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SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, JULY 30, 2018

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in Special Session, Monday, July 30, 2018, with eleven 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 (arrived at 5:04 p.m. via phone); Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Walters, Commissioner Seventh District; Philbrook, Commissioner Eighth District; and Alvey, Mayor/CEO presiding. The following officials were also in attendance: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel; Bridgette Cobbins, Unified Government Clerk; Joe Connor, Gordon Criswell and Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrators; Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer; Debbie Jonscher, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; Reginald Lindsey, Budget Director; Budget Staff; Emerick Cross, Commissioner Liaison; Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works; Wilba Miller, Director of Community Development; Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel; Mike Tobin, Deputy Director of Public Works; Brandon Grover, Asset Coordination Manager for Public Works; Jeremy Rogers, Director of Parks & Recreation; Maureen Mahoney, Chief of Staff in Mayor's Office; and Officer Doleshal, Sergeant-at-Arms.

MAYOR ALVEY called the meeting to order.

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

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SESSION of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to be held Monday, July 30, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Municipal Office Building regarding the final public hearing and immediately following, in the 5th floor conference room, will be a Budget Workshop. An Executive Session will be held in the 9th floor conference room regarding labor. Immediately following the Executive Session, the

Commission will reconvene to the 5th floor conference room to conclude tonight's Budget Workshop.

CONSENT TO MEETING of the governing body of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, accepting service of the foregoing notice, waiving all and any irregularities in such service and in such notice, and consent and agree that we, the governing body, shall meet at the time and place therein specified and for the purpose therein stated.

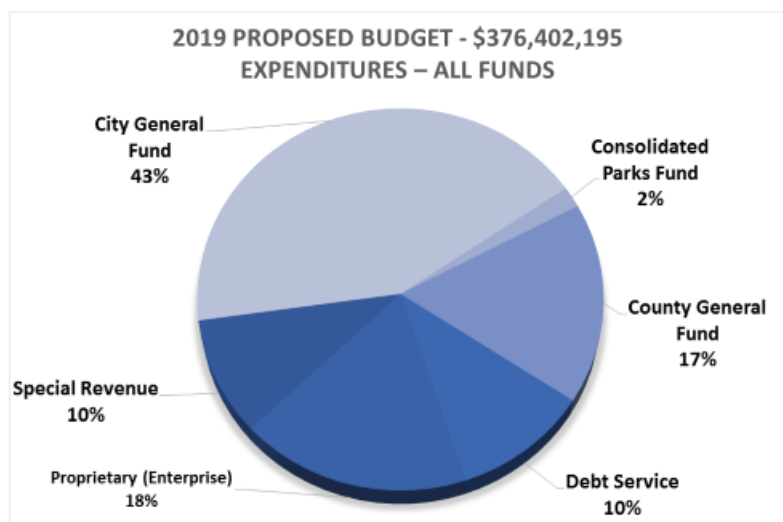
Mayor Alvey said just a reminder, anyone who is interested in addressing the Commission on the Public Hearing Agenda regarding the Proposed 2019 Unified Government Budget and the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan for Community Development may sign up at either of the tables located at the Chamber doors. If you've not signed up on your way in and you wish to address the Commission on that item, you must go to either table and sign up. When the item is up for discussion, the Clerk will call the names in order according to the sign-up sheets. She will also announce who is on deck which means you will be next to the podium. When you come to the podium located by the railing upfront, please state your name and city of residency for the record and you will be given up to three minutes to state your comments. The Clerk will announce when you have one minute remaining to allow you time to conclude your comments. Tonight, is our final public hearing to receive citizen comments on the Proposed 2019 Unified Government Budget and the 2018-2019 Community Development Annual Action Plan.

Doug Bach, County Administrator, said this evening, as you noted, Mayor, is our what is classified our final public hearing before we adopt the proposed budget this Thursday. One thing to note, this is really more of a statutory required public hearing. Our practical public hearing for the community to come in and give input is done much earlier in this process as we start building the budget. Earlier in the year in February we conducted a public hearing and received comments from many residents of the community and submitted stuff, not only in writing, but appeared before you and offered their input for what would be going into it. We now have Commissioner Murguia with us now.



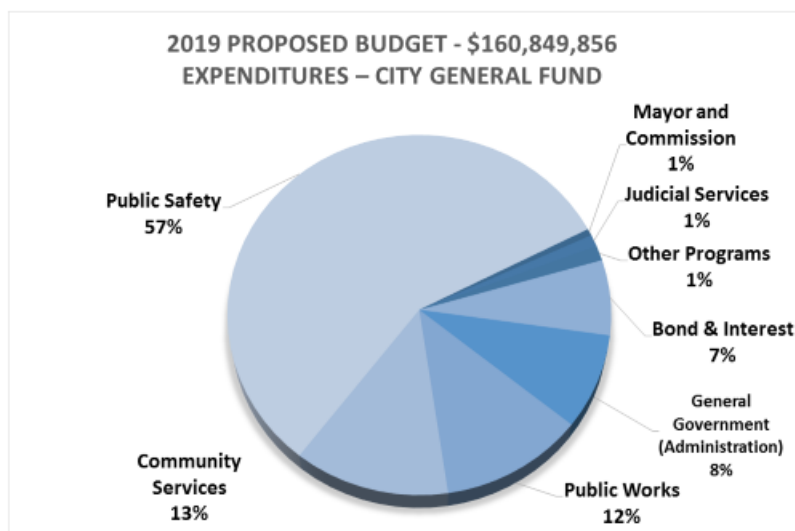
Next as we advance forward we are able to take the input over a series of months that allows us to go forward and build the budget that is presented to you all the beginning of this month from your input and that of the public leading up to this point and then have all your input over the last several weeks as we move to our final stages.

With that, we still need to go through and hold one more public hearing for the budget for the adoption of both our Unified Government Budget and that of the Community Development Block Grant Funding for input on that so two parts. We're going to give a quick presentation this evening which will be done by our Budget Director Reginald Lindsey and our Community Development Director Wilba Miller. At this time, I will recognize Mr. Lindsey to come forward and run through a few components that are in our proposed budget.



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Reginald Lindsey, Budget Director, said with the 2019 Proposed Budget we have a \$376M budget that funds 30 State funds and 200 services across the community. Of these 30 funds we have City General Fund which is a \$160M budget and also the County General Fund which is a \$63M budget and we have the Consolidated Parks Fund which is a \$6.6M budget. Also, we have funds that are Special Revenue Funds. These consist of the Dedicated Sales Tax, Special Parks & Rec Fund, and Special Street & Highway. We have our two Debt Service Funds, one for the City and one for the County and we have our Enterprise Funds. That consists of our Water Pollution Control Fund and our EMS Fund and there are a host of other funds within the Enterprise Fund.



I'm going to drilldown into the City General Fund a little bit. The biggest portion of the City General Fund is Public Safety. We have the Fire & Police here that makes up 57% of that budget. The next largest portion is Community Services, then we have Transit, Parks & Rec, Economic Development and Neighborhood Resource Center. The next portion is the Public Works Department which comes in at 12%.

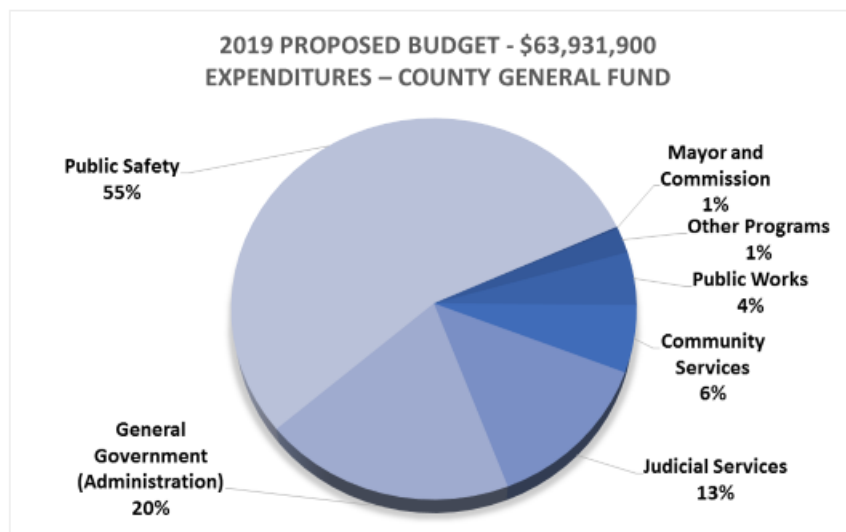
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2018 Amended – 2019 Budget



Expenditure by Fund & Mill Levies

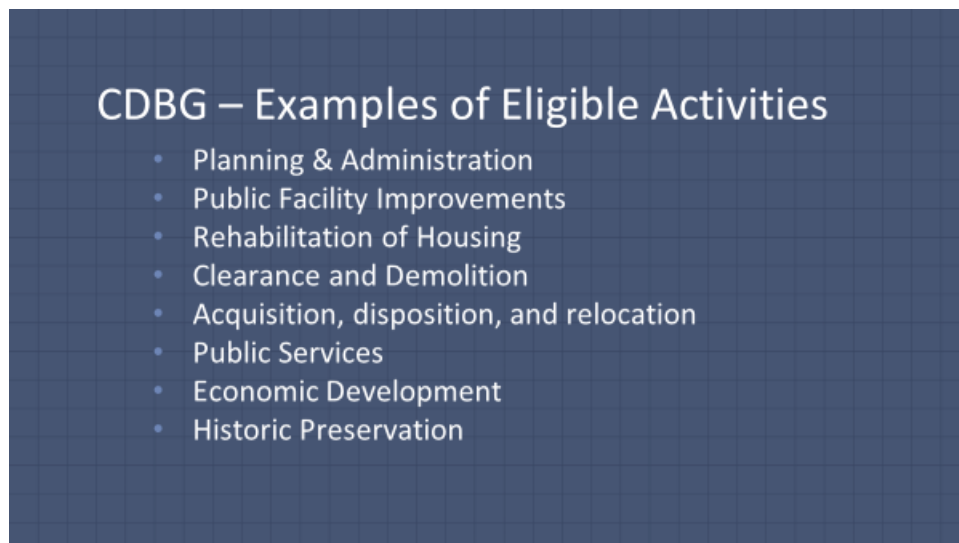
	2018 AMENDED BUDGET	CERTIFIED MILL LEVY, 2018 BUDGET	2019 PROPOSED BUDGET	PROPOSED MILL LEVY, 2019 BUDGET	CHANGE IN MILL LEVY RATE FROM 2018
Tax Levy Funds					
General Fund - City	156,283,991	23.167	160,849,856	21.167	-2.000

As part of this 2019 Proposed Budget we cut the mill levy tax rate from 23 mills to 21 mills for the City General Fund. You can see that decreased by two right here, two mills that is.



Now I'm going to drilldown into the County General Fund. This fund right here takes into consideration it was real in Bonner Springs along with Kansas City, Kansas so it covers all the residents within the community. Public Safety, there's a large portion there. The biggest department there is the Sheriff's Department. We also have Emergency Management that is paid from that department and then the largest second category is the General Government which makes up 20% of the budget and that consists of the Treasurer's Office, Legal, and the Appraiser's Office. The next largest within County General Fund is Judicial Services and that's what we pay for our

District Courts, also our District Attorney, and our Community Corrections. Now I'm going to turn it over to our Community Development Director Wilba Miller.



Wilba Miller, Community Development Director, said Unified Government receives an annual allocation of entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the following three programs: Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. In order to receive

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these funds, the Unified Government must submit a 5-Year Consolidated Plan which includes an assessment of housing needs for both affordable and special needs housing, a housing market analysis, housing priorities and strategies to address those needs; a 5-Year Strategic Plan and an Annual Action Plan.

The Unified Government developed a new 5-Year Plan for fiscal years 2017-2021 which was revised to include the 2017 Park Drive Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan. The Park Drive area was chosen because it was a tipping point neighborhood and is a SOAR initiative. The 2018 Annual Action Plan is the second year of the new 5-Year Plan.

The Annual Action Plan consolidates these three grant programs into a single application which includes a description of projects and activities expected to be undertaken using grant funds and any expected program income.

Examples of eligible CDBG activities are shown on the screen. The plan also includes actions that the Unified Government expects to take during the program year to pursue strategies described in the new 5-Year Plan.

The Unified Government must hold two public hearings to inform the community about the plan, the plan process, and to obtain community input. The first public hearing was held on March 1, prior to developing the plan. We are fulfilling the second public hearing requirement tonight. This draft plan was published on June 21 and citizens were given 30 days to comment.

The budget is summarized by these following slides with categories and activities.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FY 2018 GRANT BUDGET	
REHABILITATION	841,672
PUBLIC FACILITIES & IMPROVEMENTS	780,000
PUBLIC SERVICES	168,000
ADMIN	447,418
TOTAL	\$2,237,090

Community Development Block Grant; Rehab, Public Facilities & Improvements, Public Services, Admin for a total of \$2,237,090.

