

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



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

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Commissioner Dist. 5 Carlos Pacheco – Commissioner Dist. 6 Phil Lopez –
Commissioner Dist. 7 Chuck Stites – Commissioner Dist. 8 Andrew Davis*

MINUTES

Thursday, February 26, 2026

5:30 PM – 5:42 PM

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:

- Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Bynum
- Commissioner Andrew Kump
- Commissioner Jermaine Howard
- Commissioner Bill Burns
- Commissioner Christian Ramirez
- Commissioner Evelyn Hill
- Commissioner Carlos Pacheco
- Commissioner Andrew Davis
- Commissioner Phil Lopez

Commissioners Absent:

- Mayor CEO Crystal E. Watson
- Commissioner Chuck Stites

Staff Present:

- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Casey Meyer (Senior Counsel)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Bynum called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Bynum recognized the family of Mr. Bruce Newby, former Election Commissioner for Wyandotte County from 2006 to 2020, who recently passed away. The Commission observed a moment of silence to honor Mr. Newby and his family.

Chaplain Daniel Freeman, Fire Department, led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Revisions to Agenda (Discussion Begins 4:22)

The Clerk reported there was an agenda update issued, moving Item No. 7.1.A, a resolution placing a moratorium on penial and correctional institutions for two years, to be heard before the Planning and Zoning Consent Agenda as the first item.

5. Clerk's Statement (Statement Read 5:00)**6. Planning and Zoning Consent Agenda (Discussion Begins 9:56)**

Clerk, Monica L. Sparks, read all items on the Planning and Zoning consent agenda, including:

6.1. SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

6.1.A: SP2025-088 - SELENA UMANA

6.1.B: SP2025-096 - TIFFANY CLARK

6.1.C: SP2025-099 - TYLER SHIRK

6.2. PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION

6.2.A: PR2025-045 - RAJ BHATIA

6.3. MINUTES

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Commissioner Ramirez made a motion to approve all items on the Planning and Zoning Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

7. Planning and Zoning Non-Consent Agenda (Discussion Begins 4:48))

7.1. MISCELLANEOUS

7.1.A: A RESOLUTION PLACING A MORATORIUM ON PENAL AND CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR TWO YEARS

Commissioner Christian Ramirez addressed the item he brought forward that had gone through the Planning Commission. Commissioner Ramirez explained that some colleagues needed more time to conduct on-three meetings with staff to better understand the proposal.

The Mayor Pro Tem allowed the commission to state any questions or comments.

Commissioner Ramirez made a motion to continue the item related to the moratorium on penal and correctional institutions to an agenda in April. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

18. Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 12:27)

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

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

**MAYOR PRO TEM BYNUM
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:42 P.M.
February 26, 2026**

Monica L. Sparks, CMC
Unified Government Clerk

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