The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in regular session Thursday, February 25, 2016, with eleven members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Walker, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Townsend, Commissioner First District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District; Murguia, Commissioner Third District; Johnson, Commissioner Fourth District; Kane, Commissioner Fifth District; Markley, Commissioner Sixth District; Walters, Commissioner Seventh District; Philbrook, Commissioner Eighth District; and Holland, Mayor/CEO, presiding. The following officials were also in attendance: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Ken Moore, Chief Counsel; Bridgette Cobbins, Unified Government Clerk; Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator; Gordon Criswell, Assistant County Administrator; Melissa Mundt, Assistant County Administrator; Rob Richardson, Planning Director; Bryon Toy, Planner; Lew Levin, Chief Financial Officer; Debbie Jonscher, Finance Director Assistant; Emerick Cross, Commission Liaison; Jason Banks, Assistant to the Mayor/Manager; Mike Tobin, Interim Director of Public Works; Reginald Lindsey, Budget Manager; Wilba Miller, Community Development Director; Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer; Chris Slaughter, Land Bank Manager; Janet Parker, Administrative Assistant; and Major Michael York, Sergeant-At-Arms.

MAYOR HOLLAND called the meeting to order.

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

INVOCATION was given by Reverend Harold Johnson, Jr., of Faith Deliverance Family Worship Center, Church of God in Christ.

Mayor Holland said before I ask for revisions, I would like to announce that anyone who is interested in addressing the Commission on the Public Hearing Agenda regarding the budget or CDBG and the One-Year Action Plan may sign up at either of the tables located by the entrance doors to the Chambers. If you’ve not yet signed up on your way in, and you wish to address the Commission, please go to one of those tables at this time and sign in. The Clerk will then go
through that list as we call people to the podium to speak. I want to remind you that names will be called in order according to the sign-up sheets. The Clerk will announce who’s speaking and then who’s on deck so that you can be ready to come forward. Each person will be given three minutes.

**Mayor Holland** asked if there were any revisions to the agenda. **Bridgette Cobbins, UG Clerk**, said yes, Mr. Mayor. Under Section XIII, Administrator’s Agenda, we have additional information for Item No. 5. It’s a resolution authorizing the adoption of the UG Hollywood Casino and the Schlitterbahn Vacation Village Grant Fund for 2016.

**Mayor Holland** said tonight we have two distinct parts of our meeting. The first is Planning and Zoning portion that will be handled, then followed by the regular Commission meeting. It will be during the regular Commission meeting that we will have our public hearing on the budget. I will ask the Clerk to read the statement for Planning and Zoning that is required by state law.

**Ms. Cobbins** read the statement.

**Ms. Cobbins, UG Clerk**, asked if any members of the Commission wished to disclose contact with proponents or opponents on any item on the agenda. **Commissioner Townsend** disclosed contact on the Planning and Zoning Consent Agenda for proponents on Special Use Permit #SP-2016-15.

**Ms. Cobbins, UG Clerk**, read all items on the Planning and Zoning Consent Agenda.

**PLANNING AND ZONING CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mayor Holland** asked would any commissioner or anyone in attendance tonight like to step forward and remove any item from the consent agenda. All items not removed will be voted on by a single vote.

**Action:** **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve the Planning and Zoning Consent Agenda.** Roll call was taken and
there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

CHANGE OF ZONE APPLICATION
ITEM NO. 1 – 16447...CHANGE OF ZONE APPLICATION #3103 – ROBERT AND ANN TIMMONS

Synopsis: Change of zone from R-1 Single Family District to A-G Agriculture District for an accessory structure at 4115 Luke Lane, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. Applicants are seeking a change of zone from in order to accommodate a larger garage, approximately 2,400 square feet. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Change of Zone Application #3103.

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

SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS
ITEM NO. 1 – 16448...SPECIAL USE PERMIT #SP-2016-5 – AARON KEMPKER WITH KANSAS CITY TRUCK REPAIR, LLC

Synopsis: Special use permit for a truck repair operation at 1516 North 13th Street, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. Applicant wants to use a vacant building and operate a truck repair shop and mobile truck repair business. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-5 for two years, subject to:

Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:
1. Per the Business License Department:
   a. If approved, the applicant will need to register and file the occupation tax application with our office. Their office is at 4953 State Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66102. Their number is (913) 573-8780.

2. The application states that improvements will be made to the building, what are those improvements?
   Applicant Response: The building improvements to the building will include all new exterior and interior paint, resealing of the entire roof surface, new interior ceilings, new 14-foot garage

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Staff Response: Since you are restriping the parking lot, one parking stall shall be ADA compliant. The ADA symbol shall be painted on the ground, a sign placard installed in front of the stall and a 5-foot access aisle adjacent to the stall.

The new color of the building shall be approved by staff prior to painting the building.

3. Per Sec. 27-593(b)(20)a.
   a. Upgrade parking, including striping and/or resurfacing of parking lots, if deemed necessary by staff.
   b. Landscaping, screening, and façade improvements to meet commercial design guidelines.

Applicant Response: The building will have a 4-foot masonry wainscot around the entire building.

The parking lot needs to be restriped and resurfaced, as the asphalt and concrete lot has become degraded. With that said, on the scaled site plan (drawing), please illustrate where the trucks will be parked.

Additionally, the Commercial Design Guidelines requires that trees be planted at least 75 percent greater than the district requirement. The requirement is one tree per 7,000 square feet of site area; therefore, ten trees are required to be planted. The eight trees that exist may go towards that total, so two new trees need to be planted.

Applicant Response: Two new oak trees will be planted along North 13th Street. Very few trucks will actually be at this facility. Kansas City Truck Repair does very little Class 7 or 8 vehicles on site. Kansas City Truck Repair provides mobile truck repair service. Large commercial vehicles are too expensive to transport while needing repair. That is why companies like Kansas City Truck Repair provide mobile service. The vehicles that are generally repaired on site at 1516 North 13th Street will be under 18,000 GVWR. These vehicles will be kept inside the 5,000 square foot building.

4. Per Sec. 27-593(b)(20)c.2.i.E.
   a. For non-brick buildings in addition to paint, additional architectural embellishments such as brick wainscot may be required.

Significant upgrades to the building will be necessary as part of this special use permit. The metal building needs to include masonry (i.e. brick, stone, textured or integrally-colored concrete masonry units) on all four sides.

Applicant Response: A 4-foot wainscot will be added to the building on all four sides.

5. In order to calculate the required parking, please provide the square footage of the building. The parking ratio for vehicle repair is four spaces for every 1,000 square feet of building area.
Looking at aerial photographs, the east side of the parking lot does not have any striping. Staff cannot determine how many parking spaces are required if we do not know the building square footage.

**Applicant Response:** Building square footage is 4,760 which will require 16 spaces. The required parking spots are drawn out on the site plan attached with this application.

6. Per Sec. 27-593(b)(20)d.1-3.
   a. Parking of the automobiles under heavy service repair or mechanics shall not be placed within a required parking/paving setback area and shall not reduce the capacity of a parking lot below that required by sections 27-466 through 27-470.
   b. Parking shall be upgraded to current standards and regulations including medians, landscaping, and screening.
   c. Each automobile shall be in a striped, designated parking space.

Please provide a more detailed drawing that shows the parking allocated for 1516 North 13th Street. This includes parking spaces for customers and the vehicles that are being repaired.

**Applicant Response:** Kansas City Truck Repair will not store vehicles outside that are under heavy repair. Those vehicles will be kept inside the building.

The parking layout drawing is attached. Kansas City Truck Repair is not an auto repair facility that is open to the public. We work with specific customers only. Therefore, there are very few vehicles on the property at any given time.

Staff Response: An 8-foot privacy fence with masonry columns every 32’ on center shall enclose the perimeter of the truck parking area and the 20’ x 25’ storage area behind the building.

7. Per Sec. 27-593(b)(20)e. Install/repair sidewalks per code. The sidewalk along North 13th Street shall be repaired that meets City Code.

8. In order to have legitimate signage a sign permit must be filed with the Urban Planning and Land Use Department by a licensed and bonded sign company with the Kansas City, Kansas Business Licensing Department.

**Applicant Response:** A sign permit will be filed if special use permit is granted.

9. No displays on the sidewalk, this includes signs, pennants, attention-attracting devices, etc.

**Applicant Response:** Kansas City Truck Repair does not use any of these devices.

10. What type of truck will be serviced? Please list GVWR.

**Applicant Response:** Kansas City Truck Repair does 90 percent of its invoiced work off site (mobile repair services). Generally, the vehicles that are serviced at the physical location are under 18,000 GVWR. This would be trucks that are considered light duty. When Kansas City Truck Repair does perform services on vehicles over 18,000 GVWR at its location, they are generally one day jobs. They are performed inside the building and are not stored for any length of time. It is important to understand that the purpose of our business is to keep trucks on the road. The vehicles that we work on operate daily to generate revenue. Our customers pick their vehicles up as soon as they possibly can. Vehicles are not stored for long periods of time.

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**Public Works Comments:**

1. Items that require plan revision or additional documentation before engineering can recommend approval:
   
   **A.** Provide explanation/summary of what work will be completed at this proposed truck repair operation.

   **Applicant Response:** This location will primarily be used as home base for Kansas City Truck Repair’s mobile operation. The two company mobile service trucks will be parked in this building overnight. The building is where our tools and inventory are stored. It also will be where we complete services on trucks. Types of services that are completed at our facility are services that require engine to be opened up for repair. They are done indoors to maintain cleanliness of engines. Oil changes, preventative maintenance, brake work, and general repair are done off site at the customer location.

2. Describe improvements required for exterior, including parking lot improvements, landscaping, etc.

   **Applicant Response:** The improvements exterior of the building will include all new exterior paint, resealing of the entire roof surface, new 14 foot garage door, and all new roof insulation. The property will have the parking lot resurfaced and striped. The property will have all of the landscaping cleaned up, the grass field trimmed and mowed on a weekly basis. The building will have a new look on the outside with a masonry wainscoting and a color change. Two new trees will be planted along North 13th Street. The existing trees will be trimmed. Manicured grass covers the entire property that is not used for parking.

3. Provide construction plans developed by professional engineer/architect required for UG review and approval.

   **Applicant Response:** No construction needing approvals needs to be done at this facility. There is an attached document showing what the building will look like with the new garage door, paint and wainscot.

4. Items that are conditions of approval (stipulations): None.

5. Comments that are not critical to engineering’s recommendations for this specific submittal, but may be helpful in preparing future documents: None.

