

**PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, May 22, 2023**

The meeting of the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee was held on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Commissioner Bynum, Chairman; Commissioners Kane, Johnson (online at 5:05 and in person at 5:20), Ramirez, BPU Board Member Groneman. Commissioner Markley was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Monica L. Sparks, Deputy UG Clerk; Kent Anderson, Deputy Chief KCKPD; Jeff Fisher, Director of Public Works; Vince Billaci, Streets Operations Manager; Javier Segoviano, Solid Waste Manager; Jennifer Stewart, Environmental Health Manager; and Amanda Harrop, Environmental Inspection Supervisor.

Chairman Bynum said before I call our meeting to order, I want to announce that some of our committee members, our staff, and public are attending remotely by Zoom as well as some on-site and all participants that are joining electronically should mute phones and computers when you're not speaking to avoid background noise. Today is Public Works and Safety Standing Committee for May 22nd, 2023. Please make sure you announce yourself by name and title when you speak so that the public observing knows who's speaking and make sure you speak directly into a microphone so that our comments are heard and the record of the meeting is accurate. This is critical given the number of remote participants and also it's current guidance from our Kansas Attorney General.

The public is allowed to participate by Zoom or submit comments by email prior to the meeting. Those are included in the record of our meeting. The public may also indicate their intent to provide remote public comment by contacting the Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before the meeting. The public also will have an opportunity to provide brief comments either by telephone or via Zoom from the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office building.

Chairman Bynum called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and all members were present as shown above.

Chairman Bynum said we have no revisions to our agenda tonight and also no minutes to approve.

COMMITTEE AGENDA

Item No. 1 – 212439... GRANT: HEROFUND USA GRANT PROGRAM

Synopsis: Approval to apply for funding through HeroFundUSA, to provide first responders with safety equipment and resources, in the amount of \$24,000. This request requires a 50% match from the existing budget funds, submitted by Laura Cromwell, Management Analyst, Police Department.

Chairman Bynum said Item One is a grant for HeroFundUSA. It looks like Deputy Chief Kent Anderson is here to present that. Welcome.

Kent Anderson, Deputy Chief, KCKPD, that's correct. It's good to be here. Good evening, everyone. The item up for request or for approval is to apply for funding under a grant program called HeroFundUSA, which is a privately funded 501(c)3 organization and provides first responders with safety equipment and resources. We plan to request funding to purchase a drone for our Special Operations Unit. Our total cost approximately will be \$24,000 and the grant program does require a 50% match to that, but we plan to use our existing budget for the project and we won't be asking for any other additional funds from the Unified Government.

Chairman Bynum said so no additional funds, you're using existing budget dollars for the match?

Chief Anderson said that's correct. **Chairman Bynum** said okay. Questions from the committee?

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to approve.**

Chairman Bynum said I have a motion and a second. Before I do that, I'll just double check with our Clerk that we don't have any comments received from the public. **Monica L. Sparks, Deputy Clerk**, said no comments were received. **Chairman Bynum** said any hands raised online? **Ms.**

Sparks said no hands raised. **Chairman Bynum** said anyone in person want to make a comment? Alright. We do have a motion and a second. So, roll call, please.

Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Groneman, Kane, Johnson, Ramirez, Bynum.

Item No. 2 – 212454... PRESENTATION: RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Synopsis: Presentation by the Public Works Department presenting Street Division Right-of-Way Mowing standard operating procedures, submitted by Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works.

Chairman Bynum said we have Public Works up next. Item number two is a presentation on right-of-way mowing and we're developing a standard operating procedure. We have our director, Jeff Fisher and Streets Operations, Vince Billaci. And I will hand it over to you. **Jeff Fisher, Director of Public Works**, said good evening. Thank you. I will just actually hand it over to Vinny and let him highlight the SOP.

Vince Billaci, Streets Operations Manager, said we're going to make this the second shortest presentation. So just to kind of recap, a few years ago we changed the way that we operated for right-of-way mowing going back to the way the ordinance states, and we've been asked to review that. Through a couple of standing committee meetings, as well as some working meetings with Commissioner Kane and Commissioner Bynum, we have created this right-of-way mowing SOP. This just outlines some of those items that we discussed in those meetings and I kind of think it makes it best for everyone involved there. I don't know if we want to go through this or if you've had a chance to review all these? **Chairman Bynum** said well, it's in the packet, but I think for the public, I would like to walk through it. Commissioner Kane? Okay.

