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SPECIAL SESSION, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in special session, Thursday, February 4, 2016, with ten members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Walker, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Townsend, Commissioner First District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Murguia, Commissioner Third District; Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District (absent for executive session only); Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Philbrook, Commissioner Eighth District (arrived at 5:44 p.m.); and Holland, Mayor/CEO; presiding. Walters, Commissioner Seventh District; was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Bridgette Cobbins, Unified Government Clerk; Gordon Criswell, Asst. County Administrator; Joe Connor, Asst. County Administrator; Melissa Mundt, Asst. County Administrator; Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel; Jason Banks, Asst. to Mayor; Renee Ramirez, Director of Human Resources; Shakeva Christian; Human Resources; Chief Ziegler, Police Department; Chief Jones, Fire Department; Major Rodney Smith, Police Department; Emerick Cross, Commission Liaison; and John Turner, Sergeant-at-Arms. Ryan Denk, Labor Attorney, was also present for the executive session.

MAYOR HOLLAND called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL for Executive Session: Markley, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Holland.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to be held Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the 9th floor conference room of the Municipal Office Building for an executive session regarding labor. Immediate following will be a special session in the 5th floor conference room regarding the casino grant process/SVV donation and dignitary security.

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.

Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to go into executive session for 30 minutes regarding labor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Holland reconvened into Special Session at 5:23 p.m.

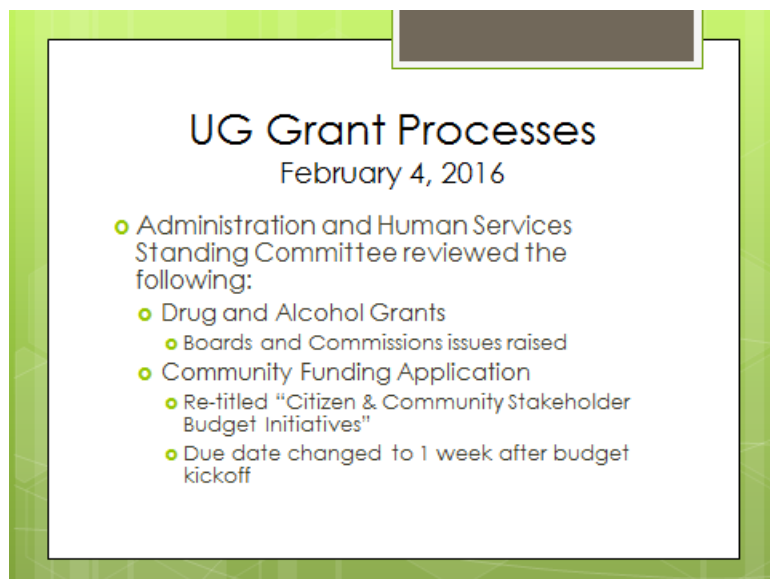
Commissioner Philbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to go back into executive session for 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Holland reconvened into Special Session at 5:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL for Special Session: Markley, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane, Holland.

UG Grant Process

Joe Connor, Asst. County Administrator, said we're here tonight to talk about the UG Grant Process. We started this through the standing committees and it was recommended that we bring some of these issues to a work session of the full commission to discuss a little further. I brought with me tonight Denise St. Omer. Denise works with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation as a Vice President. She has been working with our particular account from the beginning. One of the pieces of information was what role can they play for us in the future, what expanded role could they play, so I thought Denise would be a good person to come if you had questions of her as we go through this.

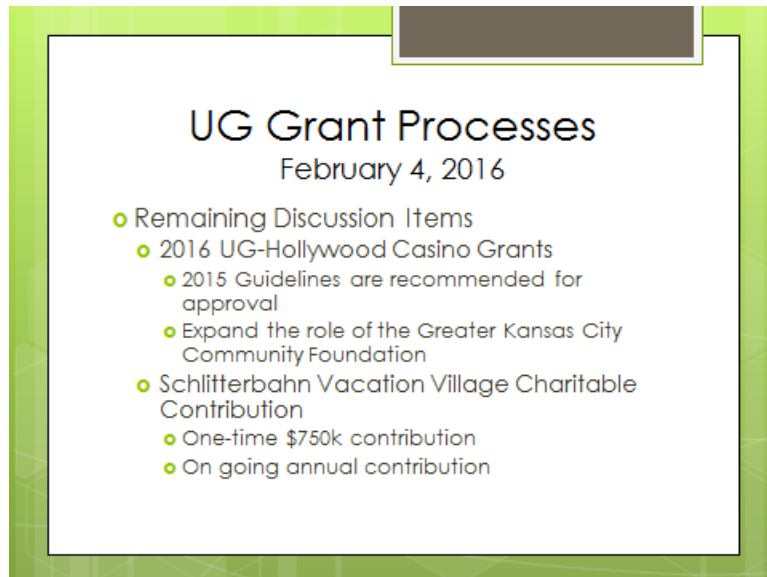


Just by way of a little bit of history the Administration & Human Services Standing Committee was tasked with looking at the non-CDBG grant processes that we had. We discussed Drug and Alcohol Grants. I think there were some issues raised about the Boards and Commissions process which will handle some of that in appointments, attendance, and those kinds of things. There is also the issue on that one of do we actually need to have a board or not because you're not required to have one. Again, that's going to be evaluated through the Boards and Commissions process.

The Community Funding Application was the other one that we talked about. This is something that we started the last couple of years in the budget process. A couple of things came out of that. We decided to retitle it and I've got the title there "Citizen & Community Stakeholder Budget Initiatives." We also thought it was important to change the date. When we have our budget kickoff, that used to be the date it was due which didn't give people really a lot of time to give us their comments so we pushed that to a week after the budget kickoff so people can come to the budget kickoff if they hear and they have ideas they can still submit them a week later and then we will work it through the budget cycle like we have the last few years.

I guess I would ask Commissioner Markley or anybody on the committee if I'm missing something, please interject on this. **Commissioner Markley** said no, I think that's good. Do you want me to go further in discussing our recommendations or do you have more? **Mr. Connor** said I have more. I was done with those two if there were questions on those two

before we get into the other part. **Commissioner Markley** said we really like long names. It's the CCSBI.



Mr. Connor said the remaining discussion items are about the UG Hollywood Casino Grant Funds and then also the Schlitterbahn Vacation Village Charitable Contributions which is kind of new to this mix.

On the Casino Grant Funds the standing committee is recommending that the 2015 guidelines carryover into 2016 and that's information that has been provided to you prior to this meeting and so that's been one recommendation that's been made. The other is they wanted more information to be brought forward to expand the role of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and I've given you that proposal as well of what things would be covered and what the cost would be to that.

On the Schlitterbahn Vacation Village we have the one-time contribution of \$750K that was received in the fall and then also there is an ongoing annual contribution from that development agreement. The language from both of those has been provided to you.

UG-Hollywood Casino Grant Additional Information

Year	Total Amount Requested	# of Apps Received	Annual Amount Awarded	# of Grant Awards	Grant Average
2013	1,674,433	43	493,082	13	37,929
2014	1,891,959	39	492,919	17	28,995
2015	1,649,227	54	494,900	32	15,465

A little bit about the background information this has provided. This has been the history of the Casino Grant Fund and the amount requested, applications received, the award amounts, the average amount of the award. Just as an informational item that was something the committee had asked for and we wanted to share it with the full commission.

