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**AGENDA**

**Thursday, June 4, 2026**

**5:30 PM**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. REVISIONS TO AGENDA**
- 5. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 6. MAYOR'S AGENDA**
- 7. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA**

**7.1 RESOLUTION: REGIONAL FARE POLICY ADOPTION**

Synopsis: Adopt a resolution to propose a regional fare policy that establishes a unified, equitable, and transparent fare structure across all RideKC transit providers, improving consistency and the overall rider experience throughout the region.

*On May 18, 2026, the **Public Works and Safety Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Kump, voted unanimously to approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners meeting.*

Tracking #: 21358

7.2 **RESOLUTION: MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS DURING THE 2026 FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WORLD CUP.**

Synopsis: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Kansas City, Missouri, Board of Police Commissioners during the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup matches and associated events from June through July of 2026.

*On May 18, 2026, the **Public Works and Safety Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Kump, voted unanimously to approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners meeting.*

Tracking #: 21404

7.3 **RESOLUTION: HEALTH FORWARD FOUNDATION GRANT - STAFF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP) HOUSING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Synopsis: Requesting Commission approval to receive a grant submitted to the Health Forward Foundation for \$75,000. The Health Dept submitted the grant on April 6, 2026. Funding supports staff time to coordinate implementation of the 2024-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Health Forward has awarded this grant, in varying amounts, to the Health Department for CHIP staff since 2021, and is a core financial supporter of the county's CHIP.

*This item will be scheduled to appear before the **Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee**, chaired by Commissioner Bynum, on June 1, 2026. It is requested to fast track this item to the June 4, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting.*

Tracking #: 21550

7.4 **APPOINTMENT: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Synopsis: Eco Redevelopment Advisory Committee:**

Appointment of Delia Marin-Term 05/28/26 to 12/15/29, submitted by Mayor Watson.

**Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board:**

Appointment of Commissioner Jermaine Howard-Term 06/04/26 to 6/04/29, submitted by Mayor Watson.

**Solid Waste Management Plan Committee:**

Appointment of John McConnell-Term 05/28/26 to 12/15/29, submitted by Mayor Watson.

Tracking #: 21519

7.5 **MINUTES**

Synopsis: Minutes from the Regular Session meeting on September 15 and October 2, 2025, and April 16, 2026, and minutes from the Special Session meeting on August 27, 2025.

Tracking #: MINUTES

7.6 **WEEKLY BUSINESS**

Synopsis: Weekly business materials dated May 7 and May 14, 2026.

Tracking #: WEEKLY BUSINESS

**8. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

**9. STANDING COMMITTEES' AGENDA**

**10. ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA**

10.1 **BUDGET: PERSONNEL**

Synopsis: Budget Workshop on personnel.

Tracking #: 21335

**11. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

**15. ADJOURN**

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## Report to Board of Commissioners

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
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### AGENDA ITEM #7.1.

### RESOLUTION: REGIONAL FARE POLICY ADOPTION

#### BACKGROUND

The proposed RideKC Regional Fare Policy establishes a unified, consistent, and transparent framework for how transit fares are structured, collected, and managed across the Kansas City metropolitan region. Developed collaboratively by regional partners—including the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), Johnson County Transit, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Transit, and the Kansas City Streetcar Authority—this policy reflects years of coordination through the Regional Transit Coordinating Technical Team. The policy is designed to support a seamless, customer-focused transit network that enhances mobility, improves regional connectivity, and simplifies the rider experience regardless of service provider or jurisdiction.

At its core, the policy standardizes fare structures across transit modes and providers by establishing uniform service types, rider categories, and fare levels. It ensures equity by maintaining reduced fare programs for seniors, individuals with disabilities, Medicare cardholders, and low-income riders, while also supporting free fare provisions for certain groups such as young children and streetcar users. The policy introduces modern fare practices, including account-based systems, mobile and contactless payments, and fare capping, which guarantees riders never pay more than the equivalent cost of a daily, weekly, or monthly pass. These advancements remove financial and technological barriers, making transit more accessible and affordable for all users.

In addition, the policy promotes operational efficiency and financial sustainability by supporting consistent farebox recovery goals, reducing administrative complexity, and enabling improved data collection and revenue sharing among participating agencies. It also provides a framework for coordinated pass programs with employers, educational institutions, and social service organizations, expanding access to transit for targeted populations. By aligning fare media, payment technologies, and transfer protocols, the policy enhances regional integration and positions the transit system for future innovation and scalability.

Adoption of the Regional Fare Policy by the Commission is a critical step in advancing a cohesive, regionally integrated transit system. It formalizes the Unified Government's participation in a shared fare structure and allows for the implementation of consistent fare policies and technologies across the region beginning June 1, 2026. Ultimately, this policy supports broader regional goals of increasing ridership, improving equity, reducing congestion, and strengthening the overall effectiveness of public transportation services.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve

The recommended action is for the Board of Commissioners (BOC) to formally adopt the RideKC Regional Fare Policy, authorizing participation in a unified, region-wide fare system. Approval of this policy enables implementation of a consistent fare structure, technology, and payment system in coordination with regional transit partners. Adoption ensures alignment with the planned June 1, 2026, rollout and supports a seamless, equitable transit experience for riders.

**BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The full cost of fare collection equipment and associated technology is currently under review and will be finalized as part of ongoing coordination with regional partners. While initial capital costs are still being evaluated, the reinstatement of fares is expected to generate new revenue and offset operational expenses. Overall, implementation of the regional fare policy is anticipated to improve long-term financial sustainability through increased farebox recovery and operational efficiencies.

**LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

No Legal considerations.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Regional Fare Policy Resolution DRAFT, 2025 RideKC Fare Policy\_12-2-2025, Fare Policy Adoption

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE RIDEKC REGIONAL FARE POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the Unified Government Transportation Department (“Transportation”) provides transportation services in collaboration with regional partners to support a seamless, customer-focused transit network that enhances mobility, improves regional connectivity, and simplifies the rider experience regardless of service provider or jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, Transportation has coordinated over several years with its regional partners to develop RideKC Regional Fare Policy, which provides a unified, consistent, and transparent framework for how transit fares are structured, collected, and managed across the Kansas City metropolitan region; and

**WHEREAS**, the policy standardizes fare structures across transit modes and providers by establishing uniform service types, rider categories, and fare levels and ensures equity by maintaining reduced fare programs for seniors, individuals with disabilities, Medicare cardholders, and low-income riders, while also supporting free fare provisions for certain groups such as young children and streetcar users; and

**WHEREAS**, the policy introduces modern fare practices, including account-based systems, mobile and contactless payments, and fare capping, which guarantees riders never pay more than the equivalent cost of a daily, weekly, or monthly pass, which remove financial and technological barriers, making transit more accessible and affordable for all users; and

**WHEREAS**, the policy promotes operational efficiency and financial sustainability by supporting consistent farebox recovery goals, reducing administrative complexity, and enabling improved data collection and revenue sharing among participating agencies; provides a framework for coordinated pass programs with employers, educational institutions, and social service organizations, expanding access to transit for targeted populations; and enhances regional integration and positions the transit system for future innovation and scalability; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the Regional Fare Policy by the Commission is a critical step in advancing a cohesive, regionally integrated transit system, formalizing the Unified Government’s participation in a shared fare structure and allows for the implementation of consistent fare policies and technologies across the region beginning June 1, 2026, and supporting broader regional goals of increasing ridership, improving equity, reducing congestion, and strengthening the overall effectiveness of public transportation services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/ KANSAS CITY, KANSAS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Unified Government Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the RideKC Regional Fare Policy.

**Section 2.** Further Action. The Mayor/CEO, County Administrator, and other officers, agents, and employees of the Unified Government are hereby further authorized and directed to take such further action as may be appropriate or desirable to accomplish the purpose of this Resolution.

**Section 3.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately after its adoption by the Governing Body of the Unified Government.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS,  
THIS \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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**Christal E. Watson, Mayor/CEO**

**Attest:**

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**Unified Government Clerk**

**Approved as to Form:**

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# 2025 RideKC Fare Policy

The RideKC Fare Policy Document outlines the guiding principles, goals, and structure of the fare system used throughout the RideKC network. It establishes a consistent, equitable, and transparent framework for how fares are set, collected, and adjusted over time. The policy ensures that fare decisions support regional mobility goals, promote accessibility, maintain financial sustainability, and enhance the overall rider experience across all RideKC services.

## 1. Background and Purpose

RideKC is a regional entity comprising of the following public transit providers:

- Kansas City Area Transportation Authority
- Johnson County Transit
- Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas Transit
- Kansas City Streetcar Authority.

The Regional Transit Coordinating Technical Team (established in 2013) was established to strengthen collaboration among these transit providers. This regional technical team serves as an advisory body that promotes regional coordination, planning, and implementation of shared transit priorities across the Kansas City Metropolitan area. The objectives of this team are to:

- Provide a forum for coordination of regional transit operations, planning, and service delivery.
- Offer technical and policy guidance to MARC, region's transit providers, and local jurisdictions.
- Align federal, regional, and local transit planning and programming requirements.
- Support the evolution of governance and structural integration of regional transit services.

Through this technical team and regional partnership, regional partners continue to work toward a unified transit network that enhances rider experience, improves efficiency, and advances equity. Coordinated efforts allow transit providers to leverage shared resources, streamline systems, and pursue common goals.

As part of this ongoing collaboration, the regional partners have developed and will maintain a coordinated regional fare policy. This effort builds upon earlier work to simplify fare structures, promote fare technology integration, and ensure a consistent rider experience across the RideKC system. It is the goal of this partnership to move forward with the desire to continue

RideKC branding of services, identify and maintain reduced fare programs, and align fare media and technology across the region.

## 2. Defining a Regional Fare Policy

A fare policy establishes the principles underlying and guiding a transit provider's pricing related decision. The policy should balance the objectives of increasing ridership, maintaining reasonable fares, and recognizing the needs of special groups such as students, elderly, disabled, and transit dependent populations, while requiring that transit users pay a fair and reasonable portion of the costs of providing, maintaining, and improving transit services. The goal in establishing a regional fare policy is to support the region's efforts to coordinate services and provide high-quality public transportation services.

For this policy to be effective, it will be necessary for all transit providers in the region to implement a single, unified, region-wide fare structure and transfer system for all providers.

### Policy Statement

The Kansas City Regional Fare Policy establishes principles that govern recovery of passenger revenues in support of the region's vision of providing cost-effective, rider-friendly transit.

### Regional Fare Principles

- **Promote ridership:** The region's transit providers seek to encourage and facilitate transit ridership within the regional service area to increase traveler choice, reduce congestion, and decrease air pollution. Therefore, it is important to adopt a fare structure that is attractive to the widest possible range of existing and potential rider groups. In addition, fare media distribution channels shall be developed to promote convenience and facilitate access to fare media for all rider groups.
- **Be equitable:** To be equitable, fares must take into account riders' needs, as well as, the cost and value of the service provided by the region's transit providers. Therefore, a consistent fare structure throughout the regional service area should support the travel patterns and requirements of transit riders. The fare structure should also reflect differences in the level and quality of the service provided, while not undervaluing a transit provider's service.

The region's transit providers recognize the need to ensure that for any fare increase, the burden placed on vulnerable communities is not unjustifiably or disproportionately greater than that borne by the system as a whole.

- **Enhance mobility and access:** The fare structure should enhance the ability of riders to access the system and move through it with ease. To do so, the fare structure should be easy to understand and unified across transit providers and modes.

- **Be effective and cost efficient:** The region's fares, fare media, and fare collection technologies should be easily applied by transit operating employees and fare enforcement personnel, as well as minimize the costs associated with fare collection, fare media distribution, and revenue processing.
- **Maintain or increase fare revenue stream:** A transit provider's fare revenue is critical to its operating budget. Therefore, the fares collected should ensure that total fare revenue is maintained or increased. To maximize fare collection revenue, the region should take advantage of substantial developments in fare collection technology.
- **Improve financial management and data collection:** Regional fares and fare collection system should be interoperable and facilitate data collection and consolidated reporting to foster decision making and revenue allocation between transit providers.
- **Promote regional access:** Regional fares and fare payment system should be designed in a way to promote access to key regional locations throughout the regional transit service area.

