

**STATE OF KANSAS)
WYANDOTTE COUNTY)) SS
CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KS)**

**REGULAR SESSION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018**

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in regular session Thursday, December 13, 2018, with nine members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Townsend, Commissioner Third District; Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District (arrived at 7:03 p.m.); Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Walters, Commissioner Seventh District; Philbrook, Commissioner Eighth District; and Alvey, Mayor/CEO, presiding. McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; and Murguia, Commissioner Third District; were absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Joe Connor and Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrators; Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel; Bridgette Cobbins, Unified Government Clerk; Terry Zeigler, Chief of Police; Patrick Waters, Senior Attorney; Christal Watson, Deputy Chief of Staff in Mayor's Office; Lynn Melton, Assistant to the Mayor; Chris Slaughter, Land Bank Manager; Katherine Carttar, Interim Economic Development Director; Mike Taylor, Public Relations Director; Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works; Dave Reno, Community Engagement Officer; Vincent Billaci, Public Works; and Captain James Bauer, Sergeant-at-Arms.

MAYOR ALVEY called the meeting to order.

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

INVOCATION was given by Reverend Mike May, Saint Luke's Lutheran Church.

MAYOR'S AGENDA**ITEM NO. 1 – 18567...POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

Synopsis: Police Department awards, submitted by Terry Zeigler, Chief of Police.

Terry Zeigler, Chief of Police, said Mayor, Commissioners and Administrators thank you for giving us some time to recognize the good work of our officers. We've got three incidents that we want to give awards out for, but I just want to say a few words. The Metropolitan Chief and Sherriff Association had their annual awards ceremony in November and it's worth noting that there's four awards that are giving. The Life Saving, The Bronze Star, The Gold Star and then Officer of the Year. Two of our officers received the Silver Award, 11 received the Gold and Captain Mike Howell, who's here tonight, received Officer of the Year for the incident at Costco. Not only do we recognize the good work that our officers are doing here and you all, but also is recognized metropolitan wide.

I'd ask Cameron Morgan to come up and go through the incidents and the officers we're going to be recognizing tonight.

Cameron Morgan, Police Department, said first we have the Distinguished Service Award. Officer Gerardo Velasquez. On September 3, 2018, while driving home from his off-duty job Officer Velasquez #2017 heard the call of a nonbreathing party at 5744 Georgia Avenue. The call stated that Mrs. Bradley, a 70-year old citizen of Kansas City, Kansas was discovered by her husband in their bedroom unresponsive. Realizing he could arrive on scene prior to EMS and on-duty police units could, he responded to the residence and asked Mr. Bradley if he could try and help. EMS 18 and KCK Fire Department Pumper 18 crews stated the immediate actions of off-duty Officer Velasquez provided the opportunity for the victim to begin breathing on her own as EMS and fire arrived on scene. Had it not been for his selfless dedication to duty Mrs. Bradley might not have survived. Officer Velasquez is being awarded the Distinguished Service Award for going beyond the call of duty and his life saving actions.

Meritorious Service Award, Officer Reed Murkin and Officer Yesenia Medina. On September 9, 2018 officers responded to 6100 Leavenworth Road on reports of shots fired in the area. Upon arrival it was discovered that several police vehicles had been struck by gunfire in the parking lot

of our Traffic Support Unit. This was the second incident of our police vehicles being damaged by gunfire at this location. Intel was developed and disseminated regarding the suspect in the involved vehicles. Upon receiving the information Officer Reed Murkin located the vehicle and attempted to stop it. The suspect failed to yield to Officer Murkin and his partner, Officer Medina. A vehicle pursuit was initiated which traveled into other jurisdictions. These officers were cautiously pursuing an armed and dangerous felon who had already shown an active aggression towards police. The suspect's vehicle became disabled and the pursuit ended; however, the suspect attempted to flee on foot. Despite the knowledge of the suspect was armed and dangerous, Officer Murkin and Medina gave chase on foot and Officer Murkin was able to apprehend the suspect. During the ensuing struggle the officers were able to place the suspect in custody and recover a firearm from his waist. Officer Murkin's quick actions directly contributed to the successful arrest of this armed suspect. Officer Medina and Officer Murkin are being awarded the Meritorious Service Award for their outstanding efforts in reducing violent crime.