Mr. Billaci said it basically outlines the publicly owned right-of-way, the right-of-ways that the UG either owns or is otherwise responsible for mowing. Commissioner Stites, I believe, is one that brought up some contracted mowing, so we're going to pilot some areas with that. We've outlined some of the criteria for privately owned areas. That would be areas that are creating site distance issues, steep hills, some of the undeveloped agricultural areas. Then from there, it just kind of goes through some of the scheduling and basic operations. **Mr. Fisher** said I'll just add that this will make the UG very similar to other communities in the area.

Commissioner Kane said I think it's important that the community know, and our fellow commissioners know, if there's a situation, what happened with me is we drove around the entire district and identified the areas of concern. So I think that if a commissioner has a situation where—you just talked about one before the meeting, right? That you have—if you're concerned let him know. And this follows that guideline right there and I appreciate the extra work for it.

Chairman Bynum said thank you very much. I appreciate it as well. We've had a number of meetings over the last multiple, several months, and you've been in front of us here several times. You took the concerns that we were bringing into consideration and that's appreciated in developing the standard operating procedure that I think you're going to adopt. So other commissioners, anyone online? Commissioner Johnson or BPU Board Member Groneman, any questions? **Commissioner Johnson** said no questions for Johnson. Chairman Bynum said thank you. **Mr. Groneman** said no questions from Groneman.

Chairman Bynum said thank you very much. I think it's an information item without a vote, but I think it's nice to have consensus around approval. I will ask if there were any comments received online or via email? **Ms. Sparks** said no comments received, no hands raised. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you. Anyone here in the fifth-floor conference room want to address this item? Okay, thanks very much. So, great, we're doing great. You're right, that was the second shortest.

Action: For Information Only.

Item No. 3 – 212455... PRESENTATION: SOLID WASTE ANNUAL REPORT

Synopsis: Presentation of Solid Waste Management 5-year plan, submitted by Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works.

Chairman Bynum said we'll move on to Item Three, which is the Solid Waste Annual Report. I believe we have a gentleman new to our Solid Waste division and you told me your name, and I've already forgotten it, so I'll let you come to the microphone. Make sure it's turned on. Introduce yourself, please. And then you can walk us through the Solid Waste Annual Report. What you have is an update right? To a report that needs to be filed annually. Is that correct?

Javier Segoviano, Solid Waste Manager, said yeah, that's correct. Per the state, we had to create a Solid Waste committee, which we did last month. And together with them we—or last year, the previous Solid Waste committee developed a five-year plan. Today, we're going to focus on the annual plan. So any changes, which we didn't have any changes from last year.

Overview of the SWMC

K.S.A. 65-3405 requires every county in Kansas establish a Solid Waste Management Committee.

Committee Responsibilities:

- Develop a Solid Waste Management Plan and update it every five years (2020)
- Annual review of the Solid Waste Management Plan (4-19-2023)
- Provide the County Commissioners a report containing the results of the annual plan reviews

We met with the new Solid Waste committee on May 19th. We talked about the numbers I'm about to present here in a minute.

Overview of the Solid Waste Plan Requirements Mgnt .

K.S.A. 65-3405 requires every county in Kansas develop a Solid Waste Management Plan:

- Plan for the management of all solid waste from residential, commercial, and industrial in the County.
- Provide data and projections on population, economics and environmental topics.
- Identify the solid waste facilities and services available.
- Plan for recycling, composting, source reduction, and volume-based pricing.
- Method for financing the selected system.

So this time, there were no changes. I'm going to go ahead and go with the reported data and, hopefully, we can make this shorter to then Vinny's.



2022 Annual State Report

Reportable Data

Residential Curbside Trash and Recycling						
	2020 Tons		2021 Tons		2022 Tons	
	Trash	Recycling	Trash	Recycling	Trash	Recycling
Kansas City & Bonner Springs	64,707	2,286	62,324	2,637	58,436.6	2,238.5
Edwardsville	927.19	165.17	811.2	158.1	738.4	176.8

Community Recycling and Yard Waste Center			
Year	Yard Waste in Tons	Mixed Recycling in approximate Yards	Glass Recycling (Ripple) in Tons
2020	227.03	300	54.88
2021	499.54	300	4.26
2022	487.87	300	8.95

Household Hazardous Waste Center		
Year	Number of HHW Events	HHW Annual Quantity in Tons
2020	0 (due to Covid)	0 (due to Covid)
2021	7	59.33
2022	7	47.02

We divided into two, Kansas City and Bonner Springs, Edwardsville does their own. So here are the tonnages for 2020, 2021, 2023. The first one that you see up on top is for the curbside and recycling. The one in the middle is for the Community Recycling and Yard Waste Center. We have yard waste on the side. We have recycling, and we have glass containers over there and there are the tonnages and the years. The one on the bottom is for the Household Hazardous Waste Center, which you can tell in 2020 we didn't have one because of COVID and then 2021 7, and 2022 7, this year it's going to be 7 too. There's a quantity in tons.