In keeping with the principles set forth, the region's transit providers will take action on these policy areas:

#### *Farebox Recovery*

A farebox recovery ratio is the percentage of transit fares to the operating costs. Fares are collected from riders as one component of funding transit services, and it is generally accepted that transit users should pay a fair and reasonable cost for transit services.

*Action: Each transit provider in the region will set a farebox recovery target that provides for a level of revenue that is consistent with the transit provider's financial plans.*

#### *Fare Structure*

Fares are set by the type of transit service and rider category. Transit service types are identified by each transit provider on a route-by-route basis, and for any given transit service type, the pricing and structure should be consistent across transit providers.

Rider categories eligible for a reduced or free fare may be required to enroll in a reduced or free fare program to access reduced or free fares.

Table 1: Transit Service Types

Transit Service Type	Definition
Local	Local services consist of Support Arterial, Key Arterial, and Community services.
Metro Area Express (MAX)	High capacity, high frequency service with enhanced stations that provide upgraded passenger amenities and stop spacing that promotes faster travel times
Express	Designed to provide fast commuter service to and from regional destinations and operate on weekdays primarily.
On-Demand or Flexible	Services that fill gaps or expand the reach of the transit network by providing coverage in areas with few or no fixed route options.
Streetcar	A fixed route rail mode operating in the central core of Kansas City.
ADA Complimentary Paratransit	Curb-to-Curb paratransit service for individuals who cannot use fixed route transit as required by <b>49 CFR 37</b> .

Table 2: Rider Category

Rider Category	Definition
Adult	Any rider between 19 years and 64 years of age.
Youth	Any rider between 6 years and 18 years of age.
Child	Any rider 5 years and younger.
Senior	Any person 65 years of age or older.
Person with Disability	Any person with a certified qualifying disability as defined by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
Medicare Cardholder	Any person on Medicare with a Medicare Card.
Low-Income Rider	Any person whose household currently participates in an identified benefits assistance program.

Table 3: Fare Levels

Fare Level	Definition
Full Fare	Fare for a single unlinked trip. All riders who do not qualify for a reduced or free fare shall pay the full fare.
Reduced Fare	The reduced fare is a maximum of one-half of the full fare for the comparable service, rounded down to an increment of \$0.05.  As required by current FTA regulations (49 CFR 609.23), seniors, persons with disabilities, and Medicare cardholders shall be charged the reduced fare. Reduced fares may not be available on services that only operate during the peak period.
Free Fare	The streetcar service will be free for riders.*  Children 5 years of age and under shall be allowed to ride for free when traveling with an individual paying full or reduced fare.  This level also includes any participating entity that procures free fare opportunities for their represented group of riders.

\* The Kansas City Streetcar Authority has the ability to charge fares in the future. At that time, the fare policy will be reviewed and amended to consider those changes.

*Action: Transit providers will set uniform fares for each specific combination of transit service type, rider category, and fare level. Any deviation from the fare structure elements described herein will be coordinated and shared with the transit providers.*

### *Fare Products & Fare Capping*

Fare products include all ways of paying for the right to use transit. The core fare product offerings will include stored value and pay-as-you-go with fare capping. Fare capping ensures that riders never pay more than the cost of a daily, weekly, or monthly pass, regardless of how they pay their fares. By automatically limiting the total amount a rider is charged within a set period, fare capping promotes equity, affordability, and convenience, especially for riders who cannot afford to purchase longer-term passes upfront. Implementing fare capping also supports system modernization by integrating with account-based payment platforms, encouraging ridership, and reducing barriers for occasional or low-income riders while maintaining fare revenue predictability for the transit provider.

Additional products that may be offered include passes and tickets, generally for specific rider groups. Any passes or fare caps achieved will be valid only for a specific service type and all lower levels of service. All categories of riders will be able to purchase and use full fare products. Reduced fare versions of some fare products may be offered and, if offered, will be priced no less than one-half the price of the full fare version of the product. Reduced and free fare products may require an individual to be enrolled in a reduced or free fare program.

Fare products will ideally be designed to support riders across all regional transit provider services. However, if a transit provider introduces a provider-specific fare product that only provides travel privileges on their services, that provider should coordinate with the other transit providers and would be responsible for costs associated with the design, implementation, and administration of the fare product.

Cash will not be collected on board, but transit providers will work with local retail locations and other municipal or county service partners to establish a cash digitization network to allow riders to purchase and load stored value to their accounts. Transit providers may choose to accept cash on certain services, such as ADA Complementary Paratransit.

*Action: Transit providers will adopt a common set of fare products for use on all regional transit services. Stored value and pay-as-you-go with fare capping will be the core fare products offered by transit providers.*

### *Pass Programs*

Pass programs will enable institutions to purchase and subsidize fares on behalf of riders using the system. Pass programs may be considered for specific, affiliation-based groups of riders including but not limited to employees, students, veterans, and individuals in identified

participating social service programs (Opportunity Pass). Pass programs are agreements between transit providers and institutions, rather than fares offered directly to riders. Transit providers will establish criteria and eligibility requirements for participation in a pass program, and institutions will be responsible for the costs associated with riders participating through their program.

Pass programs will ideally be designed to support riders across all regional transit provider services. However, if a transit provider introduces a provider-specific pass program that only provides travel privileges on their services, that provider should coordinate with the other transit providers and would be responsible for costs associated with the design, implementation, and administration of the pass program.

*Table 4: Pass Programs*

<b>Pass Programs</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Employer	Participating employers purchase transit fares/passes for their employees.
Student	Participating high schools, colleges, universities, technical schools, or approved post-secondary schools purchase transit fares/passes for actively enrolled students.
Veteran	Organizations and/or non-profits representing veteran interests provide transit fares/passes to veterans of the United States of America armed forces.
Social Service (Opportunity Pass)	Social service agencies, non-profit organizations, and community-based organizations purchase transit fares/passes for clients participating in eligible programs and low-income or homeless individuals at or below the federal poverty level.

*Action: Transit providers will design relevant pass programs for targeted rider groups. Transit providers will work collectively to establish which pass programs to offer, eligibility requirements, basis for pricing/discounts, administrative processes including revenue collection, and any other characteristics that require concurrence.*

#### *Transfer Privileges*

A transfer allows the rider of a transit vehicle who pays for a single-trip fare to continue the trip on another transit vehicle. Transfers can be time based, allowing the rider a specified window of time (e.g., two hours) between trips, or a one-time use, allowing the rider access to continue their trip on one more route/vehicle.

Greater flexibility in transfer privileges is available when stored value fare media (e.g., smart cards) are used but only when all transit modes and vehicles accept the same fare media.

*Action: Regional transit providers will adopt a common transfer protocol based on fare collection equipment in use. Currently, the region is not planning to provide free transfer*

*privileges. Instead of free transfer privileges, a rider would pay for each boarding until they reach the daily, weekly, or monthly fare cap.*

#### *Marketing Programs & Promotional Fares*

Transit providers may develop marketing programs, including targeted outreach and/or short-term promotional fares to encourage ridership or achieve additional regional outcomes. Example programs may include free transit on New Years Eve, free transit on voting day, or discounted youth passes during the summer. Promotional fares may also be available for identified special events.

Ideally, marketing programs and promotional fares would be coordinated and offered regionally, but individual providers may choose to develop provider-specific marketing and promotional fare programs. If a transit provider introduces a provider-specific marketing or promotional fare, that provider would be responsible for costs associated with the design, implementation, and administration of the marketing and promotional fare.

*Action: Transit providers will coordinate to develop regional marketing programs and promotional fare initiatives, whenever possible.*

#### *Fare Payment Process and Equipment*

An electronic regional fare payment system will facilitate fare integration among the transit providers, providing a consistent and seamless fare payment experience. The fare payment system will leverage electronic validation to enable acceptance of a variety of electronic fare media options, improve data collection, and support revenue sharing among the transit providers.

*Action: Regional transit providers will adopt a fare payment system with equipment that can accept regional fare media and regional fare products.*

#### *Fare Media*

The regional fare payment system will enable acceptance of a variety of fare media options, including but not limited to smart cards, mobile ticketing, and open payments. The use of third-party IDs, such as student and employer IDs, will be explored and leveraged if possible. Disposable fare media that can be electronically validated will also be considered to meet specific needs of organizations to subsidize transit service for individuals. Visual validated fare media may be used in limited circumstances or on an as-needed basis, with coordination among the transit providers.

*Action: Regional transit providers will adopt common fare media for use on all regional transit vehicles.*

### *Revenue Allocation*

Revenue allocation for a regional transit system involves the splitting of joint revenue derived from riders taking system trips (e.g., trips that involve a transfer between two or more participating regional transit providers) and using regional fare products.

*Action: Regional transit providers will adopt revenue allocation agreements based on fare products and media used by riders and the capability of fare collection equipment in use.*

## 3. Procedures

1. At least every 3 years Regional Transit Coordinating Technical Team and key elected officials/stakeholders will present a comprehensive review and update of this Fare Policy for review and approval.
2. Annually, as part of the budget process, transit providers will coordinate with the before mentioned Regional Transit Coordinating Technical Team about the need for adjustments to fares. The Regional Transit Coordinating Technical Team will recommend uniform fare adjustments, as needed.
3. When fare adjustments are proposed, all federal and state regulations will be followed including the requirements for public notice and hearings and Title VI.



## **RideKC Fare Policy**

- RideKC Fare Policy outlines:
  - Guiding principles, goals, and structure of the fare system
- The policy encompasses:
  - KCATA
  - Johnson County Transit
  - Unified Government Transit
  - KC Streetcar
- While the policy provides a framework for how fares set, collected, and adjusted, each transit provider sets their own fares and establishes their own farebox recovery.



## **Regional Fare Principles**

- Promote ridership
- Be equitable
- Enhance mobility and access
- Be effective and cost-efficient
- Maintain or increase fare revenue stream
- Improve financial management and data collection
- Promote regional access



## Transit Service Types

- Different fares based on transit service types
- Transit service type determined on route-by-route basis by the transit provider
- Higher fare on premium services
  - Prior to discontinuing fares, RideKC charged twice the Local fare on Express services
  - KCATA to charge Local on most services, including MAX

## Service Types

- **Local** – Support and Key Arterial, Community
- **MAX** – high frequency with enhance stations/amenities and stop spacing to promote faster travel times
- **Express** – commuter service to/from regional destinations and operate on weekdays primarily
- **On-Demand or Flexible** – microtransit and Freedom OnDemand to fill in gaps or expand reach of the transit network
- **Streetcar** – fixed route rail in core of Kansas City
- **ADA Complementary Paratransit** – federally required service for individuals who cannot use fixed route transit



## **Rider Categories and Fare Levels**

- Rider categories used to define applicable fare level for fixed route services
- Leverage existing documentation to streamline the process
- Three fare levels:
  - Full fare
  - Reduced fare (federally required for Senior, Disabled, Medicare cardholder categories)
  - Free fare
- Reduced and free riders may be required to enroll in program access reduced or free fares