UG-Hollywood Casino Grant Additional GKCCF Services

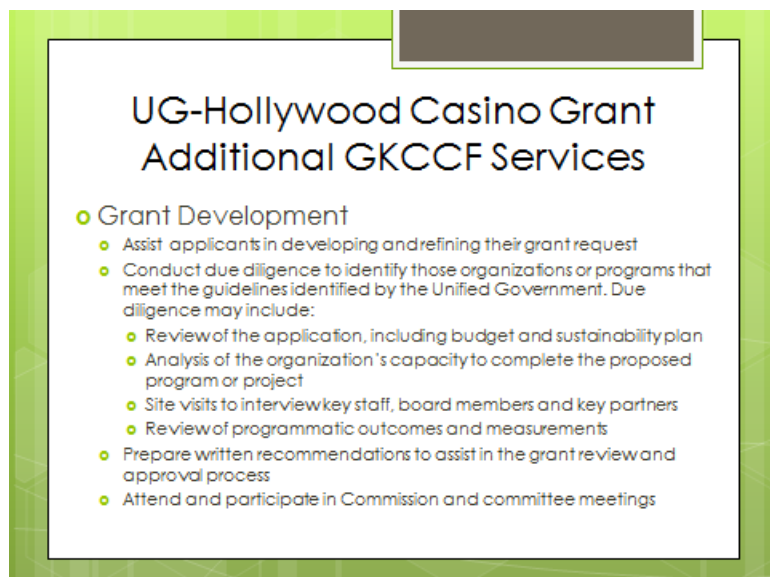
- o Grant Development
 - o Assist applicants in developing and refining their grant request
 - o Conduct due diligence to identify those organizations or programs that meet the guidelines identified by the Unified Government. Due diligence may include:
 - o Review of the application, including budget and sustainability plan
 - o Analysis of the organization's capacity to complete the proposed program or project
 - o Site visits to interview key staff, board members and key partners
 - o Review of programmatic outcomes and measurements
 - o Prepare written recommendations to assist in the grant review and approval process
 - o Attend and participate in Commission and committee meetings

We've got the information about the additional services from the Community Foundation. Again, their full proposal was there. I've only listed on these slides the things that would be new to the process from last year. **Commissioner McKiernan** said I apologize if I've missed it, do we have a copy of this and if not, can I get a copy of this? **Mr. Connor** asked of the proposal or-

Mayor Holland said the PowerPoint. It was emailed today. **Mr. Connor** said no, the PowerPoint was not. I actually gave the full documents. There were two emails that went out this week. The first one had a series of documents with it, the spreadsheet about the grant history, and the proposal from the Community Foundation; there was a letter from Mr. Henry on the Schlitterbahn Vacation Village and the 2015 Grant Guidelines that are being recommended to carry forward. The second email that went out had the specific language from both development agreements that talk about the definition and talks about, in the Schlitterbahn case, what their schedule is for their future payments that are going to come into us. **Doug Bach, County Administrator** said we can send you the PowerPoint. **Mr. Connor** said we certainly have it. I did not send this today but I sent the other stuff.

Mr. Connor said that was it kind of from an overview from what the standing committee has recommended and things that need to be discussed further. Again, from a staff perspective we can start to put together a timeframe. We just need some decisions to be made about what the role of the Community Foundation is going to be, what's the selection committee going to be and then we will come back once we get some resolution on this we will prepare a document for the full commission meeting with a resolution that outlines this whole process.

Mayor Holland said I will ask Commissioner Markley, Chair of the Committee, to walk through the recommendations.



Commissioner Markley said as you all know we had a lot of discussion about this last year and we sort of have taken I think the two extremes over the past year so we had a separate committee that did award grants initially and then we had the commissioners award grants this past time around. Our committee is hoping that we found a compromise that will make both sets of commissioners who likes those extremes happy. The idea is that we would use the same guidelines as last year. Commissioners would once again be allowed to award grants, however; the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation would play a little greater role this year. Last year all they really did was collect applications for us. They would do a little additional analysis to provide us more information about the potential grantees in terms of their capacity and whether they feel upon their analysis those agencies are capable of using the grant dollars and properly monitoring the grants and turning in the appropriate forms and all those sorts of things.

The idea is that we would still allow commissioners the ability to spend the dollars where they think they are most needed, but it would also provide some additional accountability and a way for us to provide a check against each other instead of us just saying well I don't like that agency, I don't think you should give them money so I'm voting against your proposal. We would be able to say the recommendation of the foundation says this agency doesn't have the capacity to handle the grants. It would allow us to have a little additional information so that was the idea coming forward from this committee. I asked it come to Special Session just because I knew there was a wide variance in what people were expecting so I wanted to make sure that the entire Commission had a chance to weigh in on that compromise. We do realize it's

a compromise so probably not everybody will be 100% happy with it, but we think it's a good option moving forward to give both parties something that is important to them.



Mr. Connor said I kind of broke down for this PowerPoint from their proposal there is really grant development services that could be offered to us and then also grant monitoring. These are things that are in addition to what they did for us last year. When you look at their proposal it's all kind of listed together. I just broke it out for this purpose so we get a little bit of both. With the grant development you're working with the applicants a little earlier in the process. Hopefully, you will end up with better applications and people will kind of know upfront if you've kind of hit the mark, you haven't hit the mark. You will get better quality and then on the grant monitoring piece there will be a lot more oversight on their part with applicants as they go through the year. Again, to answers questions—you know there are a lot of things that happen with the agencies when they get this kind of money and so just a little bit more oversight from our perspective.

Commissioner Walker asked what do we know about the money that was awarded. Have we gotten a report of any kind that I've missed that we suggest that the recipients, the haves, misspent that money? **Mr. Connor** said there is a six month report due in the middle of December and we're still chasing down some that were late and I think right now there are currently five. I can give you the reports now with five missing or we can try to collect all five

and hand them out at the same time. It's your preference. **Commissioner Walker** said certainly I think before we award grants again we should know how—have some indication of performance on the part of those that received them assuming that many will reapply again this year.

Commissioner Kane asked, Joe, can you go back to where the Schlitterbahn one-time thing is. Where is that money? **Commissioner Markley** said that's part two of our discussion I think.

Commissioner McKiernan said, Joe, there is no need to send the PowerPoint because I was looking at the bullet points of this January 13th from the Greater Kansas City and I do see that in the body of the text what I was looking for which was the cost for services. So we go double maybe triple depending on how deep we went, the administrative overhead on this, which would get us back to about the level we were in the first year, correct? **Mr. Connor** said this would exceed the level of the first year. If you look at that, the amount awarded there right in the middle, year one was probably the highest, year two a little bit higher and then year three of course we went to less oversight. Some of the things are listed in their proposal they've not provided for us before. It's certainly a big step up in service. **Commissioner McKiernan** said but again, there is value added to those services to all of us. **Mr. Connor** said correct, absolutely. **Commissioner McKiernan** said I certainly would endorse going along with the proposed compromise, again, as another step in evolving this to the best process possible that bridges the gap between all perspectives on how it could or should so I would endorse the compromise.