Officer Pleshka, on October 27, 2018 at 2103 hours Officer Landis was patrolling the area of the 7th Street Casino and observed a white Pontiac Vibe leaving the casino which he recognized as a possibly being a suspect vehicle from a robbery. Officer Landis began to follow the vehicle and conducted a computer check for the vehicle registration. The check revealed that this vehicle was taken in a carjacking. Officer Landis began coordinating with other units to assist him in apprehending this vehicle and broadcast current directions of travel. This coordination and communication helped Officer Passinese, Officer Mumphrey and Pleshka get into the area to assist.

The suspect vehicle began to flee at Tremont & Central Avenue after noticing the police presence. Due to the information broadcasted and strategic planning by Officer Landis several units were in the area to assist as the suspect vehicle began to flee. Officer Passinese initiated a pursuit. Officers Mumphrey and Pleshka became secondary and Office Landis was approved to be a third unit. The pursuit continued into Kansas City, Missouri and ended at Victor Street & Indiana Avenue after the suspect vehicle wrecked into a street sign and the occupants fled on foot. Officers Mumphrey and Pleshka apprehended both suspects.

In addition to the robbery, the suspects were also confirmed F13 gang members. A loaded handgun was also recovered from the vehicle. Officer Landis, Passinese, Mumphrey and Pleshka are being awarded the Meritorious Service Award for their outstanding efforts to reduce crime.

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Chief Zeigler said, Mayor, that concludes the awards ceremony. Thank you very much.

Mayor Alvey said thank you Chief. On behalf of the citizens of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas thank you for your service. Thank you for putting your lives on the line each and every moment

Action: Presentations made.

Mayor Alvey said I'd ask the clerk if there are any revisions to tonight's agenda? **Bridgette Cobbins, UG Clerk**, said there are no revisions.

Mayor Alvey said this takes us to our Consent Agenda. Does any member of the Commission, staff or citizen in attendance tonight wish to set aside any item on tonight's Consent Agenda? You would need to step forward at this time and state your name, city of residency for the record and ask that that item be set aside. If an item is not set aside, all items on the Consent Agenda will be voted on by one vote.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Alvey said so I will note that regarding Item No. 1 it is my intent to discuss language for the legislative program regarding the Woodlands at a Special Session. I'd entertain a motion for approval. I've got a motion and a second.

Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Philbrook, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM NO. 1 – 18555...ADOPTION: 2019 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS

Synopsis: Request adoption of the 2019 State and Federal Legislative Programs, submitted by Mike Taylor, Public Relations Director. The legislative programs were presented to the Commission and the Wyandotte County Legislative Delegation during a special session on December 6, 2018.

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

ITEM NO. 2 – 18556...RESOLUTION: FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEGENDS WEST LAWN DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Synopsis: A resolution adopting the First Amendment to Legends West Lawn Development Agreement, submitted by Katherine Carttar, Interim Economic Development Director. On December 3, 2018, the Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-62-18**, “A resolution adopting the first amendment to the Legends West Lawn Development agreement.” **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were eight “Ayes,” Philbrook, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters.

ITEM NO. 3 – 18496...REVISIONS: CASH AND INVESTMENT POLICY

Synopsis: Request approval of the proposed revisions to the Unified Government's Cash and Investments Policy, submitted by Rick Mikesic, Director of Revenue/County Treasurer; and Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer. This annual review and adoption is required by State statute. On December 3, 2018, the Economic Development and Finance Standing

Committee, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-63-18**, “A resolution adopting the Unified Government’s Cash Management Policy.” **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were eight “Ayes,” Philbrook, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters.

ITEM NO. 4 – 18545...BUDGET REVISION: FIRE STATION PROJECT

Synopsis: Request an increase in the project budget by \$1,000,000 for the new fire station, submitted by John Kelly, Director of Buildings and Logistics. The funds will come from anticipated unexpended 2018 capital projects. On December 3, 2018, the Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

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

ITEM NO. 5 – 18563...NOMINATION: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Synopsis: Nomination for Boards and Commissions:

Law Enforcement Advisory Board, Mary Hopkins, 12/13/18 to 6/30/20, submitted by Sheriff Don Ash.

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

ITEM NO. 6 – MINUTES

Synopsis: Minutes from special session of November 29, 2018.

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

ITEM NO. 7 – WEEKLY BUSINESS MATERIAL

Synopsis: Weekly business material dated December 6, 2018.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

No Items

STANDING COMMITTEES' AGENDA

ITEM NO. 1 – 18539...RESOLUTION: PHVIF KANSAS CITY, LLC IRBS

Synopsis: Resolution of Intent to issue IRBs in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 for the benefit of PHVIF, submitted by Katherine Carttar, Interim Economic Development Director. An IRB Application was submitted by PHVIF for sales tax exemption for construction materials and furniture, fixtures and equipment for renovations to the entire Hilton Garden Inn property located at 520 Minnesota Avenue. On December 3, 2018, the Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, voted 5 to 1 to approve and forward to full commission.