HOME FUNDS FY 2018 GRANT BUDGET

HOME CHIP	222,072
REHAB/NEW CONSTRUCTION	540,000
ADMIN	84,674
TOTAL HOME	\$846,746

The HOME Funds include the HOME Chip down payment assistance, Rehab/New Construction, and Admin for a total of \$846,746.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS FY 2018 GRANT BUDGET

ESG PROGRAM ACTIVITIES	168,278
ADMIN	13,644
TOTAL ESG FUNDS	\$181,922

The Emergency Solutions Grant; with ESG Program Activities and Admin for a total of \$181,922.

This Annual Action Plan must be submitted to HUD 45 days prior to the fiscal year that starts for us October 1st which means submission can be no later than August 15th. Failure to submit by August 15th will automatically result in a loss of funds. A resolution calling for the adoption of

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the 2018 Annual Action Plan and attachments will be presented to the Commission for approval during the August 2, 2018 adoption of the Unified Government budget. This concludes my portion of the presentation.

Mr. Bach said, Mayor, that concludes our presentation. I would recommend you hold the public hearing.

Mayor Alvey opened the public hearing. Before we take public comments, I will ask Ms. Cobbins to read the statement governing this public hearing.

Bridgette Cobbins, Unified Government Clerk, read the following statement prior to the public hearing. We would like to welcome all present to this public meeting of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas regarding the Unified Government 2019 Proposed Budgets and the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan for Community Development. We appreciate the attendance of those people here this evening and we recognize the importance of your views. We would; however, remind you that there are five individuals signed up to speak. Each person will be allowed three-minutes to speak. Should you go to the two-minute mark, I will announce that you have one-minute remaining and that will allow you time to wrap-up your comments. As you come to the microphone, please state your name and city for the record. On deck means that you will be next to the podium. We would appreciate your efforts to be considerate to all during their comments. We ask that anyone with a cell phone to please turn them off or switch to non-audio, so you will not disturb the hearing for recording purposes for TV viewers.

Marcia Rupp said I did go to the budget and I did see the debt chart. I go back to what some of the commissioners talked about. Commissioner Ann Murguia doesn't happen to be here, but she is present on the phone, to transparency when it comes to giving out raises and I'm talking about the NBRs here. I'm not saying they don't deserve one. I'm just saying we have Neighborhood Watch Leaders that do the very same work that they do, probably work harder, and sometimes they get slammed for it because they have to be the hatchet person to go after people in the neighborhood who aren't abiding by codes. They are taking more than what an NBR is on a regular basis. They don't get paid at all. We volunteer to do this and so I just don't believe that—I

think there should be more transparency in what these people do. I know that some of those groups have lost a lot of people, okay, that needs to be a question of why we're not gaining people, why we're losing people and I'm not talking about one or two, I'm talking about 50. I'm just saying I think it really needs to be checked into. I wish everybody could have a raise, but we do have a debt chart, I saw it, and we need to really be transparent and see what people are doing as far as a job. Neighborhood Watch Group Leaders have to account for everything they do. They even have a checkbook number held and where funds are going and everything else. They're more checked actually than NBRs are.

Also, while I'm up here, it's got to be something good and so I want to thank you guys and I want to thank Mike Tobin and all of his men for Parallel because even though it looks like a zebra it is so smooth to drive. It's just wonderful to see that road and everybody is going to be driving it now because that is really the best road to drive. Thank you so much for the work you did on that and for the Commission for putting it through.

Dan Welch, 6221 Armstrong, said those who know me know I came to talk about parks. All of you are Commission members instead of Councilmembers because of events surrounding our parks. Keep in mind that our current Park Department was founded December 6, 1910 under a Commission form of government. Part of that time things were very different. We had a Council form of government and a very independent Mayor appointed a three-man Park Board. Outdoor playgrounds and public parks invited the notion of America the Beautiful. Our appointed Park Board was happy to oblige. We saw the arrival of Bethany, Boeke, Edgerton, Emerson, Heathwood, Klamm, Northrup, Splitlog, St. Margaret, Waterway as well as Garrett Place, Washington Blvd. playground, and 13th Street triangle as parks. Thousands of bonds, thousands of bonds financed dollars were spent. Waterway Park cost at least \$70,000 and Bethany Park cost at least \$73,000. The estimated income from the Park Dedicated Mill Levy was \$13,000 per year and that era of recordkeeping was often confused and uncoordinated. For instance, the City Treasurer Lillian Adams was indicted, but later acquitted for cashing a forged check by the Park Board Clerk J.E. Conley. Now we have more knowledge and better tools to match bond financing to life expectancy of major projects. Yes, bond financing brought us many key parks but paying off those bonds caused a major government change and a tremendous lag in advancing city improvements.

Paul Soptick, 65 So. 24th St., said I want to talk to you about the Conviction Integrity Unit that the District Attorney is proposing. I've worked in this city to make it a better place to live for over 25 years, that includes three District Attorney's, four Sheriff's, and seven Chiefs of Police and every one of these folks have had justice and safety in mind. They put a lot of bad guys in jail and took them away from the city to make the city better to live in, but if there's one that gets through, the one innocent that gets put away in jail, that's where this Integrity Unit, I believe, comes into play and, hopefully, nothing happens like that. But, if it does, I think this Integrity Unit would be helpful to speed the process and get that individual back out of jail. I hope you fund that Integrity Unit for the District Attorney.

Claudine Sanders, 8309 Isabel, said I'm here tonight as a member of the District Attorney's Community Liaison Board. I wanted to express to the Commission my willingness to be one of the volunteers for the Conviction Integrity Unit. On a personal level I live, work and serve in Wyandotte County and at my job if I make a mistake in charging a customer, they have a way and means to come and have me correct that mistake. My mistakes cost money. The mistakes that might have been made in the past due to the different levels of prosecutorial misconduct, etc., etc. that he had given in his PowerPoint that those cost people freedom, not just money, so I would hope that you would go ahead and fund his program.

Charles Davis, 1863 No. 40th St., said I'm here to speak on behalf of the Conviction Integrity Unit that our District Attorney has put together. I feel it is highly needed for what we have going on in our city and our county. I think if somebody goes to jail for all the wrong reasons, we need to have somebody oversee that it's done and that it's done correctly. I believe in our District Attorney and the work he has been doing so far proves we need this Integrity Unit to be involved with everything that happens in our city and our county. I actually sit on his board and from what I see going on in the community we actually need it because sometimes people get put in situations that they really weren't involved in. I think to have this Integrity Unit on hand with our District Attorney will work perfectly for our City and County. Also, I was going to try to stay for the rest of the meeting, but I just got a call and have to go coach tonight.

Mayor Alvey closed the public hearing. I would like to thank each of you for coming out tonight to make comments. (Some discussion took place but was inaudible)

Janice Witt, 2717 No. 88th Terr., said I am here to state my opinion regarding the 3/8th cent tax, the continuation of the tax. I firmly stand against the tax in the way that it's worded. Right now, it is presented to us in several different ways. If you read the budget book that was put out, the spiral binder, it states that it is going to cover things including machinery and equipment and that isn't how it reads on the ballot and Capital Projects. That's not how it reads on the ballot. I'm asking that we be honest as to where this money is going to be going. I'm not against funding Fire and Police. I want to fund them. I want to give them everything they need because right now they don't have everything they need. Ten years ago, when we started this, when this came onboard, you remember you asked for the exact same reasons that you're asking for now, but none of those reasons have been fulfilled.

As a matter of fact, we're down \$920,000 on Fire. I have a problem with that, not saying these gentlemen didn't do what they were allowed to do by contract. I have a problem that our City Administrator, that our Mayor allowed over a million dollars to be just drained out of a budget for people in a community that one out of every three-fourths, nearly 24% of this community lives under the poverty level. Right now, I am sitting, and I am looking in a group of people who carries nearly a million-dollar budget for their funding. I believe Doug Bach, our County Administrator, pulls in about \$191,000 a year. I think Gordon Criswell I think it said he pulls down \$136,000, \$146,000 a year and then we have the lower Administrator that pulls down—well, we have two Administrators that pulls out \$136,000. We're looking at over a million—close to a million dollars to fund the leadership of our community, but they can't do something as simple as make sure our Fire doesn't work shifts, doesn't get paid for shifts that they're not working for. I have a problem with that. I request as a citizen of Wyandotte County, Doug Bach, that you step down. That you resign your position and give it to someone and we vote or otherwise come up with someone who is willing to stand for this community and with this community and represent the people who are paying the taxes.

Mayor Alvey said I will close the public hearing and thank each of you for coming out tonight to make comments. We will now go to the 5th floor conference room for our Budget Workshop. The meeting will resume in about 10 minutes.



Mayor Alvey said tonight is our fifth Budget Workshop. I will turn it over to Mr. Bach for some opening comments.



Mr. Bach said we have a few items on our agenda this evening. First, we're going to go through and clarify some points on where we are from the benefit districts from an earlier workshop and where we are specifically with the T.A. Edison Benefit District. We will go through, and really this is just information submitted to you, but we have the clerical corrections to the budget

document. We're going to get into what we commonly refer to as the yellow sheet which is our budget reconciliation document. I'm going to take that in two phases because there are some areas where I don't feel like I had full direction yet so we're going to walk through the different areas that are you in there and get that direction. Then seeking to go ahead and move to our Executive Session on Labor. It gives us a chance to reconcile everything from the yellow sheet and then we will come back down in here and make sure we're in final format for what's going into that yellow sheet and then go through what the approval documents will be this coming Thursday. With that, I'm going to move right into this and turn it over to the Public Works Department to Brandon Grover for a presentation on the benefit districts.



Brandon Grover, Asset Manager for Public Works, said as Doug mentioned, we wanted to bring back some information to you guys regarding the topic of the benefit districts that were brought up recently. The first couple of slides we have here are going to detail a little bit information about our benefit district programs in general before we dive into this specific instance that was brought up.

POLICY STEP BY STEP

Step #	Activity	Responsibility	Estimated Time
1	Informal Petition of Interest	Citizens Group	Start
2	Feasibility study by Engineering Division, including public information meeting	Engineering	3-4 months
3	Petition to form Benefit District	Citizens Group	1 month
4	Verification of Signature	Engineering	1 week
5	Public Works Committee Review and Recommendation	PW Committee	1 month
6	Resolution on the advisability of the Proposed Improvements	UG Commission and Legal	3 weeks
7	Resolution Authorizing the Improvements	UG Commission and Legal	concurrent
8	Temporary Financing	Engineering and Finance	2-3 Months
9	Plan Preparation	Engineering	6-18 months
10	Bidding and Construction	Engineering	3-12 months
11	Final Cost determined and assessments apportioned	Engineering	1 month
12	Public Works Committee Review and Recommendation	PW Committee	1 month
13	Public Hearing on Proposed Assessments	UG Commission	3 weeks
14	Ordinance Apportioning and Assessing Costs	UG Commission	concurrent
15	Assessment Levied & Notices Mailed	Assessor and Clerk	1 week
16	Permanente Financing	UG Commission and Financing	Annual Bond Issue
17	Pay in Period	Owners in District	Typically 15 years, up to 20

• Formal process established May 1999

First off, we do have an official policy for establishing a benefit district. It was brought before us as a formal process in May of 1999. As you can see on the screen it is a 17-step process that takes anywhere from a year to a year and a half depending on the size and complexity of the benefit district. The first step which has to be done and is honestly the kickoff step that is most often done by the neighborhood groups is this informal petition of interest. In our policy it states that only 50% of the residents inside of the designated district return their signature saying they are in favor of something like this and they are aware that they could potentially bear some costs on their property taxes. Once that petition is turned into the UG we then conduct a feasibility study that takes into account the requests that are clearly stated on the petition and the validity of the signatures that were turned in to make sure that the names on the signature match the ownership and things like that.

This is currently the step that we're at with the benefit district we will discuss more later. After this step is finalized, there is a portion where the UG goes back to the neighborhood groups and informs them of what the feasibility study brought forward. It will be information about what the district boundary should be based on the density of signatures, the potential cost of the improvements to be made, and the potential breakout of how much is taken care of by the UG versus the population or the residents. That process usually does take quite a bit longer than the

one month that it says up here just because it takes time to arrange those kinds of neighborhood meetings and to go around and get those signatures.

Several other key steps to note is that in Step 5 this is where staff brings back the final recommendation to the Standing Committee to form the district. This is where you all approve how much money we're willing to spend and what years you want to allocate that funding to. Most of the rest of the steps are either the Legal steps we have to go through to authorize resolution or finance it or the regular construction type processes that we do on our regular projects, so we really don't need to touch on those too much.

As I said towards the beginning, we're currently at the end of Step 2. We have completed a feasibility study that has given us a few options and we will discuss a little bit about that at a later meeting, but we have really looked into this in a more thoughtful manner than just kind of glancing over.