**Action:** Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-5 for two years, subject to the stipulations. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

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ITEM NO. 2 – 16449…SPECIAL USE PERMIT #SP-2016-11 – TERRY L. MUELLER

Synopsis: Renewal of a special use permit (#SP-2014-6) to keep farm animals for 4H projects at 827 South 76th Street, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. Applicant wants to keep ten chickens and four goats for 4-H projects on 1.19 acres. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-11, for five years, subject to:

Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:

1. Subject to approval, this application is valid for five years.

2. Could you provide photos of the land as well as the pen and shed that have been constructed since the previous special use permit was approved?
   Applicant Response: See attached photos

3. In your letter you have indicated that waste is collected regularly (as needed) and used as fertilizer for a family garden and flowerbeds. Approximately how often is waste removed? Also, how often is it necessary to take the waste to another person’s land? Furthermore, what is the address of the places the waste is taken to when it is necessary to do so?
   Applicant Response: Collected as necessary, sometimes daily, depends on environmental factors. Woodchips for bedding removed completely and replaced roughly every ten days. Area treated with Ag lime. Outside collection of waste collected every couple of weeks and used in gardens. There has never been a need to relocate waste to another property, though there are family members’ farms available if that becomes an issue.

4. You have indicated you have not had any problems with animals getting loose so far. If that were to happen though, what would your plan be to address that?
   Applicant Response: There has not been an incident of animals at large to date. If they were to escape it is unlikely they would wander far due to the nature of the animal’s behavior.

5. What is done with the goats during the months they are not on your property?
   Applicant Response: Two goats have been market wethers, sold after fair. Breeding does retained and moved to family farm outside of Wyandotte.

6. What kind of food will be provided for the animals and how often will they be fed?
   Applicant Response: 24 hour access to fresh water and fed a concentrated ration twice per day. Chickens fed a mix of game bird crumble rations and a complete layer pellet. Goats fed high quality concentrated complete pelleted ration.

7. Would you be able to provide immunization records and other related animal health documentation?
   Applicant Response: Goats for summer are either not born or weaned yet. No health records available at this time.
Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-11 for five years and subject to stipulations. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

ITEM NO. 3 – 16450...SPECIAL USE PERMIT #SP-2016-11 – CECILIA TOSCANO/EL POTRERO BAR AND GRILL, INC.

Synopsis: Renewal of a special use permit (#SP-2014-16) for live entertainment in conjunction with a bar and grill at 4752 State Avenue, submitted by Robin H. Richardson. The applicant is requesting renewal to have live entertainment in conjunction with a restaurant at 4752 State Avenue. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-12 for five years, subject to:

Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:
1. Please provide a letter detailing current operations including security and changes implemented since the approval of the original special use permit. Applicant submitted the attached letter with the application.
2. Please detail any incidents or altercations that have occurred or complaints received from neighbors and the steps you have taken to prevent such incidents or complaints in the future.

The Police Department has stated that they have not had any police related issues with this establishment.

Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-12 for five years, subject to the stipulations. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

ITEM NO. 4 – 16451...SPECIAL USE PERMIT #SP-2016-13 – VONZEL SAWYER FOR NEW BETHEL CHURCH INC.

Synopsis: Renewal of a special use permit (#SP-2014-12) for a storage shed for the church at 735 Walker Avenue, submitted by Robin H. Richardson. Applicant is requesting a renewal of a special use permit for the temporary use of land for a 20X12 temporary shed on the property.

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The shed is intended to store equipment for the church. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-13 for five years, subject to:

**Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:**

1. Structural integrity: Please submit current photos of the shed to verify maintenance of the shed and its surrounding.  
   *Applicant has submitted new photos and they are attached.*

2. Outside appearance: Please indicate and provide photos to demonstrate that items are in fact stored inside the shed and not outside or adjacent to the shed.  
   *Applicant has submitted new photos and they are attached. Staff recommends that the materials being stored on the outside wall of the shed be moved inside.*

**Action:** Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-13 for five years, subject to the stipulations. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

**ITEM NO. 5 – 16452…SPECIAL USE PERMIT #SP-2016-15 – WILLIE FIELDS JR. WITH SILVUR DOLLA ENTERPRISE LLC**

**Synopsis:** Renewal of a special use permit (#SP-2014-81) for live entertainment at 16 North James Street with an expansion to 12 North James Street and renewal of a special use permit (#SP-2013-48) for parking at 2, 4, and 12 North James Street, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. Applicant wants a special use permit at 12 and 16 North James Street for a drinking establishment/restaurant (50%) food with live entertainment. He also has provided parking agreements with adjoining property owners that provide sufficient code required parking. Those agreements will be approved as part of this application. This action, if approved, will combine all previous special use permits into one for the drinking establishment, live entertainment, and parking. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Special Use Permit #SP-2015-67 for one year, subject to:

**Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:**

1. Please update staff how on and off-site outdoor clean-up will be addressed.

2. Please describe security both on and off-site and how your security plan complies with all relevant City Codes. The description should also describe how large crowds leaving at one time
will be addressed both in terms of crowd and traffic control. Are there any changes from previous plans?

3. Five different parking agreements have been provided.

4. All paving previously approved is complete.

5. All previously required property transactions are now complete.

6. Although a renewal, it should be reiterated that this application is for the buildings at 12 and 16 North James Street and includes only the first and second floors of the stated addresses. The third floor (the half story above the second floor) and basement are to remain blocked and unused at all times as there is insufficient parking for the additional floor area. Further, the third floor has not been inspected for use by Fire or Building Inspection.

7. The applicant opened briefly at Christmas 2015 without proper approvals.

For this location to remain open without an additional special use permit for alcohol, the sale of food (only food – cover charges, etc. are not included) must exceed the sale of alcohol. The applicant should be prepared to provide an annual accounting of this to the Planning Commission secretary. This special use permit, if approved, will automatically terminate if this report is not received by the end of the 13th month after approval and if the report does not indicate the sale of food exceeds the sale of alcohol. To be clear the only two components of the calculation are actual food and alcohol sales. Cover charges, including cover charges that include food, cannot be part of the calculation.

If approved, alcohol may only be served until 2:00 a.m.

This location has been trouble for KCK every time it has opened, however briefly, each time. From murder to a swinger’s club on the third floor that was supposed to be sealed off, this location appears to attract a bad crowd. It does not seem prudent to risk having to potentially commit significant extra police at this location at the detriment of security in the remainder of the eastern portion of the City. These concerns are legitimate public health, safety, and welfare concerns.

A Special Use Permit may be revoked by the Board of Commissioners if trouble arises or if the stipulations are not met. This permit shall be void if at any time parking falls below the number of spaces required by the code.

**Public Works Comments:**
No comments.

**Action:** Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-15 for one year, subject to the stipulations. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley,
ITEM NO. 6 – 16453...SPECIAL USE PERMIT #SP-2016-16 – TERRY ALCORN

Synopsis: Request for a special use permit for the temporary use of land for a storage container at 4415 Leavenworth Road, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. The applicant is requesting a special use permit for the temporary use of land for a storage container on an improved surface. The storage container is intended to store personal during home renovations. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-16 until November, 2017, subject to:

Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:

1. Structural integrity: Current submitted photos do not provide clear information on how the storage container is secured to the ground, nor the exact details of what kind of improved surface the storage container sits on. Please provide additional detail and information.
   
   Applicant has provided information about siding and has indicated that the container is unsecured to the ground but rests on gravel.
   Staff recommends securing the container to the ground.

2. Length of proposed use: Please provide a proposed timeline of how long the storage container is to be used and what the plans for removal of the storage container are after its use.
   
   Applicant has indicated that they will only use the container for as long as the permit that is granted.

3. Outside appearance: Please indicate if anything will be stored outside of the storage container. Current photos show at least three boats. Are those to remain in place? Will there be anything else stored around the storage container? Additionally the email (1/13/2016) indicates that a hedge will be planted. Is the hedge for the purpose of screening? If so, where will the hedge be planted and how high/long will it be?
   
   Based on applicant’s response, staff recommends that if approved, applicant should be required to screen the container.

4. Health and Safety: Please indicate if there are any materials to be stored inside the storage container that would either be: a) dangerous or harmful to persons or the environment, or b) attract pests or otherwise create a nuisance. Also, please indicate if the storage container will be locked.
   
   Applicant has indicated that only non-hazardous household materials will be stored in the container on a temporary basis.

Public Works Comments

No comments.

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Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-16 until November 2017, subject to the stipulations. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

ITEM NO. 7 – 16454…SPECIAL USE PERMIT #SP-2016-17 – KELLY FOUNTAIN

Synopsis: Renewal of a special use permit (#SP-2013-62) for a kennel for ten dogs at 3440 North 131st Street, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. Applicant wants to operate a residential boarding kennel at her residence, 3440 North 131st Street. The boarding facility has a maximum of ten dogs at one time. The dogs will be kept in an accessory building on the 7.92 acre property. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-17 for five years, subject to:

Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:
1. Subject to approval, this permit is valid for five years.

2. Could you provide photographs of the kennels and any other relevant areas the dogs occupy?
   Applicant Response: See attached photos.

3. If approved a business license would be required as it is a business use rather than personal.
   Applicant Response: Occupation Tax Receipt attached

4. How many people do you have on your staff?
   Applicant Response: Daughter volunteers as needed.

5. Could you provide diagrams/drawing of the buildings/lands that are used in your operation?
   Applicant Response: See attached layout drawing

6. Have there been any issues with dogs escaping? If one were to get out, what would your course of action be?
   Applicant Response: No issues to date. Outside runs are 6 feet tall and covered. Inside doors closed when animals are being removed to prevent escape. Dogs supervised while in yard. Fencing checked regularly. Dogs at risk to attempt escape are kept on a leash when not in a run. Would follow, catch and return if one got out.

7. What is your plan for managing the clean-up and disposal of dog waste as well as taking care of odors from urine?

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Applicant Response: Solid waste collected daily, bagged and thrown away. Urine cleaned with a disinfectant as needed (sometimes more than once per day). Dogs kept inside at all times at request of owner are given potty pads which are removed as needed. No problems with smell to date.

8. Could you provide any updates schedule of daily operations as well as facility standards and capability (heating/air conditioning, size, lights, etc.)?  
Applicant Response: See attached Response Letter

Public Works Comments:  
No Comments

Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-17 for five years, subject to the stipulations. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

ITEM NO. 8 – 16455…SPECIAL USE PERMIT #SP-2016-18 – MICHAEL AND JANET VITALE

Synopsis: Renewal of a special use permit (#SP-2014-1) for a kennel for four dogs at 4315 North 112th Street, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. Applicants want to keep four dogs on their .27 acre property located at 4315 North 112th Street. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-18 for five years, subject to:

Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:
1. Recommend approval for a period of five years.

