

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

SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in Special Meeting, Thursday, January 25, 2024, with ten members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Burns, Commissioner Second District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District (arrived at 5:07 p.m.); Hill, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Lopez, Commissioner Sixth District; Stites, Commissioner Seventh District; Davis, Commissioner Eighth District; and Garner, Mayor/CEO, presiding. Townsend, Commissioner First District; was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: David Johnston, County Administrator; Angela Lawson, Interim Chief Counsel; Daniel Kuhn, Senior Attorney; Renee Ramirez, Director of Human Resources; Shakeva Christian, Manager in Human Resources; and Monica Sparks, Interim Unified Government Clerk.

Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Garner.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to be conducted in person on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room of the Municipal Office Building for an Executive Session for consultation with legal counsel regarding Labor Negotiations followed by an Executive Session regarding Personnel.

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

Employer-Employee Negotiations:

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bynum, to go into Executive Session until no later than 5:27 p.m. to consult with our attorneys and to discuss confidential matters regarding the status and future direction of labor negotiations, as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act; and that staff and outside counsel designated by the County Administrator be present to participate in the discussion, and that if there is no further business that we return in open session at 5:27 p.m. Roll call was taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs.

Present for the Executive Session: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Burns, Commissioner Second District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; Hill, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District (left meeting from 5:10 p.m. to 5:28 p.m.); Lopez, Commissioner Sixth District; Stites, Commissioner Seventh District; Davis, Commissioner Eighth District; and Garner, Mayor/CEO presiding. **Staff present:** David Johnston, County Administrator; Angela Lawson, Interim Chief Counsel; Daniel Kuhn, Senior Attorney; Renee Ramirez, Director of Human Resources; and Shakeva Christian, Manager in Human Resources. **Others present:** Ryan Denk, Outside Counsel for labor negotiations.

Mayor Garner convened back into Special Meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters:

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bynum, to reconvene into Executive Session beginning at 5:39 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. to allow the Commission to further discuss the job performance of the County Administrator, which is a private personnel matter related to a specific non-elected employee, as permitted under the Kansas Open Meetings Act; and staff as designated by the Commission, and that if there is no further business that we return in open session at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs.

Present for the Executive Session: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Burroughs, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Burns, Commissioner Second District; Ramirez, Commissioner Third District; Hill, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Lopez, Commissioner Sixth District; Stites, Commissioner Seventh District; Davis, Commissioner Eighth District; and Garner, Mayor/CEO presiding. **Staff present:** Angela Lawson, Interim Chief Counsel; (left at 5:40 p.m.)

Commissioner Burns made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to adjourn. Roll call was taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs.

**MAYOR GARNER AJOURNED
THE MEETING AT 6:02 p.m.**

Monica L. Sparks
Interim Unified Government Clerk

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