Do we have any questions?

Chairman Bynum said if you would go back one slide, to that last slide. It looks like 2022 is—
Mr. Segoviano said on which part? **Chairman Bynum** said on the yard waste in tons for the recycling center. So, oh nevermind. We're not in 2022 anymore. I was thinking that was year to date, which looks pretty good for less than halfway through the year. **Mr. Segoviano** said no. **Chairman Bynum** said just everything looks down slightly from prior years except for the COVID outlier, right? **Mr. Segoviano** said correct. **Chairman Bynum** said except glass did better in the recycling center. **Mr. Segoviano** said yeah, we definitely have room to improve.

Chairman Bynum said within the annual report, I know in the five-year report it speaks to marketing and the ways that we are going to try to encourage, particularly, recycling. In the annual report does it speak to increased marketing efforts? I know there's a page that speaks to it, but are we trying to do more? Anecdotally, it looks to me like we are. **Mr. Segoviano** said we are. For example, Sharon Cook, she is the Solid Waste Coordinator. She has been speaking with numerous schools and she gives homework to the kids, right? That way they can go home and educate their parents as well. So yeah, definitely, we're trying to do some outreach. **Mr. Fisher** said I think with the new Solid Waste Management Committee that'll be a priority in the near future.

Chairman Bynum said the Solid Waste Management committee in its current iteration will sit now for a number of years, right? **Mr. Fisher** said that's correct. **Chairman Bynum** said okay, good. Any other questions from the committee? Any comments online? **Ms. Sparks** said no comments received, no hands raised. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you very much. Is there anyone in the fifth-floor audience that wants to speak to the item?

I believe it's a presentation, but doesn't this need to go forward? **Mr. Fisher** said that's information only, this serves as the required public meeting. **Chairman Bynum** said so not necessarily a vote, just a required public meeting. Okay. Excellent. Thank you very much.

Action: For Information Only

Item No. 4 – 212464... - PRESENTATION: POOL INSPECTIONS

Synopsis: Presentation by the Environmental Inspections Program providing an update on pool inspections, submitted by Jennifer Stewart, Environmental Health Manager, and Amanda Harrop, Health Department.

Chairman Bynum said alright, one final item on our Public Works and Safety agenda. We have Item Four, a presentation on pool inspections. We have Ms. Stewart and a co-worker from the Health Department here. I'm sorry, you'll have to introduce your co-worker.

Jennifer Stewart, Environmental Health Manager, said I'm from the Health Department. Amanda Harrop, she is our Environmental Inspection Supervisor, and she is going to do the fastest presentation this evening.

Amanda Harrop, Environmental Inspection Supervisor, said we're going to do a brief rundown of the program areas that we cover in Environmental Inspections, particularly our pool and spa inspections.

E.I. Programs



School Health & Safety Inspections

Inspections for both public and private K12 schools in Wyandotte County.

5 districts – 62 schools



Aquatic Health & Safety

Operating permits and inspections for all public and semi-public (apartments, hotels, HOAs, etc.) in the county.

60 outdoor/40 indoor



Private On-Site Wastewater Management Systems (Septic)

Permits and inspections for repairs, alterations and new construction for residential and commercial properties.

Approx. 100 annually



We have three major areas that we cover in environmental inspections. The first one is school health and safety inspections, we inspect all schools K through 12 in Wyandotte County. That includes all five districts, so private Edwardsville and Bonner, Turner, Piper, and KCK. We do those once annually, so we'll do it in semester one and two. Then we have over 100 actually now, this has updated since this presentation was created. We have more pools now than what is originally quoted on there. Currently, we have 100 permitted pools, 60 of those are outdoor pools, 40 of those are indoor. Then we also cover all permits for repairs, alterations, additions, and new construction for residential commercial properties that need private on-site wastewater management systems, also known as septic systems.

Aquatic Health & Safety



Wyandotte County currently has 100 public and semi-public aquatic bodies. This includes pools, spas, spray parks and splash pads.



Aquatic numbers are on the rise for the county. 3-5 new builds in review and 5 new bodies constructed and permitted since 2020.



Environmental Inspections, as a part of the Department Review Committee review, approve all new commercial aquatic body plans for health and safety requirements at the county, state and federal level.