Mayor Alvey said I’d ask Commissioner Burroughs at this time, who chairs the standing committee, to make a comment.

Commissioner Burroughs said there was one member of the committee that chose to oppose it. I believe that there was some concern about the lost tax revenue and quite possibly the potential for the liability associated to the Unified Government “owning” the property on a temporary basis. It was explained by counsel that this is a normal process when issuing IRBs. That’s when the standing committee took the action to go ahead and support the project at the advice of counsel. I do believe that was all there was to the discussion.

Mayor Alvey asked are there any comments or questions from the Commission?

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-64-18**, “A resolution determining the intent of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas to issue its industrial revenue bonds in the amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping a commercial facility for the benefit of PHVIF Kansas City, LLC and its successors and assigns (Hilton Garden Inn – sales tax exemption only).” **Commissioner Walters made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were eight “Ayes,” Philbrook, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters.

ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA

ITEM NO. 1 – 18566...RESOLUTION: CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU'S 2019 BUDGET AND MARKETING PLAN

Synopsis: A resolution adopting the Convention and Visitors Bureau's 2019 Budget and Marketing Plan, submitted by Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer.

Doug Bach, County Administrator, said earlier this evening Bridgette Jobe, The Convention and Visitors Bureau, along with her board, presented information regarding the budget for the upcoming 2019 year along with further marketing strategies and plans they have for the coming year. That was an opportunity for the Commission to go through and ask questions initially. Ms. Jobe is here if you would like to have her make further presentation. If not, I would recommend that we move forward with approval of this item.

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

ITEM NO. 2 – 18564...PRESENTATION: SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

Synopsis: A brief presentation to update the Board of County Commissioners regarding snow removal operations and snow removal policy, submitted by Jeff Fisher, Director of Public Works.

Doug Bach, County Administrator, said the next item on the agenda is really just an update on where we are with our snow removal program and to let the Commission know as we move into the winter months, even though we’ve already had a weekend where we had snow removal going, but to kind of give you kind of an overview of what we do with our program, where our priorities are and when we roll the trucks. With that I’m going to recognize our Public Works Director, Jeff Fisher, to offer presentation.



Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works, said we’ve got it quickly highlighted. I know we’re last on the agenda during the Chief’s game so we’re going to make it quick. I have Vincent Billaci a key member of our Street Division and David Reno to his right who’s our new Community Engagement Officer. They’re going to share in this presentation.



QUICK FACTS

WE TREAT A LOT OF STREETS

- Kansas City, Kansas has 2,400 miles of streets that need to be treated multiple time every year.
- Over the previous 5 years, we've averaged 10,000 tons of material treatment per season.
- Last year, we responded to 11 storm events.

WE WORK QUICKLY

- Safety is our primary concern, and that's why we act quickly to return traction to roads following a snow storm.
- Our target is to clear Hot and Secondary Routes 12 hours after snow stops falling.
- Neighborhood routes are usually cleared within 24-48 hours after the snow stops.

As you see up here, we've talked a little bit about this in the standing committee. Kansas City, Kansas has a large system, 2,400 lane miles. That is larger than any other metro city except for KCMO. We've averaged over 10,000 tons of materials per year in the last five years. We had 11 events last year. We've had two already this year. We declared a snow emergency in the last one you might recall. That storm alone cost us \$250,000 for labor and material. The small storm before that \$50,000 roughly.

Obviously, safety is our single biggest priority for the public and for our employees out there in that winter weather operation. We target clearing hot and secondary routes within 12 hours after the snow stops and then the neighborhood routes within one to two days after that. I'm going to hand it over to Vince real quick. He's going to go through some of the operational things and then Dave will hit the last slide about our new public info and messaging.