T.A. EDISON/FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD INTEREST GROUP

- PRIOR 2013 – INFORMAL PETITION OF INTEREST FOR CURB AND GUTTER, SIDEWALK, AND STORM DRAINAGE STARTED BY NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP (STEP 1)
- 2013 – UG PLACED THE BENEFIT DISTRICT IN THE CMIP DOCUMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400K FOR 2018
 - (AMOUNT ASSOCIATED WITH THE POTENTIAL DESIGN)
- 2014 – BUDGET UPDATED TO \$200K IN 2018 AND \$400K IN 2019
- 2015 – BUDGET UPDATED TO \$400K IN 2016 AND \$200K IN 2017
- 2016 – FEASIBILITY STUDY BEGAN ON PARALLEL WITH NEARBY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (STEP 2)
- FALL 2016 – INITIAL STUDY RETURNED, AND ALTERNATE OPTIONS EXPLORED BECAUSE OF PERCEIVED AFFORDABILITY
- MAY 2017 – FINAL STUDY RETURNED WITH 4 PROJECT SITE OPTIONS WITHIN THE INITIAL DISTRICT
- FEBRUARY 2018 – OPTION A FROM STUDY SELECTED TO CREATE A CENTRALIZED AREA WITHIN THE DISTRICT, AND APPLIED FOR FEDERAL FUNDING
- APRIL 2018 – PROJECT NOT SELECTED FOR POTENTIAL FEDERAL FUNDING
- JULY 2018 – CURRENT STATE

Background on the specific instance for the T.A. Edison/Friendship Heights Benefit District. For those that don't know, this area is over on County Line Road about South 10th Street. This neighborhood group is going to encompass a couple blocks on either side of that and a couple blocks to the north around T.A. Edison Elementary School. Sometime prior to 2013 the citizens did that Step 1, the informal petition of interest. We don't have a date on that because the petition

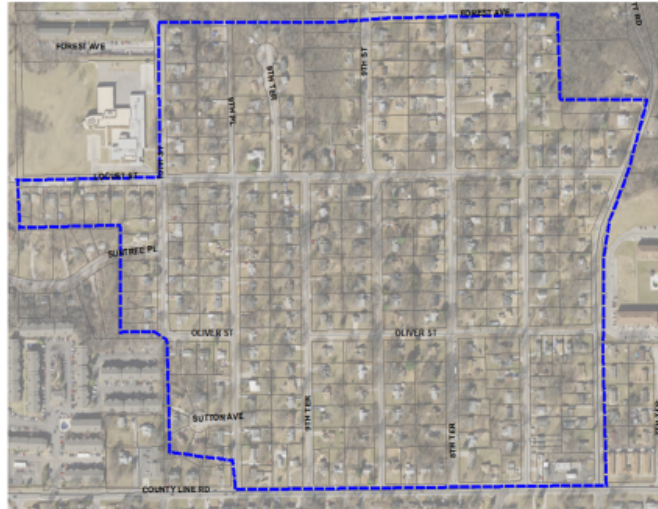
they turned in does not have a date they signed, and we don't have a date that we received due to prior staff being here. We don't know when that exactly was but the first instance that we see something about this is in the 2013 Budget. We placed it in the CMIP in the amount of \$400K for 2018. This amount based on the size of this district is something that usually would be associated with the potential design of something like this. Again, because it happened before any current staff, we're not entirely positive where that number came from. In 2014 there was an update to the budget that moved the \$400K out to 2019 and put \$200K in 2018. In 2015, again, there was another update. They moved the budget forward for \$400K in 2016 and \$200K in 2017. This is currently where we stand budgetary wise. We have \$578K of this \$600K budget still remaining our Temp Noted Budget. We've currently used that other \$22K to fund the feasibility study.

In the fall of 2016 we received the feasibility study back to us with some alternate options in which we took that information back to the Rosedale Development Association to discuss these with them. That meeting took place—I'm jumping ahead of myself. In May of 2017 after our initial meeting with RDA we had our consultant look at a couple of different design options breaking this down into several smaller segments that would make things more feasible and allow us to really impact the community in the best way possible. That was done in May 2017. At this point we then discussed options and looked at funding for these options in coordination with some of our Safe Routes to School Grants that we've been very successful in applying for with the Mid-America Regional Council. In February of this year we selected Option A because it provided some of the major arterial routes through this neighborhood. Locust as the east/west route and 9th Terrace as the north/south route.

In April it was decided that given the amount of funding that was available for the Safe Routes to School Program through the Mid-America Regional Council it wouldn't benefit us to apply for that at this time just because the amount of funding that would be available wouldn't really help us get much accomplished. It would still put a very large burden on the population and on the UG. That kind of brings us to where we currently are.

PROPOSED DISTRICT DETAILS

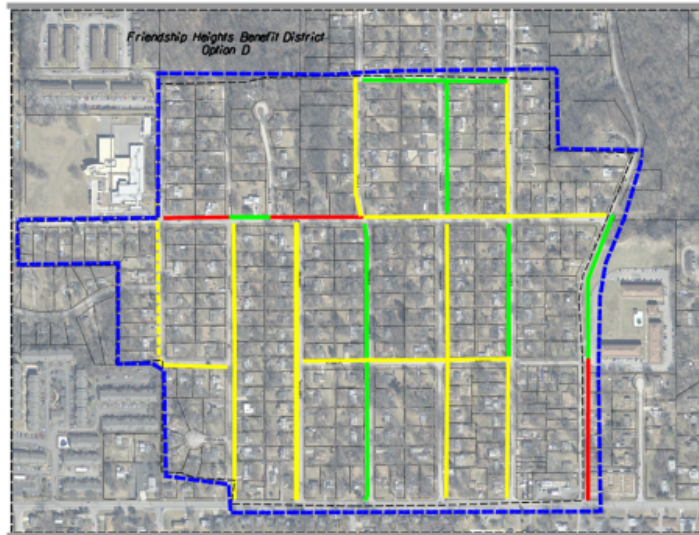
- ASSUMED ROUGH BOUNDARY OF 10TH STREET ON THE WEST, PUCKETT ROAD ON THE EAST, COUNTY LINE RD./W. 47TH AVE. ON THE SOUTH, AND FOREST AVE. ON THE NORTH
- DISTRICT ENCOMPASSES 292 PARCELS:
 - 142 NUMBER OF SIGNATURES
 - TOTAL ACREAGE: 76.93 (.26 AVG)
 - TOTAL PROPERTY VALUE: \$29,665,100 (\$101,592.81 AVG)
 - TOTAL TAX ROLL VALUE: \$520,737.90 (\$1,783.35 AVG)



To describe the district a little more; I already kind of gave you some of the street boundaries. Let's give you a little bit more of the details of it. The proposed district encompasses 292 parcels. On the original signatures that were returned 142 parcels were signed. The total acreage of this area is about 77 acres so you're looking at an average plot size or parcel size of about a .25 of an acre. The average property value is about \$101K a year and the average taxable value is about \$1,800 a year. Those are the numbers we look at when we're looking at what could potentially be feasible for economic purposes.

PROPOSED FULL DISTRICT

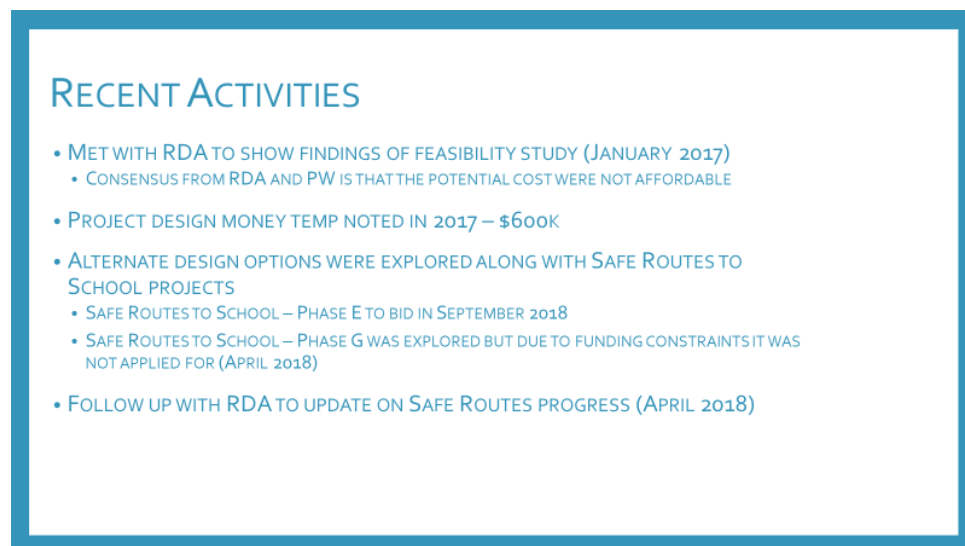
- SIDEWALKS, CURB AND GUTTER, AND STORM DRAINAGE
- TOTAL PROJECT COST = \$9.98 MILLION
 - ADDITIONAL \$2.5 MILLION IN UG COST (NON-PARTICIPATING)
- NUMBER OF PARCELS = 292
- TOTAL COST PER PARCEL = \$27,761
- ANNUAL AVG. COST PER PARCEL = \$2,584
 - OVER 15 YEARS WITH 5% INTEREST AND FINANCE COST
 - IN ADDITION TO CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES



The petition for this district actually asked for sidewalks, curb & gutter, and storm drainage. As we evaluated this program we made sure to include all three of those elements. The total project estimate for this project is almost \$10M, \$9.98M. That number seems rather large for a sidewalk benefit district, but keep in mind that it does include a lot of storm drainage and the total lane miles in this district is about 4.1 miles. That's on the same scale as Leavenworth Road or Merriam Lane, the amount of area that we did do work on so it's a very large geographic area so there is a lot of work that's going to go into this. On top of that \$10M there is an additional \$2.5M that the UG would be responsible for that is not participating. In our policy it says that the Unified Government will pay for design and inspection of the construction, so this is something we could not recoup any money for.

As I said before, the total number of parcels affected in this district would be 292 so if you divided that cost evenly amongst the parcels, you come up with \$27,761 per parcel. That would be if somebody wanted to pay that total, that way they wouldn't have to pay it out over the 15 years or 20 years, whatever we decide on, that would be what they would have to pay at that time. If they wanted to break it out over the 15 or 20 years, you're looking at about \$2,600 annually which does include our interest fees and our financing fees in addition to what they are currently paying on their property taxes.

The map you see on this screen is highlighted in different colors as constructability options or constructability possibilities. The red areas, of course, are more difficult to construct, the green is easier, and yellow is a mid-range.



RECENT ACTIVITIES

- MET WITH RDA TO SHOW FINDINGS OF FEASIBILITY STUDY (JANUARY 2017)
 - CONSENSUS FROM RDA AND PW IS THAT THE POTENTIAL COST WERE NOT AFFORDABLE
- PROJECT DESIGN MONEY TEMP NOTED IN 2017 – \$600K
- ALTERNATE DESIGN OPTIONS WERE EXPLORED ALONG WITH SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECTS
 - SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – PHASE E TO BID IN SEPTEMBER 2018
 - SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – PHASE G WAS EXPLORED BUT DUE TO FUNDING CONSTRAINTS IT WAS NOT APPLIED FOR (APRIL 2018)
- FOLLOW UP WITH RDA TO UPDATE ON SAFE ROUTES PROGRESS (APRIL 2018)

We wanted to tell you—all that was done prior to the fall of 2017. Once we got the study back and realized some of this information, we started looking at it and these are the activities we’ve done recently. We met with RDA in January of 2017. They agreed with us that dollar value just doesn’t seem something that could be really supported by the community so that’s when we broke this into the four possible options that we will talk to you about at a different meeting to try to make things easier—not easier, but something more affordable and something that could still benefit the area because we do see the need and the want in this area to get something done. It’s just finding that right piece.

We had the Temp Note, the \$600K that was in the budget, so that we did in 2017. As I mentioned earlier, we took some alternate designs. One of them has become Safe Routes Phase E that actually bids out in September of this year. That’s really one to one and a half blocks of sidewalk along 10th Street going from Oliver to Locust. Right now, that is estimated to come in at probably about \$1.2M.

We took the Option A that was taken from our feasibility study and looked at doing a Safe Routes Phase G as stated up here, but ultimately it was decided to not apply for that just because of the total price tag that was going to be. That was going to be somewhere in the

neighborhood of \$3.4M so we decided to pull that since the \$500K in federal money wasn't really going to help us all that much.

We had a follow-up meeting in April of this year with RDA to let them know that this is where we're currently at so this is where we are currently. We haven't made any more advances at this time because we're needing to get some direction about how we want to move forward.

NEXT STEPS

- COMPLETE FORMAL BENEFIT DISTRICT PETITION (STEP 3)
 - 1) PRESENT THE STUDY FINDINGS TO NEIGHBORHOOD (60-90 DAYS)
 - 2) PRESENT TO PW STANDING COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE PROJECT COST AND SCOPE, AND IDENTIFY TIME TO BUDGET (FALL 2018)
 - A. ADVANCE TO FULL COMMISSION APPROVAL
 - 3) DISTRICT CHAMPIONS CIRCULATE FORMAL PETITION
 - 4) ONCE THE FORMAL BENEFIT DISTRICT PETITION IS CIRCULATED AND SIGNED, PW STAFF WILL VERIFY THE SIGNATURES AND ADDRESSES ON THE PETITION
- UG ALLOCATES PROJECT FUNDING INTO CMIP BUDGET
- BEGIN DESIGN AND ENGINEERING

The next couple of things we plan on doing is we're going to go back to the neighborhood itself, not just RDA and reengage everybody and say these are the potential options with some potential dollar values, is this still something you're okay with pursuing. If the overwhelming response is yes, we will bring it back to you as the Commission for your decision on the potential scope to choose what project size we want to do, the potential funding level that you're willing to allocate to this project, and the possible percentage of cost share, but that will be at a later meeting. After we get that approval from you guys or a decision from you guys we will then go back to the district champions and let them know that and if the decision on the Commission's part is to move forward, they will then begin the process of circulating for that formal signature. At that time that's when we will be getting that information back, verify and then come back to you and we will get it put in the budget.

