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CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KS) **SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in Regular Session Thursday, September 15, 2022, with ten members present via Zoom and on-site: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Townsend, Commissioner First District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District (arrived at 7:17 p.m.); Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Stites, Commissioner Seventh District; Davis, Commissioner Eighth District; and Garner, Mayor/CEO, presiding. McKiernan, Commissioner Second District, was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Dr. Mildred Edwards, Mayor's Office; Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Interim County Administrator; Bridgette Cobbins, Assistant County Administrator; Brett Deichler, Interim Assistant County Administrator; Misty Brown, Chief Counsel; Patrick Waters, Deputy Chief Counsel; Jeff Conway, Assistant Counsel; Reginald Lindsey, Budget Director; and Monica Sparks, Acting UG Clerk.

Mayor Garner said before I call the meeting to order, I want to announce that some commissioners, staff, and the public are attending remotely via Zoom, by phone, or onsite. All participants joining by phone should mute their phones when not speaking to avoid background noise.

During the meeting, please make sure that you announce yourself by name and title every time you speak so the public that is observing knows who is speaking. This is critical given direction from the guidance of the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

I will now call this meeting to order. Clerk, roll call, please.

Roll call: Kane, Markley, Sites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Johnson, Garner.

Mayor Garner said tonight, the invocation is going to be given by Commissioner Harold Johnson of Faith Deliverance Church of God in Christ, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Garner said I'm going to ask the Clerk if there are any revisions for tonight's agenda.

Monica Sparks, Acting UG Clerk, said yes, Mr. Mayor. A blue sheet has been issued with the following changes. Under the Mayor's Agenda, we have removed original Item No. 2 – A presentation of BPU findings, by Dr. Evelyn Hill, and replaced the item with an update on the County Administrator's search process.

Under the Administrator's items, we have removed Item No. 4 – Options for the Fairfax fire station. Those are all the amendments.

Mayor Garner said the first item on the agenda is going to be the community input/discussion with the public.

MAYOR'S AGENDA

Item No. 1 – 211538…COMMUNITY INPUT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Synopsis: Public forum to allow citizens to express concerns and present solutions relating specifically and solely to the Unified Government's span of interest and control. Participants will be limited to two minutes in duration. Citizens appearing in the Municipal Office Building Chambers will be given priority, followed by a limited number of participants who have registered online through the Unified Government Clerk's Office. Those who have registered online may not be given an immediate opportunity to participate due to time constraints to be determined by the Mayor/CEO. If time allows, persons listening online who wish to make comments will be recognized. All interested participants should know that Mayor/CEO Garner has also placed a maximum time limit of 45 minutes to host and conclude these discussions. In the interest of time, there should be no expectation for requested participants' guaranteed inclusion to be recognized for comment and participation.

Mayor Garner said this forum has allowed citizens to express concerns and present solutions—I'd like to stress solutions—relating solely and specifically to the Unified Government's span of control and interest. I will now open the public comment and I'll ask the Clerk to provide a synopsis indicating how many comments were submitted to the Clerk's Office.

Monica Sparks, Acting UG Clerk, said, Mayor, we received no written comments. We do have eight individuals who have asked to speak this evening.

Mayor Garner said staff, Clerk, who's been assigned, if you could start calling those residents to the podium. I ask that those residents, when you come to the podium, please state your name clearly and your residence for record.

Nancy George, resident of Wyandotte County, said I come to you this evening as a representative of the Churches United for Justice. Group violence intervention is an effective crime reduction strategy that has been endorsed by the Department of Justice and has been replicated and implemented in over five cities with proven success in reducing crime. When our organization first presented this message to our Chief of Police, we were told about reservations he had due to the program not working in Kansas City, MO. But to say simply that it didn't work and won't work here without evaluating the feasibility of a program in a different community, we feel is irresponsible.

I am a guardian of a 15-year-old grandchild who is a student at Washington High School. The amount of violence that we have experienced with no real help is unbelievable. Most recently, my grandson was attacked from behind when another student attempted to slice the side of his neck with a sharp object…**Ms. Sparks** said one minute remaining. **Ms. George** said the student was not arrested nor expelled.

The National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College of Criminal Justice has secured 100% funding. Let me say that again, 100% funding to perform a deep data-driven problem analysis to identify who are the violent groups, the types of crimes that are committed, the assets and barriers in our community. This is the first step to implementing CVI.

It is important for you to know that committing to a complete problem analysis is not a commitment to the entire program. It's only a commitment to understand if this program can truly work in our community and identify gaps within our service providers. Thank you.

Christine L. Allen said I just wanted to share with you all some information. I brought a book along if anybody ever liked to see it. It's about building a city. I was born in this city. As a child I walked to school and I didn't have to worry about nobody shooting me or cutting me or anything like that. We have to stop the violence in our city. If we don't stop the violence in our city, we would not preserve our city to be what we want it to be.

Another thing, we don't really have a race problem. Sometimes people mention it, but we all have the same God. If I bleed and you bleed and we have to have your blood, I get your blood and you get mine. So, it's not a problem, but what we need to know is what tribe we're from. We were brought over and when our people were brought up, we didn't know what tribe we were from. You need to know what tribe you're from. Everybody needs to know that and then that way you can go further in being productive as a citizen in your community. **Ms. Sparks** said one minute remaining.

Ms. Allen said as I said, I graduated from Washington High School. Vernon School is where I went to school. Now Vernon School is an elderly home, position for elderly people, senior citizen center. So, as I said, I'm no longer a student. I am wanting to help students. I taught school as a substitute for years. I want our city to be better. So, I'm going to give three words: DIG. What does DIG mean? Dignity, integrity, and grace. Have a good evening.

Burma Mealor, 2806 S. 73rd St., said this is about the subdivision ad valorem tax increase. As a homeowner in Wyandotte County, I'm asking for a no vote on this tax increase. Homeowners in Wyandotte County were raised last year with a huge real estate increase. Based on inflationary housing bubble that is now declining due to inflation and recession, many are struggling still since COVID lockdowns and loss of work which really should have been granted a freeze on raising taxes. We have to do more with less and cut all unnecessary spending, and savings are stagnant if at all. We are asking you to do the same and cut wasteless spending and conserve as we have to. When taxes are too high, people cannot afford to fix and repair let alone improve. It also adds to foreclosures, homelessness, and businesses closing.

As a grandparent working and raising my granddaughters, as many do, as far as the schools go, even though I pay those taxes…**Ms. Sparks** said one minute remaining. **Ms. Mealor** said now home schools for an education without all the side effects.

All in government should tighten their belts and quit expecting other people's money to make up for their overspending. I'm asking for the UG to be budget savvy like its constituents must be.

Our roads and amenities, where I live in Wyandotte County, aren't all that; and services have been cut but homeowners are now responsible for, yet we can count on our taxes going up. Our police and fire responders are of utmost importance with crime rising in these days. We have five total officers on the midnight shift for our entire district. We deserve safety and security on taxpayers for our families and loved ones. Priorities, please, and thank you.

A government big enough to give you everything you want as a government big enough to take away everything you have. My solution, smaller government of, for, and by the people. Thank you.

Carolyn Wyatt, 359 Troup, said I'm here this evening. I think it's three weeks ago or four when we had developers come here and wanted to develop in the Northeast area of Wyandotte County. I think that the neighborhood, the residents should have input on who they want to develop in their area and what we would like. I think too often other people make plans on who they want. As we live here in the Northeast area, we've been neglected for I don't know how many years. You just drive through the area. If you've never been in the Northeast area, just drive through there and see what it looks like.

We have commissioners in that area that's not asking for anything. So that means, everybody else gets our money. Our commissioners should be interested where they live or when they represent us. **Ms. Sparks** said one minute remaining. **Ms. Wyatt** said as they represent us, we know what we want and we let them know, but they go with everybody else. We've seen this for a number of years. We want commissioners that listen to us and represent their area as they should.

Also, I'll say one other thing about the public works and sewer separation around Big Eleven Lake. They got $8M for three projects, and then they're going to get another $1.5. They come to our area to do this. But when it comes to development, we're the last people who we see. We don't see any developers come to our area to develop, but they come with a plan and they're getting money from the UG, but we're not involved in it. I think they need to start over because it's not our plan, it's their plan. **Ms. Sparks** said your time has expired. **Ms. Wyatt** said thanks.

Scott Murray said first off, Mayor, thank you for doing this. This is really outstanding. I really like the opportunity to give back. Look, I'm going to probably be the only guy who comes here this year who's going to bring you an opportunity to the Unified Government to make money. I'm going to make money—I'm not going to make—you're going to make money.

Let me start with this, do you know who is the biggest impediment to affordable housing in Kansas City, KS? You. The Unified Government is the biggest impediment, trust me. I'm a city planner by trade. I've done the research for the last couple of years. If you guys could simply change a couple of the rules as far as when you buy a house and what it takes for you—from a guy like me, I mean, look, I've got dirty fingernails. I can wire a house. I can plumb a house. I can fix a car. Not everybody can, but some of us can. Let us get permits. **Ms. Sparks** said one minute remaining. **Mr. Murray** said let us get permits. You come inspect it like you would inspect anything else. This will open the affordable housing market like you can't believe.

So, I'm proposing a pilot program inside I-635 from down to where I live. I pretty much walked here. Let's do a pilot project there. Let people get their own permits to rebuild their house because right now the city says if I gave you a house, you have to hire a contractor to do everything. It's not cost effective. Affordable housing.

Karen Daniels said on behalf of the Boston Daniels' family and Boston Daniels Urban Arts, I would like to say thank you to Parks & Rec, thank you Angel Obert, thank you Board of Commissioners for approving funds to improve Boston Daniels Park located on 8th St. & Quindaro Blvd. We're excited to see the change and I know that my community will enjoy Boston Daniels Park for many years to come.

I would also like to thank the citizens that remember Boston Daniels, remember his contributions to Kansas City, KS, and to law enforcement. It's your memories that will make this project even more special. Thank you.

Louise Lynch, resident of KCK, said you asked for solutions, I have for our BPU problems. We need a utility company that is going to be a real municipal utility company and work for the people of Wyandotte County. They don't. They are not interested in helping. I've been doing this fight for over two years and I'm tired of waiting for solutions. I'm tired of the rhetoric, Mr. Johnson. I'm tired of the Board members not doing their job. I'm tired when I lead our Board members especially mine, who is David Haley.

When my utilities get cut off, and they shouldn't have been cut off because I am a CURA applicant and they have my pre-qualification letter, not once but twice cut me off. I have a husband who is very ill who is fecal incontinent and they turned off my water who's had a heart attack, heart surgery…**Ms. Sparks** said one minute remaining. **Ms. Lynch** said and all other kinds of issues.

Getting on the medical disability list is ridiculous. When I asked Mr. Johnson personally this week, he told me he could not even recall what the requirements were for the CURA applications anymore. He hadn't seen it in a while, yet he got a big fat raise. We cannot put up with this. The cold weather is coming. We have redistricting coming for the BPU Board. We have people struggling. We cannot continue. The only—they have no accountability. We need to modify our charter to make them accountable. If they are not willing to do their job and service us, the residents and those of us who are struggling, then we need to dissolve that Board. There needs to be accountability. We need this fixed now, not in committees, not months from now, but we need it now.

I'd like for you all to bring me back. Put me on the agenda and I can show you all the documents…**Ms. Sparks** said your time has expired. **Ms. Lynch** said and we can go ahead and work from there. If not, I am ready to take this to the national news because this is a disgrace.

Sarah Lynch, Wyandotte resident, said in light of this forum, I would like to concede my time to Louise Lynch.

Louise Lynch said the other thing I'd like to say is we have many people who are on CURA who have been promised that if you have an application, you will never be disconnected unless you were denied until CURA pays because they are slow in paying. They no longer do that. They go ahead and disconnect you. We can no longer get numbers from David Milhouse as to how many people are being disconnected.

So, we pay all these fees. We pay PILOT fees. We pay reconnection fees when we shouldn't be disconnected. I have over $200 in fees that they have charged that CURA wanted to pay which could be used for somebody's utilities. This is not acceptable. **Ms. Sparks** said one minute remaining.

Ms. Lynch said to enforce medical disability, you have to call a pre-recorded phone number and you never get called back. You can't ask for relief to not have your water turned off. Water. Everybody needs water to live so we're going to create what, another public health hazard? I need every commissioner on board because this affects all of KCK. I called several commissioners, even though they're not mine, and I don't get called back. Either you want all of KCK to be a good community for everybody or you don't.

Every week I watch this forum. I'm so tired of seeing all the back and forth and nothing gets done. We need our commissioners to do the job for everyone not just your area. Enough is enough. Time is up. If we need to go national, let's do it. Everyone out there listening, please call me or email me to 913-…**Ms. Sparks** said your time has expired. **Ms. Lynch** said …605-4070. My email is gifts737@gmail.com. Let's unite and get this done. Thank you.

Tscher Manck, call me CeCe, Wyandotte County, said the first thing I would like to say is thank goodness that Mr. Galicia was finally picked up. Thank you, Jesus.

Next I would like to read a couple of highlights from our White House website, some of the highlights over our fact sheet. It said the Biden-Harrison administration advances Black people and communities across America providing immediate relief for Black people and families across the country, economic opportunities for Black families across America narrowing the racial gap for Black families financially, ensuring Black families receive full value for their homes.

First I'd like to say that this does not pertain to the entire Board because when we received the Rescue Act funds, some of you weren't sitting here, however, some of you are on the Board now and we would like to ask you to hold the remaining balance of it. The reason why is because we understand that all of that money…**Ms. Sparks** said one minute remaining. **Ms. Manck** said …for just Black people, but it was for us. Our President gave the money to each state expecting that each state would do the right thing and advocate some of the funds to Black families.

Now one of the people involved in the group said that they don't even believe you guys spent at least 1% on the Northeast side that the burden of proof is on you. So, if you guys have spent at least $780K on the Northeast end out of ARPA money that Ms. Markley modeled after the CARES Act, I would ask for an investigation into that because it was two different things and it was not the same thing. But she modeled it after a whole completely different act or a whole different set of funds that were given a year earlier for COVID while the Rescue Plan did not mention COVID at all. It did mention immediate relief to people and families who were suffering, however, it was not out of…**Ms. Sparks** said your time has expired.

Ms. Manck said thank you. But if you can, hold or at least consider holding the remainder of the funds until you read what it was supposed to be for.

Mayor Garner asked, Clerk, were there any more presenters online or in the audience? **Ms. Sparks** said there are no hands raised.

Mayor Garner asked, is there anyone else that would like to speak? If so, please come forward, state your name and your residence for record.

Thomas Gordon, 2521 N. 7th St., said first of all, I'd like to say that I'm happy to see new faces on the Unified Government. I want to speak on behalf of the developers. I came from Phoenix, AZ, in 1980 to present some opportunities for some affordable housing. I met with the local banks. I met with some of the local commissioners at the time and I thought it was going to go forward. But for some strange reason, it fell apart. I wanted to develop a house up on 7th & Central. I think it's called Palo Verde. There were no buildings out there at all. I came to the license and permits to get a permit to build there and was told…**Ms. Sparks** said one minute remaining. **Mr. Gordon** said …you can't build there. It's too rocky. It's too dangerous. Look at it now.

I'd like to say that there's been systemic racism when it comes to Black developers that have existed for years and years and years. When it came time for the Unified Government to bid on Google, I presented it to one of the local commissioners. We got online. I spoke with part of the Board of Public Utilities and the UG and we were talking with my counter partner in construction and he says we like it. How do we get in touch with you? He said, go through Thomas Gordon. He says, why do we have to go through him?

I'm encouraged to see new commissioners. I hope that we can change and go forth and become a unified government. Thank you.

Mayor Garner said before I close this public comment opportunity, is there anyone else in the audience that would like to speak to take this opportunity? Sir, please come forward. State your name and your address for record.

Curtis Martin, 3071 N. 32nd, said Ms. Louise just spoke on BPU situation and I've spoken on it once before. The dirtiest part of our bill is this excess charge that goes on our bill being connected. If you don't use anything, you're being charged excess charge on your water and your lights. They've been taking this money since 2006 and something definitely needs to be done about that.

I brought it up here before. There's a lot of things that's been brought up at these meetings and no answers are coming out of them.

Everybody that's listening to this message, what you really need to do is email your commissioners. Put this on their plate where the computer will pick up on your problems that you're having and make sure they jump on the problem and get something done about it. This is a real deal with this BPU thing. It's tearing a lot of people's funds up so something definitely needs to be done about it. That's all I got to say.