Commissioner Bynum said to Commissioner Walker's question, at the standing committee level I think I asked if we could be given the names of the grantees from 2015 who had either submitted their six month reports or not and you had forwarded that to us. It was a fairly large list. It led me to hope that in an enhanced process maybe some better communication. I know that in the initial grant award the letter did say your six month report is due on this day and your final report is due on this day, but I got the impression that a lot of the grantees did not see that or somehow did not make note of that and there was no further communication on anyone's part that I'm aware of that your grant report due date is coming. Maybe an enhanced communication

could be a piece of expanded services as well. I would just request that. **Mr. Connor** said I would say, Commissioner, that the Community Foundation did provide reminders and updates throughout this process. I think that's why that list has shrunk from when I gave it to you at the standing committee until now only being five. **Commissioner Bynum** said I guess I will tell you that in talking to grantees that is not what I've been told.

Denise Omer, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, said part of the system we use, we use an online application system and we ask grantees to also submit their reports through the online system so the online system so the emails that go out as reminders are generated by the online system. We were having some issues with some of those emails being caught in people's spam or junk mail and so it wouldn't get directly to them. We did switch to a new system this year that we brought online in December that we believe will alleviate the emails going into the spam. **Commissioner Bynum** said I do think that reminder piece is helpful. Not necessarily mandatory, but certainly helpful. I would also; again, I think I asked this at the standing committee level; part of the reason why I asked about the reports was because I would like to see them. I guess you've already answered that with Commissioner Walker's question, but I guess what you're saying is once you have them all—**Mr. Connor** said if you would like to have what we have now, I have them, but I was trying to wait until we got them all in because the list was shrinking and so I thought let's wait until we get them all instead of sending out two communications. **Commissioner Bynum** said I think it speaks to the outcomes. I think it speaks to what good is coming from the money.

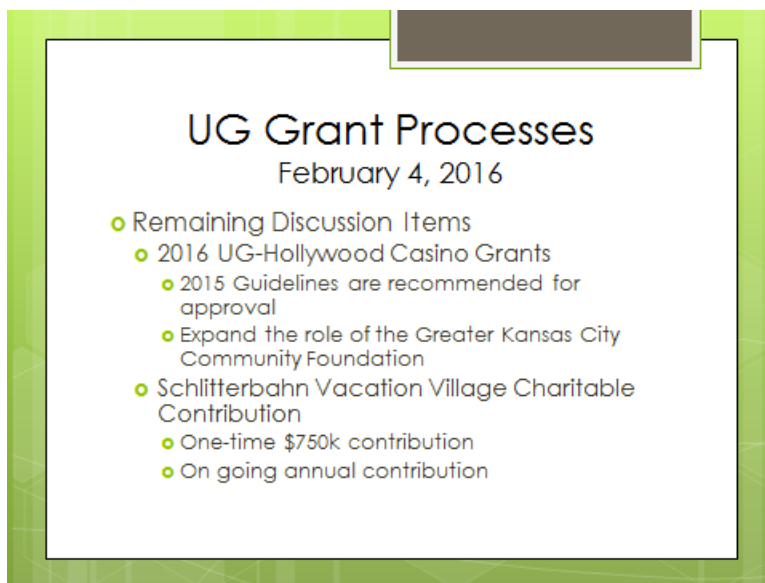
Commissioner Philbrook said I appreciate the direction we're moving, thank you committee, because I really do want to see us make sure that our money is going to folks that are actually being good stewards of that money and that they are furthering what the Commission would like to see happen for our community. I do endorse this change and would really love to look at the new list of candidates for this spring because I'm going to feel a whole lot more comfortable about that group.

Mayor Holland asked is there a consensus to accept the recommendation of this committee.

Commissioner Townsend said I just have one question and I had not had the time to look at it in detail. The only thing that I heard that I had a question about wasn't going to comment about it until I had read it, but if you're asking for an endorsement, my question is if the foundation is going to be involved after with commissioners have made recommendations or are they going to moreless vet some of these people before. What I'm getting at, I would very much hate to put forward entities to get this money only to hear later that they may be deemed not to have the capacity to work with it. Is there any way that can be done ahead of time? **Mr. Connor** said I will let Denise answer that question. **Ms. Omer** said one of the things I think that's important is, and it's why you see a range in services, is because at the Community Foundation we really take direction from our clients and so the recommendations that we make they look a little different depending on the client we're working with. For some of our clients the recommendations we're making are they meet the eligibility criteria, for others the recommendation we will make—what we never do is say you should not fund this organization and what we never do is not provide you with all of the applications. What we would do in our recommendation is we would say—and part of the service that is included in this is if we receive an application and there are some concerns about whether or not the organization can actually follow through with the program then we talk with them. The information that we get from them we share and it goes out as part of our recommendation. If there is an organization—An example I might give, if you have an organization that has put forth a proposal where they would like to start a new program and they are requesting that the Unified Government be the sole funder of that new program, one of the things that we would just say in the recommendation is that we've had a conversation with the organization about how to make sure they understand that these are one-year grants with no guarantee of continued funding and so we would ask them if they could articulate how they would be able to continue the program or in a situation where the commissioners might make a determination to fund that program at less than the full amount and how that might affect their program design and the program implementation. We would just share that information back with you so that you would have all of the information you need to make an informed decision. **Commissioner Townsend** said that sounds reasonable because those were some of the criteria that I know I was looking at before. One of the things I would hate to see lost and I hope it's not lost in the process, is that smaller organizations are given an opportunity to receive these grants as they were in the past instead of the bigger organizations only. There were some smaller

groups for which this was a great funding opportunity not that it was their sole basis for funding. Other than that it sounded reasonable. That was the only question I wanted to raise about it.

Mayor Holland said in the past, Mr. Bach, I will ask you just as a reminder on the process; it seems like we formally adopted our plan each year when we launched the thing and so with the consensus that we have they will package this as a resolution for the grant funding that will come before the Commission for a vote. Is that right? **Mr. Connor** said correct. **Mayor Holland** asked in terms of timeline when do you anticipate bringing it before the Commission, we do we anticipate opening the grant cycle? **Mr. Connor** said we could probably be ready by the end of the month, the 25th of February to bring that back. Everything we've provided in the years past schedule, resolution, guidelines; we will have all that put together.



Mr. Connor said the other issue that's remaining is what Commissioner Kane would like to talk about. **Commissioner Kane** asked where is that money going. **Commissioner Markley** said in our committee we have a larger donation coming from Schlitterbahn and would be typical because there was a period where they didn't make a donation and now all of them together. Not knowing for sure what the reaction would be to our initial proposal on the other grant item we didn't really want to dive into this without knowing. The initial question is does this \$750K go into the grant bucket with the rest of the grant money or are we doing something different with it? We need to kind of answer that question so we can get an idea of where we go from here.

Mr. Connor said just so it's crystal clear, that's \$750K is one time. The schedule for the remaining years is in your packet, like next year its \$100K and it ramps up. It will never be \$750K. This was a catch-up provision like Commissioner Markley said when the development deal was renegotiated. I just want to make sure we're clear about that. **Mayor Holland** asked did you all make a recommendation of the Schlitterbahn letter. **Commissioner Markley** said we did not. We had some discussion about whether it would go in the general grant bucket, but we didn't want to make that recommendation without knowing what our final decision was going to be on what the grant bucket looked like and what our guidelines were going to look like. I think we just kind of left it up for discussion depending on how the remaining discussion tonight went. I will just say personally my thought is let's put it in the grant bucket. Commissioners all have their recommendations from Schlitterbahn. They can choose to make donations in accordance with that recommendation or not individually as we go forward, but that's just my personal thought.

