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CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KS)

REGULAR SESSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in regular session Thursday, February 19, 2015, with nine members present: Vacant, Commissioner At-Large First District; Walker, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Townsend, Commissioner First District (via telephone); McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Maddox, Commissioner Fourth District (arrived at 7:02 p.m.); Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Walters, Commissioner Seventh District; Philbrook, Commissioner Eighth District, and Mayor Holland, Mayor/CEO, presiding. Murguia, Commissioner Third District, was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Jody Boeding, Chief Counsel; Bridgette Cobbins, Unified Government Clerk; Joe Connor, Interim Assistant County Administrator; Gordon Criswell, Assistant County Administrator; Ken Moore, Deputy Chief Counsel; Lew Levin, Chief Financial Officer; Debbie Jonscher, Assistant Finance Director; Reginald Lindsey, Budget Director; Wilba Miller, Director Community Development; George Brajkovic, Economic Development Director; Terry Ziegler, Kansas City Kansas Police Chief; Marlon Goff, Economic Development; Mike Tobin, Interim Director of Public Works; Emerick Cross, Interim Commission Liaison; Maureen Mahoney, Assistant to Mayor/Chief of Staff; Mike Taylor, Public Relations Director; Maria Myers, Kansas City Kansas Fire Department; Charles Brockman, Economic Development; and Major Henry Horn, Sergeant-At-Arms.

MAYOR HOLLAND called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Holland.

INVOCATION was given by Reverend Ron Marshall, KCK Police Chaplin

THE AGENDA for February 19, 2015, was presented. **Mayor Holland** asked if there were any revisions to the agenda. **Bridgette Cobbins, Unified Government Clerk**, said yes, a blue sheet and a pink sheet have been distributed. Under the Commissioner's Agenda we have a

corrected item. It's Item No. 1. The request should indicate that it's a request for designation as a delegate.

MAYOR'S AGENDA

No items

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Holland asked if there were any set-asides on the Consent Agenda. There were none.

Action: Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Maddox, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan.

ITEM NO. 1 – 140418...ORDINANCE: CODE ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS & PENALTIES

Synopsis: An ordinance relating to the creation of a code enforcement administrative fine process, submitted by Wayne Wilson, NRC/Code Enforcement. On February 2, 2015, the Neighborhood and Community Development Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner McKiernan, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: **ORDINANCE NO. 0-15-15**, "A Home Rule ordinance of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, relating to the creation of a code enforcement administrative penalty process; creating twelve new sections." **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve the ordinance.** Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Maddox, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan.

ITEM NO. 2 – 150023...RESOLUTION: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM USER FEES

Synopsis: A resolution directing user fee revenues paid by entities entering into agreement with the UG for the use of the UG's Emergency Communication System be deposited into the County
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Equipment Reserve Fund, submitted by Lew Levin, Chief Financial Officer. On February 2, 2015, the Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner McKiernan, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-14-15**, “ A resolution relating to the County Equipment Reserve Fund, directing that revenues from user fees paid by entities entering into agreements with the Unified Government for the use of the Unified Government’s Emergency Communication System be paid into such fund to finance new and replacement equipment for such System.” **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were eight “Ayes,” Maddox, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan.

ITEM NO. 3 – 150021...ORDINANCE: REPEAL ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION REGARDING STATE AVENUE 240 IRBS

Synopsis: An ordinance authorizing the repeal of R-25-12 and O-61-12, submitted by George Brajkovic, Economic Development Director. State Avenue 240 LLC (Filio’s) was unable to obtain a lender for a multifamily complex at 122nd & State Avenue; therefore, the resolution of intent and the ordinance authorizing the issuance of IRBs are request to be repealed. On February 2, 2015, the Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner McKiernan, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: **ORDINANCE NO. O-16-15**, “An ordinance repealing Resolution No. R-25-12 and Ordinance No. O-61-12 regarding the Prairie Heights at the Legends Project.” **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve the ordinance.** Roll call was taken and there were eight “Ayes,” Maddox, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan.

ITEM NO. 4 – 150020...RESOLUTIONS: INTENT TO ISSUE IRBS FOR SVV I, LLC

Synopsis: Two resolutions of intent to issue industrial revenue bonds for SVV I, LLC (Schlitterbahn Vacation Village), submitted by Marlon Goff, Economic Development.

- \$57M for Master Resolution Project Area 2 (auto plaza)
- \$140M for Master Resolution Project Areas 1, 3, 4 and 5

On February 2, 12015, the Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner McKiernan, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-15-15**, “A resolution determining the intent of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to issue its Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$57,000,000 to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping a commercial facility for the benefit of SVV I, LLC and its successors and assigns (Master Resolution Project Area 2).” **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to adopt the resolution.**

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-17-15**, “A resolution determining the intent of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, to issue its Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$140,000,000 to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping a commercial facility for the benefit of SVV I, LLC and its successors and assigns (Master Resolution Project Areas 1, 3, 4 and 5).” Roll call was taken and there were eight “Ayes,” Maddox, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan.

ITEM NO. 5 – MINUTES

Synopsis: Minutes for regular sessions of December 18, 2014, and January 29, 2015; and special sessions of January 22, 29, and February 5, 2015.

Action: **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were eight “Ayes,” Maddox, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan.

ITEM NO. 6 - WEEKLY BUSINESS MATERIAL

Synopsis: Weekly business material dated February 6 and 12, 2015.

Action: **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to receive and file.** Roll call was taken and there were eight “Ayes,” Maddox, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**ITEM NO. 1 – 150037...PUBLIC HEARING: UG PROPOSED BUDGETS, CDBG & ACTION PLAN**

Synopsis: Conduct the first public hearing to receive citizen comments on:

- a. UG 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed Budgets
- b. CDBG, 2015 – 2019 Five-Year Plan, and 2015 Annual Action Plan

Mayor Holland said first we’ll hear a brief presentation from our Budget and Community Development Departments. For that I’ll turn it over to Administrator Doug Bach.