Like I said, Wyandotte County currently has 100 public and semi-public aquatic bodies. Semi-public refers to things like hotels, apartment complexes, HOAs, things that may have private membership, but are not exclusively to one residential home. Actually, again, this number has actually increased, so we actually have more like ten new builds at the moment that are still being reviewed, and five new bodies have been constructed and permitted since 2020. For reference, before that, we would receive one maybe every three to five years, so it has increased quite a bit. Then we partner with the DRC to review and approve all new pool construction. We review it to make sure that it meets all of our code standards and safety standards.

Aquatic Inspections

Regulatory

Re-opening inspections after closure

Pre-Opening Inspections

Major health & safety issues are closed until safe to use again.

Aquatic bodies with consistent health & safety concerns receive additional regulatory inspections (once monthly, more if needed).

National Pool & Hot Tub Alliance Standards

Pool Water Chemistry Guidelines				
	Minimum	Ideal	Maximum	Pool Type
Free Chlorine (ppm)	1.0	2.0-4.0	5.0	Pools, Waterparks
	2.0	3.0-5.0	10.0	Spa
Combined Chlorine (ppm)	0.0	0.0	0.2	Pools, Waterparks
	0.0	0.0	0.5	Spa
Total Bromine (ppm)	2.0	4.0-6.0	10.0	All
pH	7.2	7.4-7.6	7.8	All
Total Alkalinity (ppm)	60	80-120*	180	All
Total Hardness (ppm)	150	200-400	1000	Pools, Waterparks
	100	150-250	800	Spa
Cyanuric Acid (ppm)	0	30-50	local code	All
Temp (°F)	70	77-87	104	All



We have a variety of different inspection types and it depends on what that pool is needing. We have our regulatory inspections, which are just a standard inspection where we go to make sure that the pool is in compliance. Currently, what we do for that right now is our indoor pools will get one a quarter. Our outdoor pools will get a minimum of one during their opening season. Then, if we have any pools that are causing any health or safety issues that need special attention, those go into a particular list to get a little bit more attention and education. We do have a guide here just for an example of what the national water chemistry guidelines are. This is what we follow at the Health Department.

Why Aquatic Health & Safety is so important!

- Drowning is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide.
- Poorly maintained pools can spread bacteria, viruses and parasites.
- Communicable diseases you can get from dirty pool water are Cryptosporidiosis, Hepatitis A, Norwalk Virus and more!



Why aquatic health and safety is so important. Drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide. It can also carry bacteria, viruses, parasites, and other things that you do not want to be swimming in if the water is not properly chemically treated. I'm not going to attempt to pronounce some of those diseases on there, but these are examples of diseases that you can get from dirty pool water.

Chairman Bynum said okay, but the pool slide graphic is—**Ms. Harrop** said that is thanks to the CDC, I did not make that myself, but it's a really great example of why pool safety is so important. Does anyone have any questions?

Chairman Bynum said I do have a question, actually. On the 100 indoor plus outdoor, and the indoor, well both. is that growth you think because of the growth in the number of hotels or subdivisions that have a pool, or both? **Ms. Harrop** said a little bit of both. What I've been seeing recently are there's a lot of new apartment complexes with pools. Then, yeah, new hotels almost always have pools. It's a big draw for their industry. We haven't had anything for like new public pools that are community pools and things like that in a while, but we do get a lot of apartments, HOAs, and hotels.

Chairman Bynum said and then you do check the water at the splash parks I see. **Ms. Harrop** said I do, yeah. Anything that is basically treated water that people would be going into, some natural bodies. We'll do splash parks, we will do spas, which are hot tubs or jacuzzis, and then all pool bodies of any kind.

Chairman Bynum said okay. Questions from the committee or questions from committee members online? **Ms. Sparks** said no comments received, no hands raised.

Chairman Bynum said okay. It's a presentation only and we're grateful to have it. The pools will open for the summer, so is your work done or are you still out there trying to get all these inspections taking care of? **Ms. Harrop** said the pool inspections are continuous because we've got our indoor. So yeah, we've got a busier season in the summer. The requirement for water temperature for outdoors is 70 degrees minimum so depending on the weather, it usually starts Memorial Day weekend, but it can start closer to June. Just depends, but the permits are continuous so that the pools can open whenever it's applicable to them. **Chairman Bynum** said that item was information only. I don't know the last time we conducted a Public Works and Safety meeting in twenty minutes, but that does conclude our meeting for this evening and I will entertain a motion to adjourn

Action: For Information Only

Public Agenda

No items of business.

Adjourn

Action: Commissioner Ramirez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve. Roll call was taken and there were four “Ayes,” Groneman, Johnson, Ramirez, Bynum. Commissioner Kane was not voting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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