2. Could you provide updated pictures of the dogs as well as the yard?  
Applicant Response: See Attached

3. What kind of schedule do you have for the dogs in terms of how often they are outside?  
Applicant Response: See attached: Dogs are let out in the morning (about 6 a.m.) and fed shortly after. Dogs are inside when no one is home. When someone is home the dog door is open and they go in and out at will. They do not spend much time outside without a person with them. They are called in if they get to barking.

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4. Have the dogs ever gotten out of the yard? If they were to escape what would your plan be to retrieve them?
Applicant Response: They have not gotten out over the past two years. They typically come when called, but any necessary steps would be taken to retrieve them.

5. How often is waste collected? After collection, what is done with the waste?
Applicant Response: Waste collected at least once per week and often twice, put in trash bags that are tied up, and disposed in the garbage.

Public Works Comments:
No comments

Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-18 for five years, subject to the stipulations. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

ITEM NO. 9 – 16456...SPECIAL USE PERMIT #SP-2016-19 – JAMES LEDFORD
Synopsis: Renewal of a special use permit (#SP-2013-58) for a sheep and goat farm at 7625 Riverview Avenue, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. Applicant owns a 3.1 acre property where he is proposing to have four goats and nine sheep all year round and to have potentially 15 to 17 lambs in the fall. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-19 for five years, subject to:

Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:
1. Approval for a period of five years.

2. Could you provide photographs of the animals as well the facilities and land they are provided?
Applicant Response: See attached

3. With the amount of animals you are requesting it seems as though waste would be an issue. What methods do you utilize in order to minimize the accumulation of waste?
Applicant Response: Applicant has indicated that waste is not a problem and is regularly cleaned up inside the shed and he drags the field to break up the manure.

4. How and what are the animals fed?
Applicant Response: Grain and hay in winter, grain and grass in summer.

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5. Have there been any issues with noise complaints from neighbors? These animals seem like they could generate quite a bit of noise in the numbers they will be in. 
*Applicant Response: No complaints, they are generally very quiet.*

6. Do you have drawing/diagrams of the barn/shed you keep the animals in? 
*Applicant Response: See attached photos*

**Public Works Comments:**
No comments

**Action:** Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-19 for five years, **subject to the stipulations.** Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

**ITEM NO. 10 – 16457…SPECIAL USE PERMIT #SP-2016-20 RHONDA SMITH WITH DIMPLES AND DIAPERS**

**Synopsis:** Renewal of a special use permit (#SP-2015-1) for an after school program at 3202 West Barker Circle, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. Applicant is requesting renewal of a special use permit for the temporary use of land for commercial purposes in order to use a residential structure as a daycare center. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-20 for five years, subject to:

**Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:**
1. Please provide your business plan including hours of operation and how many children you are providing care for. 
*Applicant’s comments are attached.*

2. Please explain how you have kept noise down so as to not bother neighbors nearby. 
*Applicant’s comments are attached.*

3. How have you ensured that parking and traffic is not an issue when parents are dropping off and picking up their children? 
*Applicant’s comments are attached.*

4. Please submit updated photos of your facility both indoors and out. 
*Applicant’s has provided the attached photos.*

5. **Approval for five years.**
Business License Comments:
Applicant has filed and maintained the occupation tax as required.

Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-20 for five years, subject to the stipulations. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

ITEM NO. 11 – 16458…SPECIAL USE PERMIT #SP-2016-21 – TIM SCRIBNER WITH PQ CORPORATION

Synopsis: Renewal of a special use permit (#SP-2014-10) for a construction trailer at 1630 Kansas Avenue, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. Applicant wants to continue using a temporary construction trailer on Union Pacific Railroad Company owned property for building construction occurring at 1700 Kansas Avenue. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-21 for two years, subject to:

Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:
1. Approval for a period of two years.

2. Could you provide photographs and diagrams of the structure?
   Applicant Response: See attached

3. You had indicated in your previous application that you were planning to utilize another building for sanitary services, is that still true?
   Applicant Response: Adjacent building is used for sanitary services.

4. Your original application stated you were intending to be finished with your project in 2015. Obviously, there have been some adjustments to the schedule since then; do you have an updated estimation of how long the project requiring the trailer will last?
   Applicant Response: There were delays on some major projects; future projects will require the trailer space for meetings. PQ is planning on maintaining the construction trailer through 2017.

5. Could you provide any other relevant documentation regarding your use of the land (land leased from the railroad, building permits, etc.)?
   Applicant Response: Attached is a copy of the Property Ownership Affidavit from Union Pacific Railroad.

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**Public Works Comments:**
No Comments

**Action:** Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve Special Use Permit Application #SP-2016-21 for two years, subject to the stipulations. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

**PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION**
**ITEM NO. 1 – 16459...PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION - #PR-2016-3 – DENEKEW BEWKETU WITH ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO**

**Synopsis:** Preliminary and Final Plan Review for a parking lot in conjunction with the church at 2925 Minnesota Avenue, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. The applicant wants to expand their parking lot for 44 additional parking spaces at 2925 Minnesota Avenue on 12.08 acres. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval of Preliminary and Final Plan Review Application #PR-2016-3, subject to:

**Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:**
1. Based on the Site Demolition Plan, sheet D01, nine mature trees will be removed as part of the construction of the parking lot. Only four trees are going to be planted after the expansion. There is a net loss of five trees; therefore, five additional trees shall be planted. 

   **Applicant Response:** Parking Layout and Landscape Plan have been adjusted to indicate demolition of only seven trees, saving two additional mature trees, three of the existing trees to be demoed are either already dead, very small sapling and one is close to its maturity peak. So, we are adding five additional trees along with a multiple of shrubs for screening.

2. The landscape plan does not depict the total number of trees on the 12.08 acre property. The landscape requirement for RP-5 Planned Apartment District is one tree for every 4,500 square feet of site area. Based on that ratio, 117 trees should be already planted on the property.

   The perimeter of the parking lot should be heavily landscaped to minimize the visual impact it will have on the surrounding property. Shrubs, three gallons should be interlaced with trees so there is effective screening from headlights.

   Please revise the landscape plan to include the total number of trees on the property, keeping in mind that four trees that will be planted as part of the parking lot expansion is not going to be enough.
Applicant Response: The entire 12.08 acre site has approximately 165 trees counted on the premises. This exceeds the 117 trees required for the RP-5 Planned Apartment District tree count. Additional perimeter parking lot landscaping has been addressed on the landscape plan. 14 new shrubs and 5 new trees will be added at the perimeter of the parking.

3. How many parking spaces, in total will there be in the parking lot after the expansion?
Applicant Response: There will be a total of 42 parking spots, 2 of which will be ADA compliant.

4. Per the Commercial Design Guidelines, the islands of the parking lot rows, currently shown as painted shall be curbed and landscaped. A 2” caliper shade tree shall be planted in each island.
Applicant Response: The church is wishing a variance to the landscaping of the island requirement because of these few number of parking spaces and the amount of landscaping proposed.
Staff Response: The church is building a commercial parking lot and, therefore, must comply with the Commercial Design Guidelines. The requirement is one tree shall be planted in each island. There have been other smaller redevelopment projects that have complied with these guidelines and staff does not see how this parking lot expansion should be treated any differently than others that have come before staff and the Commission.
Planning Commission Stipulation: The island landscape may be planted around the exterior of the parking lot.

5. All landscaping shall be irrigated.
Applicant Response: The owner is requesting a variance on the sprinkling. A wall hydrant in close proximity to the church will be able to provide necessary watering by church personnel.
Staff Response: Staff stands by its stipulation that landscaping shall be irrigated. The applicant may ask for further discussion of this item at the meeting.

6. The parking lot designates “Future Parking Expansion”, how will that be accessed without the proposed expansion being significantly modified?
Applicant Response: The “Future Parking Expansion” has been deleted. There are no future plans for an expansion at this time.

7. Sec. 27-460(c)(2)e. For parking and other paved areas: Not less than 25 feet from any street line and not less than six feet from any other property line.
Please show the property lines so staff can measure the setbacks from the two parallel parking spaces closest to Minnesota Avenue.
Applicant Response: The provisions have been made to adhere to the 25’ front yard and side yard, corner setback from the property line. The plans have revisions indicating setbacks and property lines.

PublicWorksComments:
1. Items that require plan revision or additional documentation before engineering can recommend approval: None

2. Items that are conditions of approval (stipulations): None
3. Comments that are not critical to engineering’s recommendations for this specific submittal, but may be helpful in preparing future documents: None

Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to approve Plan Review Application #PR-2016-3, subject to the stipulations. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

PLANNING AND ZONING NON-CONSENT AGENDA

SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

ITEM NO. 1 – 15298...ALICIA NAVA #SP-2015-62

Synopsis: Special use permit for six chickens at 4022 Silver Avenue, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. The applicant wants to keep six chickens at her home at 4022 Silver Avenue on .14 acre. This application has been republished to include six chickens. Originally, the application was for four chickens. The Planning Commission voted 6 to 2 to recommend approval of Special Use Permit Application #SP-2015-62 for four chickens for two years, subject to:

Urban Planning and Land Use Comments:

1. Since the October 12, 2015 City Planning Commission, have the two roosters been removed from the property? The two roosters that are on the property must be removed from the property immediately, as they are not permitted by Code.
   Applicant Response: Both roosters have been removed from the property.

2. How will chickens be kept on the property? Will they be in a fenced area or stay within a coop at all times? If in a coop, will they move around the property or stay in a single location at all times?
   Applicant Response: The chickens are in the backyard and they are in the coup and fenced area.

3. What are the estimated dimensions of the area that the chickens will take up on the property?
   Applicant Response: The coup is 15’ x 15’.

4. Please provide a drawing/image relating to where the chickens will be kept in relation to the home on the property, neighboring homes, property line and other structures.
   Applicant Response: The applicant indicated on the aerial photograph that the coup is abutting the detached accessory structure in the northwest corner of the property.

5. Please submit a plan for how the chickens will be kept in addition to a plan to deal with waste from the chickens.
Applicant Response: The applicant stated that the waste is bagged and put out with the weekly trash.

6. Please address issues of feed and diet for the chickens, how will they be fed?
Applicant Response: The chickens are fed corn and grain.