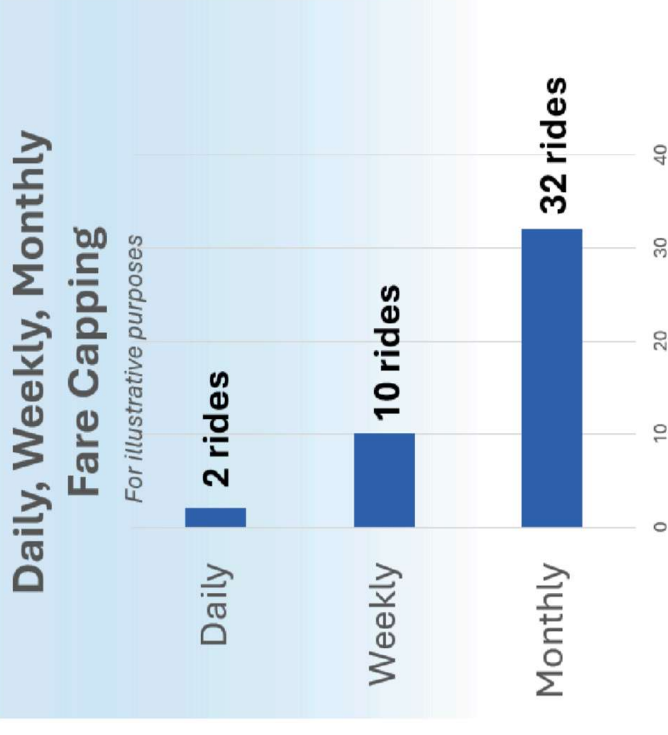
## **Rider Categories**

- Adult – ages 19-64
- Youth – ages 6-18
- Children – ages 5 and younger
- Senior – ages 65 and older
- Disabled – certified qualifying disability (e.g., physician form or other documentation of disability)
- Medicare Cardholder
- Low-Income – participation in identified benefit assistance program (e.g., SNAP, Medicaid)



## Fare Products

- Pay per ride with daily, weekly, and monthly fare capping
- No transfers for simplicity and minimize operator conflict
- Pass products for institutions and pass programs
- Ideally fare products would be available across all transit providers



## Fare Programming Overview

- KCATA will reintroduce fare programs similar to pre-2020 structure
- Programs return as part of Phase 2 of fare restoration
- Goal:
  - Improve equity
  - Expand access
  - Provide flexible payment options
- Reduced fares begin partially in Phase 1

## Programs Being Reinstated

- Employer Pass
- UPASS (University Pass)
- Veterans Pass
- Opportunity Pass
- Reduced Fare Program (targeted populations)

## Pass Programs

- Pass programs enable institutions to purchase and subsidize fares on behalf of riders using the system
- Pass programs involve agreements between transit providers and institutions
- Potential participating organizations may include employers, students, veterans, and social service agencies
- Ideally pass programs supported by all transit providers

## Employer Pass Program

- Monthly pass cost: \$62.50
- Employers can subsidize employee passes
- KCATA matches subsidy up to \$12.50 per pass
- Employers may contribute more to further reduce cost

### Administration:

- Digital access via fare app
- Employer backend portal:
  - Upload employee emails
  - Monthly billing based on usage

## UPASS (University Pass)

- Same structure as Employer Pass
- Universities manage eligibility via portal
- Student verification through school email

### Benefits:

- Streamlined student access
- Institutional partnership model
- Supports student mobility across region

## Veterans Pass

- Partnership with Veterans Community Project
- Organization will:
  - Verify eligibility
  - Distribute passes
  - Manage active user list

### Additional Focus:

- Identify external sponsors to fund program
- Expand access for veterans across the region

## Opportunity Pass

- Designed for at-risk individuals
- Distributed through social service organizations

### Format:

- Single-use or reloadable cards
- Purchased and distributed by partner organizations

### Goal:

- Remove transportation barriers for vulnerable populations



## Reduced Fare Program

- 50% discount on full fare
- Available to:
  - Adults 65+
  - Youth under 18
  - Medicare recipients (under 65)
  - Low-income individuals (SNAP participants in MO/KS)

## Reduced Fare Verification

- Required documentation:
  - Proof of age
  - Medicare card
  - SNAP enrollment
- Verification methods:
  - In-person registration
  - Mail-in verification

## ADA Incentive

- ADA paratransit-eligible riders ride fixed route for FREE

### Purpose:

- Encourage fixed-route usage
- Improve system efficiency
- Reduce paratransit costs

## **Fare Technology and Media**

- Regional fare payment system to facilitate regional fare integration and seamless fare payment experience
  - Focus on digital payments with no cash on fixed route services
  - Modern fare technology: mobile ticketing, open payments, smart card
  - Expansive retail network to load cash to digital mobile ticketing and smart card accounts
  - Electronic validation to process open payments and smart card and to support revenue allocation for revenue sharing

## **Fare Media**

- Mobile Ticketing – mobile app used to purchase fares and scan QR code at validator
- Open Payments – contactless credit/debit card or mobile wallet used for pay-as-you-go fares
- Smart Card – reloadable, contactless card with pre-purchased stored value or passes

## **Fare Adjustment Procedures**

- Activities and coordination led by the Regional Transit Coordinating Technical Team
- At least every three years, Fare Policy review and update
- Annually, as part of budget process, coordination about need for fare adjustments and recommend uniform fare adjustments
- Proposed fare adjustments will follow federal and state regulations, including requirements for public notice and hearings and Title VI



# Proposed Fare Levels

Fare Level	2019	Proposed Fare
<b>Single Ride</b>		
<i>Full Fare</i>	\$1.50	\$2.00
<i>Reduced (50%)</i>	\$0.75	\$1.00
<b>Daily Pass</b>		
Full Fare	\$3.00	\$4.00
Reduced (50%)	\$1.50	\$2.00
<b>Weekly Pass</b>		
Full Fare	N/A	\$20.00
Reduced (50%)	N/A	\$10.00
<b>Monthly Pass</b>		
Full Fare	\$50.00	\$62.50
Reduced (50%)	\$25.00	\$31.25



## **Implementation Status**

- Coordinate Exact Fare Products and Media to be offered
- Continue coordinating with local transit providers
- Continue coordinating with local organizations for Pass program eligibility
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# Questions?

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Report to  
Board of Commissioners

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Sheri Courtney</div> scourtney@wycokck.org X5084	Legal
<b>AGENDA ITEM #7.2.</b>		
<b>RESOLUTION: MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS DURING THE 2026 FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WORLD CUP.</b>		
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<p>A Resolution authorizing the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Kansas City, Missouri Board of Police Commissioners during the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup matches and associated events from June through July of 2026.</p> <p>Deputy Chief Kent Anderson, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department will be presenting this item.</p>		
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>		
<p>Approve</p> <p>To adopt the resolution and approve the agreement.</p>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>		
N/A		
<b>LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS</b>		
To adopt the resolution and approve the agreement.		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
Resolution - Mutual Aid - KCMO - FIFA, Missouri Mutual Aid Agreement - FIFA 26		

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED  
GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

That the County Administrator of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, is hereby authorized and directed to execute in the name of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and the Unified Government Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest the signature of said County Administrator and to attach the seal of the Unified Government thereto as the voluntary act of the Unified Government to the attached Mutual Aid Agreement between the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri Board of Police Commissioners related to the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup matches and associated events.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED  
GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY  
OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christal E. Watson, Mayor/CEO

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Unified Government Clerk

Approved As To Form:

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Angela J. Lawson  
Acting Chief Counsel

## **MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

This Mutual Aid Agreement ("Agreement") is agreed upon by the Public Safety Agencies (each an "Agency," collectively the "Agencies") signing this Agreement, and is effective on the date of last signature. The parties agree as follows:

### **SECTION 1.**           **Mutual Aid.**

This Agreement for "Mutual Aid and Assistance" is executed pursuant Missouri Revised Statutes sections 44.087, 44.090, 44.091, and 70.837, but it is not meant to limit or restrict any other law enforcement authority.

### **SECTION 2.**           **Purpose of Agreement.**

It is recognized that in certain situations there is a public safety need beyond the capability of the local governing authority that requires the use of public safety agencies to perform duties outside of the territorial limits of the jurisdiction where such personnel are legally employed in order to preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and, due to circumstances or events there are critical incidents that could result in serious physical injury or loss of life. As such, the executive officer of any political subdivision or public safety agency may request mutual-aid from other public or private agencies within and without the state for reciprocal emergency aid. The purpose of this Agreement is to meet the additional public safety needs caused by the upcoming 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup matches, and associated events, that are scheduled to occur in Kansas City, Missouri from June through July of 2026.

### **SECTION 3.**           **Authorization.**

Upon the request of the requesting agency, the responding agency agrees to provide mutual aid services in response to critical incidents or an emergency situation.

### **SECTION 4.**           **Definition of Terms.**

The following terms shall have the following meanings when used in this Agreement:

- a. "Critical Incident" means an incident that could result in serious physical injury or loss of life.
- b. "Emergency Situation" means any fire, earthquake, flood, tornado, hazardous material incident, terrorist incident, or other such man-made or natural emergency

disaster or public safety need. A public safety need includes any event or incident necessitating mutual-aid assistance from another public safety agency.

- c. "Executive Officer" means the chief executive officer or acting chief executive officer of any political subdivision or public safety agency.
- d. "Law Enforcement Officer" or "Public Safety Personnel" means any public servant certified with both the power and duty to make arrests for violations of any state, county or municipal criminal law violations in accordance with the respective officer's state laws.
- e. "Political Subdivision" means any agency or unit of a state empowered by law to maintain a law enforcement agency.
- f. "Public Safety Agency" means law enforcement agencies, emergency medical service organizations, emergency management officials, infrastructure departments, public works agencies, fire service organizations, or other specialized emergency response teams with personnel with special skills or training needed to provide services during an emergency, public safety need or disaster, declared or undeclared.
- g. "Responding Agency" means **Kansas City, Kansas Police Department** as an authorized signatory hereto called upon to provide mutual aid to the Requesting Agency.
- h. "Requesting Agency" means the Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri, as governing body of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, as an authorized signatory hereto.

**SECTION 5.            Power and Authority.**

a.        The Responding Agency does hereby authorize and direct its Executive Officer to render mutual police aid to the extent of available personnel and equipment not otherwise required for adequate protection of the agency rendering aid. The judgment of the Executive Officer of the Responding Agency rendering aid, as to the amount of personnel and equipment available, shall be final.

b.        Public safety personnel who shall be commanded by their Executive Officer to maintain the peace or perform police duties outside the territorial limits of the municipality, state agency, or political subdivision which regularly employs such officers shall be under the direction and authority of one (1) person designated by each Executive Officer. Such personnel shall in turn be under the direction and authority of the local on-scene commanding law enforcement officer of

the Requesting Agency to which they are called to perform police or peace duties and shall be peace officers thereof.

c. When responding to mutual aid or emergency aid requests, each Agency's respective personnel shall be subject to all provisions of law as if it were providing service within its own jurisdiction.

d. Except in cases of emergencies presenting an imminent threat to public safety and health, the Requesting Agency's Executive Officer should transmit such request for personnel or services in writing to the Responding Agency's Executive Officer at least fifteen (15) days prior to the expected service date and in no case less than five (5) days prior.

e. In the case of emergency situations which prevent the prior written request for services by the Requesting Agency, the request may be made orally and recorded by the Responding Agency. The Executive Officer, or designee, of the Responding Agency shall furnish a written statement of services rendered to the Requesting Agency no less than five (5) days after the termination of the need for such personnel or services by the Requesting Agency.

#### **SECTION 6. Compensation.**

Compensation for mutual aid assistance pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided for as agreed upon between Responding Agency and KC2026 without charge to Requesting Agency.

#### **SECTION 7. Liability.**

a. Each Agency shall be responsible for all claims, damages, and losses sustained by its own law enforcement agency and police personnel. This Agreement shall not be so construed as to create any relationship between the personnel of one Agency and the other Agency. All members of any political subdivision or public safety agency responding for mutual aid remain employees of their own agency.

b. An Agency shall not be liable to the other Agency for any action, failure to act, delay, mistake, failure to respond, negligence, or failure to effectively combat or handle any police problem arising out of any assistance requested or provided hereunder.

c. This Agreement shall not be construed as an agreement for the benefit of any third party.

d. The Agencies agree that all individuals shall retain all pension and disability rights of their respective agency while performing duties in accordance with this Agreement.

e. Qualified immunity, sovereign immunity, official immunity and the public duty rule shall apply to all parties and their personnel as interpreted by the federal and state courts of their respective Agency.

**SECTION 8.            Effective Date of Agreement.**

This Agreement shall be in full effect and legally binding at such time as it is signed by each Agency.

**SECTION 9.            Entire Agreement and Modification.**

a. This writing is intended by the parties as a final expression of this Agreement and also is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended or modified only in writing, which amendment or modification must be authorized by each Agency's respective governing body, by ordinance or other appropriate writing.

b. If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and the Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

**SECTION 10.           Termination of Agreement.**

a. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until July 31, 2026. Either party to this Agreement may terminate this Agreement at will.