Mayor Garner asked, Clerk, is there anyone joining us virtually who would like to speak? **Ms. Sparks** said we have Ty Gorman who has requested to speak.

Ty Gorman, 2843 Parkwood Blvd., said I just want to call and repeat the message folks are talking about BPU. There's no reason that we should be having folks shut off on their water or electricity. Not only because the CURA application. The directors clearly stated in the past that when people are in that process, they should not be shut off. People are still being shut off even when they're in that process. I've talked to multiple people who this is happening to.

Not only that, but the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure and jobs Act both have a lot of money to access for utilities to repay those debts and incur those costs on behalf of the customers. This is not…**Ms. Sparks** said one minute remaining. **Mr. Gorman** said this is not a situation where BPU is going to be incurring a cost or putting these costs on other customers for lack of payment. This is a situation in which BPU can advocate for their customers and stop shutting people off putting people in danger who have medical devices who aren't covered under their paltry plan who, when the winter weather comes, can be kept safe and paid for by federal dollars.

This is something the UG should get involved with because the BPU has shown that they will not do so without the UG forcing them to. So, please make sure that people in Wyandotte aren't put in danger. Thank you very much.

Mayor Garner asked, Clerk, is there anyone else? **Ms. Sparks** said no other hands are raised.

Mayor Garner said if you've already had two minutes, you can't have an additional two minutes, unfortunately.

Mayor Garner said if there's no one else who'd like to speak, I'm going to close this public session. Thank you for everybody that commented, both in person and online. Just know that these opportunities are really valuable, not just to this Commission, but also to staff. It's always good to hear from you and your concerns. We welcome any recommendation that can help us all provide the best quality and level of service to the residents that call Kansas City, KS, home. So, thank you.

Action: Community input received.

Mayor Garner said Item No. 2 on the agenda is an update on the county administrator search process.

Item No. 2 - 211943…UPDATE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH PROCESS
Synopsis: Update regarding County Administrator's Search Process, submitted by Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO.

Mayor Garner said I'd like to recognize Bonner Springs Mayor Harrington, but I'd also like to recognize, I see in the audience, is we have Edwardsville Mayor Caiharr. Thank you all. It's always good to have the other mayors within our county attend our meetings.

Mayor Garner said the county administrator search is ongoing. Mayor Harrington volunteered graciously to lead this process and to help me bring forth, hopefully, some good candidates that are qualified that I can appoint and seek the full consent of this Commission moving forward. So, Mayor Harrington is going to give that update.

Jeff Harrington, Mayor of Bonner Springs, said first, as you may know, there's been a change in the executive search recruitment firm. Due to the language in the charter and the ordinances pertaining to the position and the desire for this search to be a fair, transparent, and inclusive search for a new county administrator, this required a degree of flexibility in the process and SGR did not believe they could be successful.

Until now, the task force meetings have been opened to the public and in a workshop or a collaborative style format, less than formal. With this first phase nearly complete, that will be coming to an end with the discussions trending to specifics and requiring executive sessions to discuss protected issues per state law. The meetings will take on a more formal meeting format.

Third, the representatives you have selected are very hard working, qualified, and bring a wide-range of perspectives, one of which Mayor Caiharr. We are both very thankful for the representation for outside of Kansas City, KS, to be heard on this county administrator selection committee task force. I feel that the entire task force represents you all very well. You've done a great job in selecting them.

Hopefully, the new recruiting firm, and I have only looked at their original proposal and we will be meeting with them shortly, will be able to be advertising the position during October, evaluating, screening, and presenting to us candidates in November and interviewing and selecting a candidate in December. So, hopefully, this won't compromise the timeline to a great degree, but with the current state of affairs and all of the things happening in and around our community, recognize that we are being interviewed or they are evaluating us just like we are evaluating the candidates.

So, thank you very much and I stand for questions.

Mayor Garner said thank you, Mayor.

Commissioner Stites said the only thing that I want to say is thank you to everybody for their willingness that's on that committee that we all had an opportunity to appoint somebody for that search. Some were chosen, some weren't. But, I just want to say thank you to everyone that is dedicating your time for this very important position within our Unified Government. Thank you, again.

Mayor Garner said and I just want to say that as well. Not only do we thank these mayors that are here who have volunteered, but as well as all those individuals that are on the task force. More importantly, the commissioners of taking the time to find people that had the time, because these are volunteers, to do the hard work and assist in this process. So, thank everybody that's involved, including our staff that's really been a support network as well, and our Administrator.

Action: **For information only.**

Mayor Garner said the next item is a business and economic development task force report from Commissioner Johnson.

Item No. 3 – 211953…UPDATE: BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Synopsis: Update by Commissioner Johnson on the Business and Economic Development Taskforce, submitted by Dr. Mildred Edwards, Mayor's Office.

Mayor Garner said I'll turn the podium over to Commissioner Johnson and let him give us an update on where he's at with that process.

Commissioner Johnson said I'm very excited about our committee. We're getting things rolling. We just had a meeting just in the past couple of weeks ago and a good participation from our community. We talked about a lot of different things. We're going to commit to meeting monthly. I think one of the—and help me, Dr. Edwards or somebody—the first Tuesday of every month at 3:00 and so we're going to—we have a list of items. I'll just touch on a few of them: affordable housing, access to capital, documenting and educating businesses in terms of incentives and the rolls of various groups with regard to economic development, addressing issues that are usually not associated with economic development but addressing the issue of homeless and the unhoused population. Of course, workforce development. We have a real challenge here in Wyandotte County. We have the second or third highest wages that are paid in the state of Kansas, and yet our median income is in the fourth quartile and so there is a separation there that we need to really address there.

So, we've got good participation from BPU. Also talking about how we can align with them to make sure that as we're moving projects forward that we are working together with regard to that.

We did have an opportunity to hear from our Interim County Administrator in terms of the upcoming economic development strategic plan that she is working on, and she stood for questions as well. So, I want to thank her and I want to thank Dr. Edwards who have been vital to helping us to move forward. We're looking forward to be able to provide some information to you by the end of the year in terms of our progress.

I appreciate the time, Mayor, for allowing me this time and space. Thank you.

Mayor Garner said thank you, Commissioner Johnson, and thank you to everybody that's on that task force that is volunteering their time as well. It's just amazing when you talk about these task forces and some of these committees. People from Wyandotte County, from all walks of life, all socio-economic backgrounds, business, just regular everyday folks that are volunteering their time because they want better for Wyandotte County. They've come forward and they volunteer their time to help this Commission find real solutions to real problems. So, thank you again, Commissioner, and thank you again to our Administrator and Dr. Edwards as well. They've been instrumental in really facilitating the needs of these task forces to make sure that they can get the work that needs to be done. So, thank you.

Action: For information only.

Mayor Garner said our next item under the Mayor's Agenda is the resolution appointing Commissioners Ramirez and Stites to witness the destruction of ballots and election materials. Commissioners Bynum and Markley are designed as alternates.

Item No. 4 – 211954…RESOLUTION: APPOINT ELECTORS TO WITNESS DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS

Synopsis: A resolution appointing electors to witness the destruction of ballots and election materials pursuant to statute, submitted by Jeff Conway, Legal Department.

Mayor Garner said I'll turn it over to our Legal Department for comment.

Jeff Conway, Assistant Counsel, said this is a very simple item to designate those two commissioners to witness. It's just simply carrying out the statutes. There's a timetable for all of these materials, ballots, and election materials that are kept after all the elections. There's a timetable, by statute, for the destruction of those. This time around, the cycle is the 2020 General Election ballot materials. So, that's where they're at. It's 22 months they have to do it. There's two electors, opposite parties. By tradition, it's been commissioners. It doesn't have to be, but it's all teed up for the two commissioners.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-55-22, "**A resolution appointing electors Commissioner Christian Ramirez and Commissioner Chuck Stites to witness the destruction of ballots and other election materials in possession of the Wyandotte County Election Commissioner that were retained from the General Election of 2020 that are required to be destroyed pursuant to state law." **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to adopt the resolution**.

Mayor Garner asked, do any members of the Commission have any questions or comments? Seeing none, we have a motion and a second for approval. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson.

Mayor Garner said, Clerk, there are several proclamations. If you could present those to the public and the Commission.

Item No. 5 – 211948…PROCLAMATION: POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
Synopsis: Proclamation proclaiming September 12, 2022, as POW/MIA Recognition Day, submitted by Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO.

Monica Sparks, Acting UG Clerk, read the proclamation as follows:

Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in every generation, members of our Armed Forces have answered the call in our nation's hour of need. They have defended our freedom and way of life. Many from Wyandotte County have shared in this sacrifice. We honor these Americans who have been prisoners of war, we remember those who are still missing in action and renew our commitment to keep searching until all are accounted for; and

WHEREAS, the flag of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia is flown over many locations across our country. The flag reminds us of our pledge to seek a full accounting for all still missing. We Americans are blessed with the freedom made possible by the service and sacrifice of so many. It is fitting and just that our entire nation honors and pays special tribute to our prisoners of war and those who remain missing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim September 12th, 2022 as:

"POW / MIA Recognition Day"

In Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of POW/MIA Recognition Day. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

TYRONE GARNER, MAYOR/CEO

Action: **The proclamation was read.**

Item No. 6 – 211949…PROCLAMATION: FAIRFAX DISTRICT FOUNDING DAY

Synopsis: Proclamation proclaiming September 14, 2022, as Fairfax District Founding Day, submitted by Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO.

Monica Sparks, Acting UG Clerk, read the proclamation as follows:

Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Fairfax District has a long, historical significance to the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it was home to various Indian tribes including, but not limited to the Kansa, the Wyandots, Osages, and Pawnees; and

WHEREAS, it was a stopping point for Lewis & Clark on their historic trek west; and

WHEREAS, the District was made official with the formation of the Fairfax Drainage District on Sept. 14, 1922; and

WHEREAS, the District's businesses, especially the Darby Corp. and the North American Aviation Plant were vital to the U.S. victory in World War; and

WHEREAS, the District and its people have proved resilient in overcoming natural disasters and floods throughout its 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the District today is home to more than 130 business, and generates more than $5.4 billion in annual sales; and

WHEREAS, the District employs more than 10,000 people and is a major contributor to the economic health of Kansas City, Kansas, Wyandotte County and the entire Kansas City region.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2022 as:

"Fairfax District Founding Day"

in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and call upon all residents to recognize the Fairfax District. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

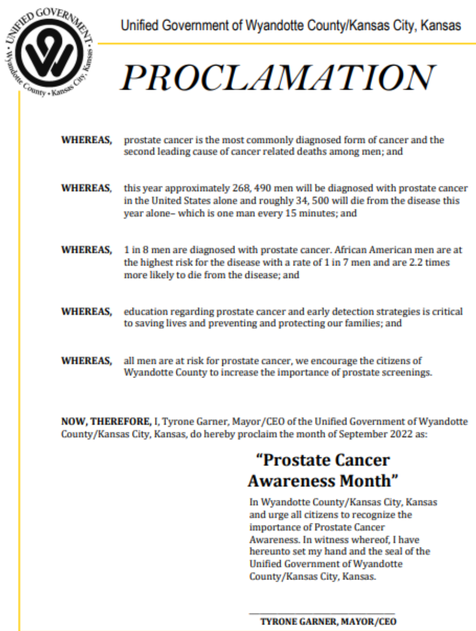
TYRONE GARNER, MAYOR/CEO

Action: **The proclamation was read.**

Item No. 7 – 211950…PROCLAMATION: PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Synopsis: Proclamation proclaiming the month of September 2022 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, submitted by Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO.

Monica Sparks, Acting UG Clerk, read the proclamation as follows:



Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed form of cancer and the second leading cause of cancer related deaths among men; and

WHEREAS, this year approximately 268, 490 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States alone and roughly 34, 500 will die from the disease this year alone– which is one man every 15 minutes; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 8 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer. African American men are at the highest risk for the disease with a rate of 1 in 7 men and are 2.2 times more likely to die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, education regarding prostate cancer and early detection strategies is critical to saving lives and preventing and protecting our families; and

WHEREAS, all men are at risk for prostate cancer, we encourage the citizens of Wyandotte County to increase the importance of prostate screenings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 as:

"Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"

In Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of Prostate Cancer Awareness. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

TYRONE GARNER, MAYOR/CEO

Action: **The proclamation was read.**

Item No. 8 – 211951…PROCLAMATION HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Synopsis: Proclamation proclaiming September 15 - October 15, 2022, as Hispanic Heritage Month, submitted by Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO.

Monica Sparks, Acting UG Clerk, read the proclamation as follows:

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, federal recognition of our Hispanic Heritage began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week, was expanded in 1988 to cover a 30-day period and was enacted into law on August 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month in 2022 is from September 15th to October 15th and this year's theme is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation."; and

WHEREAS, September is significant because the 15th is the anniversary of independence for the Central American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, and September 7th, 16th, 18th and 21st respectively are when Brazil, Mexico Chile and Belize celebrate their independence. Whether their Independence Day is in September or other months, this month we celebrate all our residents whose roots are in Latin America; and

WHEREAS, almost one-third of our population identify as Hispanic. That means at least 51,000 of us so identify, and the number is young and growing where over half the children in WYCO's largest school district – District 500 - are Hispanic; and

WHEREAS, almost 17% of Dottes were born in another country. A majority come from Latin America; and

WHEREAS, both immigrant and American-born Hispanics bring energy and a strong work ethic to their jobs in all types of professions nourishing and strengthening their families as well as our city; and

WHEREAS, the entrepreneurial spirit of our Hispanic residents has transformed the Central Avenue district, formerly declining, into a hub of stores and restaurants, revitalizing the economy and bringing authentic Latin American food and culture to residents as well as visitors from the metro Kansas City area and beyond; and

WHEREAS, our children and adults' artistic lives are enriched immeasurably by the murals, music, spoken word, fiestas and all aspects of Latino arts created in our city; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican government has appointed a new Consul for its Kansas City Consulate, Sra. Soileh Padilla-Mayer whom we welcome to our city and with whom we hope to partner on issues of mutual interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tyrone Garner, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim September 15th -October 15th 2022, as:

"Hispanic Heritage Month"

in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of Hispanic Heritage Month. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

TYRONE GARNER, MAYOR/CEO

Action: **The proclamation was read.**

Mayor Garner said that takes us to the Regular Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Garner asked, does any member of the Commission or County Administrator wish to set aside any item on the Regular Consent Agenda? If an item is not set aside, all items on the Regular Consent Agenda will be voted on by one vote.

Commissioner Burroughs said the August 4th minutes, I'd like to have them set aside for discussion.

Mayor Garner said I'll entertain a motion for approval of the Regular Consent Agenda.

Action: **Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve all remaining items.**

Mayor Garner said I believe I have a motion and I believe I have a second. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson.

Item No. 1 – 211946…PLAT: GRIGGS PLACE
Synopsis: Plat of Griggs Place located at 107th and Polfer Roads being developed by David Griggs, submitted by Brent E. Thompson, County Surveyor, and Troy Shaw, County Engineer.

Action: **Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign said plat**. Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson.

Item No. 2 - MINUTES
Synopsis: Minutes from the regular session of March 3, 2022; and special sessions of August 4, 11, and 22, 2022.

Mayor Garner said that takes us to the set aside item on the Consent Agenda. I'll recognize Commissioner Burroughs and ask him to make some comments.

Commissioner Burroughs said in reviewing the minutes, I did find what I call an error in the minutes and I just wanted to correct it. It's on page 49 in the August 4th minutes, it's five lines from the bottom, it's the last paragraph. It says 400 billion plus. The budget is 400 million, and I'd just like to have that corrected in the minutes. That's it, Mayor.

Mayor Garner asked, are there any comments or questions? **Commissioner Burroughs** said, Mayor, if you need a motion, I'll make a motion. If not, we can just approve them by acclamation. **Mayor Garner** said I'll entertain a motion.

Action: **Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve the minutes as corrected**.

Mayor Garner said I have a motion and a second. Roll call to make those corrections as requested by Commissioner Burroughs.

Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson.

Item No. 3 – 211942…WEEKLY BUSINESS MATERIAL
Synopsis: Weekly business material dated August 18, 25, and September 1, 2022.

Action: **Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to receive and file**. Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson.

Mayor Garner said this takes us to our next item which is a standing committee agenda.