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**2016 Budget Process
2015 One Year Action Plan**

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**PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET CALENDAR
FOR 2015
PRELIMINARY**

2015 Board of Commissioners Budget Planning	
September 15, 2014	Review of CMIP Projects - Public Works & Safety Standing Committee
October 13, 2014	Review of CMIP Projects - Public Works & Safety Standing Committee
November 1, 2014 8AM-2PM	Commission Strategic Planning Session
2016 Board of Commission Budget Planning	
January 22, 2015 - 5PM (Thursday)	Special Session - Financial Strategy Workshop (5PM)
February 19, 2015 (Thursday)	2016 Budget Public Hearing (7PM)
March/April 2015	CMIP/CDBG – Committee of the Whole workshops (TBD)
May 2015	Commission Strategic Planning Session
June 2015	Administration 3 x 3 with Commission (Budget forecast/input)
County Administrator's Proposed 2016 Budget Presentation/Workshops	
July 13 (Monday)	County Administrator's Budget Presentation (5PM)
July 13-July 30 (Mondays & Thursdays)	Budget Workshops
July 16 (Thursday)	Set Maximum Mill Levy
July 17 (Friday)	Publish Maximum Mill Levy
July 27 (Monday)	2 nd 2016 Budget Public Hearing (5PM)
July 30 (Thursday)	Budget Adoption (7PM)

Doug Bach, County Administrator, said as you see on the chart on the wall the budget process is one where we've been quite involved. We really started in the budget process in July for adoption there at the end of the month first of August, and then we really start the process again in September because there are many items we've realized that throughout the course of a summer we can't really vet through in a couple of weeks. Really when it comes time that we hit July, many of the key decisions about what we're doing on the budget have been made. The bigger decisions in the direction we're going are done by that point.

We've incorporated timeframes in the fall, as you can see, where we go through and we talk about our major CMIP projects; that's capital maintenance, capital equipment projects, where we vet those through and determine what are higher priorities. Our public works staff leads that discussion as they go through and talk about which ones we're doing, last year in completing, what are the priorities that we're doing in 2015, and then we go through and look at the list for 16, 17 and 18 for the out years to determine where our priorities are in that regard.

The Commission also has met in strategic planning sessions. At those points they give different areas of priority. What can we do to maintain or reduce our property tax rate, but also looking at areas where we can reinvest in our community. That leads us really as to we move into now where it's an opportunity for the public to come and comment on our budget. That's really emphasized toward what is your comment about where we're spending our money today. You know the emphasis; are we spending enough money on the streets, where we are in the Police Department. The public hearing and really where governments spend their money is not

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about what new areas or where we're going to hand out money in different areas and I think many people came forth in that regard last year. As most could see it's really about what is the emphasis for the areas of core services that we provide for our government, where should our emphasis be? Those are things we look to in these public hearings and hope to get good input and then we carry that on to the spring and that's when I work with my departments. We'll build our budgets and then present that back to the governing body as we move into the summer months.

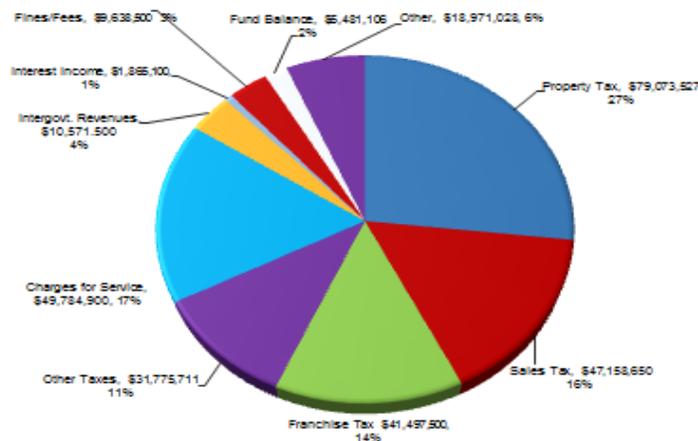
With that I'm going to ask Reginald Lindsey our Budget Director to come forward and he's going to give just a brief overview of what we have approved for our 2015 Budget. After Reggie, Wilba Miller our Director of Community Development, will follow him. She will give an overview of where we are with our community development budget and then we'll move from there.



2015 Budget

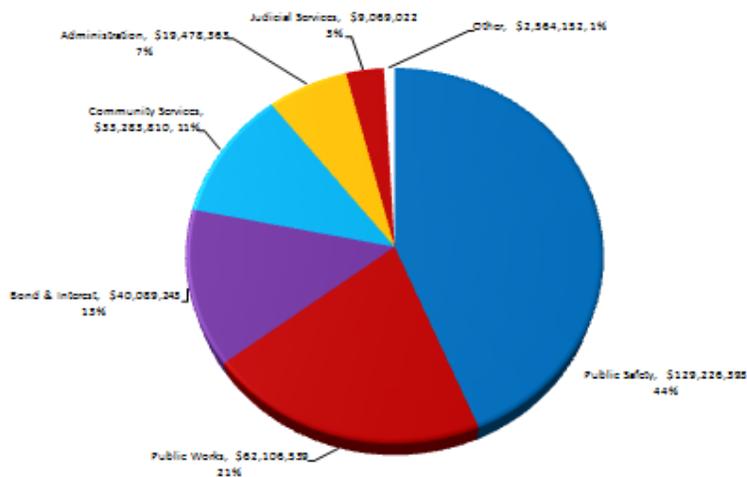
Reginald Lindsey, Budget Director, said the 2015 budget is \$295M structural budget across 30 different funds.

2015 Approved Budget Overall: \$295,817,522 Sources of Support



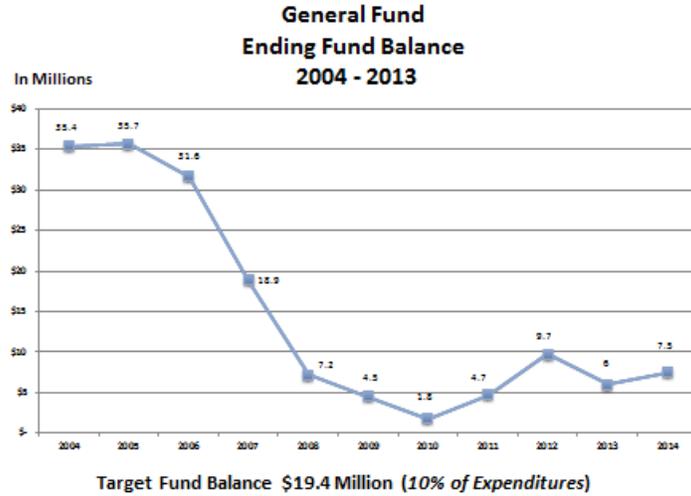
The slide here represents sources of support for our budget. Property taxes are our main source of revenue with charges for services and sales tax and franchise taxes coming in at a close second and third in our revenue stream.

2015 Approved Budget Overall: \$295,817,522 Expenditures



Here this graph or chart shows our expenditures going out. They're also \$295M. The largest category going out is Public Safety which is \$129M and Public Works which makes up Streets, Buildings and Logistics and also Engineering and Streets also.