**RESPONDING AGENCY:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: Unified Government – Kansas City,  
Kansas Police Department

**REQUESTING AGENCY:  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Stacey Graves, Chief of Police  
Kansas City, Missouri Police Department



## Report to Board of Commissioners

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Wesley McKain, Policy &amp; Development Manager</div> wmckain@wycokck.org X8833	Health Department

### AGENDA ITEM #7.3.

### RESOLUTION: HEALTH FORWARD FOUNDATION GRANT - STAFF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP) HOUSING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

#### BACKGROUND

- The Public Health Department was invited to an invitation-only funding opportunity from the Health Forward Foundation, called Affordable Housing and Homeownership 2026.
- The invitation came because of the Health Department's work on housing as a part of its Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Health Forward has been a long-time supporter of the CHIP.
- The Funding Opportunity Announcement was released 3/16/2026
- The goal of the funding announcement is "to create and preserve affordable housing and homeownership."
- The deadline for submitting the application was April 6, 2026.
- The Health Department was unable to submit the application to the Commission for approval before it was submitted to the Foundation. Due to the short timeline miscommunication about the contents of the application, which was reworked to its current form at Foundation request.
- Funding amount is \$75,000.
- The grant will support salaries and fringe for Health Department Staff who coordinate the CHIP.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve

Approval of grant request

#### BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

No match required

#### LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A resolution of grant acceptance is required

**ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution Approving HD application for HFF grant, HealthForward CHIP grant 4.8.26, Commission Action  
Civic Clerk - Health Forward Foundation Housing 2026

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT’S APPLICATION FOR A ONE-YEAR GRANT FROM THE HEALTH FORWARD FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMEOWNERSHIP, AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ELIGIBLE USES**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyandotte County Public Health Department (“the Health Department”) was invited to an invitation-only funding opportunity from the Health Forward Foundation (“Health Forward”), called Affordable Housing and Homeownership 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the invitation came because of the Health Department’s work on housing as a part of its Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the funding announcement is “to create and preserve affordable housing and homeownership”; and

**WHEREAS**, Health Forward released its funding announcement on March 16, 2026, with an application submission deadline of April 6, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the short timeline, the Health Department applied for the grant and is seeking retroactive approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant amount is up to \$75,000 with no local match; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant, if awarded, will be used to support salaries and benefits of Health Department staff to coordinate the housing work of the Wyandotte County CHIP;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/ KANSAS CITY, KANSAS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Unified Government Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application for and, should the grant be awarded to the Health Department, its acceptance of the Health Forward Foundation grant for a term of one year for a total grant amount of up to \$75,000.00.

**Section 2.** If the Health Department is awarded the Health Forward Foundation grant, the Unified Government Board of Commissioners hereby approves the allocation of the award amount to support the salaries and benefits of staff to support the Wyandotte County CHIP;

**Section 3.** If the Health Department is awarded the Health Forward Foundation grant, the County Administrator and other officers, agents, and employees of the Unified Government are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as may be appropriate or desirable to accomplish the purpose of this Resolution.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately after its adoption by the Governing Body of the Unified Government.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS,  
THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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**Christal E. Watson, Mayor/CEO**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Unified Government Clerk**

**Approved as to Form:**

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## IA-0000001091

### Individual Application

Application ID	IA-0000001091	Submitted Date	4/8/2026, 2:15 PM
Funding Opportunity	Affordable Housing & Homeownership		
Funding Award	Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, Public Health Department - Grant - FY-00012563		
% Allocated to Lobbying Activities			
Funds Used For Lobbying Activities?	No		

### Request Information

Contact	Clarissa Stephenson	Amount Requested	\$75,000.00
Project Title	Affordable Housing through Collaboration: Supporting Wyandotte County's CHIP housing strategies	Duration (Months)	12
Fiscal Sponsor Comment		Demographic Profile Update	2026 Demographic and Org - Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, K
Fiscal Sponsor Need	No		
Funding Request Purpose	The Unified Government Public Health Department will work in collaboration with community agencies and leaders to implement the affordable housing strategies within the 2024-2028 Wyandotte County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This includes implementation of a new WYCO heirs' property program, advancing work to rehab homes through the KS Abandoned Housing Act, facilitating housing development through the KCK Zoning Code rewrite, and eviction prevention through policy change.		

### Project Geographic Area Served

PRJ-% Allen County	0	PRJ-% Wyandotte County	100
PRJ-% Cass County	0	PRJ-% Lafayette County	0
PRJ-% KCMO incl Clay and Platte	0	PRJ-% Other Area Served	0
PRJ-% Jackson County non-KCMO	0	PRJ-Explain Ins Cannot/Doesnt apply	
PRJ-% Johnson County	0	PRJ-Explain Other Areas Served	
		PRJ-% Geo Cannot supply/Does not Apply	0

### Application Responses

Purpose Alignment	The 2024-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is Wyandotte County's comprehensive plan to improve the factors that determine residents' overall health outcomes. It addresses clinical factors, but focuses heavily on the social determinants of health. We are unique in the way we partner with lead agencies in each sector to drive change. The 2024-2028 CHIP hits on all four of the Health Forward Foundation's purpose areas and many of its strategies.
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Like the Foundation, the UGPHD is compelled by data and community need to engage in efforts that provide more affordable and safe housing. Your Place purpose emphasizes affordable homeownership as well as building mixed-income neighborhoods. Housing was a focus area within our previous 2018-2023 Plan, and the new CHIP builds upon it, engaging “Strategy Partners” that focus on homeless, policy change, tenants rights, and cost burden strategies. We focus on projects that can be accomplished at the local level. Through our housing partnerships, we started a new Lead Abatement program, leveraged funds for legal assistance to prevent evictions, assisted low-income residents facing eviction in the Unified Government (UG) tax sale, and worked with KCK Housing Authority to establish a Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund and Tenant Barrier Fund. In the past year we’ve focused on zoning as a barrier to affordable housing. Housing developers told the UG that the Zoning Code was a major obstacle to development. We partnered with the Planning Department to 1) develop an affordable housing constraints analysis, and 2) conducted “Lot Testing” to envision multiple affordable housing scenarios in actual KCK neighborhoods. Planning will embed the results within the Kansas City, KS Zoning Code rewrite, to be reviewed and adopted by the Planning Commission and UG Board of Commissioners.

This proposal builds on that work to continue coordinating active work on the heirs’ property program (KCK Homes for Generations), acquiring and rehabbing homes through the KS Abandoned Housing Act, facilitating housing development through the KCK Zoning Code rewrite, coordinating groups working on homelessness and liaising with the Mayor’s Office’s initiatives on that topic, and organizing about eviction prevention strategies.

Through our housing partnerships, we started a new Lead Abatement program, leveraged funds for legal assistance to prevent evictions, assisted low-income residents facing eviction in the Unified Government (UG) tax sale, and worked with KCK Housing Authority to establish a Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund and Tenant Barrier Fund. In the past year we’ve focused on zoning as a barrier to affordable housing. Housing developers told the UG that the Zoning Code was a major obstacle to development. We partnered with the Planning Department to 1) develop an affordable housing constraints analysis, and 2) conducted “Lot Testing” to envision multiple affordable housing scenarios in actual KCK neighborhoods. Planning will embed the results within the Kansas City, KS Zoning Code rewrite, to be reviewed and adopted by the Planning Commission and UG Board of Commissioners.

This proposal builds on collaborative work done between the Unified Government, Community Housing of Wyandotte County (renamed Build WYCO), and Neighborhood Legal Support to identify and convert blighted properties into affordable housing utilizing the Kansas Abandoned Housing Act. This work aligns with the Health Forward Foundation’s Place Strategy by producing affordable units with pathways to homeownership and developing single family homes for purchase.

The Unified Government has entered a collaborative partnership with Build WYCO and Neighborhood Legal Support of Kansas City (NLS) to bring Abandoned Housing Act cases in Wyandotte County.

#### Project Overview

Funding would support CHIP staff who coordinate a diverse portfolio of housing strategies. We operate based on the Collective Impact collaboration model, with the Health Department serving as the backbone agency.

Our CHIP implementation is unique in that the Health Department serves a backbone role, while Lead Agencies who have expertise, credibility, and relationships in each of the areas lead implementation. Over the last five years, the Health Department has raised and subawarded \$1.7M in funding for the Lead Agencies from the Health Forward Foundation, UG Board of Commissioners (American Rescue Plan, Hollywood Casino Grant), Wyandotte Health Foundation, United Way, and REACH Healthcare Foundation. The Lead Agencies more than matched that amount with in-kind support. Beyond fundraising, the Health Department assists in planning, evaluation, communications, policy development and advocacy, and convening the Steering Committee.

We work closely with community agencies and other Unified Government departments to develop housing projects, which are often spun off to become programs at other agencies, passed as policies, or become standalone initiatives. The CHIP housing group pilot tests and supports innovation in the housing space in Wyandotte.

Over the next 12 months, we will help coordinate and implement on a number of projects. The Unified Government’s new heirs’ property program, KCK Homes for Generations, has been adopted and funded, but we need to engage the community and build a pipeline with the UG Probate Court to receive applicants. We worked with the Wyandotte Innovation Initiative to advertise Senior Property Tax Rebates January – April 2026, as those rebates are underutilized and many fixed income seniors suffer as home valuations increase. We know that work has been successful but we’re awaiting final application numbers from this year.

We will continue to work with the UG Planning Department to amend the Zoning Code to remove barriers to developing affordable housing, especially creative solutions (e.g. backyard cottages) and focusing on inner city plots where narrow lots stymy development. New Mayor Christal Watson is focusing on homelessness, and her team is utilizing our CHIP homeless strategies to inform the long term homelessness prevention efforts. CHIP staff funded by Health Forward serve as the liaison between the Mayor’s Office and our housing partners. There has been some energy around eviction prevention, including providing mediation or a possible right to counsel policy similar to KCMO. This is new but we are participating in conversations. Finally, the Health Dept works with the collaboration that is focused on using the KS Abandoned Housing Act to rehab properties in redlined KCK neighborhoods and turn them into affordable rental or community land

trust homes.

Abandoned Housing Act litigation is a proven and highly cost-effective method for acquiring blighted properties. The work not only creates sustainable affordable housing, but it has also been proven to reduce violent crime, create jobs, increase tax revenue, and significantly improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods in which the houses are located.

Abandoned, blighted properties are a major obstacle to community development. They are magnets for crime and dumping. They discourage development of nearby properties because no one wants to live near them, and they demoralize neighboring residents. In 1993, the State of Missouri passed the Abandoned Housing Act, which allows not-for-profit organizations there to petition a court to allow the not-for-profit to take control of the property if: the property is tax delinquent; no one has lived in the property legally for six months; and, there are serious codes violations.

AHA litigation works as follows. The not-for-profit submits a rehab plan to the Court. The owner of the property has the right to submit its own rehab plan. If the owner's plan is viable, the Court will approve that. If the owner doesn't appear or does not submit a plan to remediate the blight, the Court will consider the not-for-profit's rehab plan and generally will approve it and issue an order allowing the not-for-profit to rehab the property. Once the rehab work is done, the Court transfers title to the property to the not-for-profit.

In Jackson County, Missouri alone, we estimate that more than 1,200 blighted properties have been rehabbed and converted into good quality homes using the Abandoned Housing Act over the last 33 years. Kansas has its own Abandoned Housing Act, which is modeled after the Missouri Act, but it has rarely been used. We are not aware of any not-for-profit organization that has used the Abandoned Housing Act in Kansas before now.

The Unified Government has entered a collaborative partnership with Build WYCO and Neighborhood Legal Support of Kansas City (NLS) to bring Abandoned Housing Act cases in Wyandotte County. NLS worked with neighborhood associations, City codes inspectors, police officers and other city staff to identify blighted and abandoned properties that are good candidates for renovation under the project. They selected properties in the Boston Daniels and OCP neighborhoods in the historic Northeast, formerly redlined neighborhoods.