Commissioner Philbrook said I do have a question around this. We all sitting here have a letter that has been presented to us, but I don't believe that the audience has privy to the recommendation of what the Schlitterbahn folks are recommending and I think that we should let them know whether we follow through with their recommendations or not. I just think that information should be there. **Mayor Holland** asked should we have Mr. Connor share that recommendation. **Mr. Connor** said there are four different points in this letter that Gary Henry is respectfully requesting the UG's consideration for directing the \$750K in the following manner: 1) \$500K towards the capital campaign for the community center in downtown Kansas City, Kansas. 2) \$50K towards the Urban Scholastic Center. 3) \$50K to the Kansas City West Kiwanis Club. 4) The remaining \$150K let the commissioners collectively and individually decide.

Commissioner Kane said mine is the Kiwanis and what was the other one? **Mr. Connor** said Urban Scholastic Center. **Commissioner Kane** asked how much money does that leave us. **Mr. Connor** said \$150K. **Commissioner Kane** said no, plus the \$500K. **Mr. Connor** said then \$650K. **Commissioner Kane** said if I figure this out right, if it's \$650K and if we divvy up

amongst us eleven it would give us \$59,090 to spread around in our districts and that's the way I would like to see the money go.

Commissioner Walker said I certainly appreciate Mr. Henry's recommendations, but that was not part of the deal when we originally did this. As I recall there was some debate about one of them, maybe it was the casino donating money directly to various groups within Wyandotte County and at that time the Commission was not so inclined to agree to their choices. I don't have any problem with what Mr. Kane suggested, but I think if we're going to give \$25K to one and some money to the other, they should apply just like everybody else and as commissioners we can decide whether we're going to do it or not. I appreciate Mr. Henry's willingness to put \$500K in the Healthy Campus. I had this discussion with the Mayor earlier. It's a good project, worthwhile project and I want to see it move forward, but I've already agreed to put \$6M of public money and that may not include any additional incentives or whatever might come down the road to make the deal come to realization. If commissioners want to make a contribution to that project, I don't have heartburn with that, I don't disagree with that; but again, I would rather see—I said this last year and I will say it this year, I would rather see a number of these organizations that are worthy, that are doing good work but in a smaller way have a chance at success. They're not getting \$6M and maybe \$6M is small in the total concept of the Mayor's project and I realize that, but I would rather see it go into individual buckets and you put it where you think it best goes based on the information that's provided. That's where I stand on it.

Commissioner Philbrook asked where would this go into, this \$750K and then the additional approximately \$100K or so every year, where will that go? **Commissioner Kane** said like Hal said—**Commissioner Philbrook** said into this? Okay, I just want to make sure because then it has the same stipulations of what it needs to go to and all that and so we add this into the Hollywood Casino Grant money. **Commissioner Walker** said I'm not envisioning two application processes for two separate pools of money. One application process and money then distributed. **Commissioner Philbrook** said so that goes into the newly named group of money. **Mayor Holland** said it would be \$1.25M instead of a half million. This year there would be \$1.25M available if all \$750K was added to the casino half million, right? **Mr. Bach** said yes.

Commissioner Walker said as an at-large commissioner I will say it here publicly, I will be looking to make partnerships with the district commissioners in each of your districts where I can be helpful and I have some ideas of my own, but hopefully my little bit added to yours and spread amongst you will make a better distribution of the money. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I'm sure all of us will appreciate that along with the people that receive it.

Commissioner Johnson said just considering the direction that it seems that we're going would that require an additional fee from the Community Foundation if in fact we were looking at \$1.2M versus a half million dollars in terms of fees from you all to vent these applications? **Ms. Omer** said here is what I would tell you, I think you will not each be making changes in the guidelines and the eligibility. I would anticipate that the number of applications that you will receive will continue to be in that same range so I don't think that you will have—if I believed that it was going to result in a considerably larger number of applications, then it might impact that, but I think what you will get is you will get the same number of applications, you will probably just have more money to fund and you might get some requests for larger amounts.

Commissioner Walker asked am I correct in remembering that our requests alone last year exceeded \$1.2M. (Response was inaudible). **Commissioner Walker** said so I don't think we're going to have any problem with requests.

Commissioner Bynum said Commissioner Walker said that as far as the Downtown Healthy Campus we had already agreed to \$6M in public dollars and that was prior to my arrival, but I thought those were casino grant dollars. **Mr. Bach** said it's a pledge back that we would go into debt funding. The discussion that came from that was that we were getting so much money from the casino on an annual basis and we would be able to pledge some of that money towards that debt funding service on an annual basis. **Commissioner Bynum** said we're going to pay it back with casino revenue. Okay, that helps me understand that. I wanted to make sure I was understanding that correctly.

With the development agreement from the casino there were requests that we put \$10K to the Chambers of Commerce and \$25K to the CVB and are we doing that now? **Mr. Bach** said yes. That is money that is directed toward those entities and in fact that check just came into our

office today and we take that money and we dibby it out accordingly to those agencies just as that contract dictates. **Commissioner Bynum** said so as part of their gift they did ask for and receive monies be given to specific entities on a permanent basis. **Mr. Bach** said yes, that was more of a contractually agreed on. It was not part of a contribution package. This is a part that comes to you. Part of that package was here's your \$500K, you decide where it goes. These other ones are all laid out specifically where they go. **Commissioner Bynum** said then when the Schlitterbahn contribution comes forward, the \$750K is partly a result of timing. Is that right? **Mr. Bach** said yes. **Commissioner Bynum** said I guess I would say is there a compromise for this group around somewhere within the context of the letter that they've asked for and what Commissioner Kane is putting forward? Is there an opportunity for some level of contribution from the \$750K to the Healthy Campus, maybe an amount lower than \$500K?

I want to also say they are asking for \$50K to Urban Scholastic and \$50K to KCK West Kiwanis and I am a member of that club as is Commissioner Philbrook and I just want to make that statement publicly. It's a volunteer organization and so there are no paid employees. I'm not an officer, I'm not a director and when I first saw this letter I took this to Chief Legal Counsel Ken Moore and made him aware of that because I wouldn't want there to be any conflict real or perceived around that. **Commissioner Philbrook** said Commissioner Bynum nor myself are on the Board of Directors. **Commissioner Bynum** said but I did want to make it known that it's a club that I belong to as a member as well as Commissioner Philbrook. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I think though that we should encourage our club to put forth a request for grant under our 501(c)(3). **Commissioner Bynum** said for whatever that's worth I guess I'm asking could the body be in a compromise mode for some dollar amount to the Healthy Campus with the balance going to what you suggest and it sounded like you were saying leave those two \$50K contributions as they are, take the balance and roll it into the bigger grant fund so I'm just asking is there any spirit for some portion of the \$500K to be put into the Healthy Campus? **Commissioner Kane** said not for me.

Commissioner Markley said I guess my thought is that the compromise is that each of us commissioners has the opportunity to award our portion of the dollars to the things that are recommended in that letter assuming that they apply.

Commissioner Walker said, Commissioner Bynum, I will assure you that if the Mayor and the various sources of revenue, the private sector, come within \$500K of the cost of this; I will support an additional \$500K in public debt. If we're that close to doing a deal, we're not going to let \$500K, but this is money we can do immediate good with right now and we can issue more debt of \$500K, thereabouts, if that is the only thing separating us from doing the deal.

