



Public Works and Safety Committee
Standing Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 15, 2014
5:00 PM

Location:

Municipal Office Building
701 N 7th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101
5th Floor Conference Room (Suite 515)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Mike Kane, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Hal Walker	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Tarence Maddox	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Angela Markley	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Jane Philbrook	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Bryant - BPU	<input type="checkbox"/>

I. **Call to Order / Roll Call**

II. **Approval of standing committee minutes from July 21, 2014.**

III. **Outcomes**

Item No. 1 - UPDATE: PUBLIC WORKS' PROJECTS

Synopsis:

Update on current and 2015 Public Works' projects.

Tracking #: 120155

Item No. 2 - Outcomes

Synopsis:

Add:

Update on the Notice of Need for a fire study

Overviews/discussion of the next phase.

PWS outcomes presented at the following standing committee meetings:

Aug. 12, 2013

- a. Infrastructure. Improve and finance infrastructure to comply with federal regulations, encourage private investment, and build community.
- b. Environment. Ensure natural resources are protected to the maximum extent possible; opportunities for additional natural areas are pursued; and the park system is enhanced.
- c. Public Safety. Provide the public's safety through best practices with results in lower crime rate, safer dwellings and businesses, and efficient court services.
- d. Multimodal Transportation. Create a transportation system that moves people to where they want to go including work, services, and amenities.

Dec. 16, 2013

- a. Infrastructure. Presentation on the upcoming application round for federal transportation funding administered by the Mid-America Regional Council, by Bill Heatherman, County Engineer. Staff estimates the UG is in a good position to be awarded \$4-6M which would require local design and matching funds.
- b. Environment. Review of the UG's 2013 Stormwater Management Program and the intent for 2014.
- c. Public Safety. No discussion.

Jan. 13, 2014

Infrastructure. Presentation and discussion on a list of projects that staff considers good candidates from which to select projects for federal transportation funding, submitted by Bill Heatherman, County Engineer.

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IV. Adjourn

**PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, July 21, 2014**

The meeting of the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee was held on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Kane, Chairman; Commissioners Walker, Maddox, Markley, and Philbrook (arrived at 5:01 p.m.); and BPU Board Member Jeff Bryant. The following officials were also in attendance: Gordon Criswell, Joe Connor, Jody Boeding and Bob Roddy.

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

Approval of standing committee minutes for May 12, 2014. **On motion of Commissioner Markley, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, the minutes were approved.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Agenda:

Item No. 1 – 140231...RESOLUTION: FY14 JAG APPLICATION

Synopsis: Request approval of a resolution to submit a grant application in the amount of \$102,775 to the US Dept. of Justice for the Edward Byrne Memorial FY2014 Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) to fund the Active Shooter Response Preparedness Project, submitted by Lisa Stimetz, PSBO/Police/Sheriff. This is 100% grant funded, no impact on the General Fund.

Lisa Stimetz, Public Safety Business Office, said this is Captain Patrick with the Sheriff's Department.

The Kansas City, Kansas Police Department and the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department together are seeking approval to apply for the FY2014 Justice Assistance Grant. It would be funding in the amount of \$102,775 which will help fund the Active Shooter Response

Preparedness Project. We will be purchasing equipment for our officers to be better prepared to respond to such an event.

This is 100% grant funded. There will be no general funds needed.

Action: Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook, to approve and forward to full commission. Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Bryant, Philbrook, Markley, Maddox, Walker, Kane.

Item No. 2 – 140237...RESOLUTION: RENAME PORTION OF NORTH 7TH STREET IN FAIRFAX

Synopsis: Recommend approval of the request from Fairfax Industrial Association and Fairfax Drainage District to officially rename a portion of North 7th Street (900’ north of the intersection of Kindleberger Road) to Fairfax District Way, submitted by Bill Heatherman, County Engineer.

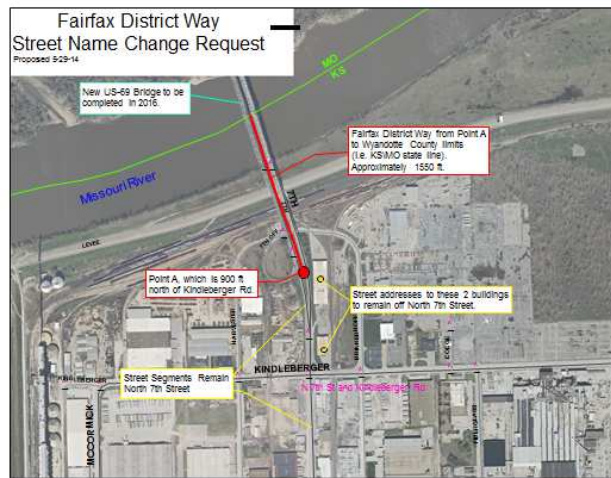
Bill Heatherman, County Engineer, said we’re going to bring up a drawing that is a copy of what was in your staff packet just so you can see this.