<u>STANDING COMMITTEES' AGENDA</u>
Item No. 1 – 211933…RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN
Synopsis: Resolution setting a Public Hearing on October 27, 2022, for the Redevelopment Project Plan for 505 Central Avenue, submitted by Katherine Carttar, Director of Economic Development. This item was scheduled to appear before the Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs, on September 12, 2022. It was requested and approved by the Mayor, to fast-track this item to the September 15, 2022, full commission meeting.

Mayor Garner said the item is a resolution setting a public hearing for October 27, 2022, for the 505 Central Avenue Redevelopment Project Plan. This item was fast-tracked from the Economic

Development and Finance Standing Committee on Monday, September 12th, chaired by Commissioner Burroughs. I'll ask Commissioner Burroughs to make some opening remarks.

Commissioner Burroughs said it was a unanimous decision to advance it for public hearing.

Mayor Garner asked, do any members of this Commission have any comments or questions they'd like to make?

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-52-22,** "A resolution of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas establishing the date and time of a public hearing regarding the adoption of a redevelopment project plan pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1770 et seq. (505 Central) for October 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m." **Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stites, to adopt the resolution**.

Mayor Garner said hearing none, I believe I have a motion to approve and a second. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson.

Mayor Garner said next we have the Administrator's Agenda. There are several items here. The first item is an item update from our Interim County Administrator on the organizational assessment.

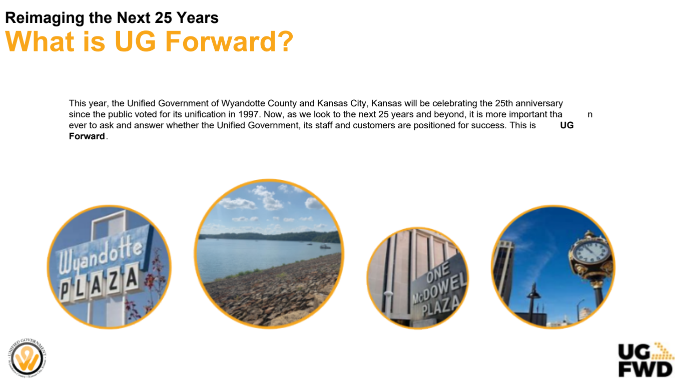
<u>ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA</u>

Item No. 1 – 211945…UPDATE: ORGANIZATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

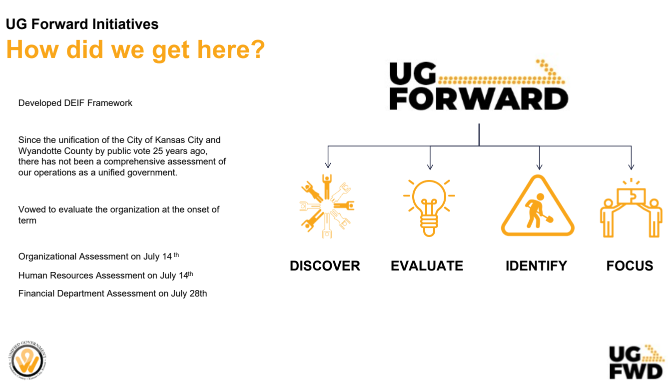
Synopsis: Update on Organizational Assessments, submitted by Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Interim County Administrator.

Mayor Garner said I'll ask Ms. Harrison-Lee to make some remarks.

Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Interim County Administrator, said tonight I'll be providing you with a brief update regarding the assessments we received and the steps moving forward.



I'd like to start by revisiting the theme, UG Forward. You've heard a lot about this over the past few months. This October, we will be celebrating 25 years since the consolidation of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS. We're in a unique position in that it allows us to reflect on the evolution of our organization and plan for our future to ensure success over the next 25 years. This is the basis for UG Forward.



When I was appointed, I developed the DEIF framework based on my interpretation of the needs of the Unified Government from the outside looking in. The D represents discover, which encourage us to work towards strengthening engagement among residents, local government, and the business community. The I is for identifying economic development opportunities that create access and shared prosperity. The F represents focus on superior customer service. The E in this framework represents evaluate, which is what led us to these assessments.

Since consolidation in 1997, there's not been a comprehensive assessment of the Unified Government. One of my top priorities at the onset of my term was to conduct assessments of the organization. We're able to meet that priority with the presentation of the Human Resources, Finance, and organizational assessments in July.

By evaluating the current organization, we have been able to identify centers of excellence as well as those areas for improvement, and highlight and capitalize on the strengths that will benefit our community.

In completing these assessments, the hope was that we would achieve the following. One, to ensure that our operations are aligned with industry best practices. Two, to identify opportunities to save money and see improved financial stability. Three, to increase transparency between staff, elected officials, and the community. And finally, four, to increase efficiencies and eliminate redundancies throughout the organization.

You have seen these before. These are the recommendations from the three assessments that we were provided. I'll start by saying the green is HR, the blue is Finance, and yellow is organizational. I won't go through these since each of the consultants had an opportunity to present findings to you. But I would like to share with you that as a leadership team, we worked through each of the reports and we have categorized each recommendation as a short-term, mid-term, or long-term goal.

So, leadership team. That's the assistant county administrators. They have, in turn, been talking with their department directors so that we're able to look at those projects that we believe we can accomplish on a short-term basis, long-term, and mid-term. The bolded text represents those short-term initiatives that are already in progress.

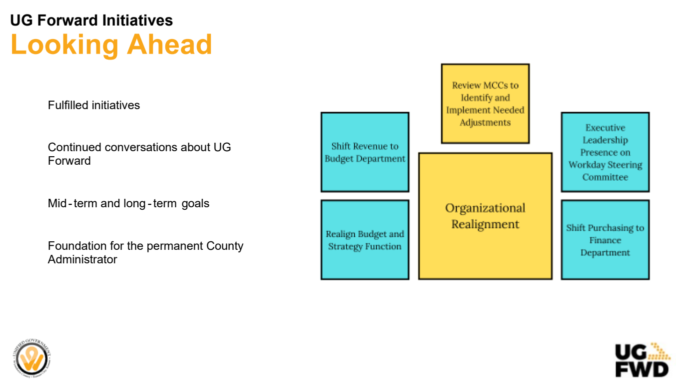
So, the short-term goals are projects that we consider to be low-hanging fruit. We believe we currently have the resources and manpower to fulfill these goals within the next six months. We're going to remain optimistic and flexible as we continue to look at these recommendations. This includes updating and overhauling existing policies and procedures, and continuing to assess departments for more information and feedback. Certain Human Resource functions may be automatically improved with the implementation of Workday. We've also posted the position of

Chief People Officer to address some of the higher priority recommendations for Human Resources.

We've developed and published an RFP for the Economic Development Strategic Plan, and we look forward to working with you through that process. Those proposals are due the end of this month, and we anticipate that next month we will start consulting negotiations and hopefully kick off that effort in November.

As of today, we have a new P-Card policy that we are working to finalize with our Legal Department and with our Procurement Department. A multitude of stakeholders were highly involved in this policy formulation. The level of accountability in this policy is significantly higher than the previous policy. We will provide you with an update when this process is completed.

With the realignment of the ACAs, we've been able to ensure that departments have the leadership and the coordination they need to successfully start implementing recommendations previously shown.



The County Administrator's Office and other key staff are working diligently to fulfill these initiatives. I want to cover a few things that we've completed so far. We've shifted revenue to the Budget Department and realigned the budget and strategy function. We've shifted Purchasing to the Finance Department, which is a charter ordinance requirement. We've included the aid of leadership on the Workday Steering Committee. We've reviewed our merchant category codes for our purchasing cards to identify and implement adjustments. Our biggest lift has been completing the organizational realignment of departments to be grouped for increased synergy and efficiency. We've made the moves. We'll be working closely with the department heads and the ACAs to refine opportunities to collaborate and cooperate within existing portfolios and across portfolios.

Moving forward, we will continue to communicate progress on the short-term goals as well as introduce the mid and long-term goals. These goals include the development of new processes and plans to address long-standing structural issues, especially in the areas of Finance and Human Resources.

My hope is that this layout will serve as a framework for the permanent administrator to work from, should they choose to. The work is great. It is impactful. It is going to take a lot of collaboration. We are going to need to work with the Commission as well as staff across all levels of the organization, and it is imperative that we continue taking steps to optimize the Unified Government for the benefit of our staff and our community.

At this time, I'll answer any questions that you might have. Mayor, that completes my presentation.

Mayor Garner said appreciate your presentation. It's a good update on the vision of how we move forward with really, these are the audit recommendations that were brought forward back in July. So, thank you so much for that presentation.

Action: For information only.

Mayor Garner said this takes us to our second item that's also going to be presented by our Administrator. It's a presentation on grants and the grant process.

Item No. 2 – 211735…UPDATE: GRANTS AND GRANT PROCESS
Synopsis: Update on status of grants and grant process, submitted by Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Interim County Administrator.

Mayor Garner said I'll turn it back over to our Interim Administrator Ms. Harrison-Lee.

Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Interim County Administrator, said, Mayor and Commissioners, this item was provided to you in a written report. We'll just answer any questions that you may have.

Mayor Garner said seeing none.

Action: **For information only.**

Mayor Garner said that takes us to our third item. It's a resolution setting a car allowance for the Wyandotte County Election Commissioner.

Item No. 3 – 211952…RESOLUTION: SETTING CAR ALLOWANCE FOR THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Synopsis: A resolution setting car allowance for the Wyandotte County Election Commissioner, submitted by Jeff Conway, Legal Department.

Mayor Garner said I'll ask our Legal staff to make some comments.

Jeff Conway, Assistant Counsel, said this hinge on a single sentence in the state statutes. It just simply says—this is K.S.A. 19-3419a. "The election commissioner shall receive a car allowance in an amount to be fixed by resolution by the board of county commissioners."

Just by way of background, we had to make a few calls, but we're proposing a $300 a month allowance. Johnson County has $300 a month. As I understand it, the current Election Commissioner has opted not to take that. Shawnee County has $250 a month and Sedgwick has an interesting number. It's $369.24 per month. I don't know how they arrived at that, but that's the background.

I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Mayor Garner asked, is there any discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-53-22,** "A resolution setting the car allowance for the Wyandotte County Election Commissioner at $300 per month." **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to adopt the resolution as presented.**

Mayor Garner said I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Johnson. (Commissioner Ramirez was not available for the vote.)

Item No. 4 – 211947…OPTIONS: FAIRFAX FIRE STATION

Synopsis: Presentation of financing options to reopen Fairfax Fire Station, submitted by Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Interim County Administrator.

Action: This item was previously removed from tonight's agenda, per the blue sheet.

Mayor Garner said Item No. 5 is the budget, which is the heavy topic, I'm sure, of conversation.

Item No. 5 – 211938…BUDGET ITEMS

Synopsis: Request adoption of the following resolutions and ordinances regarding the Wyandotte County Library Board, the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District, the Sewer Service Charge, Solid Waste Fee, the KCBPU PILOT, the 2022 Amended Budget, and the 2023 Proposed Budget; approve resolutions and ordinances authorizing public improvements contained in the CMIP and allowing debt financing to be issued to finance all or a portion of the costs and authorize the offering for sale of certain debt.

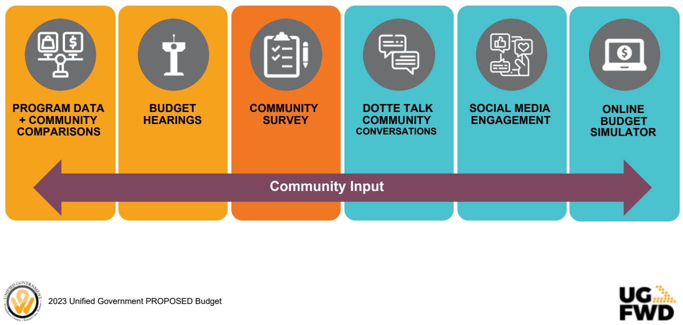
Mayor Garner said there are several items. Each of these items will require a separate vote when that time comes and I'll advise the Commission of such.

At this time, I'll turn this conversation over to the Interim County Administrator Ms. Cheryl Harrison-Lee and she will walk us through the budget proposal process.

Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Interim County Administrator, said we have spent a lot of time working with the community, working with you, as commissioners, to develop the budget presentation that will be presented to you tonight. We are at a crossroads. The Unified Government is working to balance our budget as we face systematic fund imbalances, yet we must invest in the immediate needs of deferred maintenance and failing infrastructure to keep our economy moving. We are looking at this budget as a transition budget. It is the first of many future steps aimed at reimagining the Unified Government for the next 25 years.

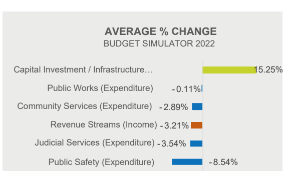
A few items to consider moving forward. Transitioning from an annual budget to a two-year budget. Working to find opportunities for reducing and eventually eliminating the structural imbalances. Beginning strategic planning and conversations about the budget process. Developing a profile for the permanent county administrator that emphasizes fiscal expertise as well as strategic thinking. Identifying significant cost drivers throughout the organization and developing innovative tactics to find efficiencies and cost savings. And developing a 20-year capital improvement and public utility plan to identify the needs and reduce the occurrence of deferred maintenance.

I'll turn it over to our Budget staff so they can walk you through the scenarios that we developed, and then we will walk through the resolutions that will need to be adopted tonight as part of the budget.



Reginald Lindsey, Budget Director, said we started our budget process in the first quarter of 2022, basically with the six steps that you see. Up until now, we've been working quite hard on the budget. We started internally doing program data, community comparisons, and then we also had our budget hearing, and then we also had a community survey that goes on. We also had our Dotte talks, which was the first time we did that this year and we felt it was real successful. We went around to three different community areas and talked to the people all over the county. We also have been engaging the citizens through social media. We also had an online budget simulator where citizens and stakeholders could go out and build their own budgets.

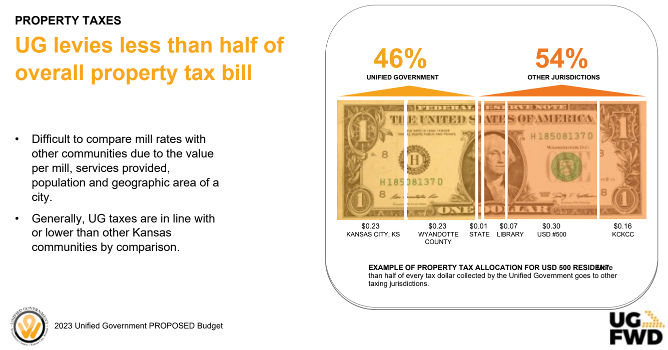
COMMUNITYINPUT
Survey & Simulator



Community Services Importance & Satisfaction
2022 COMMUNITY SURVEY, ETC INSTITUTE

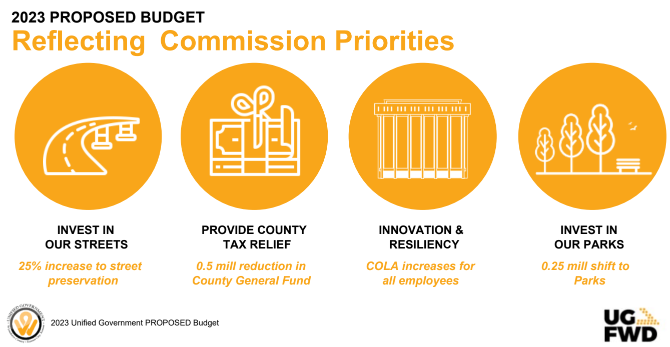
Category of Service	Most Important (%)	Most Important Rank	Satisfaction (%)	Satisfaction Rank	Importance - Satisfaction Ranking	I-S Rating Rank
Maintenance of City Streets	72%	1	25%	13	0.5392	1
Code Enforcement	35%	3	28%	11	0.2491	2
Police Services	41%	2	61%	4	0.1623	3
Parks & Rec Facilities	29%	4	46%	5	0.1567	4
Planning and Zoning	21%	7	26%	12	0.1559	5
Stormwater Management Systems	21%	6	37%	7	0.1333	6
Public Transportation	21%	8	36%	9	0.1327	7
Parks & Rec Programs	19%	10	33%	10	0.1272	8
Sewer and Wastewater System	20%	9	42%	6	0.1133	9
Trash Collection and Recycling	27%	5	62%	3	0.1000	10
Municipal Court	9%	13	36%	8	0.0579	11
Fire Services	16%	11	81%	1	0.0298	12
Ambulance Services	11%	12	75%	2	0.0274	13

This is kind of a view of what the budget simulator told us. One of the things that it told us what that maintenance of our city streets were very important. Also, code enforcement was very important and also our police services were very important to the community. You can kind of see over to the left-hand in the corner in the box, this is where citizens chose to spend money. One of the places that they chose to spend money was in capital investment and infrastructure within the community.