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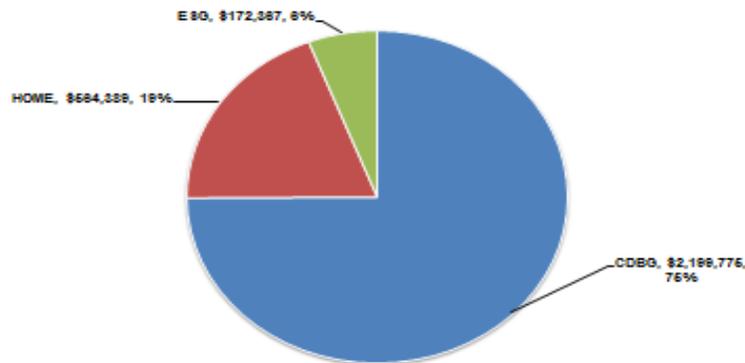


This graph right here shows our ending fund balance for the General Fund for the last 11 years. In 2004 and 2005 you can see we had a \$35M ending fund balance. In 2010 you can see we dropped \$33M to \$1.8M.

Ending the year in 2014 we're forecasting that we'll have a \$7.5M ending fund balance. This is \$12M lower than our targeted fund balance of 10% of our expenditures.

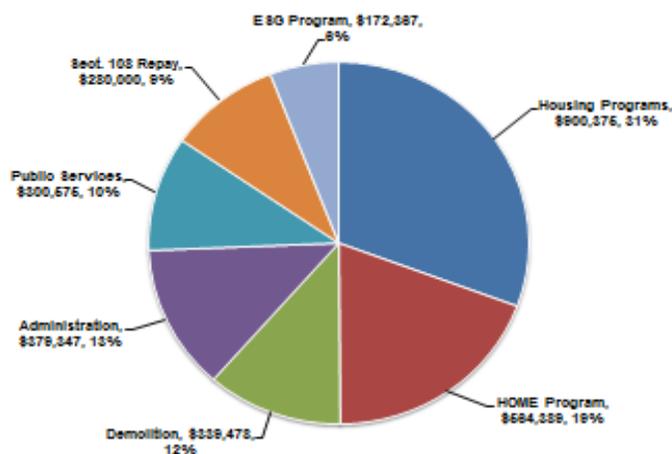
Now I will turn the presentation over to Wilba Miller our Director of Community Development.

2015 CDBG Budget Overall: \$2,936,531 Sources of Support



Wilba Miller, Director of Community Development, said the Unified Government receives an annual allocation of entitlement funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development or HUD for the following programs: as you can see, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the Home Investment Partnership Program (HAP), and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). These resources are for the purposes of meeting the needs of low income citizens. This first pie chart reflects the funding sources for the 2015 budget and includes the 2014-15 fiscal year allocation. It includes prior year funds and projected income.

2015 CDBG Budget Overall: \$2,936,531 Expenditures



This pie chart shows the budget and the overall expenditures. You can see the big one is housing programs and our HOME program which also deals with housing.

The 2015-16 fiscal year new allocations are: \$2,000,024 for CDBG, \$517,000 for HOME and \$183,000 for ESG. In order to receive these entitlement funds we must submit a Five Year Consolidated Plan for fiscal years 2015 thru 19 and Annual Action Plan for this year 2015. This plan must include housing needs assistance, a market analysis for both affordable and special needs populations, and it also has to include a system to address homelessness and priority needs of homeless persons and families.

Our housing priorities are established with strategies to address identified needs and any obstacles to meeting those needs particularly for extremely low income and low and moderate income families.

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Examples of CDBG eligible activities include: demolition, public service, public facility improvements and rehabilitation of housing. Examples of HOME funds and their activities include down payment assistance and construction or rehab of affordable housing.

Finally, examples of the emergency solutions activities include rapid rehousing and homeless prevention.

An information packet with a list of eligible activities and the details of HUD requirements for each program have been made available at the sign-in tables. This evening we are fulfilling the HUD requirements to obtain comments from citizens and other stakeholders prior to developing the budget and the draft Five Year Plan. We are seeking to assure that citizens participate and understand that the proposed plan will address housing and community development needs, the development of proposed activities, and review of program performance. The draft Annual Action Plan will be published in June to meet a 30 day citizen comment period. A second public hearing is scheduled for July in conjunction with the Board of Commission meeting prior to the adoption of the Unified Government budget. A notice of that public hearing will be published in local newspapers such as the *Echo, Call, the Globe, Dos Mundos, KC Hispanic News* as well as the UG News Source newsletter. This information will also be placed on the UG website.

This Annual Action Plan and the Five Year Plan must be submitted to HUD no later than August 15, 2015. According to federal regulations, failure to meet this requirement will automatically result in the loss of these funds. Deadline is in compliance with submission of the plan to be 45 days prior to the start of our October 1st fiscal year. This concludes my portion of the presentation.

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**Citizen, Community Organization
& Commissioner**
Funding Proposal Form

Finance Department | Prepared by the Budget Office

<p>PLEASE RETURN TO:</p> <p>Unified Government Budget Office Reginald Lindsey 701 N. 7th Street, Suite 510 Kansas City, KS 66101 (816) 573 - 5271</p> <p>Or by email to: rlindsey@wycokck.org</p> <p>APPLICATIONS ARE DUE by 12 NOON on February 27, 2015</p>
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Form available online @ www.wycokck.org

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Mr. Lindsay said a funding proposal form is available for citizens and organizations within Wyandotte County to request funds from the certified funds budget and also from the CDBG budget. These proposals are due February 27th before noon. The form is available here at the meeting and the form is also available on line at wycokck.org. You can obtain a form from the Budget Office. I will turn it back over to Administrator Bach.

Mr. Bach said that concludes our presentation, Mayor, and we would recommend at this time that you open it up for public comment.



Public Comment

Mayor Holland said I will now open up the public hearing. Before we take public comments I'll ask Ms. Cobbins to read the statement in terms of how we handle our public hearings.

Ms. Cobbins read the statement.

Kate Fields, Humane Society of Greater Kansas City, 5445 Parallel Pkwy., said I just want to take this opportunity to, thank everyone for our partnership with the Kansas City Kansas Animal Control. We are the veterinarian of license for Animal Control for the past two years. It's been an incredible partnership, one that I really didn't understand until I got into it and the things that I've seen are incredible.

We're here tonight to strengthen our partnership that really asks that everyone focus on funding for Animal Control itself. The reason being is that you've got five officers on duty at this time and a population of our size really requires 8 to 10 officers. When you look at everything in conjunction with what we do, and we're down there two to three times a week, our veterinarians are down there, our volunteers are taking animals out to Pet Smart every weekend and adopting animals out. We're doing surgeries, spay/neuters, wellness checks, but when we're down there and you have five officers on duty who's medicating, who's cleaning, who's feeding, who's answering the phones, who's working the front desk and then who's going

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out on calls. There's an awful lot of opportunity to unfreeze two of these positions that are frozen currently at this time, to hire that extra officer that I know that we're interviewing for but then think of it as what in a perfect world would that look like? It's a civilian position that everyone is considering and I appreciate that. It's fully staffed officers but it's also a couple of kennel attendants to help with wellness and care and feeding of animals so that the officers are freed up to go out on calls.

