

STATE OF KANSAS            )  
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REGULAR SESSION  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in regular session Thursday, August 11, 2016, with ten members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Walker, Commissioner At-Large Second District; Townsend, Commissioner First District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second 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. Murguia, Commissioner Third District, was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel; Carol Godsil, Deputy Unified Government Clerk; Gordon Criswell and Melissa Mundt, Assistant County Administrators; Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer; Maureen Mahoney, Asst. to Mayor/Chief of Staff; Dennis Laughlin, Director of General Services, Angie Masloski, Public Safety Office; Sheriff Don Ash; Deputy Police Chief Rodney Smith; Chris Slaughter, Land Bank Manager; Charles Brockman, Economic Development; Patrick Waters; Senior Attorney; and Captain Michelle Angell, Sergeant-at-Arms.

**MAYOR HOLLAND** called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION** was given by Sister Therese Bangert, Our Lady and St. Rose Catholic Church.

**Mayor Holland** asked if there were any revisions to the agenda. There were none

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

### **MAYOR'S AGENDA**

**Mayor Holland** said we have two special recognitions this evening related to law enforcement. We want to begin first with a presentation of the President's Volunteer Service Award. Dr. Barnhart, I would ask you to step forward to present these awards.

**ITEM NO. 1 – 16739...PRESENTATION: PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD**

**Synopsis:** Presentation of the President’s Volunteer Service Award to Sheriff Don Ash and Lt. Kelli Bailiff, presented by Dr. Stephen Barnhart, the American Association for Higher Education & Accreditation of Grandview, Missouri.

**Dr. Stephen Barnhart, American Association for Higher Education & Accreditation of Grandview, Missouri,** said one of the reasons, and people may say this may be bad timing for such an award, but it depends on how you look at it. Our conception in presenting these awards is it’s the exact right time to recognize special people especially in the law enforcement community. That being said, our family have been Kansas City, Kansas residents since the late 1800s. We have pictures of my great-grandfather building the streets in Kansas City, Kansas. I think the oldest one we have right now is 1902. The Barnhart and Bohannon family came to these parts forever and some of them are still here.

That being said, I give special recognition to the Wyandotte County Sheriff’s Office and especially to, I’ve always known him by just Donnie, but I guess the suit and the severity and appreciation of this award it has to be Sheriff Ash.

Lt. Bailiff, of course, any and everybody if you watch TV, if you don’t if you read the paper, do people still read the papers; but these two people especially deserves a special recognition. The AHEA is a non-profit. It’s been around since 1969 operating off the same Charter. We are a certifying agency to make the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

This award is not to be taken lightly. It’s one of the most prestigious and recognized awards that there is directly from the President’s Office. This started back in 2003, I believe, under a Republican regime. Anyway, it was started with President George Bush and it recognizes people above and beyond the call of duty for extraordinary services. It is sponsored through the Points of Light Foundation which is one of the biggest non-profits in the nation. Rather than go on and on about the qualifications and the deserving aspect of these awards, we would like to present these to the Wyandotte County Sheriff’s Office and their recognition of community policing and trying to make the place a better place to live, not only for here, but for everywhere they go, everything they do, every person they come into contact with. This is a very special award. There is no better time to make an award like this than to be able to get out in front of the public and your peers, the community, other law enforcement; military is involved with these things these days.

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Without further ado, we will have Lt. Bailiff come up first. Lt. Bailiff, we've all known her. I remember back when she started doing this. You could tell she did it from the heart more so than any recognition. Of course, I imagine you needed a job and a career as well and I think you have showed us you were able to handle that quite readily. That being said, we probably have some things here that you're not aware you are going to get. These are very fine awards. We're going to start out with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Now, within the Foundation there are several different awards available: Special Kids, Programs, Young Adults, Teenagers and even Senior. I don't know if you're a senior or not.