So, here we have a snapshot of what the UG levies across. Less than half a dollar overall property tax across Wyandotte County. So, when we see the Unified Government, if you have a dollar, the Unified Government gets 46% of that and other taxing entities within Wyandotte County get 54% of that.

So, this particular dollar is for a citizen that lives in the USD 500. You can see the other taxing entities are the county library, USD 500, also the state, and also the community college.



After all the data that we pulled in and all the meetings that we had with the citizens and everything we hard on social media, all that information was brought back to the elected body. The elected body, what you all did, was making decisions and set priorities on what you would like to see in the budget.

We have our four pillars that you would like to see in the budget which include invest in our streets. We wanted to see 25% more increase in street preservation, which we have that in the budget. Also, you wanted to provide county tax relief to citizens, and we definitely have that in the budget. You also wanted to take care of our employees, and we have COLA increases for our employees in the budget also. And you wanted to invest in our parks.

So, one of the things we did with invest in our parks, we did shift a .25 mill from the County General Fund to our Parks, which will provide more revenue for our parks to provide more services to the community.

2023 PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW

Significant Items

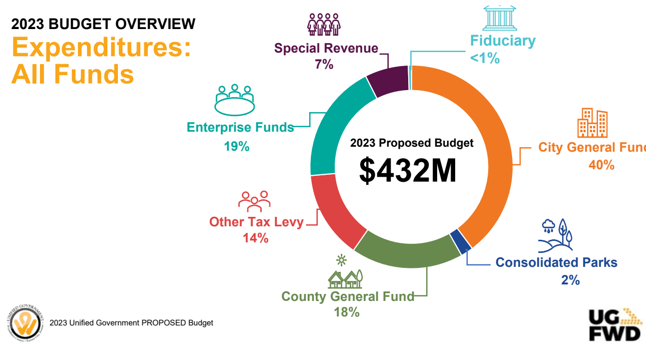
City	COLA Increases: Union: $3.3M Non-union: $640K	NEW Turner Fire Station $600K	Vehicle/ Body-Worn Cameras $350K	Annual Pavement Preservation $8.5M
County	COLA Increases: Union: $900K Non-union: $720K	Loring Pavement Preservation $300K	APX Radios $974K	Sheriff Cadet Program $30K
Parks	Parks System Improvements $1.3M	Beautification Program $400K	4 Recreational Specialist Positions $260K	Additional Funding for Parks Maintenance $200K
ARPA	Wyandotte County Park Trail $700K	Pierson Park Trail $700K	Jersey Creek Combined Sewer Separation $2M	Courthouse Air Handling System $2.5M

Here's a snapshot across the City, the County, and Consolidated Parks Fund and also our ARPA funding of some of the services and some of the things that we're able to do for the county in 2023. We have the COLA increases that we spoke about a little earlier. Then we had cost increases for our new Turner fire station where we had to pay out $600K for an increase in cost there. Also, $350K for vehicle/body-worn cameras. Also, we have annual pavement preservation, which is going to be $8.5M.

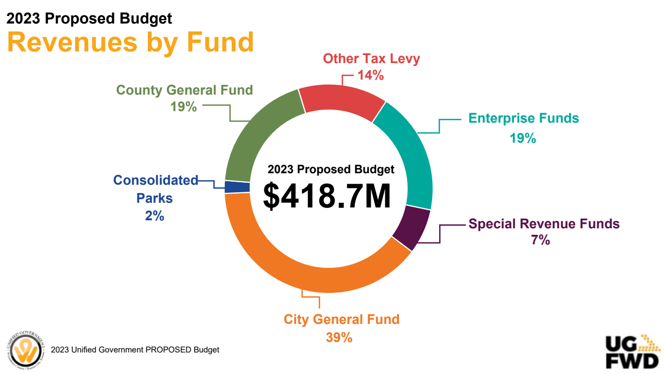
Then the county, we also put out in Loring, $300K toward pavement preservation. We also have a radio project of $974K that is funded from the County General Fund, but overall, the project is like a $5M project that services all public safety and public works all across the county. Also, the Sheriff will have a new program for cadets where they get to hire 10 cadets in the Sheriff's Department.

Also, Parks & Rec, with the .25 of a mill shift, we're able to have park system improvements in the amount of $1.3M. They also have a beautification program in an amount of $400K. On top of helping them add to their services and programming the community, they will get four new recreation specialist positions, and they'll get additional funding for parks maintenance across the county.

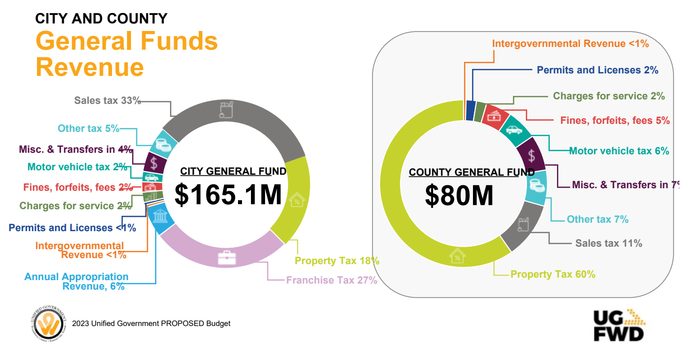
Also, within ARPA, Wyandotte County Park will get $700K for a new trail there along with Pearson Park also scoring $700K for a new park trail. Jersey Creek gets combined sewer separation project of $2M. Then we also get courthouse air handling system.



All in all, our 2023 Budget is a $432M budget. You can see most of that budget is in our City General Fund at 40%, then our County General Fund is next at 18%. We'll drill down into the City and the County General Funds.



Our revenues are $418M that will be coming into the whole county.



General Fund revenues for the city are $165M. We see most of that revenue comes from sales tax and then property tax is like 18%. Then we have franchise tax that is 27%.

Then over in the County General Fund, we're at $80M of revenue coming in. We can see most of the revenue that comes in the County General Fund is from property tax. They're the biggest source of revenue there.

2023 Proposed Budget

City General Fund Projections

Analysis:
- Annual projected growth of 3.2% in revenues set to be outpaced by 6.9% growth in expenses.
- **Negative cash balance in 2025**

Assumptions:
- ~6.8% Annual property tax growth (~20% of revenue)
- 4% Annual growth to personnel
- 12.5% Increase annually to fund infrastructure needs

City General Fund	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	2024 Forecast	2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast
TOTAL REVENUES	$160,969,102	$155,221,370	$160,633,958	$165,765,064	$171,016,489	$176,351,469
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Net Change in Fund Balance	($9,528,811)	($4,231,924)	($9,701,028)	($14,072,409)	($21,470,642)	($31,854,288)
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	$21,450,789	$17,218,865	$7,517,837	($6,554,572)	($28,025,214)	($59,879,502)
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	$36,339,724	$32,107,800	$22,406,772	$8,334,363	($13,136,279)	($44,990,567)
Reserve % of Expenditures	21.3%	20.1%	13.2%	4.6%	-6.8%	-21.6%
Fund Balance 17% Target	*$28,984,645*	*$27,107,060*	*$28,956,948*	*$30,572,370*	*$32,722,812*	*$35,394,979*

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In our City General Fund, this is a financial projection of how it looks long term so we're able to look at it from 2022 to 2027. Of course, tonight, the elected body will be voting on the 2023 proposed budget. But if we're looking at this, one of the important things to look at is the annual projected revenue growth of 3.2% is being outpaced by the expenditure growth at 7% from 2022 out to 2027. We see the net fund change, net change in fund balance from 2022 to 2027 is in the negative as far as $4.2M this year and then it grows to $31M in 2027. One of the things that we see in 2025 is $6.5M for our cash basis ending fund balance. This is something that would have to be rectified before we got to 2025 because we wouldn't be able to approve a budget in the City General Fund if we had this $6.5M cash basis negative balance.

One of the things in the 2023 proposed budget, we are in compliance with our 17% fund balance. We are at 20%, but we can see even though we are at that in 2023, each year after that, it continues to go down until we finally in 2027 hit a negative 21% fund balance.

2023 Proposed Budget

County General Fund .5 Mill Reduction + 25 Mill Shift

Analysis:
- Annual projected growth of 5.16% in revenues keeping pace with 3.9% growth in expenses.
- Room for future service expansion or revenue reductions

Assumptions:
- ~6.5% Annual property tax growth (~65% of revenue)
- 4% Annual growth to personnel
- 0.5 Mill Reduction and 0.25 Mill Shift to Parks

County General Fund	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	2024 Forecast	2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast
TOTAL REVENUES	$76,691,702	$80,267,782	$85,250,292	$89,456,332	$93,708,131	$98,166,109
TOTAL EXPENSES	$78,204,310	$80,229,469	$83,410,123	$86,541,834	$89,844,620	$93,346,127
Net Change in Fund Balance	$(1,512,608)	$38,313	$1,840,169	$2,914,498	$3,863,512	$4,819,982
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	$12,399,230	$12,437,543	$14,277,712	$17,192,210	$21,055,722	$25,875,704
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	$15,440,254	$15,478,567	$17,318,736	$20,233,234	$24,096,746	$28,916,728
Reserve % of Expenditures	19.7%	19.3%	20.8%	23.4%	26.8%	31.0%
Fund Balance 17% Target	*$13,294,733*	*$13,639,010*	*$14,179,721*	*$14,712,112*	*$15,273,585*	*$15,868,842*

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What we originally approved in the County General Fund was to cut .5 mill and then shift a .25 mill to the Parks Fund. What that is, we're cutting our tax levy mill by half a percentage. What we can see is in 2023, we have a 19.3% fund balance and then in 2024, we have a 20.8% fund balance. Then going out to 2027, we have a 31% fund balance.

One of the things here with the County General Fund is that the revenues are growing faster than the expenditures. Revenues are growing at about 5% and expenditures are growing at 4%. So, one of the things we can see that's a little different from the City General Fund is the net change in fund balance there's only one year we're in the negative. All the other years are in the positive. So, starting in 2023, we have a positive net change in fund balance of $38K, but in 2027, we grow all the way to $4.8M. So, things are looking pretty good in the County General Fund with cutting this .5 mill reduction.

Additions to Proposed Budget

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Additional 1.5 Mill Reduction

2 mill reduction + .25 mill shift to Parks

Analysis:

- Annual projected growth of 5.12% in revenues keeping pace with 4% growth in expenses.
- Fund Balance drops below 2 -month reserve target in 2024 – 2026 then comes back in line in 2027

Assumptions:

- Base Proposed Budget
- County 2.0 Mill Reduction
- 0.25 Mill Shift to Parks

County General Fund	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	2024 Forecast	2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast
TOTAL REVENUES	$76,691,702	$77,827,782	$82,610,292	$86,656,332	$90,748,131	$95,036,109
Additional 1.5 Mill Reduction		$ (2,440,000)	$ (2,640,000)	$ (2,800,000)	$(2,960,000)	$ (3,130,000)
TOTAL EXPENSES	$78,204,310	$79,763,469	$83,310,123	$86,431,834	$89,724,620	$93,216,127
Net Change in Fund Balance	$ (1,512,608)	$ (1,935,687)	$ (699,831)	$224,498	$1,023,512	$1,819,982
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	$12,399,230	$10,463,543	$9,763,712	$9,988,210	$11,011,722	$12,831,704
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	$15,440,254	$13,504,567	$12,804,736	$13,029,234	$14,052,746	$15,872,728
Reserve % of Expenditures	19.7%	17.0%	15.4%	15.1%	15.7%	17.0%
Fund Balance 17% Target	*$13,294,733*	*$13,559,790*	*$14,162,721*	*$14,693,412*	*$15,253,185*	*$15,846,742*

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As we were working through the 2023 proposed budget through some of our workshops, the elected body let us know that they would like to see more tax reduction for the citizens and they wanted us to put in for a 2 mill reduction and still also do the .25 mill shift to the Parks. We were able to get that built in. We can see I talked a little bit earlier about net change and fund balance. We can see in 2022, 2023, and 2024, we do have a negative net change in fund balance. But looking at 2023, we do have a 17% fund balance. For us to be in compliance with our fund balance policy, we need to be at 17%. We were able to meet that, but in 2024, 2025, and 2026, we do drop in the range of 15% for those three years; but in 2027, we do go back up to the 17% fund balance.

So, if we were to adopt a budget that had an additional mill cut of 1.5 mills over what we originally proposed, we would need to figure out how to bring the fund balance up to 17% in 2024, 2025, and 2026. Also, this scenario here is a scenario that we'd like the Commission to weigh tonight on if they would like to adopt it or if you would like to adopt it.

COUNTY
CIFI

Notes:
- Fund Balance maintains a 2-month, 17%, operating reserve as stated by UG Policy

Assumptions:
- Base Proposed Budget
- County 0.5 Mill Reduction
- 1 Mill Dedicated to County Initiative for Funding Infrastructure
- 0.25 Mill Shift to Parks

County General Fund	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	2024 Forecast	2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast
TOTAL REVENUES	**$76,691,702**	**$80,267,782**	**$83,475,292**	**$87,576,332**	**$91,723,131**	**$96,066,109**
1.0 Mill Allocation for CIFI	-	-	$(1,775,000)	$(1,880,000)	$(1,985,000)	$(2,100,000)
TOTAL EXPENSES	$78,204,310	$81,403,469	$83,310,123	$86,431,834	$89,724,620	$93,216,127
Dedicated CIFI Funding	-	$1,640,000	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	$(1,512,608)	$(1,135,687)	$165,169	$1,144,498	$1,998,512	$2,849,982
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	$12,399,230	$11,263,543	**$11,428,712**	**$12,573,210**	**$14,571,722**	**$17,421,704**
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	$15,440,254	$14,304,567	$14,469,736	$15,614,234	$17,612,746	$20,462,728
Reserve % of Expenditures	19.74%	17.57%	17.37%	18.07%	19.63%	21.95%
Fund Balance 17% Target	*$13,294,733*	*$13,838,590*	*$14,162,721*	*$14,693,412*	*$15,253,185*	*$15,846,742*

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This is another scenario that includes the CIFI, which is County Initiative Financing for Infrastructure. Basically, what it is, is the mechanism to allow financing for infrastructure across the county. So, all the cities within the county, which would include Bonner Springs, Edwardsville, Lake Quivira, Loring, and the city of Kansas City, KS, would be included in this.

In this particular scenario, what we're doing is putting aside $1.6M in the County General Fund for 2023. Then in 2024, we will be putting aside 1 mill, allocating it there, and we would take that mill from the County General Fund. So, each year, 2024, start out the whole mill getting $1.7M and that would grow to almost $1.9M and then almost $2M in 2026.

We can see our fund balance in 2023 with this option, does have us at 17.5% fund balance. We can see each year as we go out that we are in compliance with our fund balance policy. So, each year we are definitely over our 17% fund balance. What this assumes is that we have .5 mill reduction in the county and then we are shifting 1 mill to the county initiative for funding infrastructure, which we call CIFI, and we're still shifting a .25 mill to the Parks in this scenario.

COUNTY
Mill Reduction + CIFI

2 Mill Reduction, .25 Mill Shift + 1 Mill CIFI

Notes:
- Fund Balance drops below 2-month reserve and drops below a 1-month reserve by 2027

Assumptions:
- Base Proposed Budget
- County 2.0 Mill Reduction
- 1 Mill Dedicated to County Initiative for Funding Infrastructure
- 0.25 Mill Shift to Parks

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TOTAL REVENUES	$76,691,702	$77,827,782	$80,660,292	$84,586,332	$ 88,558,131	$92,716,109
Additional 1.5 Mill Reduction		$ (2,440,000)	$ (2,640,000)	$ (2,800,000)	$(2,960,000)	$ (3,130,000)
CIFI 1 Mill Reallocation			$ (1,950,000)	$ (2,070,000)	$ (2,190,000)	$ (2,320,000)
TOTAL EXPENSES	$78,204,310	$80,263,469	$83,310,123	$86,431,834	$89,724,620	$93,216,127
CIFI Fund Starting Balance		500,000				
Net Change in Fund Balance	$(1,512,608)	$(2,435,687)	$(2,649,831)	$ (1,845,502)	$(1,166,488)	$(500,018)
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	$12,399,230	$9,963,543	$7,313,712	$5,468,210	$4,301,722	$3,801,704
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	$15,440,254	$13,004,567	$10,354,736	$ 8,509,234	$7,342,746	$6,842,728
Reserve % of Expenditures	19.7%	16.2%	12.4%	9.8%	8.2%	7.3%
Fund Balance 17% Target	$13,294,733	$13,644,790	$14,162,721	$14,693,412	$15,253,185	$15,846,742

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This is our third scenario. It is a 2 mill reduction. The first scenario that I presented with the .25 mill shift and then also 1 mill going toward CIFI. Then also in 2023, starting that fund up with half a million dollars. So, one of the things that we can see here is that our net change in fund balance is negative each year from 2022 to 2027. Our cash basis fund balance and our actual fund balance was our annual comprehensive financial fund balance, they are all in the positive. But starting in 2023, they are below 17%. By the time we get to 2027, it does go down to 7.3%. This is one of the things we would like to point out is that from 2023, we would need to get ourselves back into compliance to a 17% fund balance in order to meet what our fund balance policy says.