Mr. Bach said, Mayor, that's the rundown on what's happened so far on this project. You can say there were clearly some delays along the way and some timeframes. We did try to stay in communication with the group that put it in but somewhere between last year and this year—you

know when we allocated the money for this project, which Brandon noted, was in play we spent \$22K on some of the preliminary design work to get some numbers in hand. I think it's the daunting numbers of knowing that this benefit district if we approved it at 50/50 with double the taxes on the residents in the area, is what made everybody look at it and say what are some other options we can come to and consider for this area to be more practical to go back into play. I think the staff that were on the line level working on this—if that caused it to delay, then I guess we're at fault for doing that but that is how they were trying to advance it and figure out ways that we're practical to implement.

At this point there is still \$578K in design money in Temp Notes that's waiting to work on this. It will probably take more than that to do the design of this now that they've got into it to realize the order of magnitude, though I'm not concerned about putting that money in play until—we've got enough to work with until we see that the residents are ready to move forward with this kind of magnitude of tax benefit district or if we find a different option to work with.

Commissioner Murguia said, Mayor, I have a question or a comment. I apologize to everyone. I have a broken car otherwise I would be there right now. This issue as you know is very important to me and I'm not sure if it was Brett or who it was that gave the presentation. I don't have a television in front of me, but I just want to say that how is all of these community meetings and all of this neighborhood stuff gone on and not one time has the commissioner for the district been updated or briefed on this project. That's very concerning to me and though I have a great deal of respect for the work that neighborhood groups do, RDA is not the commissioner and not the elected official for Rosedale and I understand they were involved in this project, but it was I, myself, who was out there getting signatures on the petition. I, myself, who organized residents in that neighborhood to help with those petitions and RDA was simply a participant in that process. Frankly, no one neighborhood group decides what's going to happen in a particular area or a district.

I'm so frustrated with what appears to have been over the year this incredible power and control that one neighborhood organization has over an entire neighborhood. I've walked that neighborhood many times and I can tell you many times I've knocked on doors and people have never even heard of RDA or Rosedale Development Association.

Moving forward, as the commissioner that's elected, that puts their name on a ballot and that talks to people and has to go door-to-door to be elected, I would like to be involved and updated on every project that goes on in my district especially when you're talking about a \$10M benefit district. We're not talking about a stop sign. Hopefully, in the future when things go on in Rosedale that staff from now on will come to me as the commissioner and not to Rosedale Development Association. I would really appreciate that. **Mr. Bach** said it's understood, Commissioner, and noted that as we went through the steps that it appeared that communication with you seemed to be in void as we went back through the record of what was going on there. We will keep you in touch with this and as you can see it's a major project so figuring out what direction we go from this point will be important.

Commissioner Markley said I'm just curious and the answer may be that we just dropped the ball and if that's the answer, fine, but what happened between 2013 and 2016? It looks like we put money in the budget, but we did nothing else for three years and that seems to be where the problem occurred because then it got us all out of timeline with the petition. Like I said, if the answer just we dropped the ball, fine, but I was curious if I was missing something in that timeline. **Mr. Grover** said I would say what happened during that time period was a change in Public Works leadership when not a lot of information was known to current staff about this project in particular so that would be that changeover. Whenever our former County Engineer left a few of us were going through project files that he had and divvying them up amongst remaining staff and that was in 2016 when this was reinitiated. **Commissioner Markley** said that's a very diplomatic way of saying we dropped the ball. I get it. That's all I wanted to know.

The only other thing I have to say and this is up to Commissioner Murguia and the neighborhood when it gets to that point because it looks like we a few steps before that, but we had this discussion at the last meeting about having to go get signatures again and I agree it's going to be very difficult to get those people to walk door-to-door again when we made them walk door-to-door last time and then we didn't do anything for three years. I would still be in favor of the situation where this board enstates that district once we're sure there is a majority in favor based on our group meeting or some other system that makes it easier for residents to go through that process.

Mr. Bach said I might clarify too that probably a little misunderstanding from what had happened that previous time. The door-to-door before was the informal petition so I mean just for that point—and our policy does require that 50% be turned in for the district. In going back through those numbers now we were far less than that that was actually turned in for this, but we accepted it and started working it so that feedback was not offered out at that time. The big step is that formal petition when you're showing all the people in the district this is the actual cost because the first time around is more a here's the type of project we would like to do, would you be interest in that versus come back to them saying here's the project we would like to do in the area. Would you be willing to pay from \$1,300 to \$2,700 a year in additional property taxes so that's a whole different level of petition to go around and that step has not been done for this district.

Commissioner Townsend said this is just a general question about these districts since there would be another process for the petition to be formal. You still need 50% and what happens in the event that—what happens for those citizens in the district who were not in agreement. Will they be taxed? They are taxed, okay. **Mr. Bach** said ultimately with the benefit district process, yes, it requires it to be a majority, 51% come in to sign it and come forward, but then it does have to come before you as the governing body. So, if you had 100 people come to the room and 49 of them were saying we don't want that additional tax, you're the ones that would ultimately make that decision whether you would go forward with it or not. I don't think there is anything that makes it automatic just because of the petitioners, that just allows the process to continue moving forward. That would be one of those considerations to make if they were that close. **Mayor Alvey** said but they would be paying the tax because they're within the confines of the district. **Mr. Bach** said you approve the district, everybody in it pays.

CLERICAL CORRECTIONS TO BUDGET DOCUMENT

Attachment

Mr. Bach said the next item on the agenda is our clerical corrections to the budget document. We don't really have a formal presentation to run through. You received an attachment. There was a hard copy. Also, our electric copy that was separate. These are not amendments to the document. These are just ones as we've gone through the past several weeks and the 650 pages in the document determined there was some things missing. The most notable one was the one we went through when we were going through debt where we left a couple zeroes off at the end. As I said, these are not—any of the other changes are just clerical, the other ones are not policy changes or we're adding to it. It's just cleaning it up. Am I missing anything with that Reggie? **Mr. Lindsey** said no.

YELLOW SHEET (BUDGET RECONCILIATION)

POTENTIAL YELLOW SHEET ITEMS

- DA CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNIT
- SVV CASE
- SSMID
- ADDITIONAL QUICK RESPONSE TRASH TEAM
- INCREASE TO NBR'S
- BUILDING SECURITY
- JUVENILE CENTER INCREASE FUNDING
- K-7 & PARALLEL
- RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) MOWING
- FUTURE DISCUSSION
 - WESTERN FIRE STATION MONTHLY REPORTS TO STANDING COMMITTEE
 - STATE EMPLOYEE TO DO STATE-WIDE ECONOMIC OVERVIEW
 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING PROJECT AREA STRATEGIC PLANNING
 - LIVEABLE NEIGHBORHOODS STAFFING

Mr. Bach said the potential yellow sheet or reconciliation items; these are the items we are going to talk about and we have a little bit more detail. I can of broke them down by different categories. We have the Conviction Integrity Unit, the Schlitterbahn case, the SSMID, the abatement team that's out there, increases to NBRs, Building Security, Juvenile Center Funding Increase, K-7 & Parallel; those are the ones that are more in the dollar and cents changes that are there. Then we have some policy direction in areas of the Right of Way Mowing and then where we're going with future discussion on the Western Fire Station reporting to Standing Committees, Employee Statewide Economic Overview, our Strategic Planning around Economic Development and Planning areas, and Livable Neighborhood Staffing. That's what we've captured. We're going to go into each one of these here in a little bit.

It's my goal from this point that I make sure that I have the right direction from you all as to what we need to address from a financial perspective or what we're going to work with in the future.

DIRECTION PROVIDED

- DA CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNIT
 - STAFFING: \$38,750 (2018) \$155,000 (2019)
 - EQUIPMENT: \$7,500 (2018)
- SVV CASE
 - REDUCE BY \$150,000 (2018) REDUCE BY \$150,000 (2019)

I think you gave us direction the other night on the DA's Conviction Integrity Unit. He came in and he asked for some additional staffing. The staffing request was about \$155,000 worth and he needs \$7,500 worth of equipment. What we did was we built the budget for this to start in the fourth quarter of 2018 and buy the equipment this year and then built in the full amount for the staffing in 2019. The other one is contact with the AG regarding what we thought the cost of the case would be. The DA did that, so we think it's at \$350,000 for both the cases we have in there so that impacts both where we're at on the 2018 and 2019.

Am I clear in moving forward with this direction?

Commissioner Bynum said I think you can see that we have support for the item, but we have a very late letter received today with concerns from our two main law enforcement partners about how to protect the entire process. So, I think while we agree we need to fund this, I think we need to pay good attention to what our Police Chief and Sheriff brings forward as potential concerns as we develop this unit. I would just ask us to be diligent in hearing their concerns and if there are things we can build into this unit working with the DA that helps satisfy their side of this equation. This email came today at 5:30 to all of us. We may want to have a look at that and see what concerns they're bringing forward, but I glanced at it. I just want us to be aware as we move forward. I think we understand what the DA was bringing us, and I think we agree with that, but we need to also be aware of what our two chief law enforcement officers in this county are saying, so that's all I'm asking for. I still support it. I just want awareness that we've got to work with our Police and Sheriff. **Mayor Alvey** said if we were to approve this for the budget and we were

to find the concerns outlined in the letter were substantiated that would cause us to not be able to implement it, that money would simply be hanging out there. **Commissioner Bynum** said I don't think that's what the letter is saying, and I would just hope that we all take a minute to at least—I don't think they are saying don't fund this, just to be clear.

Commissioner McKiernan said I think what the Mayor is saying is that if we would read that letter, discuss those concerns and decide at some future point that we wanted to change the funding, then that would simply be an item that would not receive funding and that funding would fall either to the bottom line or to another purpose in the budget. Correct? **Mayor Alvey** said correct. **Commissioner McKiernan** said I would be okay with that. **Mayor Alvey** said this was a letter to the Attorney General of the State of Kansas and so we're looking for an opinion which could then be—it could be decisive.

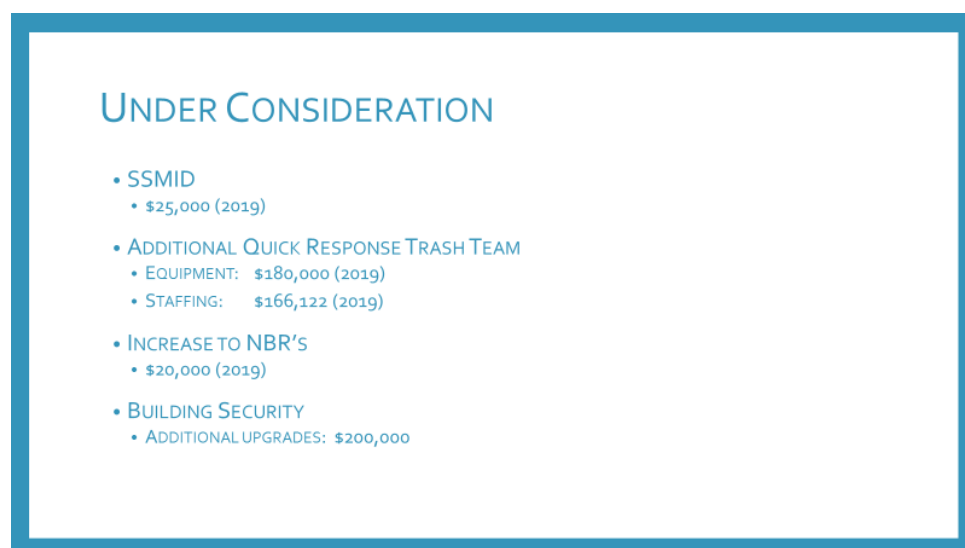
Commissioner Kane said I just now got it and for that amount of money and with the concern from the other folks, I think we do need to take a serious look at it. Normally we say what are the surrounding municipalities doing in an event like this and yes, I think at first flush it looks great, but I would like to see what the opinion comes back.

Commissioner Markley said I was just going to say can we—obviously, we're kind of on a tight schedule with the budget, so can we put it in the budget and then require it to come before Standing Committee for further discussion based on this last-minute information, so we can make sure we know what's going on? **Mr. Bach** said you can, though what we would need to do because the District Attorney is an elected official and so when we approve his budget it is his budget to utilize. I would say that we would need to put it into the County budget, but we would hold it in a separate fund, not fund, account so it would not be part of that budget until such time you authorize a revision to transfer it over if you wanted to have that kind of control of it. If we were to move forward as it is up here and we approve it, come September 1 that money goes into his budget and he would have the direction, or he has his authority to spend that money how he deems appropriate.

Mayor Alvey said I think if we would hold that in abeyance or in reserve somehow, I think that's the appropriate way to go with it. **Commissioner Markley** was inaudible. **Mayor Alvey** said I

think you have your direction on this. **Mr. Bach** said we will move forward with it, but we're putting it into a special account outside of the DA's office until such time you give us the go ahead to move it into it.