NLS will pursue Abandoned Housing Act or similar litigation against these properties. Build WYCO will be the plaintiff in these cases. If the owner does not appear or defaults, Build WYCO will seek Court authority to take over the property and rehab it. Once Build WYCO completes the rehab, the Court will award ownership of the property to Build WYCO and Build WYCO will either manage it as affordable rental housing or sell it, through a community land trust, so it becomes a sustainably affordable, owner-occupied home.

If the owner of the property comes forward and is ready, willing, and able to rehab a property in the project, then Build WYCO will enter into an agreement with them under which the owner will rehab the property itself.

In the likely event that the project is successful, Build WYCO and NLS intend to greatly increase the number of Abandoned Housing Act cases that they bring to convert blighted properties in Wyandotte County into good quality, affordable housing. They may also consider bringing civil nuisance cases against owners of blighted and abandoned commercial properties. This same approach has transformed the Lykins Neighborhood in Kansas City, MO.

#### Project History / Background

The UG Public Health Department primarily serves communities of color whose health outcomes are shaped by structural racism and other socioeconomic conditions, especially Black, Latino and Southeast Asian communities which are the largest non-white populations in the county. We are a diverse workforce, all of whom reside within Wyandotte, which has served the community for over 80 years. The WYCO PHD has long-standing partnerships with organizations serving diverse populations. This work has grown recently through the work of the Health Equity Task Force (HETF) launched during COVID.

NLS is a not-for-profit law firm dedicated to using the Abandoned Housing Act and other legal resources to convert blighted and abandoned houses into good quality, sustainably affordable homes. NLS has seven years of experience in doing this work in Kansas City, Missouri. As an organization, their mission is to provide legal assistance and other support to empower urban core neighborhoods to grow stronger. It has three full-time attorneys with more than 15 years of real estate litigation experience on staff. NLS has provided support to neighborhood groups to identify project partners to support neighborhood development, leading to over \$5 million in rehab work and new construction in their project areas in Kansas City, Missouri, outside of just the revitalization of abandoned properties.

BuildWyCo, formerly Community Housing of Wyandotte County, is a non-profit home builder founded by Kansas City, Kansas residents to improve quality of life, including housing, homeownership and larger community development, for Kansas City, Kansas residents. They focus on increasing access to homeownership, creating opportunities for generational wealth building, and empowering neighbors through housing and community development. BuildWyCo has built, renovated or repaired over 890 homes in Kansas City, Kansas since its founding. They provide funding opportunities and financial counseling for home buyers as well as financial support to complete renovations to maintain homeownership. BuildWyCo works closely with neighborhood groups to support localized development and revitalization projects that best meet

community needs. Their work in revitalization and strong community partnerships ensure Kansas City, Kansas residents can obtain and retain homeownership and create wealth in their own community.

Habitat for Humanity KC (Habitat KC) is the largest non-profit home builder in the region, working in Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Johnson, Clay, Platte, and Jackson counties since 1979. They partner with residents and community-based organizations to conduct holistic neighborhood revitalization projects. They supported as a development partner for Neighborhood Legal Service's work in Kansas City, Missouri to revitalize abandoned properties, and built 8 additional new, affordable homes in the Lykins Neighborhood as part of a targeted revitalization plan, with a projected 75-100 homes built overall. In the 2024-2025 fiscal year, Habitat KC completed 458 projects through their home preservation services to repair homes and support sustained homeownership in safe, quality housing. Habitat KC supports resident led initiatives across historically marginalized communities to build generational wealth and increase homeownership among residents.

**Project Impact**

Over the next 12 months, we anticipate adopting an amended Zoning Code (policy change), increasing applications submitted for Senior Property Tax Rebates (reducing housing cost burden), recruiting and referring applicants for the new Heirs Property Program (stabilizing homeownership and wealth retention), and assisting the Build WYCO/UG collaboration in acquiring its first blighted properties to rehab (increasing affordable housing units). We will continue to engaging in planning around homelessness with Mayor Watson's office and eviction prevention, but those efforts are too new to state 12 month outcomes. NLS's work on abandoned housing revitalization through the Abandoned Housing Act is a novel initiative in the Kansas City metro and has proven track record of increasing homeownership and improving the quality of life for residents. Expanding the project to Kansas City, Kansas provides an opportunity for small or individual developers and rehabbers to engage in local development, while also expanding homeownership opportunities for middle- and low-income residents by creating quality affordable units out of blighted homes. This expands on efforts made by local partners and the Unified Government to expand housing access by creating safer neighborhoods and improving housing quality in areas where community development efforts are already beginning.

## Commission Agenda Item Report

**Title:** Grant request: Health Forward Foundation Grant - Staff Support for CHIP Housing Plan Implementation

**Proposed Agenda Date:** Next Administration & Human Services Committee?  
**Funds will be awarded mid-May, requesting Fast Track**

**Presented by:** Wesley McKain, Community Health Manager, Public Health

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### BACKGROUND:

- The Public Health Department was invited to an invitation-only funding opportunity from the Health Forward Foundation, called Affordable Housing and Homeownership 2026.
- The invitation came because of the Health Department's work on housing as a part of its Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Health Forward has been a long-time supporter of the CHIP.
- The Funding Opportunity Announcement was released 3/16/2026
- The goal of the funding announcement is "to create and preserve affordable housing and homeownership."
- The deadline for submitting the application was April 6, 2026.
- The Health Department was unable to submit the application to the Commission for approval before it was submitted to the Foundation. Due to the short timeline miscommunication about the contents of the application, which was reworked to its current form at Foundation request.
- Funding amount is \$75,000.
- The grant will support salaries and fringe for Health Department Staff who coordinate the CHIP.

### BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no match required

### POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

- No policy considerations required.

### PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

- No procurement considerations

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- A resolution of grant acceptance is required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- Approval of grant request.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:**

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**MAYOR AGENDA DIRECTION:**

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### NOTICE OF PENDING APPOINTMENT

Date: May 28, 2026

BOARD POSITION: Eco Redevelopment Advisory Committee

INCUMBENT REPLACED: Frank Ramirez

APPOINTING COMMISSION: Christal Watson

### REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

NAME OF NEW APPOINTMENT: Delia Marin

TERM OF OFFICE: 05/28/26 - 12/15/2029

SIGNATURE OF APPOINTING COMMISSION MEMBER



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## NOTICE OF PENDING APPOINTMENT

Date: May 29, 2026

BOARD POSITION: Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board

INCUMBENT REPLACED: \_\_\_\_\_

APPOINTING COMMISSION: Christal Watson

## REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

NAME OF NEW APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Jermaine Howard

TERM OF OFFICE: 06/04/26 - 06/04/2029

SIGNATURE OF APPOINTING COMMISSION MEMBER



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## NOTICE OF PENDING APPOINTMENT

Date: May 28, 2026

BOARD POSITION: Solid Waste Management Plan Committee

INCUMBENT REPLACED: Mike Hey

APPOINTING COMMISSION: Christal Watson

## REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

NAME OF NEW APPOINTMENT: John McConnell

TERM OF OFFICE: 05/28/26 - 12/15/2029

SIGNATURE OF APPOINTING COMMISSION MEMBER

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



**Board of Commissioners**

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**Mayor Tyrone Garner**

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**MINUTES**

**Monday, September 15, 2025**

**6:00 PM – 8:54 PM**

**Attendance:**

**Commissioner's Present:**

- Mayor Tyrone Garner (Arrived at 6:07 p.m.)
- Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Burroughs
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Bynum
- Commissioner Davis
- Commissioner Kane
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Townsend
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Stites

**Commissioner's Absent:**

- None

**Staff Present:**

- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Angela Lawson (Interim Chief Counsel)
- Reginald Lindsey (Budget Director)

- Dr. Shelley Kneuvean (Chief Financial Officer)
- Michael Peterson (Deputy Budget Director)
- Jeff Miles (Public Works)

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Revisions to Agenda:**

No revisions to the agenda were reported.

**Administrator's Agenda:**

**Item No. 1 – BUDGET ITEMS (Discussion Begins: 2:28)**

County Administrator David Johnston provided an overview of the budget process, explaining the progression from an initial 5-mill cap proposal to the current 2-mill and 1.5-mill increase proposal. Budget Director Reginald Lindsey presented three items for discussion that were not included in the proposed budget and the BPU pilot reduction to 9.9%.

**Budget Item Discussions:**

- **Sheriff's Department Additional Personnel Request**

Budget Director Lindsay presented a request from the Sheriff for 10 additional sworn positions (reduced from an initial request of 15). The proposal included:

- A. 5 positions to be added in January 2026 (\$550,000 annual impact)
- B. 5 positions to be added in July 2026 (\$275,000 for 6 months)
- C. Total fiscal impact: \$825,000

- **Land Bank Mowing Frequency**

Budget Director Lindsay presented a proposal to restore Land Bank property mowing from once monthly (current 2025 budget) to twice monthly at an additional cost of \$625,000 to the county general fund.

- A. **Land Bank Governance Structure**

Commissioner Stites raised questions about the Land Bank being funded from county resources when most properties are located in Kansas City, Kansas. Legal Counsel Angela Lawson explained the Land Bank was established as a county Land Bank function in 1999 under state statute but could potentially be reconstituted as a city Land Bank function.

- **IRIS Transit Service Continuation**

Budget Director Lindsey presented options for continuing IRIS transit service after the federal grant expires in February 2026:

- A. Full-service continuation: \$890,000 (not recommended)
- B. Bare-bones service: \$207,000 (one driver instead of four)

3.1.A. Resolution setting the percentage of gross operating revenue to be set over by the Board of Public Utilities to the Unified Government for the fiscal year 2026 (the **PILOT**). Residential at 9.9% and non-residential at 11.9% of the gross revenues.

Commissioner Davis stated that “on record, that while we don't want to do this, there is a need to do this. There's the federal government that is saying we have to do this, and that many of these improvements are quite frankly east of [I-]635, which need the investment in infrastructure. Thank you.”

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

Vote: Motion carries 8/2

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

**3.1.B.** An Ordinance relating to **sewer service charges**, approving the regulation establishing the rate, effective January 1, 2026, as authorized by section 30-96 of the Code of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas, Kansas, and repealing any previously adopted regulations establishing such rates.

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve the ordinance at 4% increase. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 7/3

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

**3.1.C.** An Ordinance relating to the monthly fee on residential units in the City of Kansas City, Kansas, to fund the Unified Government’s **solid waste services**, amending Section 31-17(b) of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Code and repealing original section 31-17(b).

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve the ordinance at the adjusted \$20.15. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 7/3

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

**3.1.D.** An Ordinance expressing the property taxation policy of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas with respect to financing the 2026 annual budget for the **Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District** and approving, adopting, and appropriating the budget of the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District and levying a tax for the year beginning January 1, 2026.

Mayor Garner wanted clarity of the amount on record. Legal counsel Lawson confirmed the “proposed budget is set at, the recommended mill levy was 8.9540... their budget, which you're also approving, is estimated at \$542,834.”

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

Vote: Motion carries 8/2

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

Commissioner Kane made a motion to reconsider the motion on the SSMID Item no. 3.1.D and set the item over to September 25, 2025, for further clarification. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bynum.

Vote: Motion carries 10/0

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

**3.1.E.** An Ordinance approving, adopting and appropriating the operating and capital improvement project budgets of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ Kansas City, Kansas, for the **City of Kansas City, Kansas**, as submitted and amended by attachment A, for the fiscal years beginning January 1, 2025, and the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026; approving the five-year capital improvement program for fiscal years **2025** through **2029**.

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve the ordinance with a mill levy at 35.962 mils. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carries 7/3

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

Mayor Garner called the meeting into recess at 8:20 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 8:34 p.m. All members were present.

Mayor Garner orally vetoes the approval of the Ordinance related to the mill levy for the City of Kansas City, Kansas citing commitments to hold the line on property tax increases and constituent requests for tax relief.

Commissioner Kane made a motion to override the veto. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 7/3

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

**3.1.F.** An ordinance approving, adopting and appropriating the operating and capital improvement project budgets of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ Kansas City, Kansas, for **Wyandotte County, Kansas**, as submitted and amended by attachment A, for the fiscal years beginning January 1, 2025, and the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026; approving the five-year capital improvement program for fiscal years **2025** through **2029**.