Commissioner Kane said you're right, Hal, if we got to that ballpark—we have an opportunity now to build the park that you would like to build and the money is sitting right there and something that people could see, touch and feel. Right now they can't see much so I sure would like to give them something that says here we are, we have done this, so that's why I'm saying no; but like Hal said, if we are close then I'm okay with that.

Commissioner Murguia said I just want to add that my two cents is really, I don't know what you would call it, more legal and administrative. I requested the development agreement from the Schlitterbahn Vacation Village Development Agreement and it says you can have a copy of it and I really encourage, especially new commissioners, how we distribute money—our Administrator is usually very good about spelling that out in our agreements so we know exactly what we're getting into at the time we enter into that agreement. It's very specific that this money should be designated by the UG. That's the exact terminology so if you all want a copy of that—you don't have to ask for the whole development agreement. **Mayor Holland** said it was sent out to everyone.

Commissioner Murguia said I didn't know if everyone got it. That was my first comment and then truly, Commissioner Bynum, I really love your disclosure. I would encourage you though in regard to your and Commissioner Philbrook's position on the Kiwanis, I'm becoming a master of ethics, and I will tell you I would request an opinion from your Administrator, if you haven't already, because if there is any indication on the Board of Directors or a membership roster that's presented to the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and it all carries your title of Commissioner, that's abuse of prestige of office. I feel like I should have a law degree in ethics at this point. **Commissioner Philbrook** said stop and say that again because you lost me of the implication of commissioner. **Commissioner Murguia** said it doesn't matter—all of us serve, that's how we're involved. We all serve on

different organizations. That's why we're commissioners. We're involved in our community and so whether you're paid or not is not always substantial interest. Sometimes it's the prestige of your office that you hold that influences decision-making. I would just encourage you that if your title is used in where you are a member, which wouldn't necessarily be a bad thing, however; when they submit that grant application if that title is on there then that violates the prestige of office clause of ethics. I'm telling you as your friend and a peer who doesn't want to see you or Commissioner Philbrook get in any trouble that it's very important and I appreciate Commissioner Philbrook's comment about wanting to tell Kiwanis to apply for this money, which I would agree with her, but we need to make sure as commissioners we tell everyone that is eligible and interested to apply for this money otherwise it shows preferential treatment.

Commissioner Bynum said I guess the reason I was asking and bringing that forward was because if we follow points two and three of the Schlitterbahn Request Letter, there is no application. It's done. Points two and three of the Schlitterbahn Request Letter say give \$50K here and give \$50K here, so there's no application. There is no application process if I'm tracking with what Commissioner Kane is recommending. **Commissioner Murguia** said I would just say that our development agreement does not Schlitterbahn Vacation Village gets to decide how the charitable dollars are spent. That says specifically in the legal language of the document that's designated by the UG Commission and then I will go back to our original conversation that we have a process for how money is distributed at this government whether it be during the budget process or it be during the casino grant process, we've been really intentional about making sure the process is established so that there is a level playing field and everybody has the same access to these dollars. That's why I'm saying to deviate from this agreement would be, I think, I don't think it would be a terrible thing, I just think it would be better to follow—**Mayor Holland** said so you're disagreeing with Mr. Kane. You think all \$750K should go into the group and not the two \$50K's be separated. **Commissioner Murguia** said yes. I think the \$750K, the full amount should go into the grant process, however; I think it is completely fine for those listed organizations, the two that you listed, to make an application just like everybody else does through the normal process and obviously just as Commissioner Walker said, there are a number of people that have the same interest in those organizations that are representative up here that would be more than supportive of that request. **Mayor Holland** said I am a Rotarian, I will go on record.

Commissioner Kane said they're giving us \$750K and they are asking us to put \$100K over here. If I were them I would be upset that at least the first \$100K goes where they want it to go because they're giving us another \$650K. I mean don't look a gift horse in the mouth and we're modifying the tail end of it so we can spread the wealth there, but they want the \$100K out of \$750K to go there, I don't have a problem with the request and I don't think they should have to fill out an application. They are giving us the money.

Mayor Holland said I think we have a consensus that, a broad consensus, that at least \$650K of it should go into the General Fund. I've not heard anyone—well Commissioner Bynum asked if there was compromise language on the \$500K and I haven't heard anyone speak up in favor of that. **Commissioner Markley** said just to clarify, the Grant Fund, not the General Fund. **Mayor Holland** said the Grant Fund. So there is general consensus on that item if I'm clear. The question is they made three requests and the proposal from Commissioner Kane is that those two requests be honored and Commissioner Murguia is suggesting that it all goes into the Grant Fund. Is there direction that this Commission wants to go with those two proposals? We just need to come to a consensus on that.

Commissioner Johnson said I'm pretty familiar with the Urban Scholastic Center and they are doing great work over there. I think that in the spirit, and I would like to see them apply within the spirit of how we're doing our grant process right now, I think I would like to see those organizations have an application in. I think both of them are definitely worthy of receiving money, but I think just in the spirit of how we're doing the process now, in the spirit of compromise and trying to make sure that we're all on the same page, I think it would be good to encourage them to at least have an application on file.

Mayor Holland asked do others have strong feelings about it. **Commissioner Townsend** said I'm not sure where I am with everybody else except to say I believe the entire amount should go into the bucket and as Commissioner Markley said that there would be no other formalities other than ones we've already talked about for whoever the entity was that wanted to apply. I agree with Commissioner Walker that we don't get that many opportunities to aid smaller organizations, 501s, so I would just like to see the entire go in there. Now, my question is if we

chose to, as commissioners, give toward the fund; would that be allowable? I'm also thinking and what I had in mind was Schlitterbahn and the last budget hearing where we—budget cycle so to speak, a slide for Parkwood. To me it sounds almost a similar kind of thing but I would like to see the entire amount go into the Casino Grant Fund bucket.

Mayor Holland asked is there anyone who wants to jump on Kane's train here and stick with those two because I haven't heard anybody else. Does anyone want to support that or does the rest of the Commission wanting to put it all into the one place? **Commissioner Philbrook** said one of the reasons why I do agree with Commissioner Kane is because we've been down the road with Schlitterbahn on some other issues and—strong comradery with Schlitterbahn and full disclosure the Kiwanis West group does do a lot of children's activities in conjunction with Schlitterbahn and scholarships and stuff like that, so that is why they were wanting to give money to this group. Having said all that I can fully understand though why other folks would want it to be across the board and fair. There you go, there's where I am, I will go with the group.

Commissioner Bynum said my question for Mr. Bach is, in the development agreement does the fact that the \$750K was going to happen in 2015 and instead it's happening in 2016; does it just push the rest of that language forward a year? **Mr. Bach** said that donation was made to us in 2015. We have that money and it's in our account now. It did occur later in the year so there was a provision as it went through when it would trigger the next year, but we didn't close the bonds in a fashion that allowed for the 2015 \$100K to start so the first year the \$100K will start in 2016 and we will get that money in September I believe. **Commissioner Bynum** said then we will expense it through this process. **Mr. Bach** said right. **Commissioner Bynum** said according to this grant timeline. **Mr. Bach** said as you deem necessary that money can go where you direct it.