You know just putting it in layman terms, you can have all the laws that you need to handle all of this but if you don't have enough officers to cover and go out and make these calls then it's a mute point, so anything we can do to help. We're down there everyday we try to do. Please consider funding for those positions and that would help us in the long run. Thank you.

Mark Wiebe, Director of Public Affairs at Wyandot, Inc., 757 Armstrong Ave., said before I begin I want to say I prepared for five minutes. I thought there was a five minute limit but it's three so I'll do my best to keep it at three.

We are a family of non-profit organizations that provide mental health care to everyone in Wyandotte County regardless of their ability to pay. I'm here tonight on behalf of our new CEO and President, Randy Callstrom, who had a conflict in Topeka. He sends his regrets but he does look forward to meeting each of you individually.

For those not familiar with us we're the county's designated mental health center serving 10,000 people a year. That means that you, the Unified Government, have a contract with us to be the county's safety net mental health provider. We've been playing that role for more than 50 years helping children, adolescent families, and adults live with mental health challenges they face and the poverty many live in. That poverty as you know is acute. Wyandotte County, for example, has the largest percentage of uninsured residents in the state, nearly 23%. Many find their way to us.

The safety net helps keep people with serious mental health challenges out of emergency rooms, state hospitals and jails. The county, you all, help support that safety net through your Mental Health Mill Levy Fund. Currently Wyandotte Center receives \$533,000 a year from that fund. It's a significant contribution especially when you consider the state cuts that have come our way. So, we thank you very much for investing in mental health. We also want to ask you to consider increasing that investment. In 2008 consider the county's Mental Health Mill Funds stood at \$637,000 roughly 20% more than what we receive today. Wyandotte ranks in the bottom 10% in per capita in mental health spending compared to the rest of the counties in

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Kansas. Lifting us out of that bottom 10% would send a message that you are committed to ensuring that everyone in this county has access to high quality mental health care.

I want to give you some examples of things that we do in partnership with you that help bring real value to the Unified Government. We have crisis intervention team training that teaches law enforcement officers strategies for deescalating mental health crisis. We have a case manager who works with the police as a co-responder to mental health emergencies. We have also recently opened last year RSI, the crisis stabilization facility in Rosedale that is a place where police can bring people and the public can bring people who are suffering a mental health crisis, where they can get treatment. This has helped divert jail population. We have just an example here over the last—since April we believe the RSI alone has prevented 120 admissions into local jails.

I would just like to repeat, thank you for your time. We would like to see an increase in the Mental Health Mill Levy Fund and I appreciate the time. Thank you.

Murrel Bland, 8311 Garfield Ave., said I'm here today representing Business West which has about 80 members. Part of the Business West Program of work for 2015 is visiting all units of government in Wyandotte County and urging all elected officials to hold the line on property taxes.

First I would commend the commissioners for holding the line on the 2015 Budget and Business West appreciates the Commission's decision to continue waving of sewer hookup and building fees for single family housing. Last year there were only 160 new single family building permits issued in Wyandotte County. That is only half of what it should be based on population. Wyandotte County has about 8% of the areas population, but only about 4% of the new single family housing permits.

High property taxes discourage residential development. The Commission needs to reduce property taxes when the STAR Bonds are paid off for Village West in 2016. Business West would also suggest that all units of government meet and determine how cooperation can mean lower property taxes. We would suggest that business students from area universities provide objective studies of all governmental units and point out how money could be saved. There needs to be a serious effort in attracting young college graduates to Wyandotte County. I would propose inviting college juniors and seniors to Wyandotte County during spring break of 2016. Give them a tour of the county, feed them lunch with table hosts from the under 30 crowd,

and then have a job fair in the afternoon. All of these efforts are aimed at rebuilding the middle class in Wyandotte County. Thank you.

Melissa Clark, Executive Director of the Fairfax Industrial Association, 3250 Brinkerhoff Road, said thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. I would also like to thank Bill Heatherman and Wayne Moody of the Public Works Department for their excellent working communication and Commissioner Townsend for her dedication to our district.

As provided last week by the Wyandotte Economic Development Council, the Fairfax district has over 100 businesses within the district and it employs 8,987 full time employees and also generates \$4.5B in average annual sales. According to the Unified Government Tax Levy Manager, the total property taxes levied in the Fairfax District in 2014 was \$16.5M. Of this the Unified Government share of these taxes was \$7.5M. Despite all of the current new developments going on in our district, the Fairfax District is very old and needs considerable reinvestment back into it's infrastructure to continue its future success.

Our association greatly appreciates the Unified Government recognizing this need and committing \$100,000 annually in CMIP money to work on this infrastructure problem. We look forward to having the 2014 budgeted money spent this spring to begin repairs on broken down curbs and sidewalks on Sunshine Road. Then later this year to have the 2015 \$100,000 budgeted money to continue the curb and sidewalk repairs along Sunshine Road and then move on to begin repairs along Fiberglass Road.

The Fairfax Industrial Association asked that the Commission consider continuing this reinvestment back into the Fairfax District in the 2016 budget. We also would like you to consider an increase in the 2017 budget as the STAR Bonds retire. Thank you for your time and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you throughout this process.

Tom Lally, President and CEO of Heartland Habitat for Humanity, 155 S. 18th Street, Suite 120, said I want to thank you for the opportunity to be here and to share all the wonderful good things that Heartland Habitat is doing. I want to thank the Unified Government for the wonderful support that you show Heartland Habitat and all the other affordable housing organizations especially here in the urban core of Kansas City, Kansas. I certainly want to advocate for continued, if not increased support, for all these services for affordable housing in the urban core. The item that I passed out is a two-page document. I think it shows that the significant investment from Home Funds since 2004 of \$1.6M through Heartland Habitat for
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Humanity has been leveraged quite effectively to really bring in about \$12M in affordable housing. That's 108 homes built since 2004 because of that investment and that partnership with the Unified Government through Heartland Habitat.

Really the story doesn't end there. It's beyond just the new home construction. We've also been working with the code department and the commission in terms of our Brush with Kindness Program, which is our minor home exterior repair program. Really since that time-frame that significant investment from Unified Government has really multiplied into hundreds of homes being built or repaired. I want to thank you on behalf of Heartland Habitat and all of our families. I'd like to encourage all of you to come out and help us build a house. Thank you very much.

Stephanie Bell, 620 Sandusky Ave., said and my fiancé also lives there. Tonight I'm also representing KC Pet Project as well as myself as a resident here in KCK. KC Pet Project is the Kansas City Missouri animal shelter. We're also the third largest open admission no kill facility in the United States and one day I hope to be able to say that about KCK also.