Public Works Comments:
1. Items that require plan revision or additional documentation before engineering can recommend approval: None

2. Items that are conditions of approval (stipulations): None

3. Comments that are not critical to engineering’s recommendations for this specific submittal, but may be helpful in preparing future documents: None

Rob Richardson, Director of Planning, said Ms. Nava has requested a holdover for thirty days until the March Planning and Zoning meeting for the Board of Commissioners because her mother is in the hospital

Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve the request of the applicant to hold over Special Use Permit Application #SP-2015-62 until the March, 2016 Planning and Zoning Meeting. Roll call was taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane. Philbrook voted “No”.

MISCELLANEOUS – PLANNING AND ZONING
ITEM NO. 1 – 16460… ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – DISCOUNT DOLLAR RETAIL STORES
Synopsis Certain amendment to Section 27-340, Planning and Development of Kansas City, Kansas Code of Ordinances, generally concerning definitions and a new provision to Section 27-593(a), Planning and Development of Kansas City, Kansas Code of Ordinances, requiring a special use permit for small, discount dollar retail stores, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, AICP, Director of Planning. The Planning Commission voted 5 to 1 to recommend approval of this ordinance amendment subject to adding the word “new” to merchandise in the dollar store definition.

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Rob Richardson, Director of Planning, said this is an ordinance to limit the spacing of the dollar stores within the community which essentially will limit the number, especially in the urban area to about what we have now. The spacing in the ordinance as proposed is at 10,000 feet between these stores, which is just under two miles. It also specifies that any of these new stores that would come in would have to meet our design criteria for the community. There are several articles included in your packet that give various reasons for limiting these types of stores in our community. I would stand for any questions you might have.

Commissioner McKiernan said, Mr. Richardson, if you could just summarize it. This was a 5 to 1 vote in Planning Commission. The prospective, or the position, of the person who voted against this ordinance amendment, what was that? Mr. Richardson said I don’t believe they made any comment with their vote. I haven’t reviewed the minutes, but I can do that briefly here.

Mayor Holland asked any further questions.

Mr. Richardson said, Commissioner McKiernan, on page seven, the large middle paragraph there is from Commissioner Connelly. He was the no vote. Commissioner McKiernan said thank you. I just saw that paragraph.

Commissioner Johnson said I think in reading those comments, I think that certainly I agree with the fact that we need to have some control with regard to these things. I think it speaks to the fact that we really need to have a grocery store in that area. I think that’s all well known. The reason why these stores are here, are coming into our town, is because there are no places they can get groceries. I mean a full-scale grocer. I kind of look at these in the same that the payday loan industry has come into the areas where there are no banks. They provide a service, but oftentimes take advantage of the persons that are in those areas. I understand the comments or the thought processes. I support this, but we need to really look at, keep our eye on the main thing with regard to that.

Commissioner McKiernan said and going back to that, I certainly do agree with that sentiment. I wonder if the other side of the coin, maybe, is where we want to be. Instead of an ordinance

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that, because a lot of the issues that continue to come up with these types of stores are upkeep, are their negative impact on a neighborhood by how they are kept both outside and inside. Could we just look at more stringent enforcement of the ordinances we already have in place for the condition and the upkeep of these and other stores rather than some sort of density requirement.

Mr. Richardson said I think that it’s a matter of resources. Commissioner Murguia has worked very hard with the ones in her district to try and gain voluntary compliance. Voluntary compliance is very hard to achieve with these stores. When you can’t achieve voluntary compliance with a community business partner like this, it’s a matter of how you want to spend your resources. Do we want the Fire Department doing fire checks on the aisle and making sure the aisles are clear or should they be doing that on their own?

I think the tenure of this ordinance is that these businesses should keep up their properties and keep their aisles clear so the public is safe and their buildings are attractive within our community. They have not done that. They’ve basically, I would say, in many cases have flat out refused to do that. So this is where we are.

Commissioner Philbrook said I agree with all of that. The problem is we don’t have food supply, good food supply, for folks in parts of our town. That is a big problem. Let’s get that doggone thing built. Let’s get some people helping out some people coming in with OPM, some other people’s money. If anybody knows anybody that would like to contribute to this effort, talk to them. See if we can’t get this built. We all need to be behind this and get it done. Quit fighting it and work straight toward it because I have a feeling that once we get that done, then we can start knocking down on these additional stores that are not providing really healthy food.

I know that Commissioner Murguia has tried to work to get them to put some healthier food in some of her areas. I haven’t beat on the doors of mine. I admit to it. I have not. I know that I’ve been into a few of them and I don’t go back in because, well, they don’t sell anything I want to buy. I don’t want to go in there because I know it’ll be potato chips, all that stuff that’s canned that I shouldn’t be eating, all that bad stuff. I know this sounds like I’m on a bandwagon, but I am tired of seeing these stores come in here and take advantage of folks because that’s the only place they have close by to go eat or to get some food, to send their kid to walk down two or three blocks and get a few cans of food. I have an issue with that.

Now, having said that, I’m not going to, I agree, Rob, that we need to do something. Let me ask you a question, what would be the worst thing that happens if we put this ordinance into
effect. Any other commissioners want to say anything toward that. I don’t see that it could hurt a whole lot right now. If we don’t like it, we’re the governing body, we take it back, is that correct. Commissioner Johnson said we have 22 right now in town. Commissioner Philbrook said I guess we need to stop them now, slow it down.

Commissioner Murguia said yes, Rob, I’m absolutely in favor of this ordinance. It’s been very difficult to get the Dollar General and some of the Dollar Stores to comply with just general maintenance and upkeep. To echo some of the comments of my fellow commissioners, the thing I am also concerned about as someone that lives in an urban neighborhood where for years there was not grocery available, and now there is. One of the difficult things is that when you allow an urban neighborhood to be oversaturated by low income, poor quality food it makes it that much more difficult to bring in a higher quality grocer because their fear is that they won’t be able to sell enough in that neighborhood. Therefore, the business will not be sustainable.

Though I totally appreciate Mr. Connelly’s comments from the Planning Commission, the bigger concern is that all that’s available, as is very typical in low income neighborhoods, is bad options. These neighborhoods need to have good options. A way to somewhat control that is to not allow them to be filled up with a bunch of bad options that keep away the good options.

Mr. Richardson said I think most of the Commission has seen the grocery store market studies. These stores do count against the square footage of the grocery stores that we could build and against the marketability of those stores. That goes right to the difference in the quality of food from a regular grocery store to one of these stores.

Commissioner Bynum said, Rob, at the newly developed Wyandotte Plaza we have a Dollar Tree and just a few doors down a Five Below ready to go in. What does this do to that plan? Mr. Richardson said Five Below has already submitted their business license so they will be grandfathered in because they’re in before the ordinance has been adopted and published. They will go in.

Action: Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Murguia, to approve the ordinance. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

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ITEM NO. 2 – 16461…ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Synopsis: Revisions to Sections 27-611-614 concerning vending machines as accessory uses in non-residential zoning districts in the Kansas City, Kansas Code of Ordinances, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, Director of Planning. The Planning Commission voted 5 to 1 to recommend approval of this ordinance amendment.

Mr. Richardson said this ordinance modifies our vending ordinance slightly. We’ve modified the definitions as you’ll see. We’ve also divided the ordinance into two categories, those that were developed before 2008 and those after. The regulations pertaining to the older stores before the Overlay Zone was adopted are more lenient. Once the Overlay Zone has been adopted, then we have applied the more strict vending machine rules regarding outside vending machines, with the exception of grocery stores over 15,000 square feet. They would be allowed as we were directed in the standing committee meetings.

Action: Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Murguia, to approve the ordinance. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Holland said before we begin our regular agenda I do want to introduce two persons who are with us today. We have former City Council Member Mr. Chester Owens. Thank you for being here tonight. We also have Kansas Representative Valdenia Winn here. Thank you for being here.

MAYOR’S AGENDA

No item of business

NON-PLANNING CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Holland asked if there were any set-asides on the Non-Planning Consent Agenda. There were no set-asides.

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Action: Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to approve the Non-Planning Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Murguia said I apologize for the interruption. I just want to make sure, you said the Consent Agenda, correct. Mayor Holland said Non-Planning Consent Agenda, page five of your Agenda. Commissioner Murguia said I apologize. Move on.

Action: Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

ITEM NO. 1 – 16363...RESOLUTION: HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION GRANT

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the Unified Government to enter into a contract with the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City to accept a $150,000 grant in support of the Healthy Campus Project, submitted by Jason Banks, Assistant to the Mayor/Manager. No Unified Government match is required. On February 1, 2016, the Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner McKiernan, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: RESOLUTION NO. R-9-16, “A resolution authorizing the Unified Government to enter into a contract with the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City to accept a $150,000 grant in support of the Healthy Campus Project, and to authorize the County Administrator’s Office and Mayor’s Office to sign Grant Award Agreement 1060-FY14-3969.” Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to adopt the resolution. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

ITEM NO. 2 – 16354... ORDINANCE: 39TH AND RAINBOW REFUNDING BONDS

Synopsis: An ordinance authorizing the issuance of Special Obligation Tax Increment Revenue Refunding Bonds (39Rainbow South TIF Project), Series 2016 in the maximum principal amount of $4.3M to refund at 2013 bond issued, submitted by Lew Levin, Chief

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Financial Officer. On February 1, 2016, the Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner McKiernan, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

**Action:** ORDINANCE NO. O-10-16, “An ordinance authorizing the issuance of Special Obligation Tax Increment Revenue Refunding Bonds (39Rainbow South TIF Project) Series 2016, in the maximum principal amount of $4.3M to refund a 2013 bond issue.” Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to approve the ordinance. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

**ITEM NO. 3 – 16360… RESOLUTION: PAYMENT TO BONNER SPRINGS, KS**

**Synopsis:** A resolution authorizing payment to Bonner Springs, KS, for sales tax associated with the relocation of Bonner Springs Ford from Bonner Springs to the Vacation Village STAR Bond District, Project Area 2 (auto mall), submitted by George Brajkovic, Economic Development Director. Based on sales figures, for FY2016 (if needed) and an additional 5-year term, Bonner Springs will receive an annual payment of $81,250. On February 1, 2016, the Economic Development and Finance Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner McKiernan, voted unanimously to approve this site and forward to full commission.

