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CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KS)

REGULAR SESSION
THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in regular session Thursday, July 12, 2018, with ten members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Townsend, Commissioner First District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Murguia, Commissioner Third District; Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District; Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Walters, Commissioner Seventh District; Philbrook, Commissioner Eighth District; and Alvey, Mayor/CEO, presiding. Kane, Commissioner Fifth District, was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Gordon Criswell, Joe Connor and Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrators; Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel; Bridgette Cobbins, Unified Government Clerk; Maureen Mahoney, Chief of Staff in Mayor's Office; Lynn Melton, Assistant to the Mayor; Terry Zeigler, Chief of Police; Michael York, Deputy Police Chief; Dustin Duncan, Major; and Captain John Grosko, Sergeant-at-Arms.

MAYOR ALVEY called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Alvey.

INVOCATION was given by Reverend Cynthia Smart, Mason Memorial United Methodist Church.

Mayor Alvey asked are there any revisions to tonight's agenda. **Bridgette Cobbins, UG Clerk,** said there are no revisions. **Mayor Alvey** said hallelujah!

MAYOR'S AGENDA**ITEM NO. 1 – 18317...POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS CEREMONY**

Synopsis: Presentation of the Police Awards, presented by Terry Zeigler, Chief of Police.

Terry Zeigler, Chief of Police, said we appreciate you guys setting aside time for us to do our quarterly awards ceremony. We have just a few awards during this quarter. We do have a citizen that—I don't believe he has made it tonight, but we're going to go ahead and read what he'd done. We appreciate the cooperation and the help of our citizens in taking care of the community and policing the community.

I just want to say to all the officers that are out there, everyday we have officers on our department who are doing a phenomenal job day in and day out. The things they do seem mundane and they don't rise to the level of awards, but it's still an amazing job for our community. I'd like to give a kudos to all of them for the amazing work that they do. I'm going to turn this over to Major Dungan and let him read the awards and we'll present them.

Dustin Dungan, Major, said thank you for giving us the time tonight. I know you guys have been busy with the budget so thank you very much. It has been a privilege to be commander over the Awards Committee and have committee members that feel the men and women of the department should be recognized for the great work they do. We'd also like to thank the family members because without their loving support, the officers of the department would not be able to accomplish the great work that is done throughout this wonderful city.

The first award that we were going to present was the citizen's plaque. Like the Chief said, we couldn't do our job without the great citizens of this city. On May 20, 2018, at about 1840 hours, officers responded to 2500 Central on an armed robbery. Upon arrival, the officers were checking there and made contact with a Lonnie Pickle. He told officers he had observed an armed robbery and chased the suspect Shawn Jackson to the wooded area of 2622 Grandview. He showed officers where the suspect had entered the woods and the perimeter was established. K-9 officer tracked that location and located the suspect who was taken into custody. Detectives during the process of the investigation of the crime had learned that this was the second time the suspect had robbed

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the 7-11 at gunpoint. He was also wanted for a rape over in Kansas City, MO. Without Lonnie Pickle's help, we wouldn't have ever caught this guy. It was a great thing he did.

The first award is going to be Sergeant Graves. On March 29th at 1650 hours, Sergeant Graves stopped a tan 2003 Chevy Ventura at 13th & State Avenue for traffic violations. He made contact with a suspect who was the driver and the sole occupant of the vehicle. He appeared to be under the influence. After speaking with the suspect for a few minutes, Sergeant Graves directed him to get out of the vehicle. He requested backup and Officer Lundgren headed that way to assist. The suspect did not exit the van and Sergeant Graves tried to persuade him to exit. The suspect started the minivan and tried to drive off. Sergeant Graves began struggling with the suspect behind the wheel. The suspect was unable to get the van in gear. Sergeant Graves called for a Code A backup and was able to get the van turned off and threw the keys onto the floor. The suspect then reached down and grabbed a Glock handgun with an extended magazine and began raising it toward Sergeant Graves. Sergeant Graves grabbed the suspect's arms and held it down. The suspect was able to raise the muzzle and point it. It was an intense struggle. Sergeant Graves used both hands and his body to hold the muzzle away directing the suspect to drop the gun until help could arrive.

Office Nicole Ortego-Fulton was the first to arrive. She exited her car and went to the passenger side of the van. Sergeant Graves told her that he had the gun. Officer Fulton immediately climbed in to grab the suspect's arms and began telling him to drop it. Office Lundgren arrived next. He ran to the van and entered through the passenger's side. He saw he could not get the gun released and struck the suspect in the face after which he was able to strip the gun out of the suspect's hands. He then removed him from the vehicle. Sergeant Davis and Officer Jones arrived next and they were able to handcuff the suspect. This was a very life/death situation that these officers went through. They did a wonderful job and they're receiving a meritorious service award for their great work.

Detective Blackman works for me and he's one of the brightest detectives we have. Back in March 1, 2018, we started an operation called Operation Triple Beam. The U.S. Marshals Service received a grant to assist combat violent, including gang activity within Kansas City, KS. This program was Operation Triple Beam. Operation Triple Beam was conducted in Kansas City, KS, from March 1 – April 30, 2018. The operation targeted violent offenders as well as gang related

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activity. This operation resulted in 201 arrests which included 94 gang member related arrests and multiple felony crimes. There were a total of 63 firearms seized, \$115,000 recovered. During the operation, these three detectives: Blackman, Seal and Diaz, assisted the violent crime taskforce and worked a total of 60 felony cases, some of which suspects were going to face federal charges. These three detectives were out in the field and worked hand in hand with officers during arrests being made. They worked drug, gun and other violent crime cases for a two-month period.

The dedication that these detectives showed were above and beyond their normal workload, but without hesitation, volunteered to participate in this operation anyway. They spent countless hours not only in the field but putting together both state and federal cases for prosecution. I just want to state that several other cities did a similar Operation Triple Beam, and our department outshined everyone of them. Detectives Blackman, Seal and Diaz are being awarded the Lancaster-Melton Award of Merit. They did a wonderful job!

Chief Zeigler said thank you for allowing us to present our awards during the Commission meeting. We have light refreshments in the lobby if anybody is interested.

Action: Awards were presented.

Mayor Alvey said thank you, Chief.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Alvey asked does any member of the Commission, staff or citizen in attendance tonight wish to set aside any item on tonight's Consent Agenda. You would need to step forward at this time, state your name and city of residency for the record.

Action: **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda.** Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson.

ITEM NO. 1 – 18319...NOMINATION

Synopsis: Nomination for Boards and Commission:

Landmarks Commission, John Altegovt, 7/12/18-3/31/20, submitted by Commissioner Murguia.

Action: **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson.

ITEM NO. 4 – MINUTES

Synopsis: Minutes from regular session of June 14, 2018.

Action: **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson.

ITEM NO. 5 – WEEKLY BUSINESS MATERIAL

Synopsis: Weekly business material dated June 28 and July 5, 2018.

Action: **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file.** Roll call was taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

No items

STANDING COMMITTEES' AGENDA

No items

ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA

No items

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COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

No items

LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES' AGENDA

No items

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

No items

**MAYOR ALVEY
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:10 P.M.
July 12, 2018**

Bridgette D. Cobbins
Unified Government Clerk

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