Really quickly, I'm just here to support an increase in the budget for Animal Control kind of to echo the sentiments of the Humane Society of Greater Kansas City earlier. We really need some more money to go out and help protect these animals in the city. Just as this lady said earlier, I think that a lot of the laws that we have in place here in KCK are well intentioned but we have no team to go execute these laws.

I'd like to speak to that and express support both as an organization but also personally as a resident. I'd also like to add, and I realize this is for a later discussion down the road, but one of the best ways that I personally believe we can do this is by reallocating some of Animal Control's money and better spending it. My personal opinion is that one of the better ways to do that is to eliminate the breed specific legislation that we have here in our city where we're spending \$1,300 a week on every Pit Bull that we impound at our shelter. I think that's a total waste of money personally as a resident.

I'd like to add that I'd really like to see an increase in animal control funding because right now we have a lot of amazing outreach groups; people who are sitting in this audience, who are going around our city and doing a lot of the work that we should be doing ourselves, taking dogs off chains and knocking on doors asking if owners would be willing to maybe consider giving their dogs fresh water because we don't have sufficient animal control officers to be doing that job for us. I don't know if anybody has ever knocked on the door and asked if they'd take a

25 lb. tow chain off their Pit Bull, but it's a great feeling when the owner says yes. We have something to provide them with. I'd love to see Animal Control have the resources they need and they staff that they need to do that job so that these awesome people can continue to work in other underserved communities.

Aside from that one thing I did want to say just as a resident, Ross and I just bought a home using Home Funding so good work there. We really like it; it's awesome. All of our friends want to know when they will have an opportunity to buy one as well. Half of those friends would also like to bring their Pit Bulls to the city. You might consider opening that door to them as well because it's been really cool. You've got us. You've hooked us in and now we'd like to bring our friends. So, I too support continuing the funding to HOME because it's been a really good experience for us. Now we just need to help our pets. Thank you very much for your time.

Chuck Schlittler, Director of Downtown Shareholders, 726 Armstrong Ave., said I also worked with the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District, the SSMID in downtown KCK. I'm here to advocate for you to continue to consider downtown Kansas City, Kansas in your budget deliberations. \$1.2B, that was the economic activity in our service area in 2013. That's 4th Street to 18th, basically Washington to Sandusky. \$1.2B, that's a pretty decent figure.

By every imaginable or significant category crime is down. Douglas/Sumner High School is in our district. The Children's Center is in our district. There are a lot of many, many positives about downtown KCK. *The Feast* online magazine today declared that we have the best five taco places in the metro so we're moving up folks, okay.

My real letter which is much longer than three minutes, I've submitted to the good clerk and I will submit this to you via email tomorrow, we encourage you to continue to support efforts to revitalize downtown, obviously, particularly the downtown Parkway District effort. We appreciate the vision expressed there, we appreciate the energy expended there and in addition one of the major projects we're involved in is trying to develop strategies to address homelessness and the unemployed as reflected by increasing numbers at the 7th & Nebraska location. We have a number of area partners including Commissioners who are involved in that, Wyandot Inc., Mt. Carmel, the KCK Police Department and others that we're meeting with to develop strategies to address the needs of those people forming there. Your dollars help us do that work and lots of others.

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Contained in the letter are many other events and activities that we're about. We appreciate your support, we appreciate being a NBR receiving those funds. Those help us get other funds because other funders look at how local government interacts with organizations such as ours. Thank you again for your vision, for your investment in downtown KCK. We look forward to continuing a good partnership. Thank you.

Cheryl Buell, 5549 Sloan Ave., said I am also president of the WYCO Chapter of Kansas City Dog Advocates. Honorable Mayor and Commissioners, thank you for this opportunity to speak tonight. I want to express my support for increased funding for Animal Control. Funding is needed for training, equipment and additional officers. Captain Angel, head of Animal Control, and city staff conducted an extensive study that identified real solutions to Animal Control, issues along with changes in ordinances that would allow Animal Control to focus on the real issues: dangerous dogs and their reckless owner's and the stray and farrow dog pack populations. Currently the bred ban that cost our city upwards of \$140,000 a year to enforce is still on the books. That money spent on this ordinance could be put to much better use. We could hire additional officers.

The Pit Bull ban is a huge roadblock to Animal Control's future success. To Commissioner's Maddox, Townsend, Walters and Walker shame on you for voting no to this repeal. **Mayor Holland** said point of order ma'am, we do not ask for you to take direct acts of that nature. That's inappropriate language in our chamber. **Ms. Buell** said okay, I apologize for that. Let me continue.

In animal control studies that they did, they had great findings. These were solutions. These are things that we need in this city. In the search for better ordinances and for saving money, the task force found real solutions. Along with Commissioner Philbrook that task force looked at changing ordinances, crafting things, Livable Neighborhoods, Healthy Communities; Humane Society of Greater Kansas City, Professionals for a Safe and Humane Kansas City, the Mayor's office all participated in this task force and all agreed and supported funding Animal Control and solutions that our city needs.

We need to get this right. We had an Animal Control task force back in 2004 under Mayor Marinovich's administration. During that time the Northeast Neighborhood Group lobbied for solutions for Animal Control issues: biting dogs, packs of farrow dogs. We have an opportunity to fund Animal Control. We have an opportunity to rethink how our city looks to other people. People that want to move here with families, with their dogs and not have all these

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animals running loose and having an Animal Control that we can be proud of that can do its job and has the funding to do that. Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak to you tonight.

Courtney Thomas, President of Great Plains SPCA, 5428 Antioch Drive, Merriam, KS, said we are located in Merriam, Kansas yet the majority of our population that we serve is from Kansas City, Kansas. We serve 35,000 animals every year.

The Commission is to be applauded for its forward thinking on issues such as recent changes to Animal Control ordinances and the decision to bring in a civilian to manage Animal Control. These are tremendous steps in the right direction. In order to continue this trend of forward thinking and to our future successes I implore the commission to put together a task force to determine and recommend the appropriate budget allocations to adequately fund Animal Control to achieve a safer community, one that draws new residents, businesses and families.

Addressing the present inadequate funding for Animal Control must be a priority. For years the department has been underfunded. As a result public safety has been jeopardized and Animal Control can not adequately or efficiently perform its job. Officers are not provided with necessary training and the pet's people and the community as a whole suffer as a result. In addition, it's important to note that simply looking at the shelter's intake numbers on paper does not accurately represent the true issues at hand. On paper these numbers appear to tell a story that perhaps the need isn't that significant. In 2013 the shelter impounded 1,272 animals, which represents a decrease of 46% in intakes when comparing to 2012 and 59% decrease in intakes when comparing to 2009. Be not fooled the community is not seeing fewer animals. The needs of those animals, their owners and the citizens at large with animal concerns, are simply not being met because of insufficient budget allocations which force the department to limit the number of calls it responds to; deny animals from entering the shelter when its full and when space is tight, owner's who should be held accountable for neglect or lack of compliance with current laws are given another chance when animals should be ceased in many of those cases.