Commissioner Walker said I just want to state the obvious; they're not giving us \$750K out of the goodness of their heart. This was a bargained for negotiated deal. They get, I'm assuming, I'm not a corporate tax lawyer, but they probably get some kind of a deduction for this \$750K that offsets profits. If they want to give the Kiwanis \$25K or anybody they're not limited at

\$750K, they can give the money. It's nothing against Schlitterbahn, they're a great organization, kids have a lot of fun out there and he recommended it and we considered it, but we made a deal. We bargained and we took this in lieu of taking additional money directly to the Unified Government so that we would have money to donate to 501 (c)(3s); otherwise there would be no money for 501 (c)(3s) because Doug would find a way to spend that money.

Commissioner Murguia said, Joe, I'm assuming you advertise this funding opportunity to the general public. **Mr. Connor** said we advertise it, we put it out everywhere that we can, we have two information sessions every year. They are generally attended by 40 to 50 people each year. **Commissioner Murguia** asked do you have something in writing that use to advertise this opportunity. **Mr. Connor** said we do. **Commissioner Murguia** asked can you do me a favor, I'm saying this also out loud, since it appears from last summer that we apparently as commissioners have some sort of duty to advertise on behalf of these opportunities, I would like for you to send me that advertisement. I want to put it on my political Facebook page so everyone in my district that follows that also is aware of that. I would also like to make sure it gets to Liveable Neighborhoods and it gets in their mailboxes. I personally, for the record, will be attending every neighborhood group meeting in my district and making sure that opportunity gets delivered. That's exactly what I did with CDBG funds and I'll do that again with these funds. I just want to make sure, and if there are any other ideas that you have for commissioners on how to do outreach, I'll be glad to do that in my district and whatever else anybody plans to do.

Mayor Holland said it sounds like we've reached consensus. The whole \$750K is going into the grant bucket with the other half million dollars from the casino. **Commissioner Kane** asked what is the total amount. **Mayor Holland** said \$1.25M.

Dignitary Security

Mr. Bach said this is an update request by the Commission as we started a new program in 2015, it was actually a program we initiated in 2014 under then former Chief Ellen Hanson to develop a Dignitary Protection Program within the Unified Government. In January of 2015 Chief Ziegler implemented this program and put it in place. He has gone through the year now of having a full year of operation. About midway through the year he will note to you he did make some changes to this program, but now we have a full year so he wanted to come back in as this was a new program and report on how the operation has worked and it's gone from here.

February 4, 2016

BACKGROUND



Chief Ziegler, Police Department, said I will give you a quick overview of how we got to where we're at with the Dignitary Protection. In 2010, if you will remember, there was an incident in a Florida School Board meeting where they had let an employee go. The husband became upset, he appeared before the Board, he brandished a firearm, he began shooting at the board members before he was shot and killed by police.

BACKGROUND



In 2011 Gabrielle Giffords, a democrat Congresswoman in Arizona was shot along with 17 other people while she was holding a Congress on the Corner event at Safeway. Six of those people that were shot were killed in that incident.

BACKGROUND



In 2014 in January what kind of brought this all home for the Police Department was we ended up having a shooting on the back steps of City Hall where an individual who came out of the building was approached by another subject was shot in the head and killed. At that time we locked down City Hall and it was locked down until we could determine the stability of the scene, what was going on, was the suspect gone and it made us start thinking about whether or not we were doing anything or enough for security at City Hall and for our elected officials. At that point we started researching the idea of doing a Dignitary Protection Detail. We reached out to the Kansas Highway Patrol who handles the Governors' dignitary protection, we reached out to Kansas City, Missouri who does Mayor Sly James and kind of started putting together a plan to see what the needs and the costs would be. We ended up coming up with a pilot program that we rolled out last year. If you remember at the beginning of 2015, I came and I said this program was going to cost approximately \$250K out of our current Police Department resources and I will have the numbers for you here in a minute of where we ended up at.



DUTIES OF DPD

- ▶ Provide protection for Mayor and Commissioners.
 - ▶ Available to address issues of concern for judges and other elected officials in Unified Government.
- ▶ Presence in City Hall.
 - ▶ Consult with City Hall Security on issues.
 - ▶ Provide layer of security at Commission Meetings & Standing Committee Meetings.

Some of the duties of the Dignitary Protection Detail that as we developed our research and went through this process we came up with the main thing is to protect the Mayor and the commissioners. They are also available to address issues of concern for judges and other elected officials in Wyandotte County. We want to make sure that if there is a threat made of any kind or a concern from any elected official that we have resources that we can dedicate to vetting that out.

The Dignitary Detail when it's here it provides an extra presence at City Hall of security. They consult with City Hall security on issues like we've had packages delivered, suspicious packages, to City Hall. They work with security here in the building as well as act as a liaison between City Hall and the Police Department on what resources need to be rolled this way. They provide a layer of security at the commission meetings and the standing committee meetings. In the past, particularly this meeting, special sessions and standing committees we would have to have or make arrangements for an officer to be present during these meetings to provide security. We still use a Commander attending the commission meetings on Thursday for the Sergeant-at-Arms function, but the standing committees we were already covering with resources from the Police Department. We switched that duty over to being handled by the dignitary guys in 2015.



DUTIES OF DPD

- ▶ Evaluate threats against elected officials
 - ▶ Establish whether credible or not.
 - ▶ If credible, determine level of response & develop action plan.
 - ▶ Will assist Criminal Investigations Division.
 - ▶ Mine social media outlets for potential threats.
- ▶ Facilitate movement of elected officials to and from events.
 - ▶ Includes visits from dignitaries outside the UG.

They evaluate threats. They establish whether or not the threats are credible. They determine a level of response or an action plan. That typically will include if there is a credible threat, they start making contact with other units in the Police Department for additional resources to roll this way. They also will coordinate threats with the Detective Bureau, get detectives involved and determine whether or not criminal cases need to be worked and submitted to the District Attorney's office. They do have the ability to mine social media some. They do that checking for threats especially if something is brought to their attention they will jump on social media and see if they can run that down. They facilitate movement of the elected officials. You know the Mayor is going to a meeting; they will make sure he gets there safely, leaves safely. In the past we've had the Mayor of, I think it was Michoacán, Mexico come to our city, and when he came here we pulled police resources to provide the Dignitary Protection Detail function during that time period. Now we're in a position where if that was to happen we have people who are well trained and can kind of layout a plan for us on how to do that and provide protection.



2015 SECURITY ISSUES

▶ January – 2	▶ July – 2
▶ February – 5	▶ August – 2
▶ March – 1	▶ September – 3
▶ April – 3	▶ October – 2
▶ May – 2	▶ November – 0
▶ June – 1	▶ December – 0

23 Incidents

Last year in 2015 we had 23 incidents in which the Dignitary Protection Detail took some type of action to vet the threat out. The reason that's significant is because that's 23 times that we did not roll additional resources from the streets to complete Offense Reports. On a couple of occasions the dignitary officers completed the investigative reports and did an excellent job in vetting it out and then conferred with detectives on whether or not charges would need to be filed. I kind of equate what they're doing kind of like the School Resource Officer. We put the School Resource Officers in the high schools as a way to reduce the number of calls for service that we were sending district officers there. The dignitary guys are doing the same thing for us here at City Hall.

