

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 Evelyn Hill –
Commissioner Dist. 5 Mike Kane – Commissioner Dist. 6 Phil Lopez –
Commissioner Dist. 7 Chuck Stites – Commissioner Dist. 8 Andrew Davis*

MINUTES

Thursday, April 3, 2025

7:01 PM – 9:05 PM

Attendance:

Commissioner's Present:

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

Commissioner's Absent:

- Commissioner Townsend

Staff Present:

- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Wendy Green (Deputy Chief Counsel)
- Irene Caudillo (Mayor's Chief of Staff)

- Dr. Shelley Kneuvean (Chief Financial Officer)
- Troy Shaw (Public Works Director)
- Diana Miles (Solid Waste Manager)
- Dwayne Smith (Street Division Manager)
- Russ Owens (Fleet Manager)

Call to Order:

Mayor Tyrone Garner called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The invocation was led by Sister Therese Bangert of Our Lady Saint Rose Catholic Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Revisions to Agenda:

No revisions to the agenda were reported.

Mayor's Agenda:

Item No. 1 – RECOGNITION: HONORARY KANSAS CITY KANSAS POLICE OFFICER AND WYANDOTTE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF (Discussion Begins 1:51:30)

Mayor Garner presented a mayoral commendation to DJ Daniels, a 14-year-old cancer survivor who was made an honorary Secret Service agent by President Trump. Commissioner Stites facilitated the recognition and covered travel expenses personally.

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

Item No. 2 - PRESENTATION: DOTTE PROUD RECOGNITION (Discussion Begins 2:20:50)

Irene Caudillo, Mayor Chief of Staff, presents DOTTE Proud recipients, recognized by Commissioner Ramirez:

- **The Hub Argentine (Discussion Begins 2:21:53)**
- **Snack Shack KC (Discussion Begins 2:25:40)**

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

Item No.3 - PRESENTATION: DOTTE PROUD RECOGNITION AND MAYORAL COMMENDATIONS (Discussion Begins: 2:37:05)

Community members were recognized for an event that occurred on March 12, 2025:

- Hey Sugar (**Discussion Begins 2:37:05**)
- Lowriding 2 Success (**Discussion Begins 2:43:10**)
- Grant Elementary (**Discussion Begins 2:44:50**)
- Kansas City, Kansas Police Department (**Discussion Begins 2:45:50**)
- Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department (**Discussion Begins 2:48:40**)

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

Item No. 4 – Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 13 – 19 as AIA Kansas City Architecture week (Discussion Begins 2:52:53)

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

Item No. 5 – Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 11 – 17 as Black Maternal Health week (Discussion Begins 2:56:32)

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

Item No. 6 – Proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2025 as Giving the Basics month. (Discussion Begins 2:56:49)

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

Item No. 7 – COMMUNITY INPUT AND RECOMMENDATIONS: (Comments Begin 2:57:15)

Multiple residents spoke during the public forum. Public comments:

- Rita Anderson (Kansas City, KS) (Comment Begins 2:58:53)
- Christina Nelson (Kansas City, KS) (Comment Begins 3:00:09)
- Darnell Bush (Kansas City, KS) (Comment Begins 3:01:27)

The public hearing was closed.

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

Consent Agenda: (Discussion Begins 3:02:25)

Item No. 1 – RESOLUTION: RATIFYING PER DIEM RATES OF THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF

Item No. 2 - RESOLUTION: SURVEY FOR 55TH & METROPOLITAN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Item No. 3 - RESOLUTION: SURVEY OF 98TH & STATE AVE

Item No. 4 - RESOLUTION: SURVEY FOR 99TH & PARALLEL

Item No. 5 - RESOLUTION: SURVEY FOR 10TH & GRANDVIEW

Item No. 6 - RESOLUTION: GRAVITY INTERCEPTOR FROM PUMP STATION 45 TO PUMP STATION 7

Item No. 7 – MINUTES

Item No. 8 – WEEKLY BUSINESS

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

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

Standing Committee's Agenda:

Item No. 1 - RESOLUTION: APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DEFFENBAUGH INDUSTRIES, INC., D/B/A WASTE MANAGEMENT (Discussion Begins: 3:03:02)

Diana Miles, Solid Waste Manager, presents the resolution. It is approving a memorandum of understanding with Deffenbaugh Industries for a modernized trash and recycling cart-based system and a pilot program for western city areas with 96-gallon containers for trash and recycling.

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

Vote: Motion carries 8/1

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

- Absent: Townsend

Item No. 1 - RESOLUTION: HEALTH FORWARD FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION (Discussion Begins: 3:12:50)

Commissioner Davis explained the resolution authorizes an application for a one-year grant from Health Forward Foundation for health department programs, including CHIP and code rewrite. Application deadline is April 9, 2025.

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

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

Administrator's Agenda:

Item No. 1 - PRESENTATION: SOLID WASTE AND STREET DIVISION OPERATIONS UPDATE (Discussion Begins: 3:14:20)

Troy Shaw, Public Works Director, Diana Miles, Solid Waste Manager, Dwayne Smith, Street Division Manager, and Russ Owens, Fleet Manager, presented the item.

Key Points

- Transition of waste management customer service calls directly to Waste Management (1-800-796-9696)
- Street department patched over 41,000 potholes in 2024 (11.5% increase)
- Current Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score of 48 (target is 65)
- Overland Park patched only 1,050 potholes compared to UG's 42,000
- Estimated \$36 million annually needed for 15 years to reach PCI target of 65
- Snow removal operations covering 2,400 lane miles with 60 total employees
- 17 vacant positions in street department

This item was for information only, and no commission 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 Burns. (Discussion Begins 3:49:42)

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

Land Bank Board of Trustees Consent Agenda: (Discussion Begins: 3:50:18)

Item No. 1: LAND BANK OPTIONS

Item No. 2: LAND BANK PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Item No. 3: RESOLUTION: LAND BANK HOLD FOR PEREGRINE FALCON PARCELS

Item No. 4: RESOLUTION: LAND BANK HOLD UPDATE MT. CARMEL/TREMONT PROJECT

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

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 3:50:42)

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

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

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

MAYOR GARNER

ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:05 P.M.

April 3, 2025

Monica L. Sparks, CMC
Unified Government Clerk

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