Commissioner Kane said Dupree just text me and said he could come over now. **Mayor Alvey** said it would still depend upon what we hear from the Attorney General. **Commissioner Kane** said I'm just telling you what he texts me, relaying the message. **Mayor Alvey** said tell him no, that we've already decided to put it into a separate account which will be decided after we receive full opinions from the Attorney General.



Mr. Bach said the next items are under consideration. I would say because there was some attention about these, but we did not have any consensus from the governing body where we're at. I'm going to start with the SSMID. One thing I did find with that—I just wanted to show you at least the numbers behind that.

SSMID POTENTIAL REVENUES

	2018 Mill Rate 12.635	MML Set by Commission – 12.0	Mill Rate Request by SSMID – 11.026
Property Tax	239,402	227,370	208,910
UG	100,000	100,000	100,000
Other	43,500	43,500	43,500
TOTAL Revenues	382,902	370,870	352,410
SSMID Proposed 2019 Budget	364,100	364,100	364,100

I thought it would be worth just showing. If you look in the first column you see it's the 2018 mill rate. For the SSMID District it was 12.635. Then, you all set a maximum mill rate for the SSMID District at 12.0. They requested what's in the third column of 11.026. Okay, so house has kind of come down. If we were to adopt it at this year's mill rate 2018, it would generate \$239,000. If you did it at the 12.0, it would be 227 and if you did it at what they requested, it's 208. The Unified Government has current proposed to put \$100,000 into their budget. They receive other funding from sources such as the BPU and/or KU Strawberry Hill Campus and combined equals around \$43.5 and there might be something else in there. There are the total revenues you see in each of these scenarios and then they have their proposed budget that they put out at \$364,100. The request is to use the third column over at the lower mill rate, lowering it by 1.5 mills from last year and have the Unified Government pay an additional \$25,000. As you're considering this, I thought you should at least see this perspective.

Commissioner Murguia said, Mayor, I have a question about this. Doug, did you just say that the Downtown Shareholders group just gets an additional \$1,000 grant from the Unified Government every year? **Mr. Bach** said \$100,000. We are not part of the SSMID. We own property within the SSMID District. Years ago, when that came about, we told them that we were not going to just be giving—we're not going to pay into it from that perspective, but we will pay \$100,000 and that number has changed over the years too but it's at \$100,000 now. **Commissioner Murguia** said and that's in lieu of what? You make it sound like it's in lieu of something. **Mr. Bach** said it's in lieu of paying property tax because as a property owner within the SSMID we no

doubt get some benefit from what goes on in that district from the cleaning that they do all around the downtown area, the added security that they do. It's the same decision the BPU made and the same decision that KU is making coming down here since they are non-taxable entities, they would not have to pay into it, but they make a payment in lieu of that tax.

Commissioner Murguia asked do they get any other additional money besides what's part of the SSMID. **Mr. Bach** asked, Debbie, do you know. Do they get any other revenues sources, I mean, that are substantial? They may get a few thousand from something, but I don't know that there is anything—**Ms. Jonscher** said this is the majority of the revenues they receive. **Mr. Bach** said the property tax is the majority of the revenue that they make. **Commissioner Murguia** said I apologize. I haven't followed this very closely, but I'm just curious, so I'm sorry if you have to repeat. The way the SSMID is setup is that they get a percentage of the property tax collected in this particular area or they put an additional tax on the businesses in that area and they get back? **Mr. Bach** said they put an additional tax on themselves and they get all of that. It's over and above all the other tax rates that are set by every taxing entity so the property owners in this area pay—this year they're paying 12.6 mills more than somebody that sets right outside that SSMID. **Commissioner Murguia** said and they have to get a petition for that, right, so it has to be over 50% of the people agree to pay that, correct? **Mr. Bach** said yes. It was a very long process that they've gone through to get all that setup. **Commissioner Murguia** said okay, that's all I have.

Mr. Bach said the request is that the Unified Government add \$25,000 to our share. **Commissioner McKiernan** said well certainly, I do believe as property owners in the district, we do get a benefit for the money that we invest. This 125 would end up being less than we originally committed to when the district was formed, but certainly would be higher than what we've been paying historically. If commissioners are not in favor of an additional \$25,000 investment, then I would wonder could we set the mill at 11.5, .11 lower than it was last year which would roughly be a way to meet in the middle while still lowering the mill by over—I say a point, but by over a full tenth from where it was last year and yet keeping our cash investment low. I would favor \$125,000 to the SSMID for the benefit that we receive. **Mayor Alvey** said I think I would agree with that. Again, they have been—we have committed to funding them at \$150,000 over many

years. We're not able to do that. They simply asked over the past couple of years that we restore what we originally committed to and this only gets us really halfway to that number.

Commissioner Murguia said one more quick question. I'm sorry I keep jumping in but I curious about this also. What is the total amount of money annually collected from the SSMID in this area? **Mr. Bach** said the SSMID generates \$239,402 for 2018. **Commissioner Murguia** said if we put in \$125,000 we will be paying more than 50% of that? **Mr. Bach** said correct. Well, yes, very good Commissioner, yes, our \$100,000 is over and above. So, what I gave you, that quote is what the property owners that pay into the SSMID pay the 239 so we pay—our \$100,000 is on top of that plus the money from the BPU and KU is on top of that as well. The total generated is \$382,902 so we're about a third. **Mayor Alvey** said approximately one-third. **Commissioner Murguia** said would it be fair to say out of all the money that the SSMID generates itself, the Unified Government is matching that by 50%? **Mr. Bach** said 30. **Commissioner Murguia** said not the total amount—**Mayor Alvey** said you're correct, it would be 50%, no. **Mr. Bach** said it's 240, plus 40, \$280,000. **Mayor Alvey** said the Unified Government's piece of this is about one-third of the total revenues in the ledger of the SSMID. **Commissioner Murguia** said okay, so I hear what you're saying, but the total amount generated though from the SSMID itself, not the government, you said was \$239,000, correct? **Mr. Bach** said the non-governmental entities, yes. **Commissioner Murguia** said that's right and so in addition to that \$239,000, what they're bringing to the table is \$239,000 so if the government is going to put in another \$125,000 then we're giving them 50 cents on the dollar. For every dollar they raise we're giving them 50 cents. **Mr. Bach** said well they also have—there is \$43,000 there from other government entities too. **Commissioner Murguia** said if you add those we're probably pretty close to matching them almost dollar for dollar if you count all the government entities.

Commissioner Bynum said some of the other includes non-government entities, buildings that are not on the tax roll that are making a contribution to the SSMID in lieu of being on the tax roll and paying taxes. **Commissioner Murguia** said let's just make it really easy then because it's too complicated. I will go back to what I originally said. If we just talk about our portion, the Unified Government portion that you're asking for tonight, the \$125,000, you're in essence giving SSMID who's bringing a substantial amount of money to the table, almost 50 cents for every dollar that

they bring to the table, and their primary function is to provide security and beautification in their geographic area. Correct? Don't make it complicated. That's fine with me and by the way I am fine with that. I just want to be clear that that's what's happening.

Commissioner McKiernan said I think it ends up being instead of 50 cents, it ends up being about 34 cents if we really want to do the math on it, but you are correct, that that is our contribution. Again, I support it based on our significant property holdings inside their service area and the benefit they bring to us and our property holdings in that area. If it is the will of the Commission that we stay at 100, then I would propose that we consider a mill of 11.5. **Commissioner Murguia** said, Brian, I'm not suggesting that. I just want you to be very clear, I'm not suggesting that. I just want to be very clear that if they're asking for \$125,000, if you double that, that's \$250,000 and what they were bringing to the table it's \$239,000. I was saying it's approximately 50%, we're paying them 50 cents on every dollar they bring to the table. I think that's great and just so we know what we're getting in return for that which is security, beautification, and cleanup. That's great. I'm good with the 125. I just want to make sure that I understood that and if I'm wrong, correct me. If I'm not, I'm good with the 125. **Commissioner Johnson** said I'm good with it as well. **Commissioner Bynum** said I support it as well.

Commissioner Philbrook said they do a little bit more than that. They are very probusiness and they do encourage business in that area and work with the Downtown Shareholders. I'm for the 125 understanding that we're going to decrease the mill rate to 11.026. I'm for the suggested last column for this year, for 2019.

Commissioner Townsend said just for clarity, if somebody could recall for me, what was the reason they were asking for the additional funds? **Mr. Bach** said I don't know if I ever had the direct, but I believe it was so they could lower their mill rate a little bit. **Commissioner Townsend** said oh, to their shareholders.

Commissioner Burroughs said the Others, the \$43,500, did we hear correctly that includes the partnership from the University of Kansas facility also? Do we know for how long, how many years? **Ms. Jonscher** said I don't know that. They just gave me an amount for next year. **Mayor**

Alvey said I have to sense it's an ongoing commitment in lieu of the fact that they're not paying taxes because they are not-for-profit, a State entity, that they are committed to doing what they can to help the downtown area and that includes bringing resources to Downtown Shareholders. **Ms. VonAchen** said I received an agreement from them, but I don't remember offhand how many years it's for, but the Mayor's right there. **Mayor Alvey** said okay, I think you have direction.

Mr. Bach said to go back to the previous slide, the question was asked about our abatements and our ability to continue to do the abatements at the 14-day timeframe which we were not doing and I believe Commissioner McKiernan was very clear in asking the question of what it would take for you to be getting it back to that level. This is classified as the Quick Response Trash Team. The Quick Response Trash Team is currently what we use to go out and do abatements. So, they mow. They don't just do trash. They stop on a lot, they clear it, they pick-up the trash off of it, and they mow it. Sometimes they will spend most of the part of a day going through and trying to clear a lot like that. In order to get closer to the 14-day abatement period versus where we're backlogged to today, we feel like that would require the addition of another team. These are 3-member teams. They use a dump truck and a few mowers and other such equipment. That's the \$180,000 part. To do this you see the combination of a number that's \$320,000 there. My math is bad, \$340,000 almost 350, but the 180 portion is one-time and then the staff would be the ongoing. If we were to do this, starting next year, that would be the cost.

Commissioner McKiernan said I did ask what would it take because I've noticed at least a couple of occasions where we haven't been meeting, but we said we were going to meet which was a 14-day abatement. Seeing that price tag, I am perfectly fine having now recognized what it would cost to get to our stated 14-day abatement if we didn't fund this, but instead we're very clear about what our procedure and what our expectations are going to be going forward. I thought we were operating under the 14-day abatement and evidently, we haven't been, and it's been in part due to funding. I would ask an additional thing and that would be, if we chose and that is a large dollar amount for an abatement season that is winding down and if we chose not to fund this for the entirety of 2019, I would ask that we seriously and intentionally build this into the Amended '19 so the halfway point of 2019, if we are not keeping up as we appear not to be doing this year, that we've intentionally built-in a backstop for the second half of 2019. I'm okay now that we've

identified what it's going to take. I think we should communicate it's not going to be a 14-day abatement and I think we should intentionally build this into the Amended '19 so we can pick it up at 14 days when we get to the middle of 2019.

Commissioner Philbrook said that would put our abatement at about maybe 4-6 weeks. Is that what that means? Is that correct? I'm just trying to make—**Mr. Bach** asked, Melissa, do you know. **Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator**, said it's dependent. The last count we had we were running it around 14 days for May, June and July. Sometimes it depends on when things get cataloged in and you've got that time from when it got into the system versus the time it was noticed. We're running around there, but we have done 988 abatements so far this year. I think it's the sheer volume. The 3-person team worked an average of 240 hours of overtime from October to April in '17 and then in '18 to keep up with demands additional Park crews have been working overtime as needed. This isn't kind of the comprehensive way of looking at this, so we could bring back more information to show you. **Mayor Alvey** asked do we expect that the numbers presented for us to remediate will be ratcheting down over time or is this a constant supply that is going to require the equipment and the staffing on an ongoing basis. **Ms. Sieben** said in the time that most of us will be here and probably beyond, it will be constant. It's not going to turn overnight. I've got plenty more years ahead of me.

Commissioner McKiernan said in a couple of the cases I brought forward I think once we get to abatement it actually is moving reasonably quickly. I think there are some other process improvements we could make internally that would cut the total time from submission to completion down even if the abatement still ends up at a 14 to 28-day period. I really am adamant that when we start building next years' budget that these real numbers, this accurate assessment of what it's going to take, be included from the very beginning of building next year's budget so we don't confront it like we do this at the eleventh hour.

Commissioner Markley said I agree and next time we have a SOAR update maybe we could have some of the additional data to help us move forward.

Commissioner Philbrook said just for clarity; we paid how much overtime? **Ms. Sieben** said last year which is our last fiscal year that's closed, it was an average of 240 hours of overtime for that crew but understand that we've also been pulling in other Park staff to help out when they start getting further behind. **Commissioner Philbrook** asked do we know what that dollar amount is. **Ms. Sieben** said not in the information I have before me. **Commissioner Philbrook** said you can bring that forward with that other information.

Mike Tobin, Deputy Director of Public Works, said if I might, a couple of notes going forward here. Jack has had a hard time in Parks keeping up on the part-time people and bringing them on. Just like Melissa said a few minutes ago, this is part of a much bigger picture but understand for the future as Commissioner McKiernan said a few minutes ago, right now if you approve this by the time you got the staff onboard and the equipment purchased, it wouldn't have an impact until 2019. If you wait to do that in the Revised 2019, your impact is going to be six months later probably. Just a note.