I'm confident that this is not how the commission wants its' community to be known for animal care and control. While the easy thing to do is to blame Animal Control for not doing a good job that's not the place the finger should be pointed. We as a city are failing Animal Control and its ability to function as our community deserves due to the continued inadequate funding.

We need officers on the streets educating pet owners providing them with spay/neuter information and making them more responsible which eliminates the need for pets to enter the

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shelter to begin with. For less than 1% of your total Animal Control budget, officers can receive training from the National Animal Control Association and equip them with better tools to keep our community safe.

I ask that you unfreeze and fund the two Animal Control positions and that the commission continues to focus on ways to provide appropriate and adequate funding to the public safety initiative we refer to as Animal Control. At present Animal Control makes up less than 1% of the total Unified Government's budget. Making an investment in your officers and this program is making a priceless investment in your community. Thank you.

Marlan Roberts, Pet Outreach Manager for Spay and Neuter Kansas City, 500 East 3rd St., Kansas City, MO, said we are a boots on ground nonjudgmental outreach program that promotes proper pet ownership, scheduled spays and neuters and distributes basic pet supplies such as: dog food, straw and tie out, to pets in need as a means to increase pet retention.

I have several years experience in animal welfare, NACA certification and have participated in several animal welfare conferences. Our program has, out of our own budget, reached out to help thousands of pet owners in KCK as a means of keeping their pets in their homes and not ending up in the streets or in your animal shelter.

The KCK Animal Control Department falls well below the recommended number of officers and your officers have no formal training. In fact, I have more certified training through the National Animal Control Association than your officers. I remember in December when this room was packed full of people wanting a change for the people and pets in this community. I am here today asking you to support the comprehensive changes recommended to you by the Animal Control Oversight Committee which includes adequate funding and training for Animal Control officers and education for the public. Our organization can help with the education and we'll be here for the families who need us most. It is up to you to allocate the resources that your Animal Control Department needs so that the work we and other animal organizations are doing in KCK to make a measurable impact on the families here.

Respectfully I ask that you give Animal Control the additional officers and training they need to protect the health, safety and welfare of our community.

Michelle Rivera, Director of Spay and Neuter Kansas City, 1116 E. 59th St., Kansas City, MO, said Spay and Neuter Kansas City is also a member of the Professionals for Safe and

Humane Kansas City Coalition who has been working for two years now in making recommendations for model ordinances in your community.

The International City and County Management Association recommends the city spend between \$5 and \$8.00 per capita on Animal Control. The Humane Society of the United States states the average is \$8.00 per capita. Kansas City, Kansas is spending \$4.00 per capita on Animal Control with a budget of \$590,000. To spend the recommended minimum of \$5.00 per capita you would need to increase the budget to \$750,000 or by \$160,000.

There's a growing concern of a surplus of pets and roaming dogs and cats in your community. We support giving Animal Control the adequate funding necessary to achieve minimum recommendations by the experts. This is not just about animal welfare, it's about finding a solution to the animal issues and increased access to safe environment for your residents.

Mayor Holland said that concludes our public hearing tonight. I want to thank everyone who came out and braved the weather to offer your position and I very much appreciate all the commissioners taking the time to listen and receive this public input. We will have another public hearing in July around our budget so there will be another opportunity for the public to give input. We will also have numerous public meetings and workshops on our budget all of which will be posted in advance. Anyone who is interested to come and to participate or to watch really those meetings is welcome to do so. Of course you are always welcome to contact myself or any of the commissioners if you have input during the process on your own.

We appreciate your coming out tonight and we will now close the public hearing.

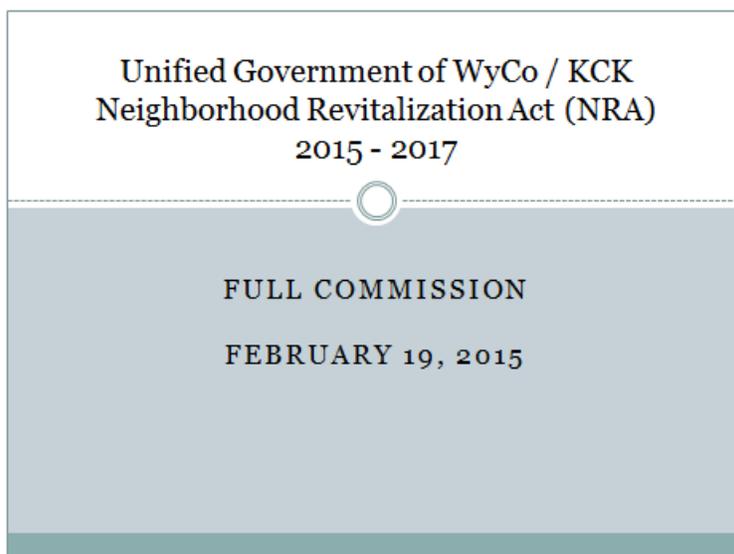
Action: No action.

**ITEM NO. 2 – 140423...PUBLIC HEARING & JOINT ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION:
NRA PLAN**

Synopsis: Conduct a public hearing on the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRA), as amended, and consider adoption of a joint ordinance/resolution approving the plan, submitted by Charles Brockman, Economic Development.

Mayor Holland said we have a second public hearing which is a Joint Ordinance/Resolution for the NRA Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, and I'll turn that over to Mr. Bach for presentation.

Mr. Bach said the commissioners are aware of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. It's one that we work through every three years. It's a program that we work with all the taxing jurisdictions within the city to determine their interest in renewing the plan. We've found it to be a very successful plan over the years. Tonight I'll turn this over to Mr. Brockman with the Economic Development Department who has interacted with all the jurisdictions in the last quarter of the year to give a short presentation before we do the public hearing.



Charles Brockman, Economic Development, said every three years we bring this back to the Commission for any purposed changes for approval of the new amendments. Tonight we put together a brief presentation of some of those proposed changes and then the dates and times that we have gone to present to the school districts.

NRA Tax Rebate Program

- The tax rebate program allows a refund of only new taxes due to an improvement of an existing or new structure – does not effect base taxes
- The program is designed for both residential and commercial properties
- To pre-qualify an applicant must be current on their property taxes

Anybody in the audience that's not aware. A little background; there's three bullets to the NRA that I want to discuss and 1) the tax rebate program only allows a refund on the new incremental tax due to an improvement. It does not ever affect the base. We never take the base tax away. 2) The second thing is the program is designed for both residential and commercial properties, new and renovation. 3) Pre-qualifying you have to be current on your tax. Those are the main three.

