

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

SPECIAL SESSION, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in Special Session, Thursday, September 3, 2020, with ten members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Walters, Commissioner Seventh District; Philbrook, Commissioner Eighth District; and Alvey, Mayor/CEO, presiding. Townsend, Commissioner First District; was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel; Henry Couchman, Senior Attorney; Melissa Sieben and Alan Howze, Assistant County Administrators; and Bridgette Cobbins, Unified Government Clerk; Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer; Chief Callahan, Fire Department; and Shakeva Christian, Manager in Human Resources.

MAYOR ALVEY called the meeting to order.

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

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SESSION of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to be held Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the 5th floor conference room for an Executive Session regarding Labor and Litigation.

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

Mayor Alvey asked do we have a motion for Executive Session for consultation with our attorney to discuss matters related to litigation, and matters related to employer-employee negotiations.

Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, for the Commission to go into Executive Session until 7:00 p.m. to consult with our attorneys and to discuss confidential matters related to pending claims and litigation, and confidential matters regarding the status and future direction of labor negotiations as justified under the Kansas Open Meetings Act under the attorney-client privilege and the employer-employee negotiations exceptions; and that staff designed by the County Administrator be present to participate in the discussion and that we reconvene in open session at 7:00 p.m. in the 5th here floor conference room. Mayor Alvey asked all in favor to say “Aye.” Motion carried.

5:00 p.m.

Present for the Executive Session regarding Litigation: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Walters, Commissioner Seventh District; Philbrook, Commissioner Eighth District; and Alvey, Mayor/CEO presiding.

Staff present: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel; Henry Couchman, Senior Attorney; and Ryan Denk, Outside Counsel for labor negotiations.

5:35 p.m.

Present for the Executive Session regarding Labor: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Walters, Commissioner Seventh District; Philbrook, Commissioner Eighth District; and Alvey, Mayor/CEO presiding.

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**MAYOR ALVEY ADJOURNED
THE MEETING AT 6:55 p.m.**

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Bridgette D. Cobbins
Unified Government Clerk

September 3, 2020