So, basically, we would kind of like to open it up and get you all's feedback on the three scenarios that I just spoke about for the County General Fund.

Commissioner Bynum said, Reggie, when I look up the mill rates, first of all, it identifies it as 2021, the 2021 mill rate, and it lists it as 39.338 for the county. Is it called 2021 because that's the year we adopted it? **Ms. Lindsey** said yes.

Commissioner Bynum asked, so if we were to entertain a 2 mill reduction on the county mill rate, it would take it from 39.338 to 37.338. If we shifted another quarter mill, .25, I'm just asking for somebody to check my math with me, that takes it to 37.088. I'm asking because I want to be clear when we make our motion, first of all, that we make it properly. Then, when you talk about the 1 mill to CIFI and you call it a reallocation, doesn't change the county mill levy rate, does it? **Mr. Lindsey** said no, it doesn't and neither does the .25 mill shift.

Commissioner Bynum said okay. So, then neither of those would change the mill levy rate. The only thing that would change it is the 2 mill reduction from 39.338 to 37.338. **Mr. Lindsey** said that is correct. **Commissioner Bynum** said I'm asking somebody to tell me that those are the correct mill levy rates. **Mr. Lindsey** said that is correct.

Commissioner Townsend said just a quick refresher. Mr. Lindsey, 1 mill currently is equivalent of how many dollars? **Mr. Lindsey** said $1.7M.

Commissioner Markley said most of my fellow commissioners know and probably a few in the audience know, I negotiate contracts for a living. That's what I do all day, every day, upwards of a thousand a year. What I can tell you is when people come to agreement, what that always means coming to an agreement sounds so nice, right? What it really means is everybody gave something up. So, what I want to say, both for the benefit of my fellow commissioners and for the people watching is that tonight, we're going to vote on a budget and everybody up here gave something up. It's not the budget I would have developed if I were working in isolation. It's not Commissioner Davis's budget, Commissioner Stites' budget; it's the budget we're going to pass because we had to come together, the 10 of us, and find a compromise. So, I guess I just wanted to make that statement.

We've also seen some chatter out on social media about raising taxes. I just want to sort of parse out the language that we're hearing. There's obviously not a proposal on the table to raise the mill rate tonight. In fact, there never has been through this entire budget discussion. There is a proposal on the table to lower the mill rate, which I think is in keeping with what we're hearing people want. That doesn't mean that everybody is going to pay lower taxes, and that's where we're feeling that difference in the chatter that we're hearing online. Because for most of us, our evaluation went up, right? Our house is worth more this year than it was last year because of market conditions. This Commission can't control that. We can't control the value of your house and you wouldn't want us to because if we did, that would make us totally corrupt, right? If we could go out there and say well, let's just raise everybody's value and then we'll get more money. It shouldn't be that way, and it's not that way. We cannot impact the value of your home, but the value of your home does impact what you pay in taxes because you're taxed a percentage of your home value.

So, I just wanted to parse out the language that we're sort of hearing "out there," it to be clear that there is no proposal on the table to increase the tax rate, the mill rate. No proposal has not been throughout any of this budget discussion all the way going back into the spring. We are, I think, without my fellow commissioners going to lower the mill rate tonight, but that's a separate discussion from the raise in valuation. We can't impact the valuation of your house here tonight or ever because that's not what the Commission does. So, I just wanted to provide that background and also just some background of how the budget gets here.

There's always the joke about watching the sausage be made, and that's reality. For every jurisdiction across the country, nobody's passing a budget where the people who are passing the budget get what they want. Everybody's giving something up. I'm sure other commissioners may have other statements similar to that about what they would have liked to see tonight, but the reality is, I think, we've come to a compromise to get the budget done, which is our job and it's what we've got to do. It doesn't mean we're all sitting up here getting what we wanted in our pocket.

Commissioner Johnson said, Mr. Lindsey, on the slide, I don't have a number on it so I really can't refer to them, but on the slide that's entitled City General Fund Projections, can you pull that up?

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City General Fund Projections

Analysis:
- Annual projected growth of 3.2% in revenues set to be outpaced by 6.9% growth in expenses.
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I believe that's the one. There is a number there that says net change in fund balance under the 2022 Amended Budget. Can you or someone from staff, your team, explain? As I understand that, there is a part of that is an allocation that was recommended by the ARPA committee to be kind of a bullet, a placeholder, so to speak, in the budget. Can you give some clarity to that?

Mr. Lindsey said we do have $7M that is in our capital category that's set aside for ARPA dollars. As far as ARPA committee set it aside for grant matches. **Commissioner Johnson** said in our discussions about that, there were multiple ways to kind of consider this. I think, just from an accounting standpoint, it was decided that this would be the best way to do that. The only point that I'm making through that questioning is it really causes there to be a shift in the outgoing projections that really puts us into a negative light. That number is just a placeholder, it's not actual funds that—these are funds that will be spent over the coming years. But that really throws this into a negative position early on in the projections to the extent that by 2025, we're really in a bad position.

The good news I think that I'm hearing from that is that some of those funds could be allocated to fund the Kansas bridge improvements. Is that correct? **Mr. Lindsey** said that is correct. There's a possibility if the ARPA committee agrees with that. **Commissioner Johnson** said okay, but that then would be reflected in the—well, tell me how would that be reflected, is the question I have. **Mr. Lindsey** said a little later down the road we are going to go through the City General Fund where the Kansas Avenue Bridge repair is going to be part of an option. With that, we will have discussion about if we want to use some of the ARPA funding, which is $3.5M, to fund the Kansas Avenue Bridge reopening. That, again, is not to replace the bridge, but it is a repair. **Commissioner Johnson** said repair. That's correct; repair.

I will say that I do, on the County General Fund, the initial proposal, I like it. The .5 mill reduction, the 2.25 mill shift. The only thing I would add to that, I'd like to see the CIFI added to that. That would be the only modification that I have to that. I know I'll be on the vast minority, but I just want to state that for the record.

With all the things that we have need of with regards to the improvements to the bridge, with regards to the fire house, discussions that we've had and other things, it just seems to me that we cannot have our cake and eat it too. Again, CIFI is included in that discussion. I'm just saying this for our Commission.

I'm not in favor of a 2 mill reduction on the county side because I think it would do us well to make sure that all of the cities in Wyandotte County to include Edwardsville and Bonner Springs and Lake Quivira are all getting dollars to go toward capital improvements. I certainly would support that, but not in conjunction with a 2 mill reduction.

I don't want to keep asking questions so I want to get it all out now and then I'll, hopefully, be quiet from there. I think that's all I have for right now.

Commissioner Stites said, Reggie, if you would, and I know you sent this to me, but I don't have it right here in front of me, the last time the county mill was reduced was? **Mr. Lindsey** said 2006. **Commissioner Stites** asked, and the last time the city mill was reduced was? **Mr. Lindsey** said 2019. **Commissioner Stites** said thank you. I appreciate that.

I am so thankful that we're here tonight looking at a budget that finally addresses the county mill; 2006, you do the math. It's been a long time. This isn't just a Bonner Springs and Edwardsville issue; this is a county mill. This is every person that lives in Wyandotte County, Kansas City, KS, Edwardsville, and Bonner Springs that's looking at this reduction in paying on their taxes. I am 100% in favor of a mill reduction. I wish we could have went more.

Just like Commissioner Markley stated, we all gave up something. We're all giving up something. We didn't all get what we wanted. This is a transition budget, as Ms. Cheryl Harrison-Lee stated. Next year I hope we do more and the next year I hope we do more, but I'm glad to see the reinstatement, hopefully, of CIFI. That, again, is another initiative that is for all of Wyandotte County, Kansas City, KS, Bonner Springs, Edwardsville. It's not just Bonner Springs and Edwardsville.

What I'd like to say is thank you to all the commissioners for giving up something so that we can, hopefully, get this budget approved and move down the road and look at other ways. I don't think we're finished tonight after this budget is approved. I think we've got to start looking at ways that we address, and you're getting ready to show it, but we're spending more than we're bringing in and we're going to have to address it. That's all I have to say.

Commissioner Johnson said I'm so sorry, Mayor. I meant to start out with this. The Budget Overview, Expenditures: All Funds show that we are budgeting $432M in expenses. That is compared to $418.7M in income, which, to me, is somewhere around a $13.3M—is my math correct? That's a $13.3M loss. That's what we're budgeting. Before we add anything else on to it, we are projecting a $13.3M loss before we add anything else on it. Please correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. Lindsey. I just want to make sure that I'm understanding that correctly.

Mr. Lindsey said I will add that is structurally imbalanced, but there are—most of those funds over there, they are healthy. There are 29 different funds there and they do have fund balance that we can spend for purposes. It's not every year that those funds are structurally imbalanced.

Commissioner Johnson said but overall, whether you talk about—this is overall. This is consolidated. This is the starting point. **Mr. Lindsey** said and that is what we budgeted, but the year won't always end that way. **Commissioner Johnson** said sure. The goal is to always beat the budget. I'm always for—that's the goal is to increase—make sure we go over in terms of our income. Make sure that we come under on our expenses. That's always the goal, but when you put it out there like that, and I just have to make sure that I state that for the record, we're starting with a $13.3M loss, which means that we're having to pay for that out of the fund balance. We're having to pay for that out of the fund balance. That's before a 2 mill reduction. That does not include 2 mill reduction, right? **Mr. Lindsey** said that does include the…**Commissioner Johnson** said that includes the 2. Okay, so that's the starting point. **Mr. Lindsey** said yes.

Commissioner Johnson said and then that then has an effect on subsequent years. I can appreciate the healthy discussion on that. I want to make sure that we understand where we're starting at. I'm not one that—we don't have a strategic plan on how we're going to replace those funds in the fund balance. We don't have a—you said we're in a transition year, but we don't—and we said we're going to start making day one in October or whenever it is to try to start addressing those. I'm feeling very uncomfortable with this as a projection for us to look at. I know there's a lot of factors in there, but I just wanted to make sure that I stated that for the record.

Commissioner Stites said I can tell you who's uncomfortable. That's the people who are out there that are struggling everyday to pay their bills. As we keep on raising taxes and continue to raise taxes, it makes it harder and harder for people to buy their medication and pay for food. Heaven forbid we let them get a weekend that they can go visit family because gas is too high. We continue to increase the—we're not raising taxes tonight. I want to get that clear. We're not raising the taxes, but we do have the ability tonight to impact what goes out of everyone's pocket tonight.

Yes, we're on a path that we have to correct. We've got to correct it because as you've shown, as the outside firm came in and showed us, we've got to make some changes, and I agree. We've got to make some changes. It's going to be hard. There may be programs that are cut, but I would rather see programs cut than people not be able to eat, or their electricity gets shut off, or not be able to pay for medication. We probably need to take a hard look at how we trim the fat and get our budget straight.

COUNTY

Mill Reduction + CIFI

2 Mill Reduction, .25 Mill Shift + 1 Mill CIFI

Notes:
- Fund Balance drops below 2-month reserve and drops below a 1-month reserve by 2027

Assumptions:
- Base Proposed Budget
- County 2.0 Mill Reduction
- 1 Mill Dedicated to County Initiative for Funding Infrastructure
- 0.25 Mill Shift to Parks

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CIFI 1 Mill Reallocation			$ (1,950,000)	$ (2,070,000)	$ (2,190,000)	$ (2,320,000)
TOTAL EXPENSES	$78,204,310	$80,263,469	$83,310,123	$86,431,834	$89,724,620	$93,216,127
CIFI Fund Starting Balance		500,000				
Net Change in Fund Balance	$(1,512,608)	$(2,435,687)	$(2,649,831)	$ (1,845,502)	$(1,166,488)	$(500,018)
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	$12,399,230	$9,963,543	$7,313,712	$5,468,210	$4,301,722	$3,801,704
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	$15,440,254	$13,004,567	$10,354,736	$ 8,509,234	$7,342,746	$6,842,728
Reserve % of Expenditures	19.7%	16.2%	12.4%	9.8%	8.2%	7.3%
Fund Balance 17% Target	$13,294,733	$13,644,790	$14,162,721	$14,693,412	$15,253,185	$15,846,742

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Mr. Lindsey said as we move forward on, before we leave the County General Fund, I'd just kind of get a consensus on what our elected body would like to see from the three scenarios that we have been discussing.

This is the 2 mill reduction with a .25 mill shift to Parks and a 1 mill for CIFI. This would be one of our options.

COUNTY

CIFI

Notes:
- Fund Balance maintains a 2-month, 17%, operating reserve as stated by UG Policy

Assumptions:
- Base Proposed Budget
- County 0.5 Mill Reduction
- 1 Mill Dedicated to County Initiative for Funding Infrastructure
- 0.25 Mill Shift to Parks

County General Fund	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	2024 Forecast	2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast
TOTAL REVENUES	$76,691,702	$80,267,782	$83,475,292	$87,576,332	$91,723,131	$96,066,109
1.0 Mill Allocation for CIFI	-	-	$(1,775,000)	$(1,880,000)	$(1,985,000)	$(2,100,000)
TOTAL EXPENSES	$78,204,310	$81,403,469	$83,310,123	$86,431,834	$89,724,620	$93,216,127
Dedicated CIFI Funding	-	$1,640,000	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	$(1,512,608)	$(1,135,687)	$165,169	$1,144,498	$1,998,512	$2,849,982
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	$12,399,230	$11,263,543	$11,428,712	$12,573,210	$14,571,722	$17,421,704
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	$15,440,254	$14,304,567	$14,469,736	$15,614,234	$17,612,746	$20,462,728
Reserve % of Expenditures	19.74%	17.57%	17.37%	18.07%	19.63%	21.95%
Fund Balance 17% Target	*$13,294,733*	*$13,838,590*	*$14,162,721*	*$14,693,412*	*$15,253,185*	*$15,846,742*

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This is CIFI where we have a .5 mill reduction to the county mill would come off. Then we also have a mill shift out in future years where we have $1.6M going into CIFI for 2023. Then there'd still be like .25 mill for Parks. This is one scenario.

COUNTY
Additional 1.5 Mill Reduction

2 mill reduction + .25 mill shift to Parks

Analysis:
- Annual projected growth of 5.12% in revenues keeping pace with 4% growth in expenses.
- Fund Balance drops below 2 - month reserve target in 2024 – 2026 then comes back in line in 2027

Assumptions:
- Base Proposed Budget
- County 2.0 Mill Reduction
- 0.25 Mill Shift to Parks

County General Fund	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	2024 Forecast	2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast
TOTAL REVENUES	**$76,691,702**	**$77,827,782**	**$82,610,292**	**$86,656,332**	**$90,748,131**	**$95,036,109**
Additional 1.5 Mill Reduction		$ (2,440,000)	$ (2,640,000)	$ (2,800,000)	$(2,960,000)	$ (3,130,000)
TOTAL EXPENSES	$78,204,310	$79,763,469	$83,310,123	$86,431,834	$89,724,620	$93,216,127
Net Change in Fund Balance	$ (1,512,608)	$ (1,935,687)	$ (699,831)	$224,498	$1,023,512	$1,819,982
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	$12,399,230	$10,463,543	$9,763,712	$9,988,210	$11,011,722	$12,831,704
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	$15,440,254	$13,504,567	$12,804,736	$13,029,234	$14,052,746	$15,872,728
Reserve % of Expenditures	19.7%	17.0%	15.4%	15.1%	15.7%	17.0%
Fund Balance 17% Target	*$13,294,733*	*$13,559,790*	*$14,162,721*	*$14,693,412*	*$15,253,185*	*$15,846,742*

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Then there is a 2 mill reduction with a .25 mill shift to Parks.