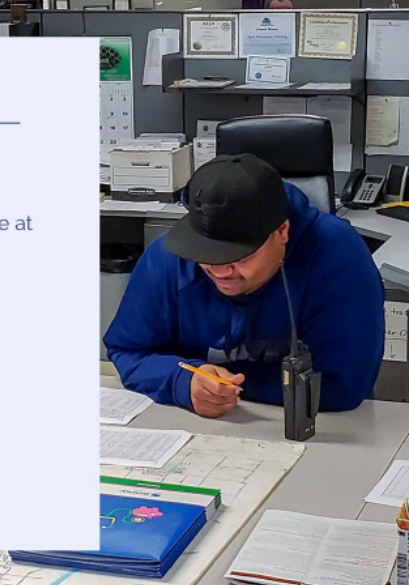


Vincent Billaci, Public Works, said I'm just going to briefly talk about what we do to prepare before the winter, how we prioritize and then how we deal with each storm depending on the intensity. Before every winter we check—go through all the trucks, plows, sanders, and make sure everything is fully functional with fleet maintenance and making any needed repairs. The priorities, as Jeff said, hot and secondary routes are our top priority. Those are your Parallel, Leavenworth Road, Metropolitan and then we move into the neighborhood routes from there if we need to.

Monitoring, we have a weathering monitoring service. It's called Weather or Not that updates us with weather updates and local news obviously. If we have anything coming in, we're monitoring that and sending crews out to monitor if we're really expecting it.



A minor storm, that's a trace to an inch. We'll bring in a minor crew for that. A small crew to monitor and treat if necessary. Mainly that's going to be treating bridges on those. A moderate storm would be one to three. That would be like what we had on Veteran's Day. We'd bring in a small crew for that. We're usually done in 4 – 5 hours on those. A heavy snow, that would be what we just had on November 25th. We're going to bring in everybody on that. We're plowing and treating power routes and secondary, and neighborhoods. Then from there the emergency, that six inches of snow or more. We're all hands on deck and we're going to get a lot of help from Parks & Recreation on that as well. From here, I'm going to give it to Dave. He's going to talk about the public engagement.



COMMUNICATION

HOW DO WE REACH OUR COMMUNITY?

- Preparedness increases safety.
- FAQs, interactive maps, helpful hints, policies & more online at wycokck.org/Street/Snow
- We go where our community already is
- Multiple social platforms
- Multiple print channels
- UG TV
- Neighborhood groups
- Business associations & chambers of commerce
- Kansas City Kansas Public Schools

David Reno, Community Engagement Officer; said safety is important to us and one of the things that helps us increase safety is telling our community about what we're doing and also educating them about how they can help us operate safely. One of the things we've changed recently is we've increased our presence on social media. We're going to use multiple print channels to tell people about our operations in advance of snowstorms so that when a snowstorm does occur, they're prepared for it as well.

Our website is a great resource for our community. Online there's a list of routes that Vince was discussing. You can pull this map up yourself, locate your address and determine exactly where on our routes you're going to fall and then use that to anticipate when your road might be cleared.

There is also some great information over here on the side about how we function and then if you go back to the main website, we've got a bunch of lists for how should you shovel your driveway or why you should avoid parking in the street. That kind of thing. As we move through 2019, we're going to fill this up even more with useful information and then talk about that, share it with our community so that next year we can be ready to go.

Commissioner Bynum said I just wanted to say while you're here Jeff, Mr. Billaci and your whole team, I think I can speak for all of us, I think you do a fantastic job. I live in a place where it's kind of not terribly accessible, but when I do get down my driveway my road is clear and it's happened every time it's snowed so far this year and that's just one example. I just really

appreciate how hard you work and I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you. **Mr. Fisher** said thank you very much. I will say in the three cities that I've worked for; this crew actually does a very good job. They should be commended.

Action: Presentation was made.

COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

No items

Mayor Alvey said that concludes the portion of our regular meeting and I adjourn us in that capacity. I'll call us back to order as the Land Bank Board of Trustees. Does any member of the Commission or anyone in attendance tonight wish to set-aside any item on the Land Bank Consent Agenda? If an item is not set-aside, all items on the Consent Agenda will be voted on by one vote.

LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES' CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM NO. 1 – 18535... LAND BANK BUSINESS

Synopsis: Communication requesting consideration of the following Land Bank applications, submitted by Chris Slaughter, Land Bank Manager. The Land Bank Advisory Board has recommended approval. On December 3, 2018, the Neighborhood and Community Development Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner McKiernan, voted unanimously to approve and forward to the Land Bank Board of Trustees.

Applications for yard extension, unless otherwise note
 2109 S. 26th St. - Jessica Sickler, new construction
 3110 N. 47th St. - Richard Dearing
 1520 Pacific Ave. - Emma Pacheco
 1600 N. 59th St. - Leonor Castro

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bynum, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Philbrook, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters.

**MAYOR ALVEY
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:22 P.M.
December 13, 2018**

Bridgette D. Cobbins
Unified Government Clerk

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