This award is the Lifetime Achievement Award and it is signed by the President. This is the lifetime service for actually completing over 4,000 hours of volunteer service not just in a year like most award are for, but this is a Lifetime Certificate and a Lifetime Career Award. I would like to present this to you at this time.

We also have what comes with the award the Certificate from the Points of Life Foundation. This is the Gold Award and the closest thing we have being they do not have a specific law enforcement or community policing award is Education. For your education and your efforts toward the betterment of society and community policing, we also award the Gold Points of Light Award.

We have a Special Recognition Letter on gold embossed letterhead with the President's signature.

After the awards, we also have a couple of small tokens of our appreciation from the Foundation. We would like to present this Olympic style Gold Medal with a ceramic inlay: red, white and blue for, of course, patriotism. At this time, we would like to see how this looks on your uniform. We have that and we also have one of the finest lapel pens you'll ever see. I've been asked many, many times, so has anybody who's worn this, what it was about and where you'd get it. That's your opportunity to open the door and do even more above and beyond the call of duty than you already have been. With that being said, I'd like to place this pen upon your lapel. With that, that concludes our awards for Lt. Bailiff.

**Mr. Barnhart** said, Sheriff Don Ash, I congratulate you on this award. A lot of people are familiar with Sheriff Ash. I can remember back when he went on the Police Department. He was a couple years older than I was, but I wanted to do the same thing and follow his footsteps. He was involved in charge of charity and sports and commissions. It goes on and on and on and I would need my normal four or five hours for that, but we are supposed to bundle down to the

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three minutes and we're going to make it. We don't want to rush, but we do want to give you the proper justification in receiving your awards.

The Lifetime Achievement Award for over 4,000 hours of volunteer service over a lifetime which is the highest award available in the nation for volunteer service.

We also have some other recognitions for you. I might also add the awards do come in an envelope with their name with the Presidential Seal on the outside. Of course that's to carry it home, your certificate, so you don't damage it. Also, for Sheriff Ash we have the Points of Life Award for volunteer service. This is the Gold Level Award for a year of volunteer service that qualifies under our rules and regulations above and beyond the other awards.

We also have for you the Gold Embossed Stamped Letter. This is a letter from Barrack Obama that is the Commander in Chief of the Award. It makes it nice. I think it's suitable for framing.

Also for Sheriff Ash, I call it the Olympic Style Gold but that's as close as I can get. To me, this is the higher service than the Olympic Medal for what it stands for and the people behind it. It's the best we can do and it's the highest we got.

We have one more award. This is the Lifetime Volunteer Service Award that goes with the larger degree there. The newest recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award, Sheriff Ash.

This doesn't mean this has to be the last award. There are yearly awards that are still available but being as you have already qualified for the highest level award, your name could be submitted to our committee for future recognitions and awards. I'm sorry to say this is all that I have for you this evening. I must also say ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, Mayor, we appreciate you, we appreciate what you're doing. If there is anything we can do to help you in the future, we'll certainly be there for you.

**Sheriff Ash** said Mayor, Commission, thank you all very much for this time and to be able to have this special recognition. Lt. Bailiff and I are both humble to receive the award. I think volunteerism has been a part our of lives. I know it's been a part of my life since I was a teenager. I think I was 15 when I took on my first volunteer assignment. They just never seem to go away or stop. I've had a lot of opportunities to do a lot of things. I just never considered, and I know Kelli feels the same way, that you don't serve. The spirit of volunteerism in Wyandotte County has always been strong. It has always been prevalent and paramount. I know that many of you here and certainly those in the audience know that. We're humble to receive

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the award. I can tell you of all the awards that she and I each have had the opportunity to receive over the decades and the years, this is the most recent one. I don't know if it will be the last one, but it certainly is the most recent and we're honored and humble to have it.