Proposed Changes Presented to the Commission and Respective School Boards

- Unlimited transfer of the original NRA application
- Staff establishes factors for adjustments in the base
- Commercial application fees
- Land Bank properties have waived application fees
- Removal of prevailing wage language
- New multi-family construction is not eligible
- Tax delinquency status review by staff
- New Area 3
- New Area 4

These are the proposed changes we presented to the EDF Standing Committee and to the respective school boards. There are seven administrative changes and two new areas. Some of the highlights that I would like to look at and discuss with you that are significant changes would

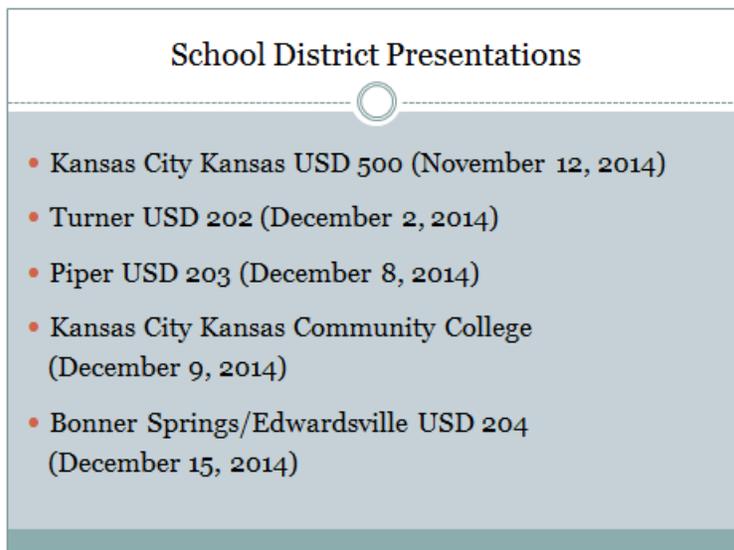
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be: 1) number three commercial application fees. We're wanting to do a \$1,000 application fee to be in line with our IRB policies and other application processes.

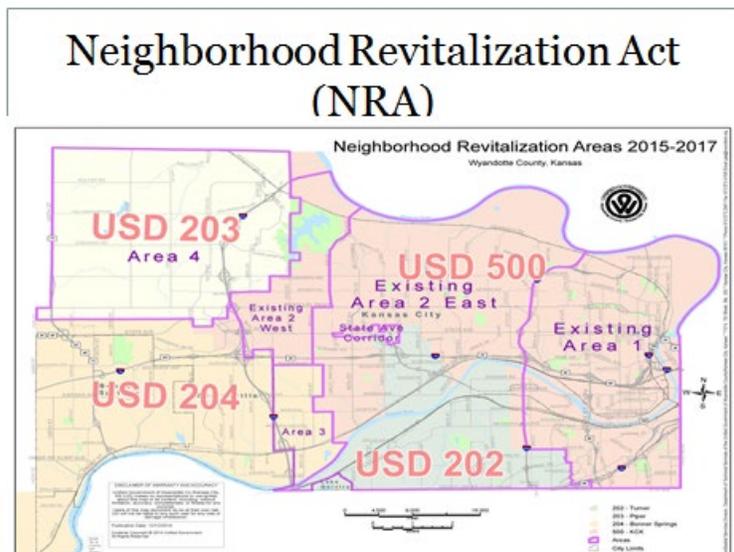
We also want to talk about the new multi-family construction is not eligible. We had in the plan that it was only good for rehab, that the verbiage needed to be cleaned up. We specifically put no multi-family construction would be eligible. Doing so, I mean that's in line with our single family our townhome single families, that are owner occupied. We do have some rentals we have multi-family that has to be approved through a commission and then we have duplexes. That brings us to new area three.

This area three is what we call a K-32 corridor. It starts at about 84th Street, goes over to 90th, then up 435 and goes up to Riverview. We're mainly concentrating on commercial application NRA. It's 95% for five years but there are residential in there and we're not going to deny that. It's a residential commercial but mainly commercial.

Then new Area 4, Piper. We had an opportunity to discuss the NRA with the superintendent and the board and they are in line; they would like to have a NRA 95% five years for rehab only. That was really promising.



The next slide is the school district presentation dates that we did. We went to Kansas City, Kansas, Turner #203, Community College and Bonner Springs/Edwardsville. We had a busy December. They all had their input and these are the proposed changes that we all came up with that we're presenting to you tonight.



This is what the new NRA map would look like. We have the existing Area 1, existing Area 2 (east and west), Area 3 (down there on K-32 corridor), and USD #203 Area 4.

Requested Action

- Adoption of the Amended 2015-2017 Plan
- Extension of a 3 year Term
- Interlocal cooperation and authorization for the mayor to execute each respective Interlocal Agreement
- The Ordinance and Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval, and publication

That brings us to the requested action tonight. Tonight we would like to adopt the Amended 2015-2017 NRA Plan. This is a three year extension. The interlocal cooperation and authorization for the Mayor to execute each respective interlocal agreement and the ordinance and resolution should take effect and be enforced from and from its passage, approval, and publication date. That's all I have and can answer any questions.

Mayor Holland asked any questions from the Commission; questions or comments from the commission.

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Mr. Bach said just a clarification for those in the audience. You saw the county map up there. This is a city plan for the NRA. The cities of Bonner Springs and Edwardsville have control over any NRA plan that goes specifically into their cities. The school district does come over into part of Kansas City, Kansas and that's where Area 3 comes into play.

Commissioner Kane asked could you go back to the prevailing wage part. I think we could still even leave the language in there where we would encourage them to pay prevailing wage. We can't make them pay prevailing wage, but to just flat take it out, does not work for me. I think we need the language in there to say we would encourage you to use prevailing wage.

Mayor Holland said I think that's a good idea and I think we need to clarify this was not our idea. The state passed a law. There was only one county in the entire state that required prevailing wage and we've managed to build the entire Village West with prevailing wage. Stadiums, the Cerner Towers, this city has been built on labor. It's been successful and it's a model for the rest of the state and the region and it was an attack on one county. We've done it with prevailing wage and it's a disappointment that the ability for us to require that has been taken away. I do agree if we can leave it as a recommendation, a strong recommendation without removing it entirely, I think that is a legitimate option.

Commissioner Philbrook asked, Mayor, do we need to put an amendment to this recommendation to have that included? **Mayor Holland** said we may. What I would like to do is open it up for the public hearing, close the public hearing, and then we can take a formal amendment to the process.

Mayor Holland said at this time I will now open up the public hearing. If there's anyone in attendance tonight who would like to speak in favor or opposed to this, I'd invite you to come forward. Please state your name and address for the record.