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve the ordinance with a mill levy at 35.459 mils. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carries 7/3

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

Mayor Garner orally vetoes the approval of the Ordinance related to the mill levy for Wyandotte County for the same reasons cited for the city budget veto (commitments to hold the line on property tax increases and constituent requests for tax relief).

Commissioner Kane made a motion to override the veto. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 7/3

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

**Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 2:47:18)**

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 10/0

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

**MAYOR GARNER**

**ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:54 P.M.**

**September 15, 2025**

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Monica L. Sparks, CMC  
Unified Government Clerk

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### *Mayor Tyrone Garner*

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## **MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 2, 2025**

**7:04 PM – 1:00 AM**

### **Attendance:**

#### **Commissioner's Present:**

- Mayor Tyrone Garner
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Bynum
- Commissioner Burroughs
- Commissioner Davis (Arrived at 7:24 p.m.)
- Commissioner Kane (Left meeting at 12:57 a.m.)
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Hill (Left meeting at 11:09 p.m.)
- Commissioner Stites

#### **Commissioner's Absent:**

- Commissioner Townsend

#### **Staff Present:**

- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Angela Lawson (Interim Chief Counsel)
- Irene Caudillo (Mayor's Chief of Staff)

- Reginald Lindsey (Budget Director)
- Dennis Rubin (Fire Chief, Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department)
- Casey Meyer (Legal Counsel)
- Kent Anderson (Deputy Chief of Kansas City, Kansas Police)

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Tyrone Garner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The invocation was led by Chaplain Annie Erickson, Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**Revisions to Agenda: (Discussion Begins 3:55)**

The Clerk reported there was an agenda update issued, removing public comment under Camping Issue, Item No. 8.2 comments will be heard with Community Input at the beginning of the agenda. No further comments will be allowed when the item is reached in the agenda.

**Mayor's Agenda:**

**Item No. 1 – PRESENTATION: DOTTE PROUD RECOGNITION (Discussion Begins: 4:21)**

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Mayor Garner recognized:

- **Michael Aguirre (Discussion Begins 8:10)**
- **Martin Cervantes (Discussion Begins 10:45)**
- **Jalisco Restaurant Company (Discussion Begins 13:39)**
- **Fr. Peter Jaramillo (Discussion Begins 17:50)**
- **Spanish Gardens (Discussion Begins 21:04)**
- **Roger Villanueva (Discussion Begins 24:12)**

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

**Item No. 2 - PROCLAMATION: DOMINIQUE EXPERIENCE DAY (Discussion Begins 36:44)**

A Proclamation proclaiming October 5, 2025, as Dominique Experience Day.

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

**Item No. 3 - PROCLAMATION: 107TH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS BRANCH (Discussion Begins 36:57)**

A Proclamation proclaiming October 4, 2025, as 107th National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Kansas City, Kansas Branch.

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

**Item No. 4 - PROCLAMATION: JUNIUS GEORGE GROVES DAY (Discussion Begins 30:44)**

A Proclamation proclaiming October 4, 2025, as Junius George Groves Day.

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

**Item No. 5 – COMMUNITY INPUT AND RECOMMENDATIONS: (Comments Begin 37:17)**

Multiple residents spoke during the public forum. Public comments:

- **Scott Harding (Comment Begins 40:02)**
- **Betty Schuller (Comment Begins 41:27)**
- **Kerry McCarthy (Comment Begins 41:35)**
- **Kelly Moran (Comment Begins 43:59)**
- **Adrienne Lyons Marks (Comment Begins 45:45)**
- **Grace Lambertson (Comment Begins 47:41)**
- **Michael Kelly (Comment Begins 49:32)**
- **Matthew Kleinman (Comment Begins 51:19)**
- **Marcus Wynn (Comment Begins 54:04)**
- **Beth Mercer (Comment Begins 56:02)**
- **Corey Stites (Comment Begins 56:19)**
- **Rhianna Moore (Comment Begins 57:55)**
- **Annie Fuhrman (Comment Begins 59:30)**
- **Brianna Ross (Comment Begins 1:00:00)**
- **Jessica Smith (Comment Begins 1:01:34)**
- **Rachel Russell (Comment Begins 1:04:32)**
- **Amber Bauer (Comment Begins 1:07:59)**
- **Nehemiah Roselle (Comment Begins 1:10:25)**

- Terry Quinn (Comment Begins 1:13:31)
- Reverend Mindy Fuelman (Comment Begins 1:15:59)
- Myra Ramira Fuhrman (Comment Begins 1:19:26)
- Lauren Klapper (Comment Begins 1:23:15)
- Dustin Hare (Comment Begins 1:26:48)
- William Rogers (Comment Begins 1:29:48)
- Josh Yocum (Comment Begins 1:32:30)
- Paris Mendoza (Comment Begins 1:36:59)
- Kathleen Gilbert (Comment Begins 1:40:17)
- Steve Sessions (Comment Begins 1:43:35)
- Chris Overville (Comment Begins 1:47:08)
- Emily Hayne (Comment Begins 1:50:39)
- Rob Santel (Comment Begins 1:51:53)
- Tracy Lockett (Comment Begins 1:54:44)
- Susan Ruiz (Comment Begins 1:58:40)
- Eva Garcia (Comment Begins 2:00:45)
- Michelle Davis (Comment Begins 2:04:34)

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

**Consent Agenda: (Discussion Begins 2:48:35)**

**Item No. 1 - COMMUNICATION: PROPOSED 2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Item No. 2 - RESOLUTION: 2025 BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROGRAM**

**Item No. 3 - RESOLUTION: FY2025 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
ADULT YEAR END REPORT**

**Item No. 4 - RESOLUTION: FY2025 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
JUVENILE YEAR END REPORT**

**Item No. 5 - ORDINANCE: THE CRIME OF BATTERY AGAINST A HEALTHCARE  
PROVIDER TO THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**Item No. 6 - ORDINANCE: RELATED TO THE HOURS OF SALE OF CEREAL MALT  
BEVERAGE AT RETAIL**

**Item No. 7 - RESOLUTION: FIFTH AMENDMENT TO ASSIGNMENT, ASSUMPTION  
AND SECOND AMENDED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (HOMEFIELD PROJECT)**

**Item No. 8 - RESOLUTION: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND GIVING NOTICE OF CREATING A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (5TH AMENDMENT FOR HOMEFIELD)**

**Item No. 9 – WEEKLY BUSINESS**

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

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

**Standing Committees' Agenda:**

**Item No. 1 - ORDINANCE: AMENDING LEVY OF TRANSIENT GUEST TAX  
(Discussion Begins 5:03:46)**

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to hold the item over to the November 6, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bynum.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

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

**Item No. 2 ORDINANCE: THE VIOLATION OF UNLAWFUL CAMPING TO THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY (ITEM UPDATE PER AGENDA UPDATE) (Discussion Begins 2:49:20)**

Commissioner Burroughs, in his role as chair of the Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee, explained that the item came from the standing committee with a unanimous vote.

Casey Meyer, Legal Counsel, presented the proposed unlawful camping ordinance, explaining it was requested following the U.S. Supreme Court case *Grants Pass* (2024) regarding Eighth Amendment protections. The ordinance is consistent with similar ordinances adopted by Topeka and Wichita. Key provisions include:

- 48-hour notice requirement for violations on public property
- Immediate removal allowed in certain areas (near schools, playgrounds, bus shelters, etc.)

- Impoundment procedures for personal property
- Maximum penalty of \$200 fine or 30 days imprisonment
- Alternative community service for indigent offenders

**Police Department Data:** Deputy Chief Kent Anderson reported 1,329 calls for service related to homeless investigations in 2024. The department runs street outreach teams, assists with winter shelters, operates a city ID program, and provides Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for officers.

**Fire Department Data:** Chief Dennis Rubin reported 254 fire department responses to homeless-related incidents in 2024-2025, including one fatality. The department operates a community paramedicine program and noted significant costs associated with encampment fires and related incidents.

**Unified Government Operations - Alan Howze, Assistant County Administrator:** Presented comprehensive data on homelessness services, including:

- Point in Time Count showing 252 unsheltered persons in 2025
- Annual encampment cleanup costs of \$5,000-\$7,000 per site
- HUD Emergency Services Grant funding distribution
- Coordination with multiple departments and service providers

**Task Force Chair Comments - Tom Lally:** Tom Lally, representing the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness and Neighbors in Need, emphasized the need for comprehensive solutions involving government, nonprofits, and business community partnerships. He stressed that homelessness requires multiple approaches and significant private sector involvement.

**Business Community Perspective - Aaron Ward:** Aaron Ward, Kansas City, Kansas resident and business security manager, described daily challenges faced by downtown businesses, including public health and safety issues, property damage, and impacts on employees and customers. He advocated for enforcement tools while expressing compassion for individuals needing help.

**Housing Authority Perspective - Andrea Tapia:** Andrea Tapia, Executive Director of the Kansas City, Kansas Housing Authority, discussed ongoing efforts to provide affordable housing and remove barriers to housing access. She reported serving over 95 families in the previous year through Health Forward funding and emphasized the need for permanent housing solutions.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to temporarily suspend Rule 5.17 at 11:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carries 7/1

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

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to return the item to standing committee for further discussion to include additional stakeholders, specifically requesting involvement of the police department and the task force work. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion fails: 4/4

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

Mayor Garner made a motion to deny the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bynum.

Vote: Motion carries 7/1

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

**Mayor Garner announced the issue would be referred back to the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness with a 30-day timeline for additional work and recommendations.**

Mayor Garner called the meeting into recess at 12:05 a.m. The meeting was called back to order at 12:24 a.m. All members were present as previously noted.

Mayor Garner stated “in the interest of the time, of everybody's time, we had a really robust debate over 8.2 the ordinance on the unlawful camping. It has taken us over the midnight hour, so I've agreed to cut down on some of the items, and we will circle back on those at our next meeting or our next subsequent meetings.” Mayor asked Clerk to make the statement.

Clerk Monica L. Sparks stated that “with the mayor's authorization, we will be asking for a motion to set over item 8.1 the ordinance regarding the transient guest tax. to November 6. We will hear item 9.1, the ordinance regarding the STAR bonds for Village East. We will also hear the Land Bank items.”

## **Administrator's Agenda:**

### **Item No. 1 - ORDINANCE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SALES TAX SPECIAL OBLIGATION REVENUE BONDS (STAR BONDS, VILLAGE EAST PROJECT AREAS 2B, 3, AND 5) (Discussion Begins: 5:04:45)**

Dr. Shelley Kneuvean, Chief Financial Officer, presented a request to authorize the sale of tax special revenue bonds not to exceed \$30 million to finance costs relating to the Village East project areas 2, 3, and 5.

Key details:

- Authorization follows 2021 Board approval for the STAR Bond program
- First issuance was \$116 million, which represents the second tranche
- Actual sizing will be based on revenue study (approximately \$16 million expected)
- Funds will reimburse the developer for verified investments exceeding \$400 million
- Baker Tilly independently verified developer investments

Richard Knapper, representing Homefield, explained the extension request:

- Investment commitment remains intact with funds held in escrow
- Six-month timeframe proved insufficient for identifying appropriate investments
- Multiple investment opportunities may be pursued
- All investments must be approved by the Board of Commissioners
- Developer has invested over \$430 million since the 2020 acquisition

Commissioner Davis stated, "I just want to get that on record, because I think there's been some confusion that it is a donation, or that someone's like, [well,] you all can build the shelter and stuff like that. And that wouldn't necessarily be what we're talking about, which is more of kind of a market driven activity that would be business related, and it could be multiple investments that just meet that \$4.35 million, correct?"

Commissioner Stites made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carries 7/1

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

Commissioner Kane left the meeting at 12:57 a.m.

**Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn and reconvene as the Land Bank Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns. (Discussion Begins 5:30:05)**

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

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

**Land Bank Board of Trustees Consent Agenda: (Discussion Begins: 5:30:49)**

**Item No. 1 – LAND BANK OPTIONS**

**Item No. 2 – LAND BANK PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

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

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

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

**Commissioner Bynum made a motion to adjourn as the Land Bank Board of Trustees and reconvene as the Wyandotte County Board of Health. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis. (Discussion Begins 5:31:40)**

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

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

**Board of Health: (Discussion Begins: 5:32:05)**

**Item No. 1: QUARTERLY UPDATE: BOARD OF HEALTH**

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to hold the item over to the November 6, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

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

**Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 5:32:40)**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

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

**MAYOR GARNER**

**ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 1:00 A.M.**

**October 2, 2025**

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Monica L. Sparks, CMC

Unified Government Clerk

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## Board of Commissioners

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**Mayor Christal E. Watson**

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## MINUTES

**Thursday, April 16, 2026**

**5:39 PM – 9:21 PM**

**Attendance:**

**Commissioners Present:**

- Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Bynum
- Commissioner Jermaine Howard
- Commissioner Bill Burns
- Commissioner Phil Lopez
- Commissioner Chuck Stites
- Commissioner Andrew Kump
- Commissioner Andrew Davis

**Commissioners Absent:**

- Mayor CEO Christal E. Watson
- Commissioner Christian Ramirez
- Commissioner Evelyn Hill
- Commissioner Carlos Pacheco

**Staff Present:**

- Monica L. Sparks, Unified Government Clerk
- Bridgette Cobbins, Assistant County Administrator
- Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel
- Troy Shaw, Public Works Director
- Sarah Schaefer, Senior Engineering Manager
- Diana Miles, Solid Waste Manager
- Jeff Miles, Environmental Services Director
- Rocki Mayes, Buildings & Logistics
- Reginald Lindsey, Budget Director
- Michael Sutton, Redevelopment Coordinator and Co-Land Bank Manager

**Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Bynum called the meeting to order at 5:39 P.M. The invocation was led by Chaplain Stella Ruiz from Oak Grove Christian Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Revisions to Agenda: (Discussion Begins 3:09)**

The Clerk reported there was an agenda update issued, adding Item No. 7.7 to the Consent Agenda for Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

**Public Announcements: (Discussion Begins 3:25)**

Mayor Pro Tem Bynum announced the community emergency notification sign-up available at [WYCOKCKS.org/emergency](http://WYCOKCKS.org/emergency). Postcards were made available for distribution in the room.

**Mayor's Agenda:****Item No. 1 – PROCLAMATION: SEVENDAYS OF KINDNESS (Discussion Begins 4:18)**

Proclamation proclaiming April 28, 2026 as SevenDays of Kindness Day in Kansas City, Kansas and Wyandotte County.

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

**Item No. 2 – RESOLUTION: SISTER CITY WITH CITY OF YERBA BUENA, TUCUMAN, ARGENTINA (Discussion Begins 11:28)**

A resolution was presented to establish a sister city relationship with the city of Yerba Buena Tucuman, Argentina in preparation for World Cup activities.

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

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

- Ayes: Stites, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Lopez, Davis
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Watson

**Item No. 3 – PRESENTATION: WORLD CUP UPDATE (Discussion Begins 12:29)**

County Administrator David Johnston provided opening remarks, introducing Rocki Mayes from Buildings and Logistics Department, Memorial Hall Manager, and Alan Carr, Executive Director of Visit Kansas City, Kansas Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Key Points:

- Memorial Hall Events - Memorial Hall renovations completed and planned viewing events for five World Cup matches, including:
  - A. Mexico vs South Africa (Thursday, June 11, 2:00 PM)
  - B. Czechia vs South Africa and Switzerland vs Bosnia (Thursday, June 18, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM)
  - C. Portugal vs Uzbekistan and England vs Ghana (Tuesday, June 23)
  - D. Norway vs France and Senegal vs Iraq (Friday, June 26, 2:00 PM)
  - E. USA vs Germany (Saturday, June 6 - D Day at Soldier's Field, Chicago)
- Visit KC Kansas Update - Alan Carr: Presented "Kick it in KCK" brand and marketing campaign results showing 50% of website visitors from outside the United States since December. Outlined watch parties, visitor experience improvements, business readiness programs, and neighborhood preparation initiatives.

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

**Consent Agenda: (Discussion Begins 48:16)**

**Item No. 1 – RESOLUTION: MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE AMENDMENT**

**Item No. 2 – RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 25 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT - LOCAL FORMULA**

**Item No. 3 – ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION: VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN ADOPTION**

**Item No. 4 – RESOLUTION: VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN GRANTS**

**Item No. 5 – MINUTES**

**Item No. 6 – WEEKLY BUSINESS**

**Item No. 7 – APPOINTMENT: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda except Item No. 7.2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kump.

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

- Ayes: Stites, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Lopez, Davis
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Watson

**Set Aside:**

**Item No. 2 – RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 25 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT - LOCAL FORMULA (Discussion Begins 49:45)**

A request was made by Commissioner Lopez to set aside Item No. 7.2.

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

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

- Ayes: Stites, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Lopez, Davis
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Watson

**Public Hearing Agenda:(Discussion Begins 50:59)**

**Item No. 1 – PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION: AMENDMENT TO THE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (IRBS) AGREEMENT FOR NORTHPOINT DEVELOPMENT, LOCATED AT I-70 AND TURNER DIAGONAL**

Administrator David Johnston and CFO Dr. Shelley Kneuvean presented an amendment to increase the dollar amount covered by industrial revenue bonds for North Point development from \$155 million to \$250 million due to increased construction costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Bynum opened the public hearing. Comments were received from the following:

- **Greg Kindle (WEDC) (Comment Begins 57:13)**

The public hearing was closed.

The Developer was present to answer questions.

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

Vote: Motion carries 6/1

- Ayes: Stites, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Davis
- Nays: Lopez
- Absent: Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Watson

**Standing Committee's Agenda:**

**Item No. 1 – PRESENTATION: STORMWATER UTILITY RATES (Discussion Begins 1:22:23)**

Commissioner Kump noted these three items (stormwater, sanitary sewer, and solid waste utility rates) were forwarded from the Public Works and Safety Committee without recommendation for full commission discussion. The three items are in one presentation presented by Public Works staff.

Key Points:

**Three-Tiered Service Levels Explained:**

- **Required:** Baseline service, minimum expectations, legal requirements
- **Responsible:** Industry standard, preventative maintenance, future planning
- **Resilient:** Above and beyond, future readiness, sustainability

**Sanitary Sewer Rate Options:**

- Scenario A: 4% increase (current) - not compliance-ready
- Scenario B: Additional 1% (May) + 7% (2027) - meets consent decree requirements
- Scenario C: Additional 2% (May) + 8% (2027) - includes \$4M system-wide study

**Stormwater Rate Options:**

- Scenario A: No change - maintains current service
- Scenario B: \$0.20/month (2026), \$0.96/month (2027) - responsible service level
- Scenario C: Additional \$0.20 (May), \$2.21 (2027) - includes Watershed Planning & Deficiencies Study

**Solid Waste Rate Options:**

- Scenario A: Rate increase to \$21.46 (2027) - KCK residents continue funding all services
- Scenario B: Rate stays \$20.15 - excludes additional services, general fund covers costs
- Scenario C: Rate to \$21.35 - excludes Bonner/Edwardsville subsidy

Commissioner Davis made a motion to table Item Nos. 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3 to the next Board of Commission meeting on May 7. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

- Ayes: Stites, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Lopez, Davis
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Watson

**Item No. 2 – PRESENTATION: SANITARY SEWER UTILITY RATES (Discussion Begins 1:22:23)**

This item was discussed along with Item No. 1 - PRESENTATION: STORMWATER UTILITY RATES.

**Item No. 3 – PRESENTATION: SOLID WASTE UTILITY RATES (Discussion Begins 1:22:23)**

This item was discussed along with Item No. 1 - PRESENTATION: STORMWATER UTILITY RATES.

**Administrator's Agenda:**

**Item No. 1 – ORDINANCE: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES WATER AND ELECTRIC LINES CENTRAL AVENUE TO STATE LINE PROJECT (Discussion Begins 2:30:32)**

Deputy Counsel Wendy Green presented an ordinance allowing condemnation proceedings for water and electric line installation by BPU. The request involves a commercial property easement after failed negotiations.

Deputy Counsel Wendy Green explained that the item was sent back previously because commissioners wanted additional assurance and clarification about BPU's internal approval and negotiation process before authorizing condemnation. At an earlier meeting, commissioners asked whether the BPU Board specifically approved the use of eminent domain for this project. Deputy Counsel Wendy Green clarified at this meeting that the BPU Board normally does not vote on each condemnation; they approve the project and budget, and staff then decides if eminent domain is needed, with the actual legal action taken in the Unified Government's name. BPU Staff were present to answer questions.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bynum.

Vote: Motion fails 5/2

- Ayes: Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Davis
- Nays: Stites, Lopez
- Absent: Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Watson

Commissioner Davis made a motion to send the item to the BPU Board for formal advisement and come back for consideration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kump.

Vote: Motion fails 5/2

- Ayes: Stites, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Davis
- Nays: Burns, Lopez
- Absent: Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Watson

**Item No. 2 – ORDINANCE: ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY KANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY (K DFA) FOR THE GLANVILLE TOWERS PROJECT (Discussion Begins 3:06:34)**

Deputy Counsel Wendy Green presented notification of \$17.5 million multi-family housing revenue bonds for Glanville Towers rehabilitation at 730 Nebraska Avenue.

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

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

- Ayes: Stites, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Lopez, Davis
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Watson

**Item No. 3 – PRESENTATION: 2026 BUDGET RECAP (Discussion Begins 3:11:35)**

Budget Director Reginald Lindsay presented the 2026 approved budget overview as foundation for 2027 budget process.

Key Points:

- Combined \$509 million budget (city and county)
- City: 1.5 mill increase, County: 2 mill increase
- 1% residential pilot decrease (second year)
- No layoffs, debt issuance reduced to \$10 million
- Historic pavement preservation funding
- Dotte Talk is April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Kansas City Community College (KCCC) Tech Center

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

**Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn and reconvene as the Land Bank Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howard. (Discussion Begins 3:36:03)**

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

- Ayes: Stites, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Lopez, Davis
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Watson

**Land Bank Board of Trustees' Consent Agenda (Discussion Begins 3:36:40)**

**Item No. 1 - LAND BANK OPTIONS**

**Item No. 2 - LAND BANK PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve all items as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kump.

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

- Ayes: Stites, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Lopez, Davis
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Watson

**Land Bank Board of Trustees' Non-Consent Agenda (Discussion Begins 3:37:18)**

**Item No. 1 - LAND BANK OPTIONS**

Commissioner Davis introduced the item, noting the Neighborhood & Community Development Committee voted in approval of 4-1 despite neighborhood association opposition.

Michael Sutton, Redevelopment Coordinator and Co-Land Bank Manager, explained the duplexes project at 10th and New Jersey had completed all requirements, but faced opposition from the Strugglers-Hill Roots Neighborhood Association.

Commissioner Howard made a motion to approve the item as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion fails 5/2

- Ayes: Stites, Kump, Howard, Burns, Davis
- Nays: Bynum, Lopez
- Absent: Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Watson

Commission Bynum asked if there is an opportunity for the item to be returned at any point? Acting Chief Counsel Angela Lawson advised it could return to the future Board of Commission agenda if requested and approved by the mayor.