Commissioner Stites asked, are we looking for a motion or are we just looking for a recommendation? I'm ready to make a motion.

Action: **Commissioner Stites made a motion to accept the option that reduces the mill by 2 mills, .25 shift to Parks, and institute the CIFI program.**

Ms. Harrison-Lee said that's Option 3.

Mayor Garner asked, can I have order just real quick here? The presentation hasn't completed. We'll get the items that are on the agenda for vote and for further discussion. If you can complete your presentation then we…**Commissioner Stites** asked, how do we flag that one like if somebody happens to…**Mr. Lindsey** said I'll keep note of it. **Commissioner Stites** said you got it.

Commissioner Townsend said just a comment. Before the vote, I would just like to hear Mr. Lindsey go ahead and complete the presentation. I can save my comments until later.

Mayor Garner said you can proceed, Mr. Lindsey.

2024 FUND BALANCE TARGET TRADEOFFS

County Personnel

AMOUNT NEEDED TO ACHIEVE 17% FUND BALANCE

Range: $1.3M → $3.6M

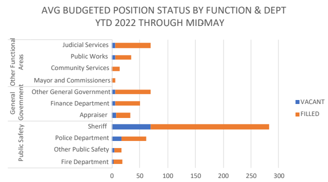
18 positions, 3.4% staffing reduction, 21% Vacancy Rate
(2 mill reduction = $1.3M)

47 positions, 8.8% staffing reduction, 26% Vacancy Rate
(2 mill reduction + CIFI = $3.6M)

*Average Position Impact County General Fund - $76,000

AVERAGE BUDGETED POSITION STATUS BY FUNCTION AND DEPARTMENT
YTD 2022 THROUGH MID - MAY

	BUDGETED	VACANT	FILLED	VACANCY %
General Government	**152.70**	**19.71**	**132.99**	**12.91%**
Appraiser	33.00	7.90	25.10	23.94%
Finance Department	50.00	5.43	44.57	10.87%
Other General Government	69.70	6.38	63.33	9.15%
Public Safety	**378.90**	**93.49**	**285.41**	**24.67%**
Fire Department	18.00	2.20	15.80	12.22%
Other Public Safety	17.00	4.90	12.10	28.82%
Police Department	60.90	16.75	44.15	27.50%
Sheriff	283.00	69.64	213.36	24.61%
Other Functional Areas	**124.40**	**11.54**	**112.86**	**8.85%**
Community Services	13.75	0.00	13.75	0.00%
Judicial Services	70.00	5.90	64.10	8.43%
Mayor and Commissioners	5.80	0.00	5.80	0.00%
Public Works	34.85	5.64	29.21	16.18%
GRAND TOTAL	**656.00**	**124.74**	**531.26**	**19.01%**



Mr. Lindsey said this slide right here is just kind of meant to show like to get us into fund balance in those future years where we're falling below fund balance. Kind of show that we, so we're in future years, we're like $1.3M to $3.6M below fund balance. These are like some options where we could trim funding in future years to help us meet fund balance.

2024 FUND BALANCE TARGET TRADEOFFS

County Operating & Capital

RANGE: $1.3M → $3.6M

PROJECTED TOTAL OPERATING = $22M

- 6%- 16% Operating Reduction
- Significant Operating Costs include Jail Contracts, Software Agreements, Legal & Court Operations and Coroner Expenses (~50% of budget)
- Remaining Budgets would have to be reduced 12% - 34%

PROJECTED TOTAL CAPITAL = $2M

- 68%- 100%+ Capital Reduction
- Significant Capital Costs include Jail Management System Update, Sheriff Fleet Updates, Disparity Study, Loring Pavement Preservation & County Facilities Improvements

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Our county operating and capital. These are just some options. Projected total operating budget in the county is $22M and the capital was $2M. We can cut from the operating budget, which is $22M, and from the projected capital budget, which is $2M.

City
General Fund

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CITY
Base Budget Proposal + Kansas Ave Bridge

Analysis:
- No Additional Funding Needed
- **Negative cash balance in 2025**

Assumptions:
- Add CMIP Funding for Kansas Avenue Temporary Emergency Bridge Repair

City General Fund	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	2024 Forecast	2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast
TOTAL REVENUES	$160,969,102	$155,221,370	$160,633,958	$165,765,064	$171,016,489	$176,351,469
TOTAL EXPENSES	$173,997,913	$159,453,294	$170,334,986	$179,837,473	$192,487,131	$208,205,757
Emergency Bridge Repair	$3,500,000	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	$(13,028,811)	$(4,231,924)	$(9,701,028)	$(14,072,409)	$(21,470,642)	$(31,854,288)
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	$17,950,789	$13,718,865	$4,017,837	($10,054,572)	($31,525,214)	($63,379,502)
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	$32,839,724	$28,607,800	$18,906,772	$4,834,363	($16,636,279)	($48,490,567)
Reserve % of Expenditures	18.87%	17.94%	11.10%	2.69%	-8.64%	-23.29%
Fund Balance 17% Target	$29,579,645	$27,107,060	$28,956,948	$30,572,370	$32,722,812	$35,394,979

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Here are scenarios for the City General Fund. The main scenarios for the City General Fund are going to be repairing the Kansas Avenue Bridge and then also reopening the Fairfax fire station. This scenario right here is a base budget proposal with the Kansas Avenue Bridge in it.

A little earlier we talked about structural imbalance and we can see the net change in fund balance is $4.2M, which was the same when we looked at the City General Fund a little bit earlier. We would pay for the bridge in 2022, which is in the amount of $3.5M. It is the beige row. It says Emergency Bridge Repair. We can see that in 2022, we do have like a $13M negative net fund change in fund balance. Then we have like 19% fund balance as it compares to our expenditures to what we have in the fund balance.

So, we still are in compliance. Then moving into the next year, we still are in compliance at 18%, but when we get to 2025, our cash basis fund balance does fall to $10M, then the next year it's at $31M, and the next year it grows to $27M. Then we can see where the reserve, as a percent of expenditures, in 2024, we definitely fall below the 17% fund balance threshold. We fall down to 11% and we end up in 2027 in the negative at 23%.

CITY
Re-Open Fire Station #15 with 3 Member Pumper Funded by Grant Funding (If Awarded)

Analysis:
- Fund Balance in compliance in 2023
- **Negative cash balance in 2025**

Assumptions:
- Re-Open Station in November 2022
- Shift personnel from another station that has 4 personnel to a truck
- Station will operate in 2022 and 2023 with 3 Person Overtime Company.
- Station will operate in 2024 as a 3 Person Permanent Company and into the future
- Partial grant funding is being proposed for 2024, 2025, & 2026. Grant award is not guaranteed

City General Fund	2022 Amended Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	2024 Forecast	2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast
TOTAL REVENUES	$160,969,102	$155,221,370	$160,633,958	$165,765,064	$171,016,489	$176,351,469
TOTAL EXPENSES	$174,147,216	$160,384,948	$171,266,506	$180,157,897	$193,319,478	$209,525,512
Reopen Fairfax Fire Station w/ Grant Funds	$149,303	$931,653	$931,520	$320,424	$832,347	$1,319,756
Net Change in Fund Balance	$(9,678,114)	$(5,163,578)	$(10,632,548)	$(14,392,833)	$(22,302,989)	$(33,174,043)
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	$21,301,486	$16,137,908	$5,505,360	($8,887,473)	($31,190,462)	($67,364,506)
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	$36,190,421	$31,026,843	$20,394,295	$6,001,462	($16,301,527)	($49,475,571)
Reserve % of Expenditures	21.21%	19.35%	11.91%	3.33%	-8.43%	-23.61%
Fund Balance 17% Target	$29,605,027	$27,265,441	$29,115,306	$30,626,843	$32,864,311	$35,619,337
Fairfax Fire Station Grant Contribution	-		$1,962,596	$420,600	$437,450	-

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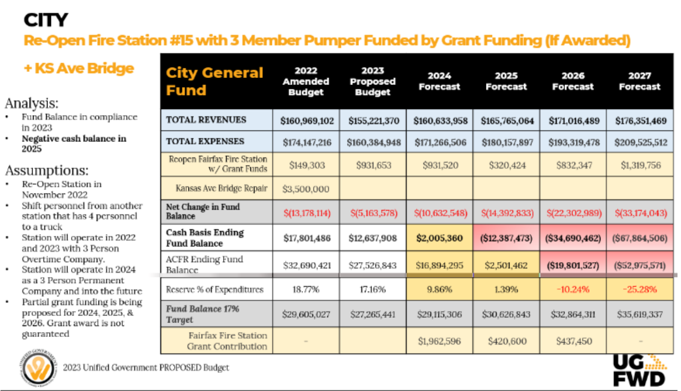
This next option is reopening Fire Station #15, which is in Fairfax, with a three member pumper funded by grant funding. This is contingent on us getting the grant funded award. That funding with the grant would start in 2024 and 2025 and 2026 is when it would be funded. You can kind of see down in the beige column at the bottom row, what we anticipate the grant funding to be if we were awarded that. It would be $1.9M in 2024. In 2025 it would be $420K. In 2026 it would be $437K. We do see where our net change in fund balance it is negative from 2022 out to 2027. In 2025, we do run into a negative cash fund balance of almost $9M. That year, in 2025, we would not be able to approve a budget with the state of Kansas if we had a negative fund balance at all.

Again, some of the things that are worked into opening this three-member pumper, which would be funded by grants, is that it allows for a person to be shifted from Station #5 to the pumper in Fairfax where we'd only have to pay for two members of overtime when we first open that station up in 2022; and then the whole year of 2023, we would pay overtime to only two people going into 2024 for the whole first quarter. Then we would start a permanent crew within Fairfax and that would have a three-member pumper with one of the individuals coming from Station #5 to help out in order to be on that pumper.


CITY

Re-Open Fire Station #15 with 3 Member Pumper Funded by Grant Funding (If Awarded)

+ KS Ave Bridge

Analysis:
- Fund Balance in compliance in 2023
- **Negative cash balance in 2025**

Assumptions:
- Re-Open Station in November 2022
- Shift personnel from another station that has 4 personnel to a truck
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Reopen Fairfax Fire Station w/ Grant Funds	$149,303	$931,653	$931,520	$320,424	$832,347	$1,319,756
Kansas Ave Bridge Repair	$3,500,000					
Net Change in Fund Balance	$(13,178,114)	$(5,163,578)	$(10,632,548)	$(14,392,833)	$(22,302,989)	$(33,174,043)
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	$17,801,486	$12,637,908	$2,005,360	($12,387,473)	($34,690,462)	($67,864,506)
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	$32,690,421	$27,526,843	$16,894,295	$2,501,462	($19,801,527)	($52,975,571)
Reserve % of Expenditures	18.77%	17.16%	9.86%	1.39%	-10.24%	-25.28%
Fund Balance 17% Target	$29,605,027	$27,265,441	$29,115,306	$30,626,843	$32,864,311	$35,619,337
Fairfax Fire Station Grant Contribution	-		$1,962,596	$420,600	$437,450	-

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This scenario right here is the last scenario for the City General Fund. Basically, what we have here is the Fairfax fire station and the Kansas Avenue Bridge both coupled together. What we can see is that fund balances continue to go up. Where we were with the original budget in 2025, cash basis ending fund balance was $6.5M and now it is $12M out in 2025. In 2023, the budget that we are here to discuss, we are in compliance with our fund balance policy of 17%. What we can see when we go out into the years, each year our fund balance drops. We would definitely in 2024, we would have to get our fund balance back into compliance. In 2025, we would need to do something so we can get a budget approved. So, we can see that the amounts in the beige in the middle of the fund statement, the dollars that it cost to reopen the Fairfax and then also the dollars that it cost to reopen the Kansas Avenue Bridge with the repair.

2024 FUND BALANCE TARGET TRADEOFFS

City Personnel

AMOUNT NEEDED TO ACHIEVE 17% FUND BALANCE

Range: \$6.5M → \$12.2M

68 positions, 7.3% staffing reduction, 18.5% Vacancy Rate

(Base Budget = \$6.5M)

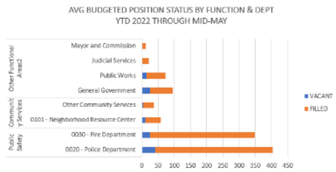
127 positions, 13.7% staffing reduction, 24.1% Vacancy Rate

(3-Person Fire Station + KS Ave Bridge = \$12.2M)

*Average Position Impact City General Fund - \$96,000

AVERAGE BUDGETED POSITION STATUS BY FUNCTION AND DEPARTMENT
YTD 2022 THROUGH MID-MAY

	BUDGETED	VACANT	FILLED	VACANCY %
Public Safety	**752.60**	**66.45**	**686.16**	**8.83%**
0020 - Police Department	403.60	41.55	362.06	10.29%
0030 - Fire Department	349.00	24.90	324.10	7.13%
Community Services	**94.85**	**14.76**	**80.09**	**15.56%**
0101 - Neighborhood Resource Center	58.00	11.40	46.60	19.66%
Other Community Services	36.85	3.36	33.49	9.11%
Other Functional Areas	**202.03**	**44.46**	**157.57**	**22.01%**
General Government	95.43	25.25	70.18	26.46%
Public Works	72.40	14.71	57.69	20.32%
Judicial Services	22.00	2.30	19.70	10.45%
Mayor and Commission	12.20	2.20	10.00	18.03%
GRAND TOTAL	**1049.48**	**125.66**	**923.82**	**11.97%**



Here are some options if we were to, in the future when we get to where we need to balance out the fund balance in future years to get up to the 17% fund balance. We see we have 68 positions that we could possibly look at unfunding or 127 positions that we could possibly look at unfunding.

2024 FUND BALANCE TARGET TRADEOFFS

City Operating & Capital

RANGE: \$6.5M → \$12.2M

PROJECTED TOTAL OPERATING = \$24M

- 27%-36% Operating Reduction
- Significant Operating Costs include Software Agreements, ATA Transit Services, Fleet Maintenance, Insurance & Demo funding
  (~50% of budget)
- Remaining Budgets would have to be reduced 54% - 100%

PROJECTED TOTAL CAPITAL = \$7.2M

- 90%-100% Capital Reduction
  - Not possible due to lease obligations
- Significant Capital Costs include Pavement Preservation, Police & Fire Fleet Updates, Disparity Study, & City Facilities Improvements

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Then here are some more options. We're just kind of talking about when we have \$24M operating budget in the City General Fund and then our projected total capital up there is \$7.2M. Those are some options to cut in both the operating and the projected capital.

BUDGET ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution – Wyandotte County Library
2. Ordinance – Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District
3. Ordinance – Sanitary Sewer Rate
4. Ordinance – Solid Waste Fee
5. Resolution – BPU PILOT
6. Resolution/Ordinance – authorizing document for CMIP including GO/Temp Note issuance, PBC revenue bonds, and lease agreements to finance capital project improvements and equipment.
7. Resolution/Ordinance – adopting the UG budget

➢ *Ordinance – Storm Water Utility Fee – No action required*
(2021 ordinance includes an annual 5% increase starting January 2023)

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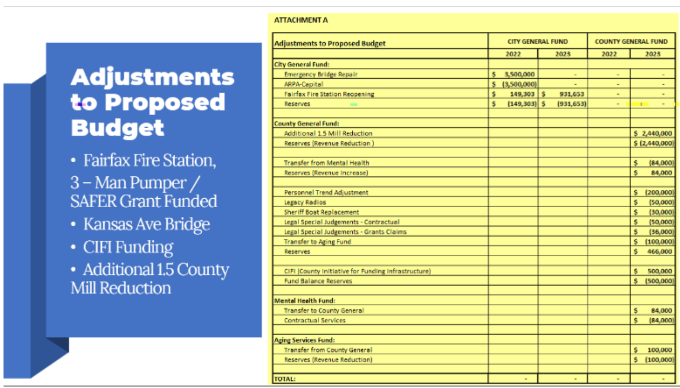
We've kind of gone through all the fund statements. As part of voting on the budget tonight, we do have resolutions and ordinances that you all will be voting on. They include the Wyandotte

County Library, voting on the mill that they're bringing forward. They did not increase their mill or anything. Then we have the Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District, which they actually decreased their mill below the revenue neutral rate. Then we also have an ordinance for the sanitary sewer rate, which does increase 5%. Then our solid waste fee does increase 75%. Our BPU PILOT does stay stable. Then there's also the ordinance adopting the UG budget. Then there's also—there's no action taken on this, but we wanted to disclose it where there's a 5% increase on the storm water utility fee that's part of our ordinance.