**Action:** RESOLUTION NO. R-10-16, “A resolution authorizing payment to Bonner Springs, KS, for sales tax associated with the relocation of Bonner Springs Ford from Bonner Springs to the Vacation Village STAR Bond District, Project Area 2 (auto mall).” Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to adopt the resolution. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

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ITEM NO. 4 – 16468…PLAT: PIPER COMMONS

Synopsis: Plat of Piper Commons located at Donahoo Road & 107th St/Hutton Road being owned by Mike Rhodes, submitted by Brent Thompson, County Surveyor, and William Heatherman, County Engineer.

Action: Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to approve the plat and authorize the Mayor to sign said plat. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

ITEM NO. 5 – 16436…REAPPOINTMENTS/APPOINTMENT: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Synopsis: Reappointments/Appointments to Boards and Commissions:
Appointment of Roderick Bettis to the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Advisory Board, 2/25/16 to 5/31/20, submitted by Commissioner Bynum
Appointment of Cindy Cash to the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Advisory Board, 2/25/16 to 5/31/18, submitted by Commissioner Kane
Reappointment of Murrel Bland to the Landmarks Commission Board, 2/25/16 to 5/31/20, submitted by Commissioner Bynum
Reappointment of Barbara Jolley to the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District Advisory Board, 2/25/16 to 5/31/20, submitted by Commissioner Markley

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

ITEM NO. 6 – MINUTES

Synopsis: Minutes from regular sessions of December 10, 2015 and January 7, 2016; and special sessions of January 28 and February 4, 2016.

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

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ITEM NO. 7 - WEEKLY BUSINESS MATERIAL


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

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
ITEM NO. 1 – 16463...PUBLIC HEARING: UG PROPOSED BUDGETS, CDBG & ACTION PLAN

Synopsis: Conduct the first public hearing to receive citizen comments on:
   a. UG 2016 Amended and 2017 Proposed Budgets
   b. CDBG 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan

Mayor Holland said this is the third year that we have moved our first public budget hearing up to February instead of May. Our experience was we’d have our first budget hearing in May. The presentation of the budget was in July and there wasn’t enough time to consider the public comment adequately. By moving it up to this time frame, it makes sure that all of your comments are properly vetted and considered by the Commission as we go into the budget.

   Between now and our budget we will have a retreat this spring where we will take all of the comments that you make and will be compiled for the Commission to review and to consider. I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight to let your voice be heard. I want to turn it over to Mr. Bach for any additional comments.

Mr. Bach said we will start tonight before we do open it up to the public hearing portion of this with a brief presentation from our Budget Director and our Director of Community Development to talk about the two different program areas that we have. With that I’m going to introduce Reginald Lindsey, our Budget Director, to come forward and give us a brief synopsis from where we were with our 2015 Budget leading into our 2016 Budget year as we begin to discuss 2017.

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# 2017 Budget Process
## 2016 One Year Action Plan

## PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET CALENDAR
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Reginald Lindsey, Budget Manager, said our 2016 current budget is a $323M budget.

The main sources of support are our property tax and our sales tax. Coming in as a close third is our charges for services.
On the expenditure side, we also have a $323M budget. Our largest expense category is our Public Safety at 39%, then Public Works at 21%, and Bond and Interest at 15%. Community Services come in at a close fourth.

This chart here illustrates the ending fund balance from 2004 to 2016. We can see here in 2004 that we had a $36M budget ending fund balance. Also, in 2005 we had a $35M fund balance. We can see here in 2010, the fund balance dropped to $1.8M. Here in 2015 we’re estimating that we’ll have a $20.8M fund balance. Part of that is a land payment that we received of $9.5M.
that went into the fund balance. Also, some expenses will come out in our 2016 Budget from the land payment. We’re estimating in 2016 that our ending fund balance will be $12.9M, which is $6M short of what we should be as our target. Our target, we should have a 10% fund balance, which would be $20.9M. That’s based on a $209M budget for our General Funds.

Over the last 14 months there’s been a Listening Tour for our citizens to give them input on how we will spend our $12M that is part of our STAR Bond payoff. As we can see, the top services and relief and new improvements that the public wants are property tax, park improvements, street resurfacing, and demolition. Now we’ll turn it over to Wilba Miller who is our Community Development Director.

Wilba Miller, Community Development Director, said the Unified Government receives an annual allocation of entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the following programs: Community Development Block Grant, which is the CDBG; Home Investment Partnerships, which is HOME, and the Emergency Solutions Grant, which is the ESG. HUD provides these resources for the purposes of meeting the needs to low or moderate-income citizens.
The first pie chart reflects the funding sources for the 2016 Budget, which includes the 2015-2016 fiscal year allocation of $2.7M prior year funds and projected income totaling $3,035,733.

The second pie chart reflects the 2015-2016 approved budget by program activity and grant category.
This line graph reflects all of our HUD allocations for all three grant programs, CDBG, HOME and ESG, from 2006 to 2016 combined. As you can see, there was a significant decrease between 2010 and 2012. CDBG was reduced 25%; HOME reductions of 41%, while the ESG program actually received a 79% increase. However, funding has levelled off over the last five years. The estimated, preliminary figures for the 2016-2017 fiscal year allocations are $2,010,986 for CDBG; $564,968 for HOME, and $182,274 for ESG, for a total of $2.758M, which is a slight overall increase of 1.2% over the 2015 allocation.

In order to receive these funds we are required to submit an Annual Action Plan for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Examples of CDBG eligible activities include demolition, public service, public facility improvements, economic development, and rehab of housing. Examples of our HOME activities include down payment assistance and construction or rehab of affordable housing. Finally, examples of our ESG activities include rapid rehousing and homeless prevention.

This evening we are fulfilling the HUD requirement to obtain comments from citizens and other stakeholders prior to actually developing the budget and the draft 2016 Annual Action Plan. We are seeking to assure that citizens participate and understand that the proposed Annual Action Plan that will address housing and community development needs, the development of proposed activities, and the review of program performance. This draft 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan will be published in June to meet the 30 day citizen comment review requirement. A second public hearing will be scheduled for July in conjunction with the Board of Commission meeting prior to the adoption of the Unified Government budget. This Final Action Plan must be

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submitted to HUD no later than August 15. According to federal regulations, failure to meet this requirement will automatically result in a loss of CDBG funds.

Finally, this calendar shown here outlines the 2016 application for CDBG funding. The process began in October, 2015 and will culminate this evening with the approval of the recommended applications. During the month of March, 2016, the Commission will meet to discuss and determine the 2017 process for applications for CDBG funding. Once that process is finalized, notices will be published in local newspapers such as The Echo, The Call, The Globe, Dos Mundos, KC Hispanic News, as well as the UG ENews source, newsletter and also placed on the UG website. This concludes my portion of the presentation.

Mr. Bach said tonight it is a joint presentation that we’re looking at, our public hearing where we hear comments both based on our Unified Government public budget as well as what we’re doing with the Community Development Block Grant Budget.

As Ms. Miller stated, the process for Community Development is one where we will set out next month by the Commission to determine steps for additional input. We’ll get input tonight as to how we formulate that, but then we’ll begin our application process next month.
The website noted on the board is for information for tonight. If you come forward tonight and you have an idea, comments that you are ready to put in, and you would like to submit that formally as an application, in fact we would encourage you to do so, you could go ahead to our website, click on this, and you can send this email to Mr. Lindsey. Then we’ll have a record of the document you put forward that allows us to answer some brief questions about it so that as we move forward into the summer and evaluate the various needs or inputs that we’re looking for.

With that Mayor, I’ll welcome to go to the public hearing portion.
Mayor Holland opened the public hearing. I want to thank everyone for being here tonight. We really appreciate your input and look forward to the comments tonight. I will turn it over to Ms. Cobbins, who will direct you as you come forward.

Bridgette Cobbins, UG Clerk, said we would like to welcome all present to this public meeting of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas regarding the Unified Government 2016 Amended and 2017 Proposed budgets and Community Development Block Grant 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan.

We appreciate the attendance of those people here this evening and we recognize the importance of your views. We would, however, remind you that there are 13 individuals signed up to speak. Each person will be allowed three minutes to speak. Should you go to the two minute mark, I will announce that you have one minute remaining and that will allow you time to wrap up your comments.

As you come to the microphone, please state your name and city for the record. “On deck” means that you will be next to the podium.

We would appreciate your efforts to be considerate to all during their comments. We ask that anyone with a cell phone to please turn them off or switch to non-audio. Once comments begin, we would appreciate no talking, clapping or outburst, so you will not disturb the hearing for recording purposes and for the TV viewers. If any distractions occur, you may be asked to leave the room.

Bill Hutton, Kansas City, Kansas said I think that you’ve got a video that Tim has that he can queue up. While he’s queuing that up, I’ll keep this exceedingly short.

Downtown Shareholders of Kansas City, Kansas, which I am the chairman of, and I’m here with Wil Anderson who is the vice-chair. We thank you for your support and investment in our organization and downtown Kansas City, Kansas. Our focus for 2016 and beyond continues to be promoting economic development, housing, wellness, cultural and social opportunities in the downtown area. We make no request for increased funding in calendar year 2017. We do encourage continued support for work done by NBRs for 2017 and beyond.

Following is a pictorial summary of our work in 2015. Again, thank you for your support and partnership.

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This has we are a 501(c)(3).

This is UG investment in Minnesota Avenue, completes more of the streetscape, we were involved in that.
We had a Labor Day parade this year which was supposed to have been a Cinco de Mayo, but weather caused it to be moved to Labor Day.

We ran a 5K. In 2016 we’ll be doing that again with Donnelly.
We’re involved with the Library in the Park event that was held in September of 2015. That, again, will be held in September 2016, on September 17.

We have coffees that we do with CHWC. We also do coffees on Tuesday at Cup on the Hill.
Involved with the Mayor’s Listening Tour. Ms. Cobbins said you have one minute sir.

Mr. Hutton said engaged through our quarterly meetings which are held in different businesses and locales throughout downtown.
Food Truck Fridays which we’ll start again in April.

Pop-up programs. We had a pop-up shop.
We have another one that will be coming in in 2016, at least one or two.
We provide security and also Clean Team.

We added a new staff member this year thanks to the additional money we received.
Thank you very much.

Cle Ross said thank you for your time. It is an honor and a pleasure to speak in front of you. I want to ask any Kansas RBI parent or player that’s here just to stand up. I want you to know that we mean no harm, but I want you just to realize that the words that I’m saying, these are who they’re going to directly effect.

I played baseball at Kansas City Kansas Community College back in 1998. I’m not from Wyandotte County. I was born in Wellington, Kansas. I was born at KU Med. My sister lives in the Misty Glen Apartments that’s across the street from the ball fields at 53rd and Parallel.

