

**PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Monday, March 23, 2020**

The meeting of the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee was held on Monday, March 23, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers of the Municipal Office Building. The following members were present, via phone: Commissioner Bynum, Chairman; Commissioners, Markley, Ramirez, Kane, Philbrook, and BPU Board Member Groneman. The following officials were also in attendance: Gordon Criswell (via phone), Emerick Cross (via phone), Melissa Sieben, and Alan Howze, Assistant County Administrators; David Reno, Public Works Program Coordinator; and Steve Haulmark, Assistant Chief, Fire Dept.

**Chairman Bynum** called the meeting to order.

Approval of standing committee minutes from January 27, 2020. **On motion of Commissioner Markley, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, the minutes were approved.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Agenda:

**Item No. 1 – 2057...GRANT: FY2020 COPS HIRING PROGRAM**

**Synopsis:** Request to apply for and accept funding through the FY2020 COPS Hiring Program as part of the Operating Relentless Pursuit initiative to fund five patrol officer positions for a total of three years, submitted by Assistant Chief Steve Haulmark, KCKPD. These positions would be funded at 100% through this grant. The grant solicitation indicates that there would be a 25% match requirement; however, we are requesting that the match requirement be waived due to our current financial constraints.

**Assistant Chief Steve Haulmark, KCKPD,** said in January 2020, Attorney General William Barr named seven cities with violent crime issues with Kansas City, Missouri, being one of the seven cities. At that time, the Attorney General designated \$70M federal funds for the affected city, \$20M of which was for equipment and \$50M for personnel. In February of 2020, we were

contacted and told that Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, had been designated to receive some of these funds with no match as part of this enforcement initiative, which had been designated as Operation Relentless Pursuit. KCMO was being awarded the money and KCK was a subrecipient. All portions of the funds was approximately \$450,000, which has been earmarked for several technology projects.

Several weeks ago, Steve McAllister, the US Attorney for Kansas, reached out to the KCKPD and encouraged us to apply for the COPS 2020 Hiring Program as a supplement for the Operation Relentless Pursuit Initiative. Through this grant opportunity, we are requesting federal funds for five patrol recipients. (All calls dropped at 5:04 p.m.)

**Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator**, asked, Captain Haulmark, are you available still? Are any commissioners still on the line? There were none.

The meeting resumed at 5:06 p.m.

**Chairman Bynum** asked, Melissa, is Assistant Chief Haulmark back with us yet? **Assistant Chief Haulmark** said ma'am, I am here. **Chairman Bynum** said excellent. We lost you at some point. Do you want to try to pick up where you were?

**Assistant Chief Haulmark** said yes, ma'am. I apologize if I'm repeating what you had already heard, but several weeks ago—**Chairman Bynum** said no problem. **Assistant Chief Haulmark** said I'm sorry. Did you say hold on, ma'am? **Chairman Bynum** said no, no go ahead. **Assistant Chief Haulmark** said okay, thank you. The US Attorney for the state of Kansas, Steve McCallister, personally reached out to the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department and encouraged us to apply for the COPS 2020 Hiring Program, which is a supplement for Operation Relentless Pursuit Initiative. Through this grant opportunity, we are requesting federal funds to pay for five patrol officer positions for a period of three years.

The grant does recommend, require a match, but it also allows agencies to apply for a match waiver which we are pursuing. Our grant application is requesting federal dollars to fund these five positions at 100% with no match required for the UG. The amount we would receive, if we were awarded the waiver, would be over \$1.3M to cover salaries and benefits. The grant is for

three years, and unless we exceed our maximum authorized staffing levels, we would not have to increase our number. Should we not receive the match waiver, we are under no obligation to accept the award. That's all I have, Commissioner.

**Chairman Bynum** said thank you very much. I'm sorry it's been a little choppy here, allow you to present your item, but nonetheless, I do believe we have all of our committee members back on the line. If there are questions, we can take them, and if anyone is present from the public, we can hear from them. If neither of those are true, I would entertain a motion for approval for the grant.

**Action:** **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to approve.** Roll call was taken on the motion and there were six "Ayes," Groneman, Philbrook, Kane, Ramirez, Markley, Bynum.