ATTACHMENT A

Adjustments to Proposed Budget	CITY GENERAL FUND		COUNTY GENERAL FUND	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
City General Fund:				
Emergency Bridge Repair	$ 3,500,000	-	-	-
ARPA-Capital	$ (3,500,000)	-	-	-
Fairfax Fire Station Reopening	$ 149,303	$ 931,653	-	-
Reserves	$ (149,303)	$ (931,653)	-	-
County General Fund:				
Additional 1.5 Mill Reduction				$ 2,440,000
Reserves (Revenue Reduction)				$ (2,440,000)
Transfer from Mental Health				$ (84,000)
Reserves (Revenue Increase)				$ 84,000
Personnel Trend Adjustment				$ (200,000)
Legacy Radios				$ (50,000)
Sheriff Boat Replacement				$ (30,000)
Legal Special Judgements - Contractual				$ (50,000)
Legal Special Judgements - Grants Claims				$ (36,000)
Transfer to Aging Fund				$ (100,000)
Reserves				$ 466,000
CIFI (County Initiative for Funding Infrastructure)				$ 500,000
Fund Balance Reserves				$ (500,000)
Mental Health Fund:				
Transfer to County General				$ 84,000
Contractual Services				$ (84,000)
Aging Services Fund:				
Transfer from County General				$ 100,000
Reserves (Revenue Reduction)				$ (100,000)
TOTAL:	-	-	-	-

Also, there is, from when we originally proposed the budget, we have a mechanism that we call the "yellow sheet" where we make adjustments to get things added into the budget that the elected body would approve tonight. So, what we have built-in right now we have the emergency bridge repair. We have it going into ARPA dollars. We would like to recommend that. Then we have reopening the Fairfax fire station, which would be like $149K this year, and we take that from reserves. We'll take that from reserves and then also in 2023, we fund the reopening of the fire station at $931K, and we take that from reserves also.

Then, these are some moves that we have already made that are in the County General Fund when the elected body let us know that they wanted to see more tax decrease in the form of a mill for the citizens. We cut—we made that addition to the revenue so the $2.4M that you see there, that is a 1.5 mill reduction and that is the result of that .5 mill that we already had which will make it a full 2 mills. Then to get to that, we had to move some money around within our funds. One of the places we moved funding from was our Mental Health Fund. They already were getting the maximum amount of money. We did not cut their budget or anything. They were going to be getting a pretty good amount of more money, so we reduced that.

Then we have reduced our personnel trend. There were some capital projects that we ended up cutting and then also some legal special adjustments and then also transfer to the Aging Fund that was built-in to the County General Fund, we took that out. Also, we have the CIFI built-in for $500K being transferred to Mental Health and Aging. We didn't do those this year from the County General Fund or to the County General Fund.

So, that is how our yellow sheet looks.

Mayor Garner asked, does that conclude your presentation? **Mr. Lindsey** said yes, it does.

Mayor Garner asked any questions, comments from our commissioners?

Commissioner Burroughs said I've listened to the debate and I really appreciate the insight many of my colleagues have brought forward. It was clearly stated that a 2 mill reduction is within this budget, should we take that path. I will share with you that I believe that 2 mill reduction will be ate up by the fees and stuff that are coming forward with the new proposals within the resolutions that are going to be coming forward. I'm going to stand with the taxpayers. You've heard me say this before, I'm taking my commissioner hat off and my legislative hat off, and I'm putting my taxpayer hat on. My taxes are too high. I just got my new assessment and they're over $800 and some for next year.

It's frustrating to me when I sit here and we look like a 2% reduction in the mill on a county budget that can absorb more of a cut, but we choose to spend. The allocations that we put forward for the Parks and for CIFI are good budgeting. That's transparency. It's committed dollars still within the budget. So, we're not cutting anything. All we're doing is reallocating those dollars and prioritizing those dollars within the budget. So, let's not get that confused as an additional cut because it's not that. It's reallocation and earmarking those dollars specifically for what we've asked them to be done.

I look at an unstable, out of balance city budget and it concerns me greatly. Our Wyandotte County budget is strong enough to support some of the decisions that have been made here tonight, but our city budget can ill afford it. If we're going to continue down this road that we're going to continue to spend, and spend, and spend, we're not going to be able to right this ship. What I would hate to see us do, as a body, next year is come back and say, we'll address it again the following year and not come back and reprioritize our budgeting for the city. It's been stated earlier that we don't have a revenue problem as much as we have a spending problem. It's about priorities. I don't want to come in and make cuts to services, but I don't want to find ourselves in bankruptcy court either. It's not the prudent thing to do as a leader.

I think the taxpayers, I'm going to stand with them this evening, they've asked and we've heard for the last umpteen months, my taxes are too high. If I'm the only voice that's going to stand up for the taxpayer and say, 2 mills is nothing to snub your nose at, but if we're going to take it back from you with the increase in fees and taxes, what I call taxes without representation, in the next resolutions that are coming forward, I'm concerned about that. We've got long-term bond ratings that will be impacted and we're going to continue to deplete our reserves. That is not good fiscal management.

Madam Administrator, I want to compliment you on one of the most thorough presentations I have received in reference to digesting the budget process. This was absolutely a very well presented group of papers you submitted to us tonight and I want to commend you on that. But we are still structurally unbalanced on the city side. I believe there's more that we can do. I, myself, am disappointed that we couldn't push harder to look at budget cuts. It's easy to say, we can spend because we want to make everybody happy. But, we have a job and I take my job very seriously as a fiscal conservative. I want my community to be prosperous and these numbers here concern me greatly.

Mayor, thank you. Madam Administrator, thank you for the explanation you gave in reference to the budget. I sincerely appreciate it. Reggie, I appreciate your presentation. Thank you staff for all the work you've put in. I know you've heard from me all year long in reference to my position on the budget.

Commissioner Townsend said as Commissioner Markley and some of my other colleagues have mentioned, everybody gives up something, but there are certain things that you know is your wall. Since we're talking about the county and the mill reduction, I have to lean toward some of the explanations already given by Commissioner Johnson in terms of where we are with (inaudible).

One of the reasons I asked Mr. Lindsey about the value of the mill, which turned out to be approximately $1.7M, is—and several people have mentioned tonight—roads, parks, mill reductions, taxes. As I said last time, nobody up here voted to increase taxes.

With regard to the county mill options, I'm certainly in favor of the .25 mill shift, if not more. The 1 mill you're talking about a $1.7M CIFI that would go to infrastructure and our communities already stated unequivocally that that's where we need to be focused. I cannot, however, based on the number, support a 2 mill reduction. Something less possibly, but that's not our option today. For those reasons, I would not be able to support a mill reduction of that amount.

Mayor Garner said we're going to get into the portion where we're going to start entertaining these motions, but I have some comments to make. I fall in line with Commissioner Burroughs and Commissioner Stites and other commissioners that have been on this Commission. This is my first budget process and I'm here because people voted me in. At least the people that voted me, they said they wanted to see change. They said enough is enough of raising our taxes, these fees, it's not sustainable. I'll give an example.

Last year's budget, if you take out the budget that we're under now, which is $420M, if you take out the ARPA funds that bridge that gap, how much was our budget last year? It's right under $400M, I believe, if I'm correct. Just tell me if I'm wrong. Please, somebody from staff tell me if I'm wrong. I would hope that you would know, someone, what last year's budget was.

Mr. Lindsey said I know it was $420M total. **Mayor Garner** said total, but without the ARPA funds that kind of bridge, that took it to the $420. What was the actual, if you take that out, what would that be? Does anybody know? Let's just, okay, let's just take a guess and then it's under, right at $400. We'll just give…**Mr. Lindsey** said I am thinking it's like $300. Did you say $394? **Mayor Garner** said right. Right around that. Would that be a good estimate? **Mr. Lindsey** said it sounds familiar.

Mayor Garner said so now we are up this year. We're operating under a budget without ARPA funds last year, about $390, give or take. This year, we're up to a $432M budget. I reject the notion that taxes are not being raised because people have shown me their bills and their bills say different. Yes, the mill levy goes up. No, I don't believe anybody in here raises taxes, but what you can do is you can put a pressure point on taxes by going to revenue neutral. That's a good starting point because as people mill levy—as their valuation goes up, that brings in more tax revenue through the mill levy. No, we're not raising taxes, but you're not allowing taxes to not be raised. You're allowing those extra dollars to come in. I've seen that year after year and these budgets reflect that. So, if taxes aren't being raised, then why is the budget keep going up?

We have to put a pressure point on what's going on with the taxes and the fees that are burdening the citizens, as we've heard before time and time again, either out of Wyandotte County into poverty or preventing people and businesses to not want to come in here to do business. People have told me enough is enough, Mayor.

Business as usual here at the Unified Government must stop. I hear the same song and dance, next year, next year, next year. Well, some people aren't here that were here last year because they've moved out and some people aren't going to be here if these taxes are raised going into next year. I've said it before, we've got to put a pressure point and we've got to identify what essential services are. The hard decisions are going to have to be made on how to streamline this bloated government, how to cut spending, how to cut costs, and to budget in a fiscal responsible way so we're not looking at red by 2027. These are hard decisions that are going to have to be made. We've got to start listening to the community.

I heard a lot of good presentations and I appreciate the work that has gone into staff because they're just doing what they're told and bring back a budget and putting in all the work from what they're hearing from the leadership in this Unified Government. This leadership in this Unified Government, and I don't have a problem calling it out, is why I'm here today because people are tired. I can tell you, respectfully, that people are going to get so tired that some of you all just need to take a closer look if you want to continue sitting in these seats of this Unified Government because this community is waking up.

I'm not here to play politics. You can write whatever you want to write about me. You should ask me if I care before you write it because I really don't. I care about the people of Wyandotte County. That's who matters to me. I've watched people sit up here and beg this Commission, not just this year, but every year. I believe that this Commission has failed this community, and that's why I'm here. We've got to do better. There's not much I can do because I don't vote on anything. All I do is try to give recommendations and, hopefully, a pathway forward. I've invited so many of you to work with me on something that the people are telling me that they want. No, we can't get everything, but in fairness to this Commission, in fairness to this staff, this community needs to work harder with this Commission and the staff because where we're at financially, I said it before, there are some things that this community is going to have to decide and say for the short term, as we rebuild this town, what's acceptable for us to do without. That's going to be painful, but it's a lot better than us going off the cliff. If we keep doing business as usual here, in Wyandotte County, we've heard people from outside that did an audit and it resonates with me when the gentleman said if you don't do something, it's big or else.

There was a 9 mill approximately increase this year. We're talking 2 mills decrease. We're going to decrease the increase slightly, decrease your increase, but nevertheless, you're going to get an increase so don't be fooled anybody in this community. You're going to see an increase in your taxes.

I don't care about the smoke and the mirrors and all the games that I've heard over the years when I was an employee here. Sometimes people forget I worked here at all levels and I've watched this and I've had to sit silent because I had to stay neutral. I'm not going to sit silent on the things that matter to the people of Wyandotte County any longer because I'm not here for politics. I don't need any money. I'm retired. I'm not here for personal gain. I don't need anything. I'm here for the people. It hurts me, as a public servant for 32 years, and it hurts me now that I'm your mayor to see the same song and dance.

I've asked, what can we cut? What can we live without? The starting point should be a revenue neutral then let's talk about what we need to cut. Then we get to a balanced budget. The people of Wyandotte County deserve better than this. I really fear if we don't get a handle on this, where are we going to be by 2027. I tell you this with all sincerity, I'm willing to work as hard as I can with anybody that wants to work with me for the betterment of our community.

I applaud Commissioner Bynum. I spoke to her and she's taking a bold step to take the first step to do the things that I've asked for. That's to start having a budget conversation about how we streamline this government. We find wasteful spending and try to cut it out, and we do the things to try and bring real tax relief and balance this budget for the 2024 Budget. It's not going to happen in this budget and it hurts me. It hurts me that the most painful meeting that I sat in as the mayor was our last Commission meeting and watching those people literally beg for tax relief. That burden I carried that night knowing that I couldn't do anything for those people haunts me to this day.

I'm going to continue to fight and do what I can. I'm not here to be politically correct. I'm here to do what's right for Wyandotte County. I don't have all the answers. I'm not a financier. My background is public safety, but I do care about people. I do know that for every problem, if you work collaboratively, you can find solutions. So, I challenge this Commission, whatever problems and issues you may have, we have got to work together. We've got to work together and collaborate and be the professionals that this community wants us to be. Throw aside any personal, professional, whatever, and let's come together and work for the better good for this community and find a way to put a pressure point on the tax burden in Wyandotte County.

I hear about the PILOT. I hear about fees. There's so many things we haven't even touched that I can go on and on about. Economic development is a good pathway out and I applaud our County Administrator for having the vision and the insight to tell all of us that she's going to put together a strategic plan that hopefully when she's gone, we can still follow it. That can hopefully allow us to bring the right developments in.

I applaud Commissioner Johnson for taking a leadership role with his task force to find ways to streamline the business process to make it more favorable for businesses to want to do business and build the residential and the brick and mortar businesses. They're going to broaden our tax base and anchor people right here in Wyandotte County because that's what we need. As you know, our revenues are dropping. That's how you get the revenue.

Our government, and I said it, is too big. We spend too much. What I didn't hear in this business process was, where do we cut? What can we do without? What departments are going to say, we're going to put this off? I talk to employees. I'm here every day. I talk to community people. There's a lot of wasteful spending, from what I'm being told, that goes on. We need to identify those and see if that's perception or if it's real.

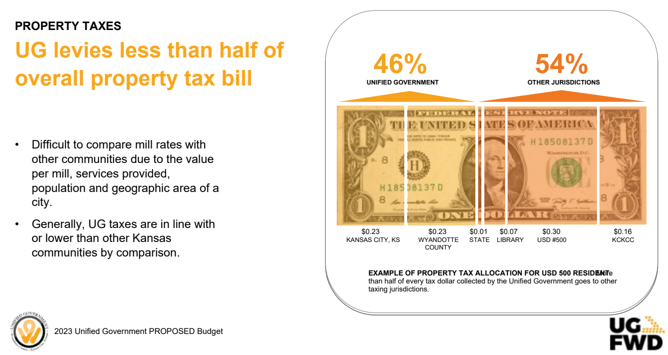
I can't support anything that is going to be anything less than tax relief, real tax relief for the hard working residents of Wyandotte County and the businesses that are here and the businesses that are looking and eying and wanting to be here.

I don't think it's an accident if you look to downtown Kansas City, MO, and they're building up. You look north and south and even far west where there's not much when you talk about density and everybody is building and everybody is growing. What are we doing wrong in Wyandotte County? It's a question I pose to this Commission and to this body.

I don't see $420M worth of anything of substance that people are telling me that is high value that represents the taxes and the fees that they pay here in Wyandotte County. And now you want them to do another $432M. I urge this Commission to work with me to find real solutions to the real problems that we know impact the lives of real people each and every day.

I can tell you the people I've talked to say what we're doing, as a Commission, and how we've been doing the business as usual, because I've watched before I got here, this conversation is almost identical to past conversations, and where we end up is identical to what we ended up years before. Business as usual here at the Unified Government.

The expectation that I've been given by my constituents has to stop. Let's put the people first and let's find ways to find real tax reduction, look at the PILOT, look at these fees, but to do that, yes, we've got to really define what is essential, cut costs, cut out this big government, that's up to our Administrator and our staff, and move forward and balance our budget and bring about the economic stability that we need so Wyandotte County doesn't go off a cliff. I don't want that for this community. I've been here all my adult life. I love Wyandotte County. I love the people here. I'm going to end it with this, they deserve better.



Commissioner Stites said I thought I was going to shut up earlier, now I've got something else to say. If you can go back to, so the audience can see it, the dollar bill, this is such a telling graph here. The Unified Government, 46%. We don't even control half of what everyone—what I pay, you pay, everyone pays, that's in this room, in taxes. We don't control half of it. 54% of this dollar is other taxing entities. When I look at this, and I think we have made strides. We are making strides to go in the right direction at 2 mills. Again, do I wish it was more? Absolutely, but we have to get something started in the right direction, and I think we're going in the right direction, but there's other taxing entities that need to be held accountable other than the Unified Government.