**Mayor Holland** said we have two presentations tonight and I thought it was appropriate that we the two together. To do the recognition of our men and women in uniform for what they do. I'd also like to recognize at this time, Lynn Melton, the sister-in-law of Captain Melton, who has requested permission to address this Commission. It's my privilege to yield the podium to her at this time for her remarks.

## **ITEM NO. 2 – 16738...RECOGNITION: UNIFIED GOVERNEMNT**

**Synopsis:** Recognition of the Unified Government on behalf of the family of Captain Robert D. "Dave" Melton.

**Lynn Melton, sister-in-law of Captain Melton,** this is my husband John. He normally isn't in town but made it in town today. On behalf of our entire family, we would like to thank the Unified Government for all the support, kind words and prayers. The support from the police, firefighters, and entire community has just been unbelievable and we say thank you very much, but with that we have two questions for Mayor Holland. You, Mayor Holland, stated at a press conference on July 20, 2016, less than 24 hours of Captain Melton's death to a grieving family of both blood and blue and to the entire community and I quote you, "we have seen the loss of innocent lives at the hands of police" that leads us to two questions. The first question being, could you please provide for the record the names of these people? Our second question, why would you use this press conference to attack the very organization that protects you, your family, and your church 24/7 at taxpayer's expense, as well as protects our community? **Mayor Holland** asked do you have further comments tonight. **Ms. Melton** said no, I don't. **Mayor Holland** said I would be honored to have the opportunity to meet with you and talk with you about that. I know this has been a painful time for our community and especially for our police officers and for your family. My thoughts and prayers are with your family, continue to be, and with Detective Lancaster's family. It's been a tragic summer. Certainly, I didn't want anything that I said to cause any harm to you or to the men and women in uniform. I'd be glad to take some time to sit down with you and talk with you through that. I think it's important that we continue this dialogue. **Ms. Melton** said would you like my phone number. **Mayor Holland**

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said I would be glad to. In fact, my Chief of Staff is here, Maureen Mahoney, is right here and I would be glad to get your information and I would be honored to have the opportunity to sit down and visit with you. **Ms. Melton** said okay, I would appreciate that. **Mayor Holland** said thank you very much.

**Mayor Holland** said I do think that we need to, I think the prayer tonight was apropos in terms of the difficult summer that we've had in our community by Sister Therese. What I would ask Sister, if you would indulge for a moment. I'd like to ask us to take another moment of silence for Captain Melton and Detective Lancaster and then, Sister, if you would just close us in prayer following that moment of silence. Let us pray.

There was a moment of silence.

**Sister Therese** closed with prayer.

**Mayor Holland** said thank you very much. I want to thank the Melton family for being here tonight. I want to thank Sheriff Ash and Lt. Bailiff for being here as well. Congratulations to you. We will continue the conversation.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mayor Holland** asked would anyone in the audience tonight like to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. Any item not removed will be voted on with a single vote. There were none.

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

### **Item No. 1 – 16655...GRANT: FY16 JAG GRANT**

**Synopsis:** Request acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial FY16 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$102,314 from the US Dept. of Justice to fund the Police Department for staff training (\$60,000) and the Sheriff's Department to purchase a truck, ballistic vests, and an in car camera (\$42,314), submitted by Angie Masloski, Public Safety Business Office. The grant

will begin October 1, 2016 and end September 30, 2019. No match is required. On July 25, 2016, the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Bynum, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

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

**Item No. 2 – 16639...COMMUNICAITON: 2015 UG HOLLYWOOD CASINO GRANT ALLOCATION**

**Synopsis:** The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation has received a request from Marilyn Alstrom, Executive Director of Leadership 2020 for an extension to spend their 2015 UG-Hollywood Casino Grant allocation in the amount of \$24,990, submitted by Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator. On July 25, 2016, the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Markley, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

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

**Item No. 3 – 16687...COMMUNICATION: 2015 UG HOLLYWOOD CASINO GRANT ALLOCATION**

**Synopsis:** Request from the Argentine Betterment Corporation to expend \$5,123 of their 2015 UG-Hollywood Casino grant allocation after the stated end of the grant period which is June 22, 2016, submitted by Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator. On July 25, 2016, the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Markley, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