Commissioner Kane said I certainly think we need to add some cash to cutting the grass. I would elaborate, but we don't have all night long. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I have to agree with you Commissioner.

Commissioner Burroughs said so you're looking at a 6-month timeframe from the remainder of this year, about five months remaining for the year, so if you divide that number in half and then take five months from that, it should give us our target number that we should put into the budget for this year and build it up for '19 and be ready for '19 and then fund it fully in '19. **Mr. Bach** said I would agree. This is targeted for '19 and we could modify that. We certainly wouldn't need to do the full year on staffing. You know, from that point forward it would be an ongoing number. **Commissioner Burroughs** said we could purchase the equipment this year and have it ready to go if we needed to. **Mr. Tobin** said we could if you approve the funding. **Commissioner Burroughs** asked would that be the preference moving forward so we don't find ourselves behind the eight ball in 2019 for six months. **Mr. Tobin** said, again Commissioner, that's up to the will of the Commission as to what you want to do. If you want to get your 14-day schedule again, then this was what was put forward.

Mr. Bach said if we funded this for next year, we want to have everything on hand ready to roll by March/April, somewhere in that timeframe. Most likely we could make that happen the beginning of the year though it could be advantageous to get things done. I don't know what the dump truck ordering date is off the top of my head with what needs to happen in the fall the previous year or not. **Mr. Tobin** said the dump truck lead time depends on size, also it depends on the mowers that they would want to bring in for this. The smaller the mowers, if that was the case, those are much readily available. A dump truck can take up to a year depending on how big you go. **Mr. Bach** said if we got them, we would figure out how to get a truck out there in the field for a while between our inventory that we have, we would just need to replace it in time.

Commissioner Johnson asked how are we doing on this year? Are we doing alright budget wise this year on cutting? **Ms. Sieben** said this is not so much an issue of the mowing budget. I think it's more of an issue of this particular group that does a very niche type of work which is abatements. There is mowing money. These folks do mow, but they're responding to violators and we have our mowing budget that's for Land Bank which is different and then we have right-of-way mowing and other different types of mowing, parks mowing, so on and so forth. It's not a mowing issue as much as it is staff to do the abatement type of work. I think that is where the request is coming from. **Mayor Alvey** said picking up the trash, debris, loading it up and hauling.

Commissioner McKiernan said I think that's where a lot of our frustration comes from and you said it yourself, Mayor, that it is disheartening that we have so much picking up after to do in terms of both trash, grass and weeds. I would hope that we could change that, but Melissa's assessment is that it's going to be the statuesque for a while. Have we identified a source of offset for this if we were to add it to the '19? **Mr. Bach** said if you had one, I would welcome any kind of recommendations or thoughts you have for that. I don't have anything off the top of my head that I'm working on. This would be in the City General Fund.

Commissioner Bynum asked would this be part though, Mr. Bach, of the work you would do immediately following session to try to find—take from here, put here and bring it back if we say this is a priority for us. **Mr. Bach** said yes.

Commissioner Philbrook said I've heard the fact that, yes, we have all these different little different pigeon holes that we're claiming for money and people sign, but if we rob Peter to pay Paul, it's still going to cost us, so we still have to have the people out there working. We can't divide them in half and send them out. Either they're working on cleaning up areas that need to be abated or they're mowing. They can't do both at the same time. That's why I'm more in positive of asking you to find the money. I don't know where you're going to make it from, I don't have a tree, but you're pretty miraculous.

Mr. Bach asked was that a direction that I should build this in or not. **Commissioner Kane** said I don't say we build it in, but we should add some monies to it. Maybe not this much, but something to get us further than we've been this year. Obviously, if we run into overtime issues, maybe hire another person, but I don't think we can do it with the money we have in there right now. I think we need to boost it up some. **Mayor Alvey** said I would agree with that. I don't know if there would be any in-between solution to this. I wouldn't want to go private contracting, but if that would abate temporarily certain things, maybe; but we're already paying overtime.

Commissioner McKiernan said I just want to clarify with Commissioner Kane; it sounds like what you're talking about is just additional money for mowing, not necessarily the addition of this Quick Response Trash Team, the abatement team, would that be correct? **Commissioner Kane** was inaudible. **Commissioner McKiernan** said okay, so I think we're talking two related but separate things here. As opposed to the Quick Response Trash Team, just an additional money devoted to our standard mowing program is what you're suggesting. **Commissioner Kane** said correct.

Commissioner Murguia said, Mayor, you bring up a good point. Is there something that exists where for emergency abatements and stuff like that that goes on that temporarily we can subcontract that out? It seems like something that would really greatly benefit small businesses in Wyandotte County. There are a number of small companies that are locally owned and operated in Wyandotte County that do grass mowing, trash removal, and things like that that might be temporarily, at least, faster and also create some opportunity for some smaller contractors in Wyandotte County. **Mayor Alvey** asked is it possible to—if we're not really willing to commit

this level of funding going forward, that we would at least commit to looking at other possible solutions to reducing the backlog. **Mr. Bach** said I think we can look at the private contractors and I would welcome if Jeremy or Mike would want to comment on that. I know previously when we've bid these difficult lots we don't get people that are that excited. They like to mow the stuff they can get in and mow. As I said, we will drop on a lot and they're having to bid a lot price to us and the variation is you might be able to clean the lot in 30 minutes, I think Jeremy told me, versus 6 to 7 hours. There's no uniformity at all in trying to price structure these and so then that requires us to be kind of on-site with them so that takes another supervisor position as you go out to them. These are—you've seen them, they're a lot of odd things through the community so when you come to them—it's pricing so it's an awkward one. We haven't had a lot of good luck with contractors, not to say that we couldn't find somebody that could work with as well, it's just been a difficult one. I don't know if you have any additional comments to that Jeremy. Maybe I'm missing something.

Jeremy Rogers, Director of Parks & Recreation, said you are correct. The problem with contractors is when we go in and do an abatement it's on private property so we're going onto someone's property. When you involve contractor's, I don't know if Ken can elaborate on that, but I know there are some legalities with that issue. **Commissioner Murguia** said then why don't we—I have a comment to make here. Then why, Jeremy, did we not use our guys for the private property stuff and use the contractor for the public stuff? **Mr. Rogers** said all of the abatements that we do are on private property. We're basically (inaudible). **Commissioner Murguia** said I was also speaking to Mike and Brian's comments about mowing, so I won't confuse them I will stick with abatement. Why aren't we using our internal existing crews for those emergency abatements and then farming out the stuff that they're doing to a subcontractor temporarily until we get our hands around this? Since our guys are from here and they know our community and they know our neighborhoods, why wouldn't we use them for that? **Mr. Rogers** said that is exactly what we're doing. If we have an emergency abatement, we will pull our three guys that we have on that crew. We will send them to do that abatement and then at the end of the day once we're done with our parks and with our medians and whatnot, those guys will come in and fill in the back of where those guys—pick-up where they are to help them out, so it makes it a shorter day. **Commissioner Murguia** said right, but our guys from what you were just saying, we're paying a

lot of overtime. What I'm saying is we only have so many guys and we can't put them on everything and can't work them, will we could I guess, but we probably shouldn't be working 12 hours/10-hour days unless they want that I guess. From a cost-efficiency perspective, why wouldn't we be subcontracting the easier stuff and just moving things around so our guys are doing the more—the stuff that we're more comfortable doing in-house? **Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel**, said our ordinance clearly contemplates that once we get into the abatement process that we can do it ourselves or have an authorized agent do it on our behalf. It contemplates having contractors out there doing the work. The only requirement is that it's done in a reasonable manner.

Mayor Alvey asked the consensus of the Commission. Is there a strong drive to place this on the budget? Hearing none, we'll move on.

Mr. Bach said the next one brought up was the discussion about the increase to the NBR's. We had some discussion about it and then we left it at that point. I don't know that I have anything else to bring to the table. **Mayor Alvey** said I'm going to ask Commissioner Bynum to speak to this. **Commissioner Bynum** said while I maintain my position of believing that returning the existing NBR's to their funded level of a decade ago is something I support, I am also fine with having a further conversation to look at NBR's across the board. I'm really fine with that. You know it's \$20,000. For me, returning them to their funding level of a decade ago seems easy, but I'm actually fine with delaying that and having a deeper conversation around the work they do in general is absolutely fine with me. **Mayor Alvey** said what I understand is you're not asking to forward this. Is there anyone else on the Commission that would like to forward this funding at this point? **Commissioner Philbrook** said no, I don't want to forward it, but I do want to make sure we have that conversation. **Mayor Alvey** said absolutely.

Mr. Bach said the next item is the one we had Sheriff Ash and Chief Ziegler here. We talked about a few things going on from building security and they noted they had identified a couple hundred thousand dollars which they thought would probably go in addition to what we have in the budget today of about \$150,000. Some of those modifications are not 100% as to what we will be doing for sure though they've done some preliminary programming into it and believe this

would cover the cost to make it happen. This is kind of an open additional \$200,000 looking to add into our budget. **Commissioner Kane** said I'm okay with it. **Mayor Alvey** said I think it's absolutely necessary.

Commissioner McKiernan said when I saw this particular slide it's one of the reasons that I said we could hold off on the Quick Response Trash Team because this is a slightly less, but somewhat equivalent amount of money and I think it is probably more urgent for our consideration, my opinion.

Commissioner Markley said I agree, but I was just curious, the \$150,000 is that in the 2019 or the 2018 Amended that we've already budgeted? **Mr. Bach** said I believe we have money in both years.

Mayor Alvey said there seems to be very strong consensus for this.

UNDER CONSIDERATION

- JUVENILE CENTER INCREASE FUNDING – \$2.7M DEBT
 - REDUCE SCOPE OF PROJECT – REMAIN WITHIN ORIGINAL BUDGET (\$24.8M)
 - 3RD FLOOR COURTROOM FINISH
 - MAINTAIN ORIGINAL PROJECT SCOPE AT POTENTIALLY HIGHER BUDGET (\$27.5M)
 - FUND 50% OF MEMORIAL HALL PARKING LOT FROM TRANSIENT GUEST TAX – \$450,000
 - UTILIZE COUNTY PROJECT DEBT RESERVES TO CASH FUND – \$1M
 - INCREASE PROJECT DEBT
- K-7 & PARALLEL – \$3.6M PROJECT
 - \$300,000 (2019) \$300,000 (2020)

Mr. Bach said those were the main ones from a financial change or right at hand. These are ones that kind of take us from a different perspective. They are financial in consideration though they fall out of the General Funds into the area of Debt.

The first direction was on our Juvenile Center. We had a \$24.8M project that brought to you—well, we projected we would probably need an additional \$2.7M to do the project as we were contemplating to do it because of the inflationary, mostly inflationary aspects of what was

changing in the cost of operations. The Commission asked me to go back and figure out a couple different options on this. The first was, how do I get the scope back down to \$24.8M. Jeff and his team went to work on this. They came back so we looked at the third-floor courtroom area where we had built that into it so we have all the programming that would be in place to do the juveniles from the services they have to the detention areas. Then where we had build the courtrooms on the third floor we would just leave them in a shell type finish and we believe that's a difference that would save us about that 2.7. Jeff, is that correct? **Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works**, said that's correct. **Commissioner Murguia** said that's cool. **Mr. Bach** said that's an option to reduce the amount of money and keep us within the original budget.

A couple of other options we came up with—and now we've already issued the PBC through the Public Building Commission so these bonds are in place. But if we needed to spend more money and we elected to do the additional finish work, one option is to go to the parking lot by Memorial Hall and as that Memorial Hall is largely serving—well, 50% for the project for employees, but the other for serving Memorial Hall we believe is eligible to use Transient Guest Tax dollars. We could spend \$450,000 of cash from that project area.

Also, when Kathleen went through the numbers the other night and showed you the amount of money we had in Debt Reserves on the County side, we think we could just cash—we have enough money that we could cash into that, a million dollars from that account. Essentially, that's a \$1.5M. If we said do the \$27.5M project, I could fund that by this \$1.5M and then just increase the debt by the balance or hope that the bids come in lower and not quite get all the way up to that full amount. I tried to throw some options at you as far as if you want me to stay at the \$24.8M we'll do it, and then there's about \$1.5M we could do an additional add-on depending on where the bids come and go from there.

Commissioner Markley said I like the Option B that you've come up with where we can have that higher budget if needed, but I guess I would say I would be okay with authorizing that higher budget. I would still like to see if we can bring that down and although I appreciate the courtroom finish is the way to take that whole \$2.7M off in one kick, I'm guessing there are other smaller things that we could take away that would whittle away little pieces of that amount. I would still be in favor of doing that to keep that number lower while having the option for the higher amount. Part of the reason I say that is because we don't know how the bids are going to come in and so

having it authorized at least the money is out there, but I still think there are ways that we could save less than \$2.7M and still save some money and get our third floor courtroom.

Commissioner McKiernan said I would agree with that. I mean I'm the one who has had the concern about the creep in the project scope and to be able to increase from \$24.8 to affectively 26 is about a million dollars of additional debt that does not necessarily need to be ultimately funded and used depending on how the project comes in. I would be comfortable with the second option.