Greg Kindle, President of the Wyandotte Economic Development Council, 727 Minnesota Ave., said I don't have any prepared remarks but I do have a couple of comments. 1) The NRA Program is probably the best incentive program we have as a community to support small and midsize business growth of really anywhere in the metro area. We get asked that question pretty regularly; why do businesses relocate here, what do they grow here? Frankly, it's because of this

program. It is the best program for a project that is being built below \$3M to grow and make these things happen.

All of you in the room, Commissioners, know that we use this program on a daily basis. Of the 29 projects that were announced this past year, 24 of those were retention expansion renovation projects in your districts. Twelve of those 24 used the NRA Program successfully and I would tell you on a regular basis we meet with the team that the NRA Program is almost always at the core of that if at all possible.

The one recommendation that I might throw out, that I have not let the staff know that I was going to throw this out, because it's just sort of been an idea that has come up more recently and that is the idea of freezing the appraised values, the appraised base values during construction of these projects. We've had a number of situations come up and a few of you will likely be receiving some calls shortly, that during the construction and renovation of these programs, the appraiser has been raising the value of those base values during construction which then in many cases doubles the taxes during construction and causes us a lot of heartburn for the very projects and companies that are in your districts that we're trying to grow. We believe that the real value of this program is to increase investment and renovation in the community. We know everyone agrees with that but there's this loophole in the program that allows those taxes to be increased during the construction process that then causes us a lot of calls from that client that we worked so closely with your team to bring into the community and to grow.

I just have a little bit of heartburn over that one little issue and if you all could see it to create an amendment to this program, to freeze those taxes during construction, that would I think make it a more customer service friendly program.

Mayor Holland asked is there anyone else who would like to speak for or against this program. No one appeared. Mayor Holland said with that we will close the public hearing and open it up for conversation. Do you want—would you like to respond to the—Mr. Moore on our legal team.

Ken Moore, Deputy Chief Counsel, said yes. With respect to the prevailing wage the request for the Commission tonight is to adopt a proposed ordinance/resolution. It's a joint ordinance/resolution because it's a resolution for the county side and ordinance for the city side. What that does is it authorizes the adoption of plan and enter into the interlocal agreements with

the other taxing entities. Those interlocal agreements are only effective once they're approved by the Attorney General. It has to go to the Attorney General to be approved. Rather than just making a motion, the prevailing wage requirements contained in the plan itself. I would suggest that the motion is, that the Legal Department review the strongest application we can of prevailing wage and include that in the plan with the understanding it has to be approved by the—the interlocal groups have to be approved by the Attorney General.

Mayor Holland said I would also if that's acceptable, Mr. Kane, we will move forward in that respect. I would also say if we're going to do a freezing of the taxes during construction, what I'd like to suggest is that we go ahead and adopt the plan as written. We can amend this plan at any time. Is that right? **Mr. Moore** said yes. **Mayor Holland** said I think that would give us time for our legal team to explore how we make that happen because it's kind of a sticky wicket and we need to get it right. I don't think we can do that by amendment tonight, but if we want to commit to looking into that, I think we can direct staff to look into how that might work. Then we can vet that out fully and as quickly as possible move that forward if it works out that we come to a consensus around it and it's the right thing to do, then we could amend the plan with that idea.

Commissioner Walters said regarding the freezing of the appraisal, I would suggest we put a time limit on that and if it's a \$2 or \$3M dollar project I would think it could be a one year maximum freeze. I'd like that to be considered by staff.

Mr. Bach said just to go from where you are with that, if we can work on that freezing program in the future to bring it back and maybe—we kind of have to work a major change like that the same way we did with all the others. We kind of need to vet it through and bring it back to standing committee to see if that's what we want. Then we'll have to revisit it with the entire list of school districts so I certainly support, Mayor, your recommendation to move forward with what we have tonight so we can get our 2015 program on the books. We do have residential and commercial developments that'll want to use this plan. It will take us a couple of months to do an amendment just because it takes that much time to get back the form. It may be as simple as a phone call to the superintendent of the school districts but they'll still have to put it on their boards and get that to see if there are any major objections to it. I don't see that there would be, but it'll be something they'll have to discuss.

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Mayor Holland said I don't see any other comments at this time. Is it our legal staff's opinion that we can take a single vote to adopt this? It is a single vote.

Action: **ORDINANCE NO. O-17-15 and RESOLUTION NO. R-16-15, "A joint ordinance and resolution to amend the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan ("PLAN") previously adopted and to extend the term of the Plan as provided herein." Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook, to approve and adopt the ordinance/resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Maddox, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan.

STANDING COMMITTEES' AGENDA

No items

ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA

No items

COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

ITEM NO. 1 – 970105...TRAVEL REQUEST: COMMISSIONER MADDOX

Synopsis: Request to be designated as a Unified Government voting delegate for the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference and National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Mayor Holland said we have an item, it's actually two items. A request by Commissioner Maddox to be designated as the Unified Government's voting delegate to the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C., next month. Is there a motion?

Action: **Commissioner Walters made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were eight "Ayes," Maddox, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan.

Mayor Holland said my understanding is once we designate him the delegate we are also approving the travel, is that right? I don't think we need a separate motion. It would not make much sense otherwise.

Mayor Holland adjourned the meeting as the Board of Commissioners and reconvened as the Land Bank Board of Trustees.

LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES' CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM NO. 1 – 150018...COMMUNICATION: LAND BANK APPLICATIONS

Synopsis: Communication requesting consideration of the following applications, submitted by Chris Slaughter, Land Bank Manager. The Land Bank Advisory Board has recommended approval of the application.

Mayor Holland said the items before us are all on Consent Agenda. If anyone would like to remove an item, come forward. Let the record show no one is. I don't think there are many left to come forward, but if they were they have not.

Transfer to Land Bank

1615 N. 51st St. from Board of County Commissioners

(Ester Reed, 1610 N. 51st St., is applying for 1605 & 1611 N. 51st St. from the Land Bank and would like this property also. She wants to continue with the upkeep of the property and keep illegal dumping from continuing in her neighborhood.)

Applications:

614 Vale St. - Cristina Marie Acosta, yard extension

613 Melville St. - Cristina Marie Acosta, yard extension

617 Melville St. - Cristina Marie Acosta, yard extension

1605 N. 51st St. - Ester Reed, property maintenance

1611 N. 51st St. - Ester Reed, property maintenance

1615 N. 51st St. - Ester Reed, property maintenance

1310 N. 8th St. - Derek Wong, yard extension

On February 2, 2015, the Neighborhood and Community Development Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner McKiernan, voted unanimously to approve and forward to the Land Bank Board of Trustees.

Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan to approve the Land Bank Consent Agenda. Roll call was taken and there were eight “Ayes,” Maddox, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

No items

MAYOR HOLLAND ADJOURNED

THE MEETING AT 7:58 P.M.

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