**Chairman Bynum** said and that passes. Thank you so much, Assistant Chief. I appreciate your time. **Assistant Chief Haulmark** said thank you, Commissioner.

## **Item No. 2 – 2056...CONSTRUCTION UPDATES: JUVENILE CENTER, PIPER FIRE STATION & THE MERC GROCERY STORE**

**Synopsis:** Update on the construction progress of Fire Station #12, Juvenile Justice Center and the MERC grocery store, submitted by John Kelly, Director of Buildings & Logistics.

**Chairman Bynum** said the last item on our agenda is a construction update for the juvenile center, the new Piper Fire Station and the MERC. We have John Kelly, I believe, to provide us an update, and this you do have in your email. Commissioners, you received this document. John Kelly, are you there? **Ms. Sieben** said, Commissioner Bynum, I believe what staff has submitted is the documents for you to review. If you have any questions, I'm happy to help and I have staff here.

**Chairman Bynum** said okay, are there any suggestions? Is John available? **Ms. Sieben** said no. **Chairman Bynum** said okay. **Ms. Sieben** said everything is moving forward as scheduled as long as the challenge of our evening with COVID-19 doesn't bleed over into the construction sector.

# Project Updates



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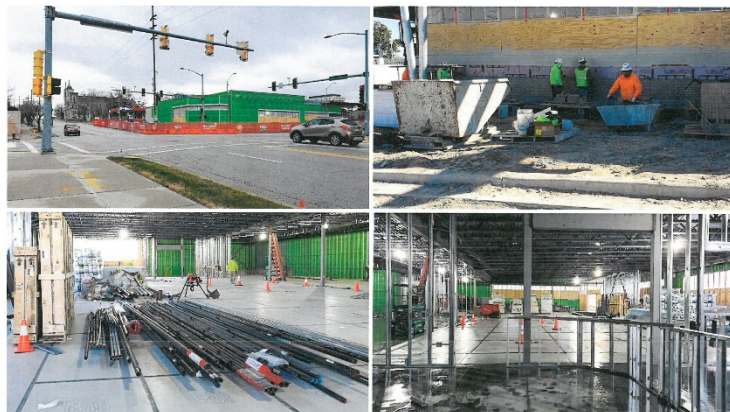


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**FIRE STATION NO. 12**

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**THE MERC CO+OP****March 23, 2020**



**Chairman Bynum** said and so I see a document. I can't seem to make it move past the Justice Center. It says it's one of three pages, but for some reason, I can only see the first page. Let me move on to the project updates. Okay, these are all—the second document is just photographs, but when I look at all of this, it looks like everything is moving along just fine. I would ask our committee members if anyone has a question, we can always bring this back next month for updates as well.

**Commissioner Markley** said I'm just curious. Melissa, are these pretty pictures going to be made available somewhere where the public could view them and see the updates that we're seeing?

**Ms. Sieben** said absolutely, Commissioner. We can get those up on our website, probably under some of the CIP updates that we have or make sure it gets attached to the items that the Clerk has posted. **Commissioner Markley** said perfect.

**Chairman Bynum** said I agree. I think that would be great for folks to see the progress being made on these projects. I would suggest, perhaps, if we are together in person either next month or the following, that we do bring the construction update back to us if possible, but we still may not be together next month but perhaps the month after that. Any committee members have any other questions?

**Commissioner Philbrook** said I have a quick question. So, does that mean that we are going to actually include the three pages of verbal explanation, the written explanation on the three projects with the pictures? **Ms. Sieben** said yes, that would be our intention because it's kind of not useful unless that information is with it. **Commissioner Philbrook** said yes, the pictures are nice. You

could make us guess at what it is but, yes, this would be nice so they could see it. Thank you so much. **Ms. Sieben** said yes. Well, we'll get that together. Dave Reno is actually in the house so he can help us execute on that.

**Chairman Bynum** said well, we really appreciate it. We totally understand how busy everyone is handling the crisis but we do appreciate whatever information like this we can share with the public. It would be very helpful. That item is going to be information only unless I hear no other questions on that.

**Action:** For information only.

Adjourn:

**Chairman Bynum** adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

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