Commissioner Johnson said I like options. We've been led to believe that it could be done for the original amount from someone. I think we need to flush that out to make sure what was said can be done. I'm all for options and I don't want to us hamstringing this project, but when someone says we think it can be done for that I think we need to vet that and flush it out to make sure that what they said was true or at least find out why it's not.

Commissioner Philbrook said in that case is it possible to approve the total but ask that it be brought back to us for what we're spending it on, what this looks like so we can go ahead with the project. Do you understand what I'm saying? Yes, we want to put more strings on it is basically what it comes down to. We want to see where that difference in that money is going to go if we actually have to spend it between the 24 and the 27. Does that make sense? **Mr. Bach** said it does, I mean—Jeff, maybe you can speak to that point. I mean it is the difference—if the project came in as we have bid it which is the entire project, that's where you're spending the money. If it comes in at \$27M, we're bidding the whole project and it's not—just to go to that term, this increase to go from the 24.8 to the 27.5 is not project creep. We did not change any of the project scope to go to that point. **Commissioner Philbrook** said no, I don't think it's project creep. **Mr. Bach** said it has just increased in cost so when we went through and did it, we believe the cost over where we were when we built this budget in the last year has had that much kind of inflationary impact to go this year. We haven't changed it. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I don't mean that. I'm not trying to imply that, but what I am is I'm following up on what Angela is saying and that is she would like to see and understand, as well as I would, if somebody comes in lower and we can do it for let's say 25, you know that's great, that we will take that. We will take

that lower bid. (There was talking that was inaudible.) **Commissioner Philbrook** said, Angela, will you say out loud what you're saying? **Commissioner Markley** said I just said we can ask bidders to—we can give material options and ask for different bids based on the materials and leave out parts of the building that maybe had pricier materials than we can afford I would say. I just want to make sure we're doing everything we can to make sure we are getting the building we want for the lowest price possible. I would just like to have that discussion. I understand what Doug is saying, people are going to bid on it and they're going to bid a certain price and that's what we're going to have to pay, but the question is I think, what are we having them bid on and if we're having them bid on an ivory tower and we can only brick, then we need to know that.

Mr. Fisher said the construction manager at risk method, gives us great ability to that. That was one of the reasons we choose that method of delivery is on the frontend when we get bids we look at those together and find solutions to problems. We will absolutely do that over the next week and do everything we can to get it under 24.8. The market has driven the cost up from the 24.8—the scope increase got us to 24.8 and now it's market cost.

Commissioner Kane said I think Commissioner Murguia said it the other day, we don't need any bells and whistles, but the longer we wait the more expensive it's going to get. We knew this was a big project when we took it on. If it's that price, it's that price. If we heehaw around in doing it, all it's going to do is go up and I'm glad because our guys get paid. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I don't want to put it off, Commissioner, I just want to follow along with Angela with what she's saying.

Mr. Bach said we will certainly bring back and show you what the scope of the project is and what decisions were made to come to it to determine what materials we're putting into it and if there were some changes to reduce some aspects or how we reached the total. If you are giving me authority to work within the 27.5 recognizing the tools of working with any of the reserve money we are anticipating this year or the first option being the Transient Guest funding—let's say we came in at \$25.3M I would be essentially be taking that option and that would be it. The last option being to do anything to increase where we are at on debt. **Commissioner Johnson** said I'm good with that.

Commissioner Bynum said one final comment. I support it. Looking at cuts, one of the reasons why is because if we're looking at cuts and one of the things we're saying is that we wouldn't do a third floor courtroom finish, that alarms me given our current state of affairs, current look at all security in all buildings, and something like that strikes me as an important function not only as a building but the security overall. I want to add my vote of consensus for the options you've brought forward.

Mr. Bach said we have the K-7 & Parallel Project. This is a \$3.6M project which KDOT has brought to us that they're funding. They've asked us to do a maximum match amount of \$300,000 in '19 and '20 and we had considerable discussion about this as they were here with us and our City Engineer to go over the project. I believe there were differing opinions from the Commission whether we continue to build this into the 2019 Budget or not.

Commissioner Walters said my recommendation or suggestion last week was that we eliminate this project from our 2019 and 2020 Budget in its entirety. **Commissioner Murguia** said I support Commissioner Walters. I don't travel that road much, but it is his district and I will tell you the design—I don't like the design either. It looks like an oblong roundabout. As Commissioner Kane has said, I'm not a fan of roundabouts in roads. **Commissioner Johnson** said I support Commissioner Walters. **Commissioner Kane** said since it's both of our districts, I support Commissioner Walters.

Mayor Alvey said I'm going to suggest there are four who are not in agreement, at least four, so I don't see strong consensus to move forward. **Commissioner Philbrook** said although I would like to see it and I know it's not my district, I will just say that.

Mayor Alvey said I would suggest that—I think some of the concerns that Commissioner Walters raises seems to me a lot of it comes down to what the affect it will have on economic development and what the ultimate development of this stretch of highway will be that it's trying to turn into a superhighway and with our other options in play that were not brought to us by KDOT. Those are, I think, significant concerns and perhaps this coming year we can get more information on this and then bring this back up next year. **Commissioner Kane** said when they do it I think they

should sit down with us and fully explain what's going on. I'm not an engineer, fully explain what's going on, and say alright this, this and that; here's your options. When we talked about that before this was the superhighway. This was going to be all this and the bag of chips. Cindy Cash was the one that ran it and that was from one extreme to another. I think it would be better served if we knew more about the project than we know now. **Mayor Alvey** said and so it's decided.

Mr. Bach said so, this will remain in the budget as it currently is. **Commissioner Walters** said no. **Mr. Bach** said we're removing it. **Mayor Alvey** said no, he's asking to remove it. **Mr. Bach** said okay.

Mr. Bach said the first item I will say I don't know that I really have to show anything because it is in the budget that way. I've recommended it at the \$27.5M level. It's just our sources of revenue that I'm working with. The second item, we will need to show those as a deduct.

PROCEDURE CHANGE

RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) MOWING

- REDIRECT PROCEDURE TO MOW AND BILL PROPERTY OWNERS

- 1) SHIFT RESOURCES, TEMPORARILY, TO MOW ROW ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:
 - A. CREATING A HAZARD TO MOTORISTS, PEDESTRIANS OR BICYCLISTS- FOR EXAMPLE, VEGETATION GROWING INTO THE DRIVING PATH OR OVER A TRAIL OR SIDEWALK; OR CREATES A SITE-DISTANCE HAZARD FOR MOTORISTS
 - B. VEGETATION CREATING AN OBSTACLE FOR PEDESTRIANS NEAR SCHOOLS
 - C. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO MAJOR ARTERIAL ROADWAYS (STATE AVE., PARALLEL PKWY., LEAVENWORTH RD., K-32, METROPOLITAN AVE.)
- 2) RECORD EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH EACH PROPERTY
- 3) FOLLOW UP THIS EFFORT WITH ANOTHER 'FRIENDLY' REMINDER THAT PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOWING THEIR PROPERTY WITHIN ROW, AND INCLUDE THAT IF THE UG HAS TO MOW AGAIN, THE UG WILL BILL THEM AND POSSIBLY PLACE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY

Mr. Bach said these are procedural changes, not ones I feel that we need to do, but it was brought up that we needed to look at how we were mowing our right-of-way. Last year we brought forward a policy to stop mowing in the right-of-way and make the homeowners that own that property mow their own property, but we've had some concerns with that. I know it was brought forward that's something we probably need to look at. I've asked Mr. Fisher to go back through this and he has

developed some procedural changes I think that can put us back into mowing some of the right-of-way where it's needed. I will ask Jeff to step through these.

Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works, said we anticipated that we would run into these sorts of things. My past experience, we did as well. We are prepared to shift resources in a limited way and we have kind of highlighted some criteria here for staff. We will have to work with Codes as well through this just to make sure we're not going to mow anything that's going to be abated in two days or something like that.

Essentially, what we will do is we will identify or monitor roadways as we have been and segments of road or corridors or areas that are creating a hazard to motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists or creating obstacles for pedestrians around the school areas, we would mow. Then, also special consideration for those primary arterial, those major arterial roadways, like you see there at State Ave., Parallel, etc. We can do that and respond very quickly, but again, we will work in kind of a seamless collaboration with Codes to make sure we're not conflicting or being redundant in any way.

We thought we could do this pretty quickly, get on top of things, follow-up with those property owners in another friendly letter to remind them that is their responsibility and then if we have to do it again, then we could bill them.

Commissioner Markley said I have just one question and I should have picked up on this in earlier discussions, but you mentioned your past experiences with making this transition. I'm just curious, I'm assuming that at some point you felt like you made a semi-successful transition, or you wouldn't be going through that here so I'm curious. If you could kind of outlined what happened in your previous experiences and did you eventually get to a happier place? **Mr. Fisher** said we did. It was smaller scale. It only took us one year of this kind of pain points to get through that and the second year we hardly had anything. Obviously, we're 2,400 lane miles here in Wyandotte County so it's probably going to take two or three years to get through this. I think it's worth reminding, and especially for the public, the drivers behind this is street maintenance. We have some work to do and the past two citizen surveys said they wanted more emphasis on street maintenance and mowing right-of-way is not street maintenance. We have 70 FTE's on 2,400 lane miles. Like we saw last week in the presentation compared to some other agencies in the

area, Overland Park is 77, to give you an example, and so if we're going to increase our 56 PCI to 70 or something that's more acceptable, I think these are things we need to do.

Mr. Bach said last year we implemented this change. We didn't have a budget reduction. We just had a redirection of staff resources as Jeff said. In order to go back on components of it, not seeking additional money, he will just be redirecting some of the people he's put on some street maintenance work back to do this right-of-way maintenance work to do it. We will be sharing that as we move through the process. There is no financial change.

Commissioner Bynum said could I just ask that once mowing season is over, whenever that is, maybe you could bring Standing Committee a report on how this went and any further adjustments that you might make to the program for next year for even a smoother transition. I think that would be helpful.

Commissioner Philbrook said I would also like to add, how can the commissioners help in furthering the information and getting it out to folks so they understand what this really means. I'm constantly talking to everybody and telling them they have responsibilities, but there are also issues too where they can't deal with them. We will be working together. **Mr. Fisher** said I might add I was talking with staff earlier and in some areas like on the major arterials where the UG was mowing that right-of-way or some of that, it was obviously very frequent, but some of these more rural areas like we spoke of today, I don't think the expectation is that they mow it every month or every two weeks. We were only mowing some of those areas twice a year and it was acceptable. I think the inspectors are doing a good job, they understand that.

FUTURE DISCUSSION

- WESTERN FIRE STATION MONTHLY REPORTS TO STANDING COMMITTEE
- STATE EMPLOYEE TO DO STATE-WIDE ECONOMIC OVERVIEW
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING PROJECT AREA STRATEGIC PLANNING
- LIVEABLE NEIGHBORHOODS STAFFING

Mr. Bach said these are ones that I believe the commissioners had future expectations. The first one, I'm quite clear on where we are with this one and that is the Western Fire Station that we will provide monthly reports to the Standing Committee regarding this work.

There was a comment made, or a couple of them, for a State employee to come to do the Statewide Economic Overview. Is that an expectation that they would come back to the full Commission at a full Commission meeting? I just want to make sure that was something you want us to do. **Mayor Alvey** asked is this an economic forecast for the State or revenues. **Commissioner Burroughs** said, Mayor, I had requested that we have an opportunity here, the impact and the economic opportunities are happening all across Kansas. Some of the challenges we face as a State and how it may filter down to what we do moving our budget forward and some of the projects we see. We've had a tremendous discussion over the last six weeks in reference to this budget and I think there is some fiscal impact that the economy and the report from the State may have on our budget. I just recommended that—suggested that we have an individual come in and give an overview. I leave it fully up to the Commission. If you care not to have the presentation at a full Commission meeting but would just soon have it in a small subcommittee meeting, just let me know. I will work with Kathleen and we will see if we can get arranged, but I found it very interesting and I found it pertinent to the discussion we're having this evening. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I would like to hear it too. **Mayor Alvey** said there you are. **Mr. Bach** said we will look at that for a Special Session. **Mayor Alvey** said that will work.

Mr. Bach said the next one I think targets towards our fall retreat and that would be that we're looking at Economic Development and Planning Project Area Strategic Planning. I think that falls into what we would do during the fall retreat if I'm reading that correctly.

I think we had the same discussion about Livable Neighborhood staffing. That needed to be considered in coordination with other priorities for staffing and where we might want to put our emphasis and we would talk about that again as we look about those areas during the retreat time.



Mayor Alvey said I will entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters related to Employer/Employee Negotiations. (Executive Session 7:05 p.m. in 9th floor conference room)

Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bynum, to go into Executive Session until 8:15 p.m. to discuss confidential matters regarding the status and future direction of Labor Negotiations all as justified under the employer/employee negotiations exception in the Kansas Open Meetings Act; and that staff designated by the County Administrator be present to participate in the discussion and that we reconvene in open session at 8:15 p.m. here in the 5th floor conference room. Motion carried.

