

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commission Chambers

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

Mayor Tyrone Garner

Commissioner At-Large Dist. 1 Melissa Bynum – Commissioner At-Large Dist. 2 Tom Burroughs –

Commissioner Dist. 1 Gayle E. Townsend – Commissioner Dist. 2 Bill Burns –

Commissioner Dist. 3 Christian Ramirez – Commissioner Dist. 4 Dr. Evelyn Hill –

Commissioner Dist. 5 Mike Kane – Commissioner Dist. 6 Phil Lopez –

Commissioner Dist. 7 Chuck Stites – Commissioner Dist. 8 Andrew Davis

MINUTES

Thursday, October 3, 2024

7:02 PM – 8:46 PM

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:

- Mayor Tyrone Garner
- Commissioner Burroughs
- Commissioner Bynum
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Kane
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Stites

Commissioners Absent:

- Commissioner Townsend (absent memo provided)
- Commissioner Ramirez (absent memo provided)
- Commissioner Davis (absent memo provided)

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Angela Lawson (Acting Chief Counsel)
- Rose Morris (Clerk's Office)
- Jeff Miles (Director of Water Pollution Control)
- Alan Howze (Assistant County Administrator)
- Ashley Lause (WIC Program Manager, Health Department)
- Dr. Elisha Caldwell (Health Department Director)
- Christina Casper (Early Intervention & Prevention Supervisor, Health Department)

Call to Order:

Mayor Tyrone Garner called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Chaplain Daniel Freeman led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Revisions to Agenda: (Discussion Begins 3:48)

The Clerk reported there was an agenda update issued, Item No. 4 removed from the Mayor's Agenda, Item No. 1 removed from the Administrator's Agenda, and Item No. 1 added to the Standing Committee Agenda.

VI. Mayor's Agenda:**Item No. 1-RECOGNITION: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COLLECTIONS DIVISION AWARDS (Discussion Begins 5:42)**

Jeff Miles, representing the Water Pollution Control division, presented on recent awards received by the department:

- Four awards from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)
- One award from the Kansas Water Environment Association (KWEA)

Mr. Miles highlighted the department's achievements, including:

- Processing 7 billion gallons of wastewater annually
- Managing 800 miles of sewer pipe, 42,000 manholes, and 78 pump stations
- Serving 153,000 residents plus commercial and industrial customers
- Achieving high compliance rates and customer service standards

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

Item No. 2 - PRESENTATION: KANSAS CITY KANSAS HOUSING AUTHORITY UPDATE (Discussion Begins 16:38)

Matt Watkins, Chair of Housing Authority, and Andrea Tapia, Executive Director and CEO of the Kansas City, Kansas Housing Authority, provided informational update on the organization's activities:

- Serving over 5,300 clients monthly
- Managing 1,843 housing units and 1,728 Housing Choice Vouchers
- Providing over \$10 million this year in landlord payments through September 30th
- Offering various support programs including family self-sufficiency and resident opportunity initiatives

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

Item No. 3- Proclamation proclaiming October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week and October as Fire Prevention Month. (Discussion Begins 53:47)

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

Item No. 4 - COMMUNITY INPUT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (REMOVED PER AGENDA UPDATE)

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

VII. Consent Agenda: (Discussion Begins 1:04:24)

Item No. 1 - ORDINANCE: AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT, DEFINITION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, AND INTERFERENCE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Item No. 2 - RESOLUTION: APPROVING COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2024 REPORT

Item No. 3 - RESOLUTION: WYANDOTTE COUNTY SEXUAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR TEENS

(WYCO SHIFT) GRANT

Item No. 4 – RESOLUTION: SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUNG WOMEN ON THE MOVE GRANT

Item No. 5 – RESOLUTION: AMENDING THE TWO-YEAR MEETING CALENDAR

Item No. 6 - MINUTES

Item No. 7 – WEEKLY BUSINESS

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

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

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

IX. Standing Committee Agenda:

Item No. 1- RESOLUTION: RESTATING AUTHORITY OF THE UNIFIED BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SET OVERALL POLICY (ADDED PER AGENDA UPDATE) (Discussion Begins 1:05:12)

Commissioner Burroughs introduced a resolution to reaffirm the authority of the Unified Government Board of Commissioners to set overall policy. The resolution aimed to reaffirm the Unified Government Board of Commissioners' authority to set and review overall government policies. During the discussion, Mayor Garner emphasized that the commission has the ultimate power to create, modify, or reverse policies through majority vote. While administrative departments can create operational policies, the commission retains the right to review and potentially revise broader policy decisions.

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

Vote: Motion carries 6/1

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

X. Administrator's Agenda:

Item No. 1- RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO CALCULATE CERTAIN NEW GROWTH REVENUES AND TO RECOMMEND MILL LEVY REDUCTIONS (REMOVED PER AGENDA UPDATE)

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

Commissioner Bynum made a motion to adjourn as Board of Commissioners and reconvened as Board of Health. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns. (Discussion Begins 1:20:06)

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

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

XII. Board of Health Agenda:

Item No. 1- PRESENTATIONS: HEALTHY FAMILIES WYANDOTTE AND WOMEN INFANTS AND CHILDREN DEPARTMENTS (Discussion Begins 1:20:41)

Acting County Administrator Alan Howze introduced Dr. Elisha Caldwell, Director of the Public Health Department, who in turn introduced his team to deliver the presentation.

Ashley Lause, WIC Program Manager, presented on the federally funded nutrition program serving about 5,300 clients monthly in Wyandotte County:

- Providing nutrition counseling and education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and referrals.
- Generating \$4.5 million in revenue for local WIC-approved stores.

Christina Casper, Early Intervention & Prevention Supervisor, presented on the Healthy Families Program:

- Home visiting program serving families from pregnancy through the child's third birthday.
- Focusing on child development, parenting skills, and health education.
- Funded by federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grant.

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

XIV. Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 1:43:49)

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carries 7/0

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

MAYOR GARNER
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:46 PM
October 3, 2024

Monica L. Sparks

Interim Unified Government Clerk