in 2023
- Important dates:
 - A. Application opens March 1st
 - B. Informational session on March 1st at 10am
 - C. Application deadline: April 19th
 - D. Grant awards meeting: June 27th
- Managed by Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
- Focuses on improving community health in Wyandotte County
- Historically awarded over \$6.7 million to nearly 150 nonprofits

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

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to adjourn and reconvene as the Land Bank Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis. (Discussion Begins 3:53:07)

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Burns, Hill, Kane. Lopez, Stites, Townsend
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

XV. Land Bank Board of Trustee's Consent Agenda (Discussion Begins 3:53:37)

Item No. 1 - LAND BANK OPTIONS

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

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Burns, Hill, Kane. Lopez, Stites, Townsend
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 3:54:06)

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

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Davis, Bynum, Burns, Hill, Kane. Lopez, Stites, Townsend
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Burroughs as Mayor Pro Tem

MAYOR PRO TEM BURROUGHS

ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:55 P.M.

February 29, 2024

Monica L. Sparks
Interim Unified Government Clerk

MLS