Present for the Executive Session: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Markley, Commission Sixth

District; Walters, Commissioner Seventh District; Philbrook, Commissioner Eight District; and Mayor Alvey, Mayor/CEO presiding. **Staff present:** Doug Bach, County Administrator; Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel; Joe Connor and Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator's; Maureen Mahoney, Chief of Staff in Mayor's Office.

The executive session concluded at 7:42 p.m. and the Commission reconvened into Special Session in the 5th floor conference room.

Mayor Alvey said this the continuation of the Budget Workshop. I will turn it over to Administrator Bach.

Department/Expenditures:	Fund	COUNTY GENERAL FUND		CITY GENERAL FUND		BOND & INTEREST		
		2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2020
DA Conviction Integrity Unit	General							
Equipment		7,500						
Staffing		38,750	155,000					
AG/SVV Case	General	(150,000)	(150,000)					
SSMID	General				25,000			
Building Security	General	100,000		100,000				
Juvenile Center Increase	General							
Memorial Hall Parking Lot	Tourism & Conv.	450,000						
Transient Reserves	Tourism & Conv.	(450,000)						
* Transfer from Operations to Cash Fund Project	General	1,000,000						
* Transfer from Operations to Debt	General	(1,000,000)						
K7 & Parallel	City Debt						(300,000)	(300,000)
Contingency Reserves	General	3,750	(5,000)	(100,000)	(25,000)			
TOTALS							(300,000)	(300,000)
* only transfer if needed								

Doug Bach, County Administrator, said you have before you a yellow sheet that we've gone and did a reconciliation. I apologize, they're trying to get it up on the screen so anyone watching on TV will be able to see it and, hopefully, we will get it up there before we complete, but that's not a reason we need to spend extra time on it.

We've gone through and just broke this out. You'll note on the top left where I have put the DA Conviction Integrity Unit in there and we built-in the money into 2018. If you come across the top you have the department where we're spending the money. Then I have the County General Fund, City General Fund, and then the Bond & Interest accounts which are the areas that are impacted by this.

Reconciling it, trying to get it down so we have totals being a zero impact on what is the proposed budget with the only exception being over under the Bond & Interest where we will be reducing that amount by \$300,00 in the 2019 Budget and 2020, the 2019 is what you're adopting

today. Then by each category to show how it's done, if I look at the 2018 Budget, you see where we built-in the \$7,500 for equipment and then \$38,750 for staffing for the DA for 2018, that's fourth quarter. We reduced \$150,000 out of the Schlitterbahn case and I'm going to stay in 2018 and then we've added \$100,000 for Building Security. There is kind of your net increases and deductions if you go down to Contingency Reserves so there's about a \$3,750 difference in that point and that's how that's balancing out. We're actually adding \$3,750 to our Reserves this year in the County General Fund.

Now, I will go through the rest of that. Under the Juvenile Center Increase, this just shows that if we were to take \$450,000 and I put it to the Memorial Hall Parking Lot, I would be removing that from the Transient Reserve Account and then if we needed that other million dollars from Transfer Operations to Cash Fund Projects, then we deduct the amount from the Operations Debt. Then, there is also the asterisk by that to show that we're—only if needed. We won't make that transfer. We will leave it in there if needed.

As we go to 2019, the County General Fund 2018 had the most detail in it so it's more complex to get through. In 2019 we built this to the AG case, so we've added \$155,000 in the DA Conviction Integrity Unit and we've reduced \$150,000 from the Schlitterbahn case money meaning that we're \$5,000 difference. What I've done there since it's just a mild difference is I've reduced our Reserves by \$5,000. Essentially, in the County Budget we've added \$3,700 this year and reducing by \$5,000 so we're pretty much at a wash on the County Budget for these transactions.

In the City General Fund, the add-on here was for the SSMID and the Building Security so you can see I took Building Security and I divided it between the City and the County and probably most of that's going on the County side, but I think that's an equal division of how we'll do that going in this year.

To pay for part of it from the City I didn't really have a counter balance to that though we did have \$350,000 in our Contingency Reserves this year and we're into August almost and I have that \$350,000 still laid out and I have to say what's a better place to use Contingency Reserves than going after Building Security for something that's in relation to what was a very catastrophic incident and we need to make changes to that now. That's really what that kind of money is for.

Then, 2019 the SSMID, \$25,000 and I just made the offset against the Contingency Reserves there as well. Those two there I would normally have a plus back to it to make it work

but I think taking it from the Contingency Reserves makes that work, so it keeps our bottom line the same. Then in Bond & Interest you see where we've deducted the \$300,000 and then that's a net \$300,000 that comes back off there so actually the amount of debt in the City Debt for 2019 will be \$13.2M as opposed we well over 16 last year when we completed this process with our goal being to stay below 15, so it's a good number for us.

This is all in keeping with the 2-mill reduction as is proposed in the budget. If you adopt this sheet, you adopt this proposed budget with this sheet attached our amendment to it as Amendment A or however we want to classify it, that will incorporate all those changes as we move forward on Thursday evening.

Commissioner Burroughs said, Doug, I appreciate the staff's expediency in putting this forward. I have a couple of questions just for my own personal information. The DA Conviction Integrity Unit that you put \$155,000 into I thought during our discussion we were going to put that into an account that wouldn't go forward unless it was absolutely needed or approved. We call that no spending authority. We just put it into an account on the State side. I was just curious if we're still going to do that.

The SSMID portion, the \$25,000, was that going to take the mill to 11.026 on whatever it was we saw? Okay, that takes that to that. That ought to be mentioned down here so we can see that and then the next point, if I may, the Building Security you divided it up between the County and General Fund, but yet the 3/8th cent sales tax does provide additional monies for the City and its firefighters and police officers, but it doesn't provide anything for the County's portion. I might suggest that we look at putting a little more of the \$100,000 out of the County budget into the Sheriff's Office and the Court System to be a little more fair.

The City already has its portion coming in. It's just a point of discussion. I think the County side needs to be addressed a little bit more. We have \$10M a year coming in divided in nearly a third, third, and a third, but yet we don't have any money coming into the County for the Sheriff's Department. I guess my comment would be I would like to see a little more coming out of the County side on that \$200,000 versus 100 and 100 divided between the City and the County. **Mr. Bach** said okay, good points. I think we do need to clarify on the yellow sheet for the document that we would put forth to you on Thursday that this is a special department fund or

whatever for the DA's Office, so I would like for you to come up with a name for that, how we will classify that for this.

We need to add the SSMID mill rate because while you would be approving the recommended mill rate that came with the proposed budget, we didn't take that necessary action. You approved a maximum mill rate, so we do need to put the SSMID mill rate at 11.0 so we need to add that to the yellow sheet so that's clear on here. That's an excellent point.

You know Building Security, you're wanting to put more of the expense on the County side? **Commissioner Burroughs** said if I may. It just seems to me that if we have the 3/8th cents sales tax moving forward, 100% of that money goes to Fire, Police and Infrastructure and I had asked the Sheriff when we had him present how much of that money was shared with him, with his department, and he said none. Yet we're still taking a \$100,000 out of the City when we have \$10M coming into the City for the Police Department which I'm sure is in need of additional security, but they will have the monies to move forward with that. The additional \$100,000 to Building Security for the County, I've got memos from the Judges in reference to court security. I don't know what the security aspect is, but I just as soon see the County portion of that \$200,000 be a large amount out of the County budget versus the City. The City can make that up with their sales tax. I just think it's a more transparent movement and it sends a commitment to the Sheriff's Department that we are partners in providing security not only for your officers, but for the court supported staff and I think it sends a strong message, just my opinion.

Mr. Bach said I would only offer from the perspective as I try to divide out assuming we would be spending more on County buildings, we most likely—most of this expense will be on those of County though I serve both City and County employees, so that's my justification to bill some of it back against the City. Also, I may have City prisoners over there, so I feel like there is a justification to bill this against the City even though I'm probably going to be doing most of this work on the County side of the operations right now. The point is noted. The main focus to what we are trying to do right now is in the County buildings and I don't think I'm going to be inhibited by where I take this expense from in working through this as I work through my general Building Security. I will be going with the recommendations of the Sheriff and the Chief as we try to enhance this.

When we bring this back, it will be a different color sheet, blue sheet/yellow sheet, this is the yellow sheet, so the yellow sheet will become a blue sheet which is our amendments to the

Commission agenda. It will still be yellow, but it will be attached under a blue sheet cover. We will make these modifications that Commissioner Burroughs so elegantly pointed out we need to cover how the special unit will be classified in the SSMID rate and then it will be like this unless there is something else that we've missed.

BUDGET APPROVAL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

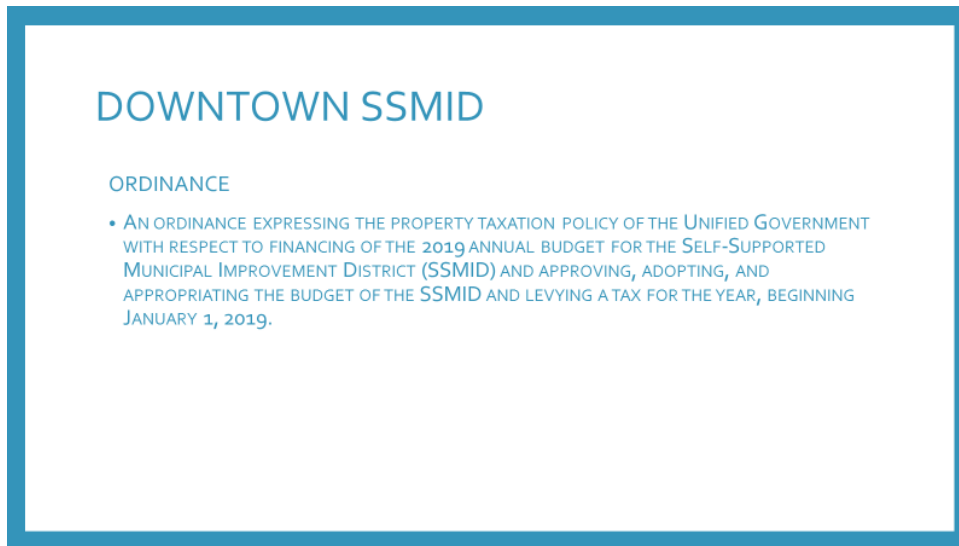
The only other thing we had I wanted to quickly run through what approvals you will be doing on Thursday night and this will take a couple of minutes, but I think it also helps it, especially for those of you who may not have seen these. We have several approval actions that happen on Thursday evening and it's a series of approvals of resolutions or ordinances that you will be going through.

LIBRARY BOARD TAX RATE

RESOLUTION

- A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROPERTY TAXATION POLICY OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING OF THE 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY LIBRARY; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY LIBRARY; LEVYING A TAX FOR THE LIBRARY TO FUND THE BUDGET SET BY THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD WITHIN THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT (PIPER, EDWARDSVILLE, AND TURNER); AND APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS ON THE BEHALF OF THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY LIBRARY.

First is the Library Board Tax rate. It's one of those that you don't really have a lot—they submit to you. It's our requirement to go through and approve the mill rate they put in place so we have to adopt that and move it forward. That's the first resolution you will see. Last year I know we spent a lot of time on this.



The Downtown SSMID; this will be incorporating—we will need to call this out so we make sure we incorporate the rate and it might make sense to do it within the body of—we will still have to do an attachment because this is already attached. **Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer**, said it's in the ordinance. **Mr. Bach** said that 11.02? **Ms. VonAchen** said yes. **Mr. Bach** said okay so it's called out at that rate in the ordinance, so it will not need to be on the yellow sheet. It's called out in the ordinance that went out in your packets today at the 11.02. **Ms. VonAchen** said yes, 11.025700.

SEWER SERVICE RATE

ORDINANCE

- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REGULATION ESTABLISHING THE RATE FOR SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019.

Mr. Bach said the Water Pollution Control Sewer Service rate; this is the one I built-in at the 5% rate increase on January 1 and so that's how this ordinance will be put forth.

BPU PILOT RATE

RESOLUTION

- A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PERCENTAGE OF GROSS REVENUES TO BE SET OVER BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT FOR 2019 (THE PILOT).

The BPU PILOT rate, that keeps that rate constant to what it has been previously. That's how the budget is built.

THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

RESOLUTION

- A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2018 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (CDBG) TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WHICH INCLUDES THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, AND THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM ALONG WITH THE CERTIFICATIONS FOR ENTITLEMENT GRANTEES BY THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND TO IMPLEMENT THE 2018-2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN UPON APPROVAL.

The Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant as Ms. Miller presented tonight, that budget is built within our budget and the Action Plan we have for that.

AMENDED BUDGET AND 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE

- A RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING, AND APPROPRIATING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BUDGETS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, AS SUBMITTED AND AMENDED BY ATTACHMENT A, FOR THE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019; APPROVING THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018 THROUGH 2023.

The last item will be the 2019 Annual Budget as proposed and I will just note and then as amended by Attachment A which will be this yellow sheet, we will put A on the top of it and those will be the actions you will take Thursday night to finalize budget approval.

**MAYOR ALVEY ADJOURNED
THE MEETING AT 8:30 p.m.**

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Bridgette D. Cobbins
Unified Government Clerk

July 30, 2018