I have with me Steve Dailey with the Fairfax Drainage District. This request originated from Fairfax Drainage District and Fairfax Industrial Association. It was an outgrowth of a long-standing desire by Fairfax to have the signage on the major roadways, major interstate highways leading in to the district, provide that way-finding.

It turns out that there was a sign on I-70 that does this already but it’s actually noncompliant with federal highway rules because you cannot have a green guide-name sign up simply pointing to a district. They can call out the name of a city or they can call out the name of a street.

Steve, along with Chuck Schlittler, very shrewdly negotiated with the two DOTs, got them to come around to a game plan that would allow for the word “Fairfax” to show up on those signs provided that the city actually officially renamed the street as shown. That’s really the genesis of this request. It really came out of the conversations that happened with the coordination with the US-69 project and the discussions between MoDot and KDot.

If we could bring that drawing up.



One consideration, though, is we didn't want to have to re-address all of the businesses that are along 7th Street. We wanted to direct people through the naming to the new bridge which is the entryway into Fairfax, but without messing up addresses.

The official proposal is to rename the section of the street that's shown in red which takes you from the county line to a point about 900 feet north of Kindelberger Road and rename that to be Fairfax District Way. The rest of the street would remain 7th Street. We've confirmed with the post office and run about a hundred different other traps to make sure there wasn't some other problem with doing it with this way. So far nobody has a problem. So we recommend approval.

Action: Commissioner Philbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve and forward to full commission. Roll call was taken and there were six "Ayes," Bryant, Philbrook, Markley, Maddox, Walker, Kane.

Item No. 3 – 140247...APPOINTMENTS: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADULT ADVISORY BOARD

Synopsis: Request approval of the list of nominees for appointment to the Community Corrections Adult Advisory Board as recommended by the Mayor and Community Corrections staff, submitted by Phil Lockman, Community Corrections.

Crystal Sprague, Administrator, Program Services, Department of Community Corrections, said we have an item up today for the consideration for reappointment of five members that are currently active on our Adult Community Corrections Advisory Board and the appointment of two new members to the Board. We're asking that the professionals that have been appointed to our Board set up under K.S.A. 75-5290 be reappointed at their request and our request as well and that Pamela Smart, the Executive Director of Mt. Carmel Redevelopment

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Corporation, and Sister Carol Ann Peterson, Director of the Keeler Women's Center, be appointed to the two vacant positions that we have.

Action: Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by BPU Board Member Bryant, to approve and forward to full commission. Roll call was taken and there were six "Ayes," Bryant, Philbrook, Markley, Maddox, Walker, Kane.

Item No. 4 – 140236...PRESENTATION: INTEGRATED OVERFLOW CONTROL PLAN

Synopsis: Presentation and update on the control of overflows from the UG's combined sewer and separate sewer systems, presented by Bill Heatherman, County Engineer.

Bill Heatherman, County Engineer, said I have with me Sheila Shockey who is assisting us with the public outreach campaign

Under the terms of our consent decree we're undertaking an awful lot of long-range planning work for our wastewater treatment system. As part of that planning, we have a public outreach plan that we're developing so that we can engage the community in the discussions about our priorities, provide awareness for what's going to happen and what's going to need to happen, and build consensus toward the decisions that we need to make. It also, when we reach our final stage in negotiation with EPA, we may have some very difficult decisions and some very difficult issues to wrestle with. We want to make sure that we're able to articulate our positions and our views in terms of the values of this community.

Everything we have from other communities that have gone through this process says a very good public involvement process leaves you in a place that when you do reach the final stage of negotiations, you're able to make the right and smart decisions that fit your community and you're better able to withstand the imposition of conditions or circumstances that might not be appropriate for you, but you know worked with that EPA team the last time they negotiated one. So we want to make sure that what we come up with is not only technically smart but it fits the values and visions of this community and has real engagement, real consensus.

Attached to your staff comment tonight is a little update on where we're at with that public outreach plan. There's really two pieces here. There's a little discussion of our mechanism and audience that we intend to go after and there's also a little primer on the type of

messages that we have. I'd like Sheila Shockey to give you just a couple of the key points of the message first and then I'll explain to you how we picture getting that message out.