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

**Item No. 4 – 16695...COMMUNICATION: HOLLYWOOD GRANT EXTENSION REQUEST**

**Synopsis:** Request from Vaughn-Trent Community Services, Inc. to extend their 2015 Unified Government-Hollywood Casino Grant period since they were delayed in starting their program, submitted by Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator. They also want to adjust the 2016 grant period to begin September 1, 2016, instead of June, 2016. On July 25, 2016, the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Markley, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

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

**Item No. 5 – 16737.....PLAT: REPLAT OF FOXMOORE PHASE 1, LOT 1**

**Synopsis:** Replat of Foxmoor Phase 1, Lot 1, located at 90<sup>th</sup> & State Avenue and being developed by MRC Investments, submitted by Brent Thompson, County Surveyor, and Wayne Moody, Interim County Engineer.

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

**ITEM NO. 6 – 16721....NOMINATION: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Synopsis:** Nomination for Boards and Commissions:

Alvin Sykes, Housing Authority Board, 8/11/16 to 3/31/18, submitted by Commissioner Walker.

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

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**Item No. 7 - MINUTES**

**Synopsis:** Minutes from regular sessions of June 30, 2016; and special sessions of July 11, 18, and 21, 2016.

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

**Item No. 8 - WEEKLY BUSINESS MATERIAL**

**Synopsis:** Weekly business material dated July 28 and August 4, 2016.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

No items of business.

**STANDING COMMITTEES' AGENDA**

No items of business.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA****Item No. 1 – 16722...ORDINANCE: MASTER PLANS AND MASTER PLAN AMENDMENTS**

**Synopsis:** An ordinance affirming approval of Master Plans and Master Plan amendments, submitted by Patrick Waters, Legal. All of the Master Plans and Master Plan amendments have previously been approved by the Board of Commissioners.

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**Doug Bach, County Administrator**, said tonight we have an item that's being put forth, it's really more of, I will say from one aspect, and I can turn this to Mr. Waters in the Legal Department; it's really more of administrative in the sense that as we went through and we're looking at all of the Master Plans and how they were confirmed over time and having conversations with our bond counsel on these items, it was their recommendation that we bring these back and we adopt a resolution that actually, or an ordinance, that approved all of these and were covered under an ordinance rather than the Commission votes that were held at the time that they were taken forward. It does not make any change to any of the plans that were out there. They were all adopted as they were on the dates they were. The Commissions that were in place voted and approved, but were given the recommendation as we've issued out bonds and such on the different areas in the community that we have an ordinance that recognizes the actions that were taken over the years on these different ones. With that, I can turn it over to Mr. Waters, if you have any other clarification on my comments.

**Patrick Waters, Senior Attorney**, said no, Mr. Bach, I think you covered it all. As you said, all of these Master Plans were properly approved by roll call vote. However, we just didn't follow up with an affirming ordinance and to make sure that we have all of our procedural steps covered, we think that it's appropriate to pass this all inclusive ordinance tonight.

**Commissioner Philbrook** said I appreciate you guys bringing this before us to take care of it. I would just ask that we table it for one month. I just want to review the Master Plans. I haven't seen all these master plans, not that I can change them, but I like to know what I'm ratifying. If it won't cause any undue harm to have that tabled one month, I'm requesting that.

**Mayor Holland** asked, Mr. Waters, do you see any harm in waiting 30 days to ratify these and taking some time for the Commission to be able to review them. **Mr. Waters** said I guess I'd defer to Mr. Bach if there's any upcoming issue on the agenda next month that these would. **Mr. Bach** said I don't believe one month, I mean operationally that won't have an impact on us from how we look and review things. I know we're moving forward with a new Rosedale Master Plan; however, that will be a separate action coming forward and it will probably be after this.