Kansas City Kansas Community College, did they raise or lower their mill? I don't know. I don't think they did, but they're 16% of your dollar. USD 500, did they raise or lower? I don't know. The library, did they raise or lower? I can shoulder the burden because I can do it, but there's other taxing entities that need to be held accountable for your tax dollars, for our tax dollars also. So, when we're out fighting to get our taxes lower, we need to be looking at those other entities also.

Mayor Garner said I'm going to entertain a motion, I believe. I'm going to revisit that. I've lost track. The first item I'll entertain is the library. I'm going to ask for a motion to approve the library budget.

A. WYANDOTTE COUNTY LIBRARY RESOLUTION

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, with respect to financing the 2023 Annual Budget for the Wyandotte County Library, and approving, adopting, and appropriating the budget of the Wyandotte County Library Board and levying a tax for the year beginning January 1, 2023.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-49-22,** "A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, with respect to financing the 2023 Annual Budget for the Wyandotte County Library and approving, adopting, and appropriating the budget of the Wyandotte County Library Board and levying a tax for the year beginning January 1, 2023." **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to adopt the resolution**.

Mayor Garner said I've got a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson; and one "No," Burroughs.

B. SSMID ORDINANCE

An ordinance expressing the property taxation policy of the Unified Government with respect to the financing of the 2023 Annual Budget for the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) and approving, adopting, and appropriating the budget of the SSMID and levying a tax for the year beginning January 1, 2023.

Action: **ORDINANCE NO. O-128-22,** "An ordinance expressing the property taxation policy of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas with respect to financing the 2023 Annual Budget for the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District and approving, adopting and appropriating the budget of the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District and levying a tax for the year beginning January 1, 2023." **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve the ordinance**.

Mayor Garner said I've got a question from Commissioner Bynum.

Commissioner Bynum said I was going to ask as we start making motions to adopt the various resolutions that culminate in a total budget, for example, the library. We did not set that mill levy rate. That was set by the Wyandotte County Library Board. Those are people that we do appoint into their positions. They adopted a budget that translates to a certain mill levy rate. That mill levy rate, for example, from '21 to '22 is unchanged. We did just adopt that rate. I was hoping that someone from staff could, on each of these items, be present to tell us what are these rates. For example, I think the library was like 6.1 mills.

Mr. Lindsey said it is 6.129 mills. **Commissioner Bynum** said as we move through, I would just prefer that we know the mills and some of those don't have mill levies associated with them, 3, 4, and 5 are not mill levy items. That was my request. Then when we get to Item 7, I guess, is the one that has the actual city and county mill levy rates. Would that be correct? **Mr. Lindsey** said yes. It also has the yellow sheet also with the adjustments that we would need to make.

Commissioner Bynum said because I've looked through my packet multiple times looking for these rates and I'm just not seeing it. On Item 7, if we could know the city of Kansas City, KS, and the county side, based on what the motion is, especially on that county side, we have a motion.

I'm sorry, Mayor. I think there was a—I think on the SSMID, there actually was a motion and a second, perhaps, that I may have interrupted. **Mayor Garner** said yes, there was. Roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson.

Commissioner Bynum said (after her vote) I still would like to know the rate. **Mr. Lindsey** said the rate for the SSMID is 10.9 mills. **Commissioner Burroughs** said, Reggie, did they actually lower their rate? **Mr. Lindsey** said yes, they did lower their rate and it is below the revenue neutral rate also.

C. VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES SETTING UNIFIED GOVERNMENT FEES FOR SEWER SERVICE, SOLID WASTE, AND SETTING THE KCBPU PILOT

i) An ordinance adopting a regulation establishing the rate for sewer service charges effective January 1, 2023.

Action: **ORDINANCE NO. O-129-22,** "An ordinance relating to sewer service charges, approving the regulation establishing the rate, effective January 1, 2023, as authorized by Section 30-96 of the Code of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and repealing any previously adopted regulations establishing such rates." **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve the ordinance**.

Mayor Garner said I have a motion and a second. There's also, I believe, a motion for, well, I'll hold off on it. Multiple ordinances on resolutions pertaining to various fees. We'll take each one of those items separately. The first one is going to be the sewer service charge. I'll entertain a motion establishing the rate for sewer…**Commissioner Markley** said that's what I just made a…**Mayor Garner** said okay.

Mayor Garner said I just need a roll call.

Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson; and one "No," Burroughs.

Mayor Garner said I'm going to have to veto that.

Action: **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to override the Mayor's veto and approve the ordinance**.

Mayor Garner said roll call, please.

Roll call: Kane "Aye," Markley "Aye," Stites "Aye," Davis "Aye," Bynum "Aye," Burroughs "No," Townsend "Aye," Ramirez "Aye, and I have my hand raised. **Mayor Garner** said, Commissioner Ramirez, go ahead.

Commissioner Ramirez asked, Misty, Chief Counsel, are these fees contractually required to be raised? **Misty Brown, Chief Counsel,** said no, Commissioner, they are not contractually required to be raised. Our consent decree with the EPA does set out a rate, a range in which we have to set our sewer fees at in order to comply with the consent decree. It would be false to say that you have to increase them 5%. You would just have to find a way to make up the work in another way in the budget. **Commissioner Ramirez** said okay. Thank you for the clarification.

Commissioner Bynum said I had the same question, but this is the point I was making earlier tonight when we were talking about the biosolids plant. We are under a consent decree. That consent decree is $900M to separate sewer and sanitary. We have a 25 year span of time to do that. It started in 2019. We may not be contractually obligated by law under that consent decree, but if we aren't going to do that, then all of that burden is going to fall on the people who live here. So, I don't know of another way to comply with the EPA mandate that has caused this increase.

This sanitary sewer rate increase is based upon Chief Counsel Brown's, I don't know how many years of work with the EPA, to land on the consent decree. It was years and years and years and our staff's efforts to have a moderated rate increase in order to comply with what the federal government has told us and every other municipality of any size they must do by law. If we don't put it on this, then it's my position that it's 100% going to fall on the folks who live here. Just my thoughts. Thanks for listening down there.

Commissioner Burroughs said I want to thank my colleague for bringing up the consent decree because I think it's important to realize that we were the last city, the last county in the state to come to terms with the EPA in reference to the consent decree. There's a tremendous penalty associated to not meeting the criteria of that consent decree. While it's extremely important we fall in line with the consent decree, it's even more important that we put together a projected timeline of putting our infrastructure in at a cost that we can absorb and that we have the funding mechanism for. Just continuing to go out and raise fees and continuing to minimize the projects to make the fees meet them, is not prudent. I know staff has had worked tirelessly trying to find that formula in which it needs to work, but I don't know that we're there yet.

I do appreciate my colleague bringing it up. It's very important that the community knows that there is an extreme penalty associated to not doing what we need to do, but it's just as important that we do it right so we don't have to come back in two years and raise an exorbitant amount of money on the back of the taxpayers to meet what it will take to fund the fees necessary to support that program.

Mayor Garner asked, Commissioner Davis, did you have a comment? **Commissioner Davis** said after Commissioner Johnson votes.

Roll call continued: Johnson "Aye."

Commissioner Davis said we are at the budget and I second everything that my colleagues have said. This is not the budget that I personally wanted, and I want that to be read in the record, but it was part of the compromise. A part of that compromise is not only our commitment to adopt what is on these yellow sheets which includes Fairfax, it includes opening the Kansas Avenue Bridge, it includes the 2 mill reduction and everything else, but I also am going to submit that we move $105K from the Mayor/Commission Contingency Fund to the Commission District line item. We, as commissioners, only get $500 a year to do community events in our district. I would love for us to have more funding for anti-crime initiatives, celebrations, church events, community clean-ups, and what have you.

Action: **Commissioner Davis** said with that, I move that we adopt the 2023 City/County Budget with the addition in the yellow sheet, and with the reallocation of $105K from the Mayor/Commission Contingency Fund to the line item titled, Commission Districts for the Community Event Budget. **Commissioner Markley** said I will second that but we have to go back and do ii and iii, don't we? I got confused when we had the weird roll call. **Mayor Garner** said yes. **Commissioner Markley** asked, so can we hold this motion and go back to do those? **Mayor Garner** said yes.

ii) An ordinance setting the solid waste fee for single-family residences and residential units in buildings not containing more than four dwelling units, effective January 1, 2023.

Action: **ORDINANCE NO. O-130-22,** "An ordinance relating to the monthly fee on residential units in the city of Kansas City, Kansas, to fund the Unified Government's solid waste services, amending Section 31-17(b) of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Code and repealing original Section 31-17(b)." **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve the ordinance**.

Mayor Garner said each one of these have to be voted separately. So, the first item I'll entertain is a motion establishing the rate for sewer service charges effective January 1, 2023. We just did that. So, we're on the second one. We're on solid waste now. I apologize. You've made a motion and I believe we have a second. Roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson; and one "No," Burroughs.

iii) A resolution setting the percentage of gross revenues to be set over by the Board of Public Utilities to the Unified Government for 2023 (the PILOT).

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-50-22,** "A resolution setting the percentage of gross revenues to be set over by the Board of Public Utilities to the Unified Government for the year 2023 shall be 11.9%." **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to adopt the resolution**.

Mayor Garner said this is a rule of order. Let me make a motion first and then you all can entertain your motion. I'll entertain a motion setting the BPU percentage of gross revenues to be set over by BPU to the UG for 2023. I have a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson; and one "No," Burroughs.

Mayor Garner said you've got a mayor veto here.

Action: **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to override the Mayor's veto and adopt the resolution**.

Mayor Garner said there's a motion and a second to override my veto. Roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson; and one "No," Burroughs.

D. ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION APPROVING, ADOPTING, AND APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS FOR THE AMENDED 2022 AND 2023 BUDGET

A resolution and an ordinance approving, adopting, and appropriating the budget of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, for the amended 2022 budget and the 2023 budget for the year beginning January 1, 2023, as submitted by the County Administrator and as amended by exhibit, if necessary.

Mayor Garner said next we have the adoption of the 2022 Amended Budget and the 2023 Budget. If any amendments are added, they'll be included in your attached amendment. Is there a motion?

Action: **ORDINANCE NO. O-131-22/RESOLUTION NO. R-51-22,** "A joint ordinance/resolution approving, adopting and appropriating the operating and capital maintenance improvement project budgets of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, as submitted and amended by Attachment A, for the fiscal years beginning January 1, 2022, and the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023; approving the five year Capital Maintenance Improvement Program for fiscal years 2023 through 2027." **Commissioner Davis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve/adopt the joint ordinance/resolution approving the 2023 City and County Budget with the additions included in the yellow sheet, and with the reallocation of $105K from the Mayor/Commission Contingency Fund to the line item titled Commission Districts for the Community Event Budget.**

Mayor Garner said we have a question from Commissioner Townsend.

Commissioner Townsend said just for clarity, the motion on the floor would include approval of the mill rates for the city and the county as previously stated. It would also include the Fairfax opening. **Mr. Lindsey** said that is on our yellow sheet. **Ms. Harrison-Lee** said that is correct, Commissioner. **Commissioner Townsend** said that's what I was clarifying.

With regard to, I've already stated my concerns about the option with the county mill rate reduction in the amount proposed. Let me say for some of the other reasons I already talked about tonight, Commissioner Johnson, and I'm looking at the general fund balances, the amount of money that we allocate currently between Fire and Police, which totals 70% and the reserves, but we talk about looking forward to making some changes for next year but each vote, even now, has a carryover effect.

I agree with the Administrator, this is a transitional budget, but each vote makes a difference; therefore, I cannot support the numbers for reopening the Fairfax fire station with our current deficit although I hope we can solve for that. The Mayor talked about spending so I'm not in favor of spending money we don't have yet. It's as simple as that. So, thank you for the opportunity to clarify.

Commissioner Bynum said I think, Mayor, on Item D, the resolution approving, adopting, and appropriating the funds with regard to the way that Commissioner Davis made the motion, I don't know if it's feasible to separate out the city from the county and vote them separately because we had Commissioner Stites, I think, earlier in the evening, made a specific county side motion. I'm asking as a question.

Commissioner Lindsey said I believe the amount you're talking about is it both on city and county side, the $105K, I believe? **Commissioner Davis** said yes (inaudible). **Commissioner Bynum** said okay. I got it.

Commissioner Burroughs said I want to make sure I understand the motion, Commissioner Davis. Would you restate the $105K? I know we're late in the budget here. I just want to make sure I heard you correctly. So, please. **Commissioner Davis** asked, you want me to restate the entire motion? **Commissioner Burroughs** said just the $105 as to the reason why you want to do it. I missed that part.

Commissioner Davis said the rationale for it is in 2016, the Commission adopted, and Reggie can help me out here if I'm misremembering, what is called a Mayor/Commission Contingency Fund. That fund has $105K in it. The purpose, as I understand it, is to fund unexpected things, unexpected initiatives that the Commission would like to take on. Currently, there's been no conversation. That money's been sitting there. I prefer we put it in each commissioner's Community Event Budget so that we can put that money back in our neighborhoods and help them with the initiatives they'd like to do.

Commissioner Burroughs said if I understand you, you want to divide it equally among the eight commissioners. **Commissioner Davis** said it would be all ten. So, within the line item for the commissioners' budget, it is divided. Right now, it's $25K. This particular $105K would go in there. That money is divided by ten, by all commissioners.

Commissioner Burroughs said if I may. Staff, do we know why that was put in there initially? What brought that proposal forward? **Mr. Lindsey** said it was for if commissioners wanted to go after particular projects or particular initiatives within the community. It could go with it as—go at it together or could have went in as separate. That's why it was put there. It's exactly a contingency. It was probably done about four years ago. I don't think it was ever—I don't think we ever used it.

Commissioner Burroughs said, Commissioner Davis, if that money isn't spent by a commission, how do we, within the budget, show which commissioner's district spent those additional dollars? I just want to make sure that it's transparent. **Commissioner Davis** said absolutely. **Commissioner Burroughs** said and that if we should choose to do that, that we're held accountable. **Commissioner Davis** said absolutely. **Commissioner Burroughs** said so I'm just kind of trying to get my head around here. You just brought it late to the table. **Commissioner Davis** said sure. Absolutely. We're all bringing things late to the table.

Commissioner Davis said currently, right now, each commissioner is given $500 for community events and then we're given about $2K for training and travel. In my motion, I was very specific that that $105K would go in the line item 305 for Commission Districts specifically for community events. So, that $500 plus this $105 divided by 10.

Mayor Garner said I believe there was a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were seven "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Ramirez; and two "Nos," Townsend, Johnson. (Commissioner Townsend voted no for reasons stated.)

Mayor Garner said you have a mayor's veto.

Action: **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to override the Mayor's veto and approve/adopt the joint ordinance/resolution**.

Mayor Garner said I have a motion and a second to override the mayor's veto. Clerk, roll call.

Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson; and one "No," Burroughs.

E. ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPROVEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE 2023-2027 CMIP, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS RELATED THERETO

A resolution and an ordinance authorizing various public improvements contained in the 2023-2027 capital maintenance improvement program; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and/or temporary notes to finance a portion of the costs of such improvements; authorizing the issuance of utility system revenue bonds to finance a portion of the costs of such improvements; requesting the Public Building Commission of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas to issue its leasehold revenue bonds for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of certain improvements; and authorizing one or more lease-purchase agreements to finance the acquisition and installation of certain equipment.

Action: **ORDINANCE NO. O-132-22/RESOLUTION NO. R-54-22,** "A joint ordinance/resolution authorizing various public improvements; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and/or temporary notes to finance a portion of the costs of such improvements; authorizing the issuance of utility system revenue bonds to finance a portion of the costs of such improvements; requesting the Public Building Commission of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas to issue its leasehold revenue bonds for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of certain improvements; and authorizing one or more lease purchase agreements to finance the acquisition and installation of certain equipment." **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve/adopt the joint ordinance/resolution**.

Mayor Garner said, again, as part of the order, if you would let me read the items first and then I'll allow for you to make the motions, please. So, the last item is a CMIP. Authorizing various public improvements in the 2023-2027 Capital Maintenance Improvement Plan and provide for those costs.

We have a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson.

ADJOURN

Mayor Garner said no further business to come before this governing body. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Action: **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to adjourn the meeting**.

Mayor Garner said there's a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," Kane, Markley, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Ramirez, Johnson.

MAYOR GARNER
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:51 P.M.
September 15, 2022

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Monica Sparks
Acting Unified Government Clerk

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