Program Costs

Salary + Benefits	\$209,011.29
Overtime	\$26,622.00
Training	\$10,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$3,188.00
TOTAL	\$248,821.29

So we talk about budget and what we spent last year. Last year for salaries and benefits was \$209K. We put the job up as a posting for interest and we do have two of our senior officers working in that position and that's why the salaries are at \$209K. Last year we estimated from looking at everything that we were wanting to do that we were going to spend somewhere between \$24K and \$30K on overtime. About the middle of the year we noticed that the trend was that we were spending a lot of overtime and so we went back and we abolished the unit, reposted it and shifted the hours so we have one guy that's working early and another guy comes in later in the day so we have a bigger span of coverage without having to pay the overtime for that. I believe that had a big impact in keeping the overtime under \$30K. We did spend \$10K last year on professional training. The Police Department we've never invested that kind of money to train officers on dignitary detail and we were providing that function. Going into 2016 we will not have this expense, but I will tell you this was some excellent training that we sent not only the dignitary officers to, we also sent other resources in the P.D. that would use to augment if we needed to for threats as they come in if we needed some additional resources. The miscellaneous cost that we spent was \$3K for equipment and whatnot that they needed that they typically are not provided by the Police Department if they are in uniform. The total for the program was \$248K last year which is about what we were estimating the cost would be.



2015 FOCUS

- ▶ Mid 2015 DPD hours were changed to mitigate overtime
- ▶ Defining mission of DPD and developing an SOP
- ▶ Professional dignitary training
- ▶ Purchased new equipment for DPD Officers
- ▶ Individual meetings with commissioners to assess security needs

Last year we did change the hours like I spoke about to mitigate some of the overtime expense. We did try to define their mission and created an SOP, a Standard Operating Procedural Manuel for them. We provided the training, purchased new equipment and we did hold individual meetings with the commissioners to assess any of their security needs. One additional thing that we did along those same lines is the Sheriff's Department is responsible for security over at the Courthouse, but we had a meeting and participated in the meeting where we talked about security needs for the judges and elected officials. Out of that there were some improvements made to the camera systems at the County Courthouse, the monitoring of those camera's and whatnot, so we would like to think that was a benefit added just for the simple fact that we opened this conversation up about improving security for elected officials in Wyandotte County.



2016 FOCUS

- ▶ Look for ways for the Detail to work efficiently & effectively
- ▶ Evaluate our responses/protocols for high & low level threats

In 2016 we are going to continue to evaluate how to make the unit work effectively and efficiently as possible and we will also be looking at our response/protocols for high and low level threats that are made against elected officials.

Commissioner Kane said, Mayor, the two individuals that you have watching you are outstanding. I enjoyed my conversation with them when I met with them and couldn't have picked better people. With that being said, I still think it's a waste of money. We don't have enough cameras over by where the judges are at, over where the Sheriff's Department is at, and we could take some of that money and purchase the camera's so we wouldn't have somebody leaving the bag in the back. We tell everybody that we want this to be a place that you want to work, live and play; but no other small municipality carries the folks around because I called several of them. It just, in my mind, and I'm going to tell you something; I think if we put a complaint box up on the door somewhere of how the employees feel about it, you would be surprised. This would be the second thing compared to the insurance that just went up. I don't like the idea and I think that we should be able to vote on whether they have it instead of it being said here's \$200K that the Mayor is going to spend at his own discretion.

Mayor Holland said I will be clear; I don't spend this at my discretion. The Police Department initiated and the Police Department implemented. This is not in the Mayor's budget.

Chief Ziegler said one thing I would say you mentioned, Commissioner, that you had talked to some of the surrounding jurisdictions, I can't think of any jurisdiction in the metro where maybe in KCMO where there was a shooting on the steps of City Hall and that was concerning for the Police Department. We took that serious. You know trying to lock down City Hall after an event and then working after the fact—you know the Police Department with us implementing this program it didn't detract from the level of service we provided. We are able to provide this service in addition to everything else we're doing and we kind of use security kind of like in layers, layered on. This is an additional layer here at City Hall that if there was an issue that came up they can address real quickly and we think it's a worthwhile program. We would like to keep this program going, but obviously I'm going to take the direction that I'm given.

Commissioner Kane said I still have the right to the elected person, the people have complained about why we have this and I realize this year you want to make sure that Doug and the Mayor are happy with what your work is. I'm just telling you the people out there don't like it and I agree when you go to Kansas City, Missouri or something like that, that you should have some people, but not just to run around Wyandotte County.

Commissioner Philbrook said point of information, so you said you spent \$100K on training. **Chief Ziegler** said \$10K. **Commissioner Philbrook** said sorry, \$10K and so that \$10K did that train your men well enough that they can train others or are they not trainers. **Chief Ziegler** said we didn't train just the Dignitary; we trained other resources inside the P.D. We believe right now we have enough resources that we could handle potentially any threat that was to come through. It was not a train the trainer course. Typically you've got—it will cost a lot more money. This was an organization that we brought in and made available to other agencies in the metro. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I just wanted to know where we were in that level.

Commissioner McKiernan said, Chief, I always appreciate you. You do such a thoughtful job of putting together proposals, following through, gathering data, determining your success, and then making changes to the program and you have certainly outlined how you've done that with this. Mr. Kane, I don't want to spend this money, but I am not convinced that we don't at some level need to start spending this money just because of the evolution of events in our country. While I don't want to spend it, I think we should be open to some variation of this in the future at

least bits and pieces of it as it relates to certain events within City Hall in Commission meetings, whatever that might be, I think we need to be open to that because unfortunately with current nationwide and world events I'm afraid that it's just getting to the point where all municipalities may need to start budgeting for expenses just like this unfortunately. Do I want to spend it, no? Do I think that at some level it would be a wise investment for us, yes I think I do?

Commissioner Murguia said, Chief, can you pull up your presentation again. You showed some slides of an event. That's okay, let me just tell this, all of the things that you've listed out here are good things to have security around. I agree with you the shooting of this Congresswoman at an outside event absolutely when commissioners or the Mayor are going out to public events where there isn't security already where they feel like it might be a hostile crowd or the topic they're discussing might be controversial, calling you and coordinating security I think is very appropriate and so I think that's a good thing. As to the isolated incident of the shooting outside City Hall I do think that was very much an isolated situation. It was more the location of the people than it was intended to occur on the steps of City Hall. That's my understanding of the situation so I do think that's a very much isolated incident, but to that point we already have officers here so I'm not sure what could have been done differently than what you're already doing which is there are officers sitting at every entry point that are armed that are available to protect all of us, not just the elected officials, but our Mayor and all the people that come in and out of City Hall. Then if you flip through here, I think you're right, Chief, our Police Department in general needs to spend money on training on how to protect our elected officials, but I think my issue is the way it has been done over the last year. I voted for this. I thought this was a great idea and I got your presentation, but what startled me, I didn't even follow-up on this, what startled me was the public comments that Commissioner Kane made at the last public meeting where we discussed this which was that the Mayor had taken his security guard to a bar, that they were going to his church and sitting through his mass while he was at his second job at his church. I just fundamentally disagree that if you're going to go to work somewhere else and there is a security issue, your other employer should be covering the cost of that; not the taxpayers in Wyandotte County. I think if someone is going to go to a restaurant or a bar where they feel like a violent situation could breakout, they shouldn't go there. When I go

out to eat or go out to an event I don't call you and ask you to go with me. I guess I don't understand that.

