

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

Monday, March 16, 2026

5:03 PM – 6:03 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Kump (Chair)
- Commissioner Lopez (Arrived at 5:13 P.M.)
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Burns

Committee Members Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Dan Kuhn (Legal Department)
- Rodney Lucas (Assistant County Administrator)
- Troy Shaw (Public Works Director)
- Sarah Shafer (Public Works)
- Alyssa Marcy (Planning Department)

Call to Order

Commissioner Kump called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Revisions to Agenda:

No revisions to the agenda were announced.

Approval of Previous Minutes: (Discussion Begins 1:36)

Commissioner Ramirez moved to approve the minutes from the March 24, June 23, 2025, and January 28, 2026, meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

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

Committee Agenda:**Item 4.1: PRESENTATION: SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN (Discussion Begins: 2:00)**

Sarah Shafer, Public Works Department, and Alyssa Marcy, Planning Department, presented information regarding the Safe Streets and Roads for All Vision Zero Action Plan aimed at eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries while prioritizing equitable investment in underserved communities. Anthony Gallo, a consultant from Kimley-Horn, provided details on the quantitative assessment process and priority safety project locations identified through steering committee workshops.

Key Details:

- Grant application period starts in May 2026
- Five priority project locations recommended for SS4A implementation grant
- Maximum award value of \$25 million with 20% match requirement
- Build Kansas fund anticipated to cover most or all of the 20% local match requirement
- Vision Zero plan must be adopted by June 1, 2026

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.

Item 4.2: PRESENTATION: STORMWATER UTILITY RATES (Discussion Begins: 25:00)

Troy Shaw, Public Works Director, and Sarah Shafer, Public Works Department, presented enterprise utility fund rate options for 2026 and 2027, focusing on three service levels: Required (compliance and emergencies), Responsible (reliability and performance), and Resilient (future readiness and sustainability). The storm water utility rate scenarios with different service level options, noting storm water is less regulated than sanitary sewer systems. The solid waste rate scenarios focusing on equity rather than service levels, addressing who pays for various services including city facilities, illegal dumping cleanup, and household hazardous waste programs.

Key Points:

- **Sanitary Sewer Rate Scenarios:**
 - A. Scenario A (Current): 4% growth per year - does not meet consent decree compliance requirements
 - B. Scenario B (Required): 1% increase May 2026 (\$0.56/month), 7% increase 2027 (\$3.97/month) - meets consent decree requirements
 - C. Scenario C (Responsible): 2% increase May 2026 (\$1.13/month), 8% increase 2027 (\$4.61/month) - includes Star Bond area planning
- **Storm Water Rate Scenarios**
 - A. Scenario A (Required): Maintain existing 2026 rates through 2027 - no increase
 - B. Scenario B (Responsible): \$0.20 increase May 2026, \$0.96 increase 2027 - enables grant matching funds
 - C. Scenario C (Resilient): \$0.20 increase May 2026, \$2.21 increase 2027 - includes watershed planning for Star Bond areas
- **Solid Waste Rate Scenarios:**
 - A. Scenario A: KCK residents fund all services - \$1.31 per month increase
 - B. Scenario B: KCK residents don't fund internal city services - no increase (costs shifted to other budget areas)
 - C. Scenario C: Bonner Springs and Edwardsville charged equitably for services - \$1.20 per month increase
- **Current Cost Breakdown:**
 - A. Residential trash pickup: approximately \$20+ per month
 - B. City facilities/illegal dumping/graffiti cleanup: \$1.11 per month (\$669,000 annually)
 - C. Household hazardous waste facility/dumpster days: \$3.54 per month

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

Commissioner Ramirez made a motion to move this item forward to the full commission with no recommendation for further discussion. 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: PRESENTATION: SANITARY SEWER UTILITY RATES (Discussion Begins: 55:07)

This item was discussed previously above with Item 4.1 in Stormwater Utility Rates presentation.

Commissioner Ramirez made a motion to move this item forward to the full commission with no recommendation for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

Item 4.4: PRESENTATION: SOLID WASTE UTILITY RATES (Discussion Begins: 55:33)

This item was discussed previously above with Item 4.1 in Stormwater Utility Rates presentation.

Commissioner Ramirez made a motion to move this item forward to the full commission with no recommendation for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

Item 4.5: APPROVAL: MARC GRANT FUNDING (Discussion Begins: 55:55)

Troy Shaw, Public Works Director, provided information about grant applications being submitted through Mid America Regional Council (MARC) due to the abbreviated three-week application timeline.

Key Points:

- MARC grants are available every two years for 2029 and 2030 funding
- Applications based on multimodal improvements and environmental/air quality criteria
- Using the commission's established scoring system for project selection
- 80/20 match requirement plus design costs
- If awarded, staff will return to the commission for approval
- Award announcements expected by the end of 2026

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: 59:13)

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

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM

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