

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



Public Works and Safety Meeting

Commission Chambers

701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Chair Andrew Kump

Commissioner, District 2, Bill Burns - Commissioner, District 3, Christian Ramirez

Commissioner, District 4, Evelyn Hill - Commissioner, District 6, Phil Lopez

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

5:00 PM – 6:29 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Kump (Chair)
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Burns

Committee Members Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Dan Kuhn (Legal Department)
- Alan Howze (Assistant County Administrator)
- Casey Meyers (Chief Deputy Counsel)
- Kent Anderson (Deputy Chief, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department)
- Wendy Medina (Victim Services Program Supervisor)
- Katie Yarsulik (Captain, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department)
- Colleen Kelly, Manager, Strategic Communications and Operations Division
- Ramat Abanishe-Lee (Program Coordinator, Police Department)

- Ryan Lockamy (Community Corrections Adult Division Administrator)
- Bonnie Mejia (Community Corrections Juvenile Division)
- Jason Haworth (Business License Administrator)
- Rachel Miskec (Neighborhood Resource Center)
- Deasiray Bush (Director of Public Transportation)
- Michael Peterson (Deputy Budget Director)
- Sarah Shafer (Public Works)
- Alyssa Marcy (Planning Department)

Call to Order

Commissioner Kump called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Revisions to Agenda:

No revisions to the agenda were announced.

Approval of Previous Minutes: (Discussion Begins 3:54)

Commissioner Burns moved to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Committee Agenda:

Item 4.1: RESOLUTION: AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN SHAREHOLDERS FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE PATROL (Discussion Begins: 04:16)

Casey Meyers, Chief Deputy Counsel, presented the resolution for the Unified Government to enter into an agreement with Downtown Shareholders to provide additional Kansas City, Kansas Police Department patrol for public safety purposes. This is a renewal of a similar six-month agreement from last year.

Key Details:

- One on-duty KCKPD officer to patrol the SSMID district Monday-Friday, 12 PM to 8 PM
- Officer assigned to Minnesota Avenue will assist as needed
- Weekend/special coverage available if staffing permits
- Reimbursement rate: average KCKPD officer's base salary (\$83,912 for 2026)
- Annual term with the ability to renew for an additional four years

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Ramirez moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Item 4.2: RESOLUTION: 2026 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT APPLICATION FOR KANSAS CITY, KANSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT VICTIM SERVICES UNIT (Discussion Begins: 10:34)

Wendy Medina, Victim Services Program Supervisor, presented the VAWA grant application for \$116,783 with a 25% match from existing funds. The presentation included details about the Lethality Assessment program developed in partnership with Friends of Yates.

Key Points:

Key Program Statistics (2025):

- 737 lethality assessments conducted by officers
- 459 victims identified as higher/elevated risk
- 79 victims entered the emergency shelter
- 412 victims received direct services
- 68 cases staffed through high risk team

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hill moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Item 4.3: RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2027 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ADULT SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION (Discussion Begins: 37:43)

Ryan Lockamy, Community Corrections Adult Division Administrator, presented the FY 2027 grant application to Kansas Department of Corrections for \$1.9 million (90% personnel, 10% operations). This is an ongoing annual allocation with no local match required.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Burns moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Item 4.4: RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2027 KDOC JUVENILE SERVICES COMP GRANT APPLICATION (Discussion Begins: 40:34)

Bonnie Mejia, Community Corrections Juvenile Division, presented the 29th year of the Kansas Department of Corrections juvenile grant. The grant funds personnel for intensive supervision probation, Intake Center, SUD and mental health contracts, and prevention services. This is an ongoing annual allocation with no local match required.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Ramirez moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Item 4.5: ORDINANCE: AMENDING SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCE REGARDING SMALL VENDOR FEES (Discussion Begins: 42:00)

Jason Holworth, Business License Administrator, presented the ordinance change to support small vendors at events. The change allows vendors to participate in five or fewer events per year to avoid vendor licensing fees.

Key Points:

- Vendors participating in 5 or fewer events annually are exempt from licensing fees
- After the 6th event, vendors must obtain a full license (\$100 yearly plus occupational tax)
- Apply to events like Turner Days, Piper Craft Fair, Third Friday Art Walk, etc.
- Event organizers will provide vendor lists for tracking

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Item 4.6: PRESENTATION: FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) 5307/ CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDING UPDATE & WORLD CUP PREPARATION (Discussion Begins: 51:04)

Deasiray Bush, Director of Public Transportation, and Michael Peterson, Deputy Budget Director, provided a comprehensive presentation on transit services and funding for World Cup preparation.

Key Points:

Key Service Statistics:

- **Fixed Routes:** 73% ridership increase from 2020-2025; 7% increase from 2024-2025
- **Paratransit:** 59.6% increase over six years; 8% increase from 2024-2025 (34,000-35,000 served annually)

A. Curb to Curb Program

- **Iris On-Demand:** 255% ridership increase after launching the northeast zone

Budget Overview:

- Total 2026 Transit budget: \$9 million
- City general fund: \$7.7 million (85%)
- County aging program: \$1.2 million (14%)
- Tourism fund: bike share program (1%)

Operational Needs:

- Continue Iris program: \$620,000 annually
- Funding sources: \$108,000 CMAC operating funds, \$100,000 remaining K-DOT grants, \$400,000 operating match from federal funds

Capital Needs:

- 6 fixed route vehicles replacement
- 7 paratransit vehicles replacement
- 1 trash compactor replacement
- Total: \$2.3 million in federal funds with matching funds from existing allocations

World Cup Preparation Projects:

- Expand Iris zone county-wide with Missouri connections
- Weekend fixed route services
- Legends Loop pilot project (\$215,000)

- Enhanced wayfinding (\$20,000)
- Extended service hours until 2 AM
- Total budget: \$1.4 million (\$1.3 million K-DOT, \$128,000 match from ARPA savings)

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

**Item 4.7: PRESENTATION: SAFE STREETS FOR ALL VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN
(Discussion Begins: 1:17:09)**

Sarah Shafer from Public Works, Alyssa Marcy from the Planning Department, and Anthony Gallo, Kimley-Horn consultant, presented the Vision Zero Action Plan update.

Key Points:

Project Overview:

- \$1.2 million US DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All grant awarded in 2022
- County-wide analysis including Edwardsville, Bonner Springs, and Lake Quivira
- Goal: eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2050
- Public engagement: nearly 500 community comments aligned with crash data

Next Steps:

- Finalize Vision Zero plan documentation
- Apply for SS4A implementation grant (up to \$25 million, 20% local match)
- Prioritize approximately 20 high-risk locations
- Target FY 2026 applications (anticipated June deadline)
- The Build Kansas fund can cover most/all local match requirements

Project Prioritization:

- High Injury Network locations
- High-risk intersections and corridors
- Coordination with municipalities and K-DOT
- Focus on locations with existing funding for leveraging opportunities

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

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

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins: 1:32:26)

Commissioner Burns moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM

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