When I was a college student I decided when I would get done playing I would come back and figure out how to get it going. 2008 I got ownership of the fields. 2009 we created a partnership with Major League Baseball. 2010 we started, we had 155 kids that we sent to Missouri. Missouri said we’re not going to play any games in Kansas. The kids came back. We played the first year with no lights, running water or electricity. The worst field that you could ever imagine. The next year we partnered with the Parks and Rec Department. They grew to 355 and last year we had over 1,000 kids.

Now we’re at a point where we’ve done what we needed to do as far as growth is concerned, but we’re trying to get to the next level. We’re not trying to develop Major League Baseball players. We’re trying to develop major league citizens. In order to do that, we need a facility where we can teach, where we can construct. We can educate them, put them into a position where they can hold some of those jobs that are being built at Village West and be able
to do some of the things that make Wyandotte County the greatest county in the State of Kansas, which we all know that it is.

I live in Johnson County. I donate or volunteer my time. We have no paid employees. The only paid people that we have within our program are the umpires, which are kids that come through the program and come back and give back. We teach them how to get bank accounts, the whole nine yards. We have kids turning grades.

First of all, the field that you see at 53rd & Parallel, I’m not sure if you’ve seen the development that’s taken place. We went from the worst ballpark in the State of Kansas to a $1.4M facility where now we’re the best Little League facility in the State of Kansas. That is a reflection of these people you see behind me. All your districts are represented.

It’s a situation where we’re not just in District 2 or 1 or whatever it may be. We’re all throughout Wyandotte County. The ask that we have is we want the Unified Government to find a way to match the $1.4M that we put into it so then we can also go back to Major League Baseball and have them match the $1.4M. We can have an indoor learning facility. We can have a second field and a T-ball field up top, which will give us an opportunity to develop those major league citizens that I talked about.

Thank you for your time. We’re honored to be here. Like I told you, we meant no harm, but if you can find a place in your heart to help us achieve this second phase, you’re looking at the future of Wyandotte County behind me. Thank you.

Mayor Holland said I think we should commend all of the kids. I’ve got kids at home and I just want to commend these kids for sitting still and doing a good job. You’re already developing great citizens.

James Connelly, 4800 Richmond, Kansas City, Kansas said I know it’s been a long time since you all have seen me and I cut my hair, right.

I come to talk about two things. One is JFK. I’m asking that you all make a commitment to invest a little bit more in JFK. I know it took a long time for it to get opened.

Then, this is for Commissioner Bynum and for Commissioner Townsend, I would really like for something to be done with Indian Springs. That’s where I live at. I’ve been living there for over 20 years. We’ve talked about a lot of things and haven’t done anything about it. So if you could put it in the budget to do something there, I would be very appreciative. Don’t know what happened to the plaza that they were going to build, but that is a zone where a lot of cars go

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through, I-635 going to Missouri, going to work. That would be something that I would like for you all to put in the budget to do something when the building is torn down.

Eileen Bobowski, Campfire National Headquarters, Kansas City, Missouri, said you may have known us formerly, we were known as Campfire Girls. We became all-inclusive in 1975, Campfire Boys and Girls. We’ve been all-inclusive since then.

I’m here this evening to talk to you about the future, my future, your future, but most importantly the future of the youth of Wyandotte County and the Unified Government. Up until last year, Campfire had a presence delivering quality, positive youth development programming in this community. Due to the State budget cuts, Campfire was shut down in Kansas City, Kansas. Thanks to a grant from the Ewing Kauffman Foundation, we were able to save one school’s afterschool program. We’ve been delivering afterschool programming at Frank Rushton Elementary since November. The students there and the staff are seeing measured improvement in the behavior of the students since we started our work there in November. Funding for next year has yet to be resolved for that.

Campfire offers quality youth development programming ranging from highly successful conflict resolution programming, starting in kindergarten through grade 6, providing the youth with the knowledge and the tools to resolve conflict on their own. We offer the next phase of conflict resolution for middle schoolers where we give them the tools so that they do not resort to violence. They can resolve the conflict on their own.

Campfire also has two key programs to sharply move the needle in a positive direction when it comes to their health. We offer one called Wise Kids, which teaches youth positive energy in, has to equal positive energy out. We started that programming a couple of years ago in this school district. Because of the State budget cuts, that program came to an end. We’d love an opportunity to get that started again.

We have a brand new health initiative geared toward middle schoolers that’s based on Michael Pollan’s book, In Defense of Food. We have a ten week curriculum geared toward middle schoolers that teaches them that they have to eat food, f-o-o-d, not p-h-o-o-d, mostly plants and exercise.

We would like to respectfully request that you consider Campfire as you’re planning the budget going forward for next year so that we can impact the future of this community just as the
gentleman before me had said. Thank you so much. I really appreciate the opportunity to be here tonight.

Murrel Bland, 8311 Garfield Ave., Kansas City, Kansas, said I appear tonight on behalf of Business West. First, I want to commend the Mayor for his Listening Tour, seeking comments about how to spend the $12M additional dollars that will be available starting in 2017. I’m also pleased that the business community will have an opportunity to express its views next month as the residents of eight commissions or districts did last year.

Business West has more than 80 members, mostly small businesses. High property taxes are a major concern with most of our members. That is consistent with the concerns that most Wyandotte County businesses have according to the more than 200 visits that the Wyandotte Economic Development Council has made during the past two years.

Simply stated, the Unified Government Commission must reduce property taxes substantially if Wyandotte County is to be competitive with neighboring communities such as Basehor and Shawnee. Tax rates in these nearby communities tend to be 15-25% lower than Wyandotte County. Much of the new commercial development in Wyandotte County, particularly in Business West trade territory, has received substantial tax relief. I’m very much aware that these developments would not have occurred had it not been for incentives. Lower property taxes will encourage residents to stay in Wyandotte County and also attract newcomers. Thank you for your consideration.

Chester Owens, Kansas City, Kansas, said I appear before you tonight with comments about your budget. I understand the decisions that you all have to make and I know they are difficult.

In my opinion, John F. Kennedy Recreation Center has become one of the most positive locations in the northeast area. This facility was closed for approximately eight years, or maybe even more. Since it’s reopening in 2010, this center has become a beacon to young people. I live two blocks from JFK and I stop at this facility at least once every two weeks. I see fathers and mothers with their children. I see all type of positive activity going on. Like, for example, when I passed there tonight, the parking lot is full. Parking on Nebraska, you can’t park there. Parking on Washington Boulevard in front of JFK is full.

There are persons volunteering with our young people, but we could do more if paid personnel could be added. The employee at JFK is not only doing a good job, but is a positive
role model for many of our youth. To many of them, JFK is a home away from home. Not only does this facility positively affect young people, but the building is highly utilized by organizations in this community.

In the summertime, I sit on my front porch and it is gratifying to see young people walking down Washington Boulevard with their basketballs on their way to JFK. I might emphasize, it’s more than just basketball. There’s even a Girl Scout troop that meets there now. That’s just one of the many examples. There’s a young volunteer that’s teaching dancing to not only to the children, to some of us old people like myself.

Because of the wholesome attitude that this facility is giving to the community, it would be great if additional funds could be given for additional programs. I marvel at the work of this one employee there, Justin Bell. He is doing a great job. I sometimes ask him, how do you do all that you do. I realize that overall Parks and Rec need additional funding and I hope that it is increased this year and that special emphasis be given to JFK.

**John Latenser, Fairfax Association, Kansas City, Kansas**, said I’m speaking on behalf of the Fairfax Association and my small business which is in the Fairfax area. We have a simple request. It’s not as exciting or as fun as the IRB group that was here previously. We’re just working on curbs and sidewalks. Our request is continued funding for the line item in the budget for some CMIP funding for curbs and sidewalks in the Fairfax area. We’re in the budget, I believe, for five years. We’re in the third of those five years at the $100,000 level. Our request is to increase that to $300,000. We appreciate the support of the Commission, particular Commissioner Townsend and Bynum, to help us work out through the system.

All we’re trying to do is update curbs and sidewalks in the oldest industrial area in the city. That’s our request. We appreciate the opportunity to present that here this evening.

**Arlana Coleman, 1748 N. 80th St., Kansas City, Kansas**, I am speaking on behalf of the Wyandotte County Back to School Fair. This is a Fair that we have had for over 13 years in Wyandotte County. This is the first time that we’ve come to you to ask for funding. It’s been a struggle for us for the last few years to come up with enough funds to really fund the Fair. We service about 5,000 children every year, which allows them to start the school year and be successful because they start with the supplies that they need.
Wyandotte County Back to School Fair is more than just offering school supplies. We have about 70 community service providers that come and offer information to the families that come through the Fair that allows them to get engaged with services that they might not be aware of. We offer immunizations. We’ve had a problem in Wyandotte County with our children receiving the immunizations that they need to start school, so we have people that come from the Health Department and provide immunizations.

Some of the other services that we provide at the Back to School Fair, if you’ll look on the brochure, there’s a whole list of them. We provide books, the library provides a book so that every child that comes through gets an age appropriate book that they can take home. The Lions Club is now coming and they do eye screenings I should say, so that the children can identify those that need eyeglasses or some other services to be able to see once they get to school. Also, the Nutritional Services is there from the school district. Parents are able to sign up their children if they need additional reduced lunches. There’s lots of services that are provided.

The reason that I am here tonight is, as I said, it’s been a struggle for us to come up with the funds that we need each year. We’re asking if there’s $50,000 in your budget that would allow us, we have a very simple budget. We spend about $3,500 on school supplies and another $1,500 would allow us to put those school supplies in backpacks for the children. That’s what we’re asking for.

We have a committee that works every year to put this together. No one gets paid. Everybody is a volunteer. Everybody donates not only their time, but also funding to help make this happen. If you could find it anywhere in your budget, please give us some assistance.

Carolyn Wyatt, 359 Troup, Kansas City, Kansas, said I’m here on behalf of John F. Kennedy Recreation Center. I know that it has football, basketball, soccer, those types of activities, but it doesn’t have any enrichment programs that actually educate and help our kids. Right here, I’ve passed out a few things here of programs that could be implemented at JFK, maybe not all of them because I have quite a few. If you check with some of the recreation centers in Kansas City, Missouri or Overland Park, when a person moves into that area, that’s the first thing they look at. Those areas, when you look those up, they have enrichment programs for the kids and even for adults. I have some for adults and teenagers, everybody, something for everyone.