Ms. Shockey said we did hold a workshop where we identified several key messages that we would include in all of the different tools and communications that we have with your community. Just a few of those, this really is part of a national effort to protect water quality. It's really more of what you've done to serve customers and to have outstanding customer service and protecting water quality in the environment. It's an increased investment by ratepayers. We want the ratepayers to really understand the value that they're getting from their increased investment and this community asset that you have.

The program, long-term, will create jobs for your community as well as reinvest in your aging infrastructure. That'll be really key to making the system function properly and to really benefit the asset that you have currently in your system for your community.

We look forward to using those messages over and over again and, hopefully, getting that message across that the right decisions are being made about this long-term plan.

Mr. Heatherman said our strategy for getting that message out. We are putting together a video, a short video, quality video with a voice-over narrative that we can use in a road show type format. We can put on-the channel, we can put on our website, but we will basically have it with us and we're going to be in a road show format. We're working with Liveable Neighborhoods and any other venue. We'll be taking the message to the neighborhoods. I think Bob volunteered me to do some presentation a month ago and apparently we have doubleheaders. We can either come talk about roads or we can come talk about sewers. But we're going to be open for business, ready to come and speak to the different neighborhood groups.

In addition to that, our own UG employees, and especially Water Pollution Control staff, are actually our first and best ambassadors. A big part of our initial plan is really just to bring these messages and continue these messages and bring all of our staff to a comfort level that they can speak off the cuff about what the city is doing and why we are doing it. Jim has already had several meetings internally with staff and several trainings so that we are able to project our message through all of our ambassadors because all of our folks live next to and interact with Wyandotte County citizens every day. They're part of this community and they're our best ambassadors.

Beyond that, we'll continue to extend out to other UG staff and to the general public working through those existing venues that we have. This road show, edition one is kind of,

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basically the 101 version, but it's being designed so that about a year from now or six months from now when we're ready to start filling in more of the specific decisions that the community needs to make or some of the more specific findings, that we can have a more expanded version of this video, or a modified version, and kind of continue to build upon the work that we've already done.

With that, our main purpose tonight is to just get feedback and input from you all on that game plan and take away any good points you want to share with us.

Gordon Criswell, Assistant County Administrator, said, Bill, you mentioned job creation. I know this is probably early, but how do you envision this project creating jobs and what kind of jobs might they be and how do we start preparing the community to be trained and ready for these anticipated jobs. **Mr. Heatherman** said one big essence of this project is a 20-30 year major capital construction program. We would like to have Wyandotte County residents getting as many of those jobs as we can. We'd like Wyandotte County businesses to be in a good position to bid competitively and succeed in providing what's going to end up being hundreds of millions of dollars over a 30-year period.

Everything that we're currently doing with our diversity ordinance and contracting and outreach to the community, all of those efforts we need to continue doing so that we are well positioned. I do think that you raise a good point. Part of our outreach campaign right now ought to be continuing to work on the job creation piece of that.

Commissioner Philbrook said I'm glad you mentioned that. It would be nice if we could get together the Workforce Partnership people, the Workforce Development people with WYEDC, and the rest of us that are working on a project right now to create pipelines for new jobs. See if we can't get that together and figure out how that would work into the future with our school systems and with the community college.

Chairman Kane said good point Commissioner Philbrook. We need to tie into the school districts as early as we can and let the school districts know that we're going to have specific jobs and we need to hire as many people as possible from Wyandotte County and from all four corners.

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BPU Board Member Bryant said I'm assuming that the size of the monetary investment by the ratepayers, there's also going to be some changes that the citizens will have to make in the way that they handle wastewater like car washes, that kind of thing, to keep runoff. Will that be part of this initial educational process or will that be something further down? **Mr. Heatherman** said we will touch on it and we will make a connection to an entirely different educational program that we were here a couple of months ago, our stormwater and water quality education. These two fit very nicely together. So we intend to make as many cross connections between those two parts of the message that we can.

Action: For Information Only.

Adjourn

Chairman Kane adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 140309

Revised
 On Going

Type: Standard

Committee: Public Works and Safety Committee

Date of Standing Committee Action: 9/15/2014

(If none, please explain):

Proposed for the following Full Commission Meeting Date:

Confirmed Date: 10/2/2014

10/2/2014

Changes Recommended By Standing Committee (New Action Form required with signatures)

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Contact Name:</u>	<u>Contact Phone:</u>	<u>Contact Email:</u>	<u>Ref:</u>	<u>Department / Division:</u>
9/4/2014	Mike Tobin	573-5700	Mtobin@wycokck.org		Public Works

Item Description:

Engineering Division will present information on projects that are under design or construction, as well as some information on several recently completed projects.

Action Requested:

For information only; information forth coming

Publication Required

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount: \$

Source:

Included In Budget

Other (explain)

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