**Adjournment (Discussion Begins 3:41:50)**

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

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

- Ayes: Stites, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Lopez, Davis
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Watson

**MAYOR PRO TEM BYNUM**

**ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:21 P.M.**

**April 16, 2026**

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Monica L. Sparks, CMC  
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Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



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### MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

5:05 PM – 8:20 PM

#### Attendance:

##### **Commissioners Present:**

- Mayor Tyrone Garner
- Commissioner Burroughs
- Commissioner Bynum
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Townsend
- Commissioner Kane
- Commissioner Hill (Left meeting at 8:10 p.m.)
- Commissioner Stites
- Commissioner Davis

##### **Commissioners Absent:**

- Commissioner Ramirez

**Staff Present:**

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Angela Lawson (Interim Chief Legal Counsel)
- Reginald Lindsey (Budget Director)
- Michael Peterson (Deputy Budget Director)
- Alan Howze (Assistant County Administrator)
- Deasiray Bush (Director of Transportation)
- Debbie Jonscher (Deputy Chief Financial Officer)

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Tyrone Garner called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

**Notice and Consent to Meeting:**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING** of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, is scheduled to be conducted in a hybrid format on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. for a budget workshop in the Fifth-floor conference room of the Municipal Office Building, 701 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

**CONSENT TO MEETING** of the governing body of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, accepting service of the foregoing notice, waiving all and any irregularities in such service and in such notice, and consent and agree that we, the governing body, shall meet at the time and place therein specified and for the purpose therein stated.

County Administrator David Johnston turned the meeting over to Budget Director Reginald Lindsey, who introduced Deputy Budget Director Michael Peterson to present budget information.

**Top Contracts Overview**

Mr. Peterson presented a summary of the Unified Government's top contracts totaling \$46.6 million paid out in 2024. He noted that many of the contracts are not funded by the General Fund.

## **City and County General Fund Contractual Services**

Mr. Peterson presented the top contractual service costs for city and county general funds, totaling roughly \$22 million and representing 80% of contractual services budgets.

- City General Fund Top Expenses:
  - A. Software maintenance agreements: \$4.3 million
  - B. ATA transit fees: \$3.9 million
  - C. Fleet costs: \$2 million
  - D. Insurance costs: \$1.8 million
  - E. Attorney and legal fees: \$1 million
  - F. Telephone services: \$900,000
- County General Fund Top Expenses:
  - A. Inmate medical: Over \$6 million
  - B. Housing of inmates: \$1.3 million
  - C. Jail food service: \$1 million
  - D. Software maintenance: \$2 million

## **Questions and Discussion on Contracts**

Commissioner Burroughs requested clarification on how numbers between the top contracts list and contractual services budgets correlate. Mr. Peterson explained that the first slide shows specific vendor contracts while the second shows budget categories that may include multiple vendors.

Commissioner Stites asked about potential consolidation of phone services to achieve savings. Assistant County Administrator Alan Howze explained that efforts have been made to consolidate services, though some departments have specific operational needs requiring separate contracts.

Commissioner Stites inquired about the total number of contracts and suggested analysis by department to identify potential redundancies and cost savings.

## **Blight and Beautification Responsibilities**

Mr. Peterson presented departmental responsibilities for blight and beautification efforts:

- Buildings and Logistics (Lead Department - John Kelly):
  - A. Trash removal from land bank lots
  - B. Critical quick response trash tickets
  - C. Code enforcement and abatements
  - D. UG facility mowing

- Other Departments:
  - A. Parks and Recreation: Park trash pickup, greenscape medians
  - B. Public Works: Hardscape medians, street dumping
  - C. Neighborhood Resource Center: Property boarding and demolition
  - D. Economic Development: Land bank mowing
  - E. Public Safety: Camera monitoring and enforcement

County Administrator Johnston noted that starting September 8, John Kelly will coordinate a multi-department team that will meet every Monday to address blight in different community areas.

### **Optional Budget Additions**

Mr. Peterson presented potential budget additions totaling several million dollars:

- Blight and Illegal Dumping:
  - A. Quick response trash team: \$270,000 personnel, \$475,000 equipment from the city general fund
  - B. Bi-weekly land bank mowing: \$625,000 from the County General Fund
  - C. Parks positions (5 frozen): \$180,000
  - D. Transit route cleaning (4 positions): \$210,000
  - E. Street maintenance (17 frozen positions): \$1 million
  - F. Camera/license plate readers: \$100,000
- Public Safety:
  - A. Police officers: \$107,000 each from the City General Fund
  - B. Sheriff's deputies: \$107,000 each from the County General Fund
- Other Items:
  - A. Infrastructure/pavement preservation: \$5.7 million currently budgeted
  - B. Transit: \$890,000 for Iris service, \$950,000 for main routes
  - C. Grant writing capacity: \$140,000
  - D. 311 enhancements: \$250,000

### **Discretionary Programs Discussion**

Staff presented discretionary programs totaling approximately \$41.7 million across combined city/county funds that could potentially be reduced or eliminated:

- Combined City/County Programs: \$18.6 million

- City-Only Programs: \$20.5 million
- County-Only Programs: \$2.5 million

Commissioner Bynum questioned why certain items like Wyandotte Economic Development Council funding were labeled "discretionary," noting it provides contractual economic development services.

### **Financial Projections Discussion**

Mr. Peterson presented financial scenarios for both city and county general funds through 2030:

County General Fund Options:

- Revenue neutral: Would require personnel cuts
- No mill adjustment (7% assessed value increase): Still would require cuts
- Two mill increase (Administrator's recommendation): Maintains services with \$2.8 million fund balance

City General Fund Options:

- Revenue neutral: Negative fund balance by 2029
- No mill adjustment: Negative fund balance by 2030
- Two mill increase: Maintains positive fund balance but declining reserves

Administrator Johnston cautioned against touching the county budget due to precarious financial condition, noting reserves would be just under 3% with the two mill increase.

### **Commissioner Positions and Direction**

Commissioner Kane initially asked about one mill options but ultimately supported the Administrator's two mill recommendations after hearing the presentation.

Commissioner Stites advocated for no mill increase, suggesting using the 2.3 mill equivalent from assessed value growth only.

Commissioner Bynum requested a straw poll on the flat mill levy budget and suggested looking at discretionary program cuts.

Commissioner Davis supported no mill increase on the city side due to healthy reserves but recognized the county side needs an increase. It is requested to do a CIP presentation.

Commissioner Burns supported the Administrator's recommendation, criticizing lengthy budget process and meetings.

Commissioner Burroughs wanted information on 2025 amended budget funding sources and analysis of federal COVID/ARPA fund impacts.

Commissioner Townsend was open to trimming and cuts, requested time to analyze information. Commissioner Lopez advocated for deep dive into departmental expenditures to identify waste.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE DISCUSSION**

Administrator Johnston explained that the budget action item was moved from the original August 28 agenda to September due to the candlelight vigil for the fallen officer. He outlined the timeline:

- Earliest budget adoption: September 4
- Latest budget adoption: September 25 (to avoid veto issues)
- Commission has flexibility to schedule additional meetings as needed

### **BUDGET POLLING AND CONSENSUS**

The Mayor summarized commissioner positions:

- Administrator's Recommendation (2 mills): Commissioners Kane, Burns
- No Mill Increase with Cuts: Commissioners Bynum, Burroughs, Davis (city only), Townsend
- Revenue Neutral with Cuts: Commissioner Stites
- Deep Dive Analysis: Commissioner Lopez

The majority appeared to favor exploring a no mill increase option with corresponding budget cuts.

**Adjournment (Discussion Begins: 3:16:50)**

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

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

**MAYOR GARNER ADJOURNED**

**THE MEETING AT 8:20 P.M.**

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Monica L. Sparks, CMC  
Unified Government Clerk

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CONSENT AGENDA NO. \_\_\_\_\_



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## Memorandum

**To:** David Johnston  
County Administrator

**From:** Monica L. Sparks  
UG Clerk

**Date:** May 7, 2026

**Re:** Weekly Business Material

Attached is a listing of weekly business items presented to the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, for informational purposes.

In addition to the listing of the items, we have indicated the action taken by the Unified Government Clerk.

Attachments

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## Weekly Business Material for May 1, 2026 – May 7, 2026

### 1. PUBLIC NOTICE:

- All City Tow Service, 1015 S Bethany St., Kansas City, KS 66105, held public auto auctions on February 12, March 12, and April 9, 2026, at All City Tow Service.

**Action:** Received and filed.

### 2. CLAIMS:

- Jesus Lopez Martinez, Kansas City, KS, alleging damage to personal property on 05/01/2026.
- Douglas Tabor, Kansas City, KS, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 03/16/2026.

**Action:** Received and filed. Copies previously forwarded to Legal.

### 3. TRAVEL REQUESTS:

- Robert Armstrong and Alejandrea Brown, District Attorney's Office, travel to Washington, DC, from 07/12/2026 through 07/17/2026, to attend NBPA Annual Conference, Employee Training and Travel.
- Njeri Mwangi, District Attorney's Office, travel to Washington, DC, from 07/12/2026 through 07/15/2026, to attend NBPA Annual Conference, Employee Training and Travel.
- Christian Cooley, GeoSpatial Services, travel to San Diego, CA, from 07/13/2026 through 07/17/2026, to attend ESRI User Conference, Employee Training and Travel.
- Cameron Morgan, Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, travel to Washington, DC, from 05/06/2026 through 05/08/2026, to attend PERF's 2026 Convening on Malicious Drone Threats, Employee Training and Travel.
- Karl Oakman, Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, travel to Washington, DC, from 06/02/2026 through 06/05/2026, to attend Midwest HIDTA Educational Retreat, Funded by Opioid Settlement Funding.
- Sarah Rose Shafer, Public Works/Engineering, travel to Sandusky, OH, from 05/06/2026 through 05/07/2026, to attend 2026 Ohio Stormwater Conference, Employee Training and Travel.
- Erica Warrior, Kansas City, Kansas, Fire Department, travel to Clearwater, FL, from 06/02/2026 through 06/06/2026, to attend abc360 Conference, Employee Training and Travel.

**Action:** Approved by Administrator's Office and received and filed.

### 4. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE/LIABILITY INSURANCE:

- ROK Services LLC

**Action:** Referred to License.

## 5. APPLICATIONS FOR PRIVATE SECURITY:

- Titan Protection and Consulting, Inc., d/b/a Titan Protection and Consulting, Inc., 9350 Metcalf Ave., Ste. 210, Overland Park, KS 66212.
- Vision Quest Solutions, Inc., d/b/a Vision Quest Solutions, Inc., 13212 Commodore Rd, Hot Springs, SD 57747.

**Action:** Referred to License.



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## Memorandum

**To:** David Johnston  
County Administrator

**From:** Monica L. Sparks  
UG Clerk

**Date:** May 14, 2026

**Re:** Weekly Business Material

Attached is a listing of weekly business items presented to the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, for informational purposes.

In addition to the listing of the items, we have indicated the action taken by the Unified Government Clerk.

Attachments

BJS

**Weekly Business Material for May 8, 2026 – May 14, 2026**

**1. CLAIMS:**

- Kyle Danner, Riverside, MO, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 04/10/2026.
- Olivia Esparaza, Kansas City, MO, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 05/07/2026.
- Sherry McCool, Atlanta, GA, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 09/10/2025.
- Ramon Mendoza-Jaramillo, Kansas City, MO, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 05/03/2026.
- Jacob Turley, Kansas City, MO, alleging damage to personal vehicle on 03/05/2026.

**Action:** Received and filed. Copies previously forwarded to Legal.

**2. TRAVEL REQUESTS:**

- John Diaz, Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, travel to Long Beach, CA, from 06/03/2026 through 06/07/2026, to attend the United States Conference of Mayors, Employee Training and Travel.
- Thomas Gripp, Kansas City, Kansas, Fire Department, travel to Round Rock, TX, from 11/15/2026 through 11/19/2026, to attend ALERRT Conference, Employee Training and Travel.

**Action:** Approved by Administrator's Office and received and filed.

**3. RIDER BOND:**

- Iplumbkc LLC

**Action:** Referred to License.

**4. APPLICATIONS FOR DRINK. EST./PUBLIC VENUE:**

- Club El Paraiso Inc, Maria Nevarez, d/b/a Club El Paraiso, 6550 Kaw Dr, Kansas City, KS 66111.

**Action:** Referred to License.



Report to  
Board of Commissioners

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
	<div data-bbox="586 384 1037 443" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Reginald Lindsey, Director</div> rlindsey@wycokck.org x5292	Budget
<b>AGENDA ITEM #10.1.</b>		
<b>BUDGET: PERSONNEL</b>		
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
Budget Workshop on personnel.		
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>		
<b>LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS</b>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.