We don’t have a program person there that’s actually over programs. We have somebody for the basketball, but nothing for programs. We need a person that actually can run programs or
knows how to run programs at John F. Kennedy Recreation Center. I have some for toddlers here also.

Also, when school is out, the recreation center should be open. Spring Break, it should be open because the kids are out of school. We have it closed. I think that it should, like, take a look at that and have the recreation center open when the kids are out of school.

I just have a few things here that can go into the recreation center, maybe not everything here, but take a look at it and see what can be feasible. Like I said, we just need a person that actually knows how to run programs, put programs together, you know a visionary, something like that for the kids. We have too many schools in this area. It should be running, bubbling over, but unless you actually go out and send invitations to the schools or to the kids, they’re at home.

I’m just bringing this before you because I’m a part of the Friends of JFK. I love working with the kids. I love seeing programs going forward. I pass this out to you just so you can take a look at this. I thank you for your time.

Brenda Shivers, Kansas City, Kansas, said I’m with the Northeast Economic Development Corporation located in the northeast area. I am asking continued funding for this organization with its rehabilitation program. We are a 501(c)(3) and we are doing rehabs in the area to provide affordable housing to individuals who cannot afford it. We are asking for a minimum of $150,000 next year to continue our programs.

Greg Kindle, Kansas City, Kansas, said I am the president of the Wyandotte Economic Development Council and a resident of Kansas City, Kansas. WYEDC represents a public/private partnership comprised of the Unified Government, BPU, the Cities of Edwardsville and Bonner Springs, and 109 private sector investors now in our 24th year of providing economic development services to the community. Thank you for your investment and the relationship that we have between our organizations.

Our mission, as you know, is to promote and strengthen Wyandotte County’s economy through programs, partnerships and outreach. The contract we have with the County has continued to evolve over time based on the needs of the community, the goals of the elected body, and our own board. The role we play may differ from project to project, but it’s always in a team environment and one in which we have enjoyed great success over the years. I hope you
agree that WYEDC has provided a strong return on your investment. Today the Unified Government provides approximately 30% of our funding. Since I last came before you three years ago to ask for an increase in funding toward our retention and expansion program we’ve seen $2B in investments announced in Wyandotte County.

In 2015 alone $690M in investments were announced with 90% of those occurring in Kansas City proper. Of the 43 announcements last year, 27 of those were expansion projects. This year 38% of the companies we’ve surveyed indicated plans to expand within the next 12 months.

For the 2017 budget, we’re asking you to increase our contract by $50,000 to continue what we’re doing and invest in a new Workforce Solutions Program. A little more than two years ago a core group of partners, including the UG, used a small grant to better understand the disconnect between the companies creating jobs and our workforce.

At the core we have the strength in our human capital supply chain to fill the needs of current and future employers. Community prosperity is dependent on the quality and quantity of jobs. We have the jobs, over 1,500 unfilled jobs today paying over $42,000 a year. We need a plan to connect those good paying jobs to our residents. To that end, we are working with our partners on a Workforce Solutions Pilot Program that aligns and coordinates workforce efforts among key stakeholders and a measurable approach.

Two key focus areas: developing a future talent pipeline and targeting existing underemployed populations are the core of the program we believe is needed. WYEDC plays a unique coordination role between existing and potential businesses with workforce needs, workforce training, placement agencies, social services, government, and K through 16 education providers. We believe we play a role in developing workforce solutions and are asking you to invest in this public/private initiative. I want you all to know that we are also growing our private sector investments as well to assist in this initiative.

We hope you’ll strongly consider our request for additional funding. Again, thank you for the partnership and investment as we work together to grow the economy in Wyandotte County.

Maria Kline, 1957 N. 3rd St., Kansas City, Kansas, said I’m not here to ask for any money and yes I am a 501(c)(3).
I am here concerning the senior citizen agent. I hope that you will find in your heart to give them more money because it was told that you would put their funds up to $5.00 from $1.50. That’s ridiculous. We all have to look after our senior citizens because they have paid their dues. There are several senior citizens that doesn’t have family. So you say $5.00 for one day to go where they have to go. No. If you’re going to take it up, don’t take it up to $5.00. Take it to at least $2.00, but I say don’t take it up at all because when you did it, you did it on a grant to help them, not to put pressure on them. This is what you’re doing.

When you put it up to $5.00, that’s saying that they’re of no importance. Our senior citizens should be important. When you talk about giving money to the adults so that they can start programs, well think about the senior citizens that have paid their dues. Don’t get greedy. First of all, that’s not their fault that they are short of money. UG, think about the seniors before you hang them. $5.00, that’s ridiculous to me.

**Mayor Holland** said that concludes our public hearing. I want to thank everyone who came tonight for your presentation. We take seriously your comments. I will remind you, again, you can go the website and click on the website to find the form. We would ask that if you did ask for a specific dollar amount if you could put that in the form, that would be very helpful also. Thanks everyone for coming out tonight.

**Mayor Holland** closed the public hearing.

**Commissioner Walker** said several of the speakers dealt with groups of money that may be eligible for funding through other mechanisms as well as the budget, the charitable contributions. Can I rely on the fact that staff or Mr. Bach will direct someone where those groups were perhaps appropriately eligible for funding through that mechanism to contact them and make them aware of that program as well. **Mr. Bach** said yes, Commissioner. Tonight on the agenda we go through and we do adopt the program for the charitable contributions, that’ll give us a guideline as we go back and can evaluate some of these requests that have come in. I think there may have even been one or two requests that spoke to funds that may be better served over in the Community Development area as well. We’ll take a look at those and determine if there are other ways that they should apply that might be more applicable to what they’re seeking versus
those that came looking specifically at the operations of the Unified Government and where they
might encourage us to spend more money in that regard.

Action: For Information Only

STANDING COMMITTEES’ AGENDA

ITEM NO. 1 – 16437…REAPPROPRIATED CDBG FUND DISTRIBUTION

Synopsis: Request distribution of reappropriated CDBG funds to the following organizations,
submitted by Wilba Miller, Community Development Director.

- Heartland Habitat for Humanity - $250,000
- UG Public Works Safe Routes - $280,000
- UG Public Works Transit Sidewalks and ADA Ramps - $78,000

This item was scheduled to appear before the Administration and Human Services Standing
Committee, chaired by Commissioner Markley, on February 22, 2016. It was requested, and
approved by the Mayor, to fast track this item to the February 25, 2016 full commission meeting.

Commissioner Markley said this is the reappropriated money that we did not allocate at the end
of last year’s budget season. These three applications were specifically recommended by staff
because they are ready to move with some speed because this money needs to be spent fairly
promptly. There will be another round of CDBG applications as part of this budget. This is not
the allocation for the 2017 budget for the hearing we’re here for tonight. This is a reallocation of
those funds from the 2016 budget that we did not award during the budget season if that makes
sense.

Mayor Holland said normally an item that came unanimously out of standing committee
would go directly to the Consent Agenda. Because the staff requested this to be fast tracked to
further expedite the expenditure of these funds, we have brought it to tonight’s agenda. It is
properly before you.

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

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Commissioner Walker asked is this the money that was originally appropriated for the Argentine/Highland Crest area. Commissioner Markley said yes. That is the money that was the source of that dispute, yes. Mayor Holland said there are still funds going to the Highland Crest area. There is money still allocated to the Highland Crest area, is that correct? Commissioner Markley said the 2015 budget. Mayor Holland said that’s right. It’s about $500,000. I think that’s right. So there is $500,000 from the 2015 still allocated to Highland Crest.

Action: Roll call was taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Johnson, Kane. Murguia voted “No”.

ADMINISTRATOR’S AGENDA


Synopsis: Two ordinances authorizing and providing for the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016-B and Series 2016-C, for the purpose of providing funds to refund a portion of the City’s outstanding General Obligation Bonds; and two resolutions authorizing and directing the sale and delivery of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016-B and Series 2016-C, submitted by Debbie Jonscher, Deputy Finance Director.

2016-B, estimated amount of $20.8M
2016-C, estimated amount of $2.9M
Action will result in future debt savings of approximately $2.7M

On February 4, 2016, the Commission unanimously adopted Resolution No. R-3-16, authorizing the offering for sale of said bonds.

Doug Bach, County Administrator, said, Mayor, today we had a bond sale for the refinancing which we had approved. I will recognize Debbie Jonscher from the Finance Department to present this item.

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Debbie Jonscher, Deputy Finance Director, said today we held our bond sale that was for the refunding of the 2008 Series bonds. I did, prior to the meeting, pass out a memo to everyone that detailed out the results of our sale today.

I would just like to remind the Commission that back at the previous meeting on February 4 we did approve the sale resolution for this issue. At that time we were estimating a savings of about $2.7M over the remainder of the term of the bonds. We did have some very positive results today.

We had two issues, one tax-exempt issue. The amount was $19.6M and the interest rate was 1.89%. The taxable issue was $2.8M with an interest rate of 2.38%. That represents a present value savings greater than 11% on each issue. The savings over the remaining term of the bond is now $3.2M.

We did have some good interest on our bids. We had at least five bidders on each issue. The rates are actually better than those that we did receive with our previous bond issue on February 4. That information is also included in the memo that you received for comparison.

The action tonight is we have an ordinance and a resolution for each issue. The ordinances need to be approved before the resolutions.

Action: ORDINANCE NO. O-11-16, “An ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016-B, of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, for the purpose of providing funds to refund a portion of the City’s outstanding General Obligation Bonds; and providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; and authorizing the execution and approval of certain documents in connection with the issuance of said bonds, and authorizing certain other actions in connection with the issuance of said bonds.” Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to approve the ordinance.

Commissioner Murguia said I just want to make a comment. Debbie, we don’t get this opportunity very often as commissioners, I think that our Finance Department does an absolutely outstanding job. We don’t often get to tell staff. I know that Lew and our Chief Financial Officer should hear that a lot.
Though you don’t get credit for the economy and the low interest rate, you do get credit in my book for seizing the day and taking advantage of those interest rates that are out there and reducing our debt load. Phenomenal job, who would ever have thought 1% interest rate, or in that market, would be around. Thank you very much for all of your hard work. Ms. Jonscher said thank you. I would just like to say that we do work very closely with our financial advisor, Springsted, and our legal counsel, Gilmore & Bell, also. They deserve a lot of credit too.

Mayor Holland said it has been moved and seconded. It is properly before you. My understanding is this is for the first item. Commissioner McKiernan said the first ordinance. Mayor Holland said the first ordinance which is 2016-B and C. Commissioner McKiernan said no. I understood we would need two ordinances and two resolutions. Is that correct? Mayor Holland said one for 2016-B and one for 2016-C. Commissioner McKiernan said this is the ordinance for 2016-B.