I think the other thing is that I haven't seen any commissioner or heard that any commissioner has utilized this security to the extent that it seems to be private security for the Mayor and I absolutely think our Mayor needs to be protected and made sure he is safe. I absolutely agree with that, but I think there are ways to do that within the confines of the way the money is currently budgeted. For example, how I handle my politics and maybe potentially dangerous situations is if I'm going to a neighborhood meeting and I feel like there is a situation that could get out of hand, I make sure that I touch base with the Community Police Officer and that he is going to be there. I talk to him and tell him something could get out of hand here and so he usually sits by me to make sure that everything is okay. The beautiful part about that is that no one in the community group suspects anything different because they're used to seeing that officer around all the time and so it also doesn't inflame a situation. For example, like the Congresswoman did here, she went to the Corner with the Congressman speech. If I felt like there was indication that someone was going to do something, I would absolutely contact you. I guess my point is this, if you're going to say that you don't know when these things are going to occur, then I would say each and every one of us need a constant security guard by our side all the time everywhere I go. I will tell you right now I'm not in favor of that. I like our police officers, but you all don't need to follow me around. I'm a big girl; I can take care of myself. If I feel like there is a situation where it might require an armed officer, I would absolutely call you. I just think that's a much better use of tax dollars. I also think that most typical things we go to as politicians like luncheons or big conventions or conferences or things like that, there is typically security at those events and typically the chance of a regular pedestrian getting hurt there is just as high as me getting hurt at those kinds of events. That's where I'm at. I think the way it's currently used 90% of the time is as private detail for our Mayor. If the Mayor feels like he needs private detail, I think that should come out of the Mayor's budget. If not, I think you ramping up your department, your whole P.D. is great, educating them on a new type of training is fantastic also, but that should be I think treated as just incorporated into the culture of the Police Department that you have dignitaries and you need to pay attention when they are around.

Commissioner Philbrook said there have been several occasions that I have stood in for the Mayor and on those occasions there was security detail. I didn't ask for it. It was automatically there because I was standing in for the Mayor. There has been several times where I've had them there. I wish I could foretell you know when you're talking about being afraid of an issue or thinking there is going to be a problem. I would say that 95% of the time when there is an attack or I've ever been in a questionable position it was a total surprise. I don't want to say that I can tell ahead of time if somebody is going to go off. I wish we could and then it would be a lot cheaper.

Mayor Holland said I would say too just for record, the first month that we did this the security detail went absolutely everywhere I went seven days a week those first four weeks to find out what I did on my schedule and then made an assessment about where they should go. I think we cleared up at the last meeting, yes; they did go down to Breit's with me. They did not have a beer, we should have a record, I did; they did not and they said we don't need to be here and they stopped coming and so that was cleared up at the last meeting. They have made a decision based on where I am where they think security is. That's the police professional decision. I will say I have a car from the Unified Government, Sly James does not. Sly James security detail has cars. They pick him up in the morning and they tuck him in bed at night and they go everywhere he goes. If he runs errands, they run errands. If he goes to a restaurant with his wife, they go to the restaurant with his wife. I run all my errands on my own, all the time I'm on my time I'm on my time. When I'm at a public event where people know where I am the police have determined that they want security detail at those events. One of the events, and I talked to Emanuel Cleaver about this extensively, he said they need to evaluate whether or not somebody needs to be at your church. Emanuel Cleaver said when he was Mayor that he had a number of incidents at his church. I can tell you a lot of people come to my church to meet the Mayor. I had one poor little old lady who sit through the whole worship service because she wanted to tell me about a branch that was down in her street and that was very sweet. I've also had people come to my church who were not sweet and came there to see the Mayor and my family is there and it's a public speaking event in my community that I'm at every week and people know that, 10:00 a.m. fellowship time, 10:30 a.m. worship if anyone is interested. I think that is something that the police made the assessment on and I trust the police judgement because I'm not a professional

security. They've had the training, they know where the risk is and they make the assessment so I trust the Chief's judgement on this.

Commissioner Kane said we need something. I think this is a little bit too much and so I guess it's your task to figure out if it's too much or not enough. I like the fact that you reduced it. I still don't like that he has it, but I will tell you this, I have used them specifically this week. I didn't like it and they handled it extremely well, but I think we need to tone this back to where it's more reasonable than what it is.

Commissioner Walker said I was among the group that supported it when it started. I am surprised at the cost. I think probably there are aspects of this that are only appropriate for executive session to be discussed. I guess I agree that this is not a police budget, this is a Mayor's budget and it should be part of your budget. I think the incentive to economize should be on you, Mayor, where you don't need it—I mean I've heard what you've said. I can understand and some of the church services I've been to in my life there has probably been more discord and yelling and screaming than—you would be surprised. **Mayor Holland** said I would not be surprised. **Commissioner Walker** said so I can understand and I'm aware of certain individuals that have come to your church that if I were in a group sitting I would ask for the security to be there and we all know who they are and it's none of the commissioners although you might have picked out one or two of them. **Mayor Holland** said all of the commissioners are welcome every Sunday.

Commissioner Bynum said I've been places where the dignitary security was there so to that aspect I've utilized the dignitary security. I would push back a little bit on what budget pot it should come from based on the fact that I'm hearing more than two commissioners say that we've utilized the dignitary security service. I've gone so far as to tell Officer Turner that he has permission to see my Outlook Calendar. If he wants to or any member of the security team wants to provide dignitary security, then they need to have a look at my calendar and see where I'm going to be which is why I try very hard to keep my Unified Government Commission activities on our Unified Government Outlook Calendar and I have given him permission to view

that at least once a week and see what I'm doing in case he thinks anywhere I'm going is someplace he should be or the other officer so I just wanted to share that as an option.

Commissioner Johnson said my own experience having a last minute appointment at nighttime in an open sitting, not knowing who all was going to be there, I was able to make a call to the dignitary patrol. It was very comforting knowing they were there. They were not in their officer detail. Unless persons knew exactly who they were they would not have known that they were there at all and it was very comforting to me at a spur of the moment event that I had to go at nighttime in an open sitting to have them there. I will speak to that, it was a good experience for me and so I'm going to work with the will of the Commission, but it does have its benefits.

Mr. Bach said I just want to say to the commissioners' thank you very much for your input as we go through. The Chief and I do believe this is valuable unit and has its place within our government. It is one as we said it's new, the Chief presented last year and we will continue to evaluate it. We will look for ways where we can find it to be more efficient, ways of operation that maybe there are areas that we've spent time on we don't need too, but I also believe there are some other areas as the Chief and I have looked at the yearend that we can put more emphasis on because we do have a lot of elected officials within this government and they're not all sitting in this room. There are a lot of different areas where we work, where we look, where we study, where we evaluate the trends of what's going on and how we provide that specifically you know that's a different sitting. As Commissioner Walker said that's something if we wanted to go into that, we would probably go into an executive session, but I don't know that that's necessary. I think that's really where it comes from the professional movements that the Chief analyzes more thoroughly, but right now we feel like this is a necessary unit and we certainly appreciate your input and I believe, as we did last year, we made significant changes and we will probably have several of those this year as well.

Mayor Holland said we will meet downstairs at 7:15 p.m. It takes time to turn the electronics so at 7:15 p.m. we will be down in the Chamber.

**MAYOR HOLLAND ADJOURNED
THE MEETING AT 7:03 P.M.**

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