Action: Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

Action: RESOLUTION NO. R-11-16, “A resolution authorizing the sale and delivery of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016-B, of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas previously authorized by Ordinance No. O-11-16; making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof; and authorizing the execution and approval of certain documents in connection with the issuance of said bonds, and authorizing certain other actions in connection with the issuance of said bonds.” Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to adopt the resolution. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

Action: ORDINANCE NO. O-12-16, “An ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016-C, of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, for the purpose of providing funds to refund a portion of the City’s outstanding General Obligation

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Bonds; and providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; and authorizing the execution and approval of certain documents in connection with the issuance of said bonds, and authorizing certain other actions in connection with the issuance of said bonds.” **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to approve the ordinance.** Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

**Action:** RESOLUTION NO. R-12-16, “A resolution prescribing the form and details of and authorizing the sale and delivery of Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016-C, of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas previously authorized by Ordinance No. O-12-16; making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof; authorizing the execution and approval of certain documents in connection with the issuance of said bonds, and authorizing certain other actions in connection with the issuance of said bonds.” **Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Murguia, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

Mr. Bach said, Mayor, I would just like to probably note that I believe this is the last financing or re-financing that our Chief Financial Officer, Lew Levin, will be a part of. Lew’s probably happy about that. He’s led us through a lot of these great ones. Thank you, Lew.

I will also note that sitting beside Lew is our new Chief Financial Officer, Kathleen VonAchen, so welcome her as her first meeting. **Commissioner Walker** said would you ask her to the podium please, Mr. Bach. **Mr. Bach** said Kathleen, will you come forward. One of the commissioners wants to get a better look so he can see who you are. **Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer,** said I’m thrilled to be here. Thank you very much for this opportunity.

**Mayor Holland** said I think we need to welcome you and we need to congratulate Lew. I will tell one short story about Lew. It was my first budget hearing and he went through a presentation. We had a three inch binder, about $1M a page for our budget. He explained
something and I said, I don’t think I agree with Mr. Levin. Bill Miller, former commissioner, said don’t do it. I said no, I just don’t think that’s quite right. Bill said again, don’t do it. I said, okay, I’m going to do it. I just don’t understand this.

Mr. Levin walked through it very professionally and he said I understand your question. If this, this, this, and this were all true, you would be correct. None of that is true. This, this, this and this is true instead and this is why it’s accurate. Then there was kind of a lull in the room and Bill Miller said I told you so.

That was my first experience with Lew Levin and budgets. I just want to thank you for your excellent professionalism and uncanny ability and accuracy to quote numbers from any line item in the budget at any time. Thank you very much. Commissioner McKiernan said and mental math. Mayor Holland said and mental math, that’s right.

ITEM NO. 2 – 16467… RESOLUTION: MOU WITH THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL #1

Synopsis: Request adoption of three resolutions authorizing the County Administrator to execute two Amendments to Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) and one MOU between the UG and The Service Employees International Union, Local #1 (formerly represented by SEIU Local No. 2000), submitted by Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator.

- Amendment No. 1, period commencing retroactively on June 1, 2009 through and including May 31, 2012
- Amendment No. 2, period commencing retroactively on June 1, 2012 through and including May 31, 2015
- Memorandum of Understanding, period June 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. This is the 6th of 13 labor contracts to be ratified which represents 52% of the union workforce under contract.

Mr. Bach said all three of these labor contracts that are before you tonight are in keeping with the directives that we have been given. A couple of them are formulated a little bit different because they were with our small labor groups that represent one or two employees. They oftentimes attach over to a formal union contract that they are also with for larger labor organizations. They don’t necessarily just lay out in the 1.5, 1.5, or 2% type formula that we’ve been out there getting for the 5% because they’re attached to a percentage of what is the agreed

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upon wage with the other unions. You’ll see them lay out a bit different. As we went through and factored and built our calculations, they’re all consistent now with the formula that we’re using for those groups.

**Action:** RESOLUTION NO. R-13-16, “A resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute Amendment No. 1, period commencing retroactively on June 1, 2009 through and including May 31, 2012; Amendment No. 2, period commencing retroactively on June 1, 2012 through and including May 31, 2015, and Memorandum of Understanding, period June 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017 (MOU) and Amendments between the Unified Government and the Service Employees International Union, Local #1.” Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner McKiernan asked, Mr. Moore, may we move and approve all three resolutions for MOUs with one motion or do they require separate. Mr. Moore said there’s three different items for this first resolution. Are you referring to those three different items or the three different resolutions for the three different items? Commissioner McKiernan said by pointing out the three items on the first resolution, you’ve answered my question. We cannot bundle all three of these Item Nos. 2, 3, and 4 into one motion. Mayor Holland said but we can, if I understand correctly, Amendment 1, 2, and the Memorandum of Understanding we can do as one vote for Item No. 2.

**Action:** Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

**ITEM NO. 3 – 16466… RESOLUTION: MOU WITH THE PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 3**

**Synopsis:** Request adoption of a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute the following documents with the Painters District Council No. 3, submitted by Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator.
- Amendment No. 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and the Painters District Council No. 3, effective January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2015; and
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and the Painters District Council No. 3, effective January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. This is the 7th of 13 labor contracts to be ratified which represents 52% of the union workforce under contract.

Action: RESOLUTION NO. R-14-16, “A resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and the Painters District Council No. 3, effective January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2015; and Memorandum of Understanding between the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and the Painters District Council No. 3, effective January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.” Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to adopt the resolution. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

ITEM NO. 4 – 16469... RESOLUTION: MOU WITH THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 955

Synopsis: Request adoption of a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the UG and the Wyandotte County Sheriff’s Department and Teamsters Local No. 955, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017, submitted by Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator. This is the 8th of 13 labor contracts to be ratified which represents 53% of the union workforce under contract.

Action: RESOLUTION NO. R-15-16, “A resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Unified Government and the Wyandotte County Sheriff’s Department and Teamsters Local No. 955, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.” Commissioner McKiernan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane,

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to adopt the resolution. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

ITEM NO. 5 – 16470…UG-HOLLYWOOD CASINO/SVV 2016 GRANT GUIDELINES


Mayor Holland said this was discussed in our Special Session and this reflects the conversation of the commissioners during that session.

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

Commissioner Bynum said I need a clarification. In the document that you gave us under the selection process, I may not even be looking in the appropriate place for it. When we had our special session we talked about the work of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and what scope and amount of work they would do. I see, I think, pieces of that here. I just would like to clarify what level of work have we asked them for.

Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator, said what we got from the Community Foundation is we didn’t include everything, all their verbiage in this. There’s a separate agreement that we have between the organizations that outline everything. We can add that to this if you’d like. This is more of a document that we want to use for the public to refer to, the websites on it, the schedules on it. It won’t have everything on it, but just to make it clear, the amount of the Community Foundation’s contract this year is $22,600. That’s a change from $5,100 the year before which is what they outlined in the special session. Everything that they’ve proposed they will be doing for us and the fee is associated with that. That’s reflective of the numbers that I’ve included in this document as well. It’s your document. If you want us to add more about what the Community Foundation is going to be doing or looking at, we can certainly do that. Commissioner Bynum said no. I appreciate what you’re saying and I just
needed the clarification that the consensus that we felt like we had at the special session is what’s being presented. Mr. Connor said correct.

**Action:** Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

Mr. Bach said the application will be live on their website Monday according to the schedule.

**COMMISSIONERS’ AGENDA**
No business items

Mayor Holland said that concludes our Board of Commissioners Agenda. We are now reconvened as the Land Bank Board of Trustees with the Consent Agenda. Would anyone in the audience tonight or any commissioner like to remove any item from the Consent Agenda? Any item not removed will be voted on in a single vote. Let the record show no one is moving forward.

**LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ CONSENT AGENDA**
**ITEM NO. 1 – 16350…COMMUNICATION: LAND BANK APPLICATIONS**

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

**Transfers from Land Bank**
1124 and 1126 Armstrong Ave. to CHWC, to construct a duplex

**Transfers to Land Bank**
720 Everett Ave. from the Unified Government of WyCo/KCK
629 Franklin Ave. from the Unified Government of WyCo/KCK
631 Franklin Ave. from the Unified Government of WyCo/KCK
633 Franklin Ave. from the Unified Government of WyCo/KCK
1522 Pacific Ave. from the Unified Government of WyCo/KCK
1524 Pacific Ave. from the Unified Government of WyCo/KCK
642 Parallel Pkwy. from the Unified Government of WyCo/KCK
646 Parallel Pkwy. from the Unified Government of WyCo/KCK.
1903 N. Tremont St. from the Unified Government of WyCo/KCK
731 Barnett Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
733 Barnett Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
735 Barnett Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS

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747 Barnett Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
749 Barnett Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
751 Barnett Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
1972 Glendale Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
1009 Nebraska Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
1027 Nebraska Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
740 Tauromee Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
746 Tauromee Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
748 Tauromee Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
750 Tauromee Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
2942 N. Thompson St. from the city of Kansas City, KS
418 Walker Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS
2920 Washington Ave. from the city of Kansas City, KS

(Per the December 2014 NCD Standing Committee presentation, property controlled by the UG, city and Board of County Commissioners that are delinquent will be transferred to the Land Bank to have delinquent property taxes abated.) On February 1, 2016, the Neighborhood and Community Development Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Walker, voted unanimously to approve and forward to the Land Bank Board of Trustees.

**Action:** Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKiernan, to follow the recommendation of the Land Bank. Roll call was taken and there were ten “Ayes,” Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No items of business.

**Mayor Holland** said before we adjourn we do have royalty among us. Miss Teen Wyandotte is here. Young lady, would you like to come forward and introduce yourself to us and let us know about Miss Teen Wyandotte. If you wear a tiara to the commission meeting, you get to introduce yourself.


**Mayor Holland** said fantastic. Congratulations and welcome. How long is your reign?

**Ms. Haught** said I actually didn’t win. **Mayor Holland** said in terms of Miss Wyandotte

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County. Is it this year? Mrs. Haught said she can compete again next year as Miss Wyandotte County. Ms. Haught said I will not be here. Mayor Holland said well, congratulations to you and we’re glad you’re here tonight. Mrs. Haught said because she signed up to the Army Reserves.

MAYOR HOLLAND ADJOINED
THE MEETING AT 8:25 P.M.
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Bridgette D. Cobbins
Unified Government Clerk

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