**Commissioner Bynum** asked will we receive all of these Master Plans then so that we can see them. Can we ask staff to please send us these Master Plans? **Mr. Waters** said absolutely. **Mayor Holland** said I think what we can do is ask Mr. Bach's staff to set up a format wherein each of the commissioners can be briefed to the level in which you'd like. Some commissioners might have more interest than others, but to make sure that those who want the information have the information. I think we can accomplish that in the next 30 days and that would keep us on track just to tidy some things up. **Commissioner Philbrook** said thank you. I appreciate that.

**Mr. Bach** said and, again, I'll note; were not making any changes to any of the plans as they're set out. They're all in place as they were adopted. It's just an ordinance that kind of ratifies how they were approved.

**Mayor Holland** said I have a question for Legal. The motion is to table it for 30 days. That's a normal motion, with a normal majority vote, is that right? This is not a Planning and Zoning item. **Ken Moore, Chief Counsel**, said that's correct, six votes is all it would require. **Mayor Holland** said I'll put it before us right now to table this for 30 days and we'll have the Administrator set up a process where all the commissioners who are interested can be briefed on the Master Plans that we would be providing these ordinances for. Is that clear to everyone?

**Action:** **Commissioner Philbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Townsend, to table this item for 30 days.** Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," McKiernan, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend.

### **COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

No items of business.

**Mayor Holland** said this was the only item on the Standing Committee Agenda from Monday night. It did not seem like a good use of either staff or Commission time to come in for these

few number of items. We took an unusual step, not a precedence setting step, but an usual step, to handle them tonight as the full Land Bank Board of Trustees.

**Mayor Holland** reconvened as the Land Bank Board of Trustees. **Mayor Holland** said we will hear these items presented and take action on them. That also means because were doing it as a full commission, we're not doing the standing committee role, we're skipping that role and doing it as the full commission so our action tonight will be final.

### **LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES' AGENDA.**

#### **Item No. 1 - 16716...COMMUNICATION: LAND BANK BUSINESS**

**Synopsis:** Request consideration of the following Land Bank items, submitted by Charles Brockman, Management Analyst, Economic Development. The Land Bank Advisory Board has recommended approval.

#### Applications

3826 N. 37<sup>th</sup> St. – Jose Solis, property acquisition

3814 N. 37<sup>th</sup> St. – Jose Solis, yard extension

3820 N. 37<sup>th</sup> St. – Jose Solis, property acquisition

3816 N. 37<sup>th</sup> St. – Jose Solis, property acquisition

(Mr. Solis will clean the property up and fence it. Currently, the property is wooded and rocky.)

#### Transfers from Land Bank

1135 Armstrong to CHWC

1133 Armstrong to CHWC

1131 Armstrong to CHWC

812 Waterway to CHWC

(CHWC will be building single-family homes on each lot.)


**Charles Brockman, representing Land Bank and Economic Development,** said we had four applications submitted and four transfers from Land Bank to CHWC. After we go through the four applications, we'll need to take a vote for approval and then we'll go to the next applications to move the property of Land Bank into CHWC and that would need a roll call too. **Mayor Holland** asked the items, are you going to go through them one by one. **Mr. Brockman** said yes.

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LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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**Yard Extension Applications**

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• Jose Solis	3814 N. 37 <sup>th</sup> St
• Jose Solis	3816 N. 37 <sup>th</sup> St
• Jose Solis	3820 N. 37 <sup>th</sup> St
• Jose Solis	3826 N. 37 <sup>th</sup> St



There is one applicant and four properties for the yard extensions. This is 3839 Bell Crossing and Mr. Solis is wanting those properties right there.

**Yard Extension – Jose Solis**

- Applicant owns property at **3839 Bell Crossing Dr.**
- Applicant is current on property taxes & has no open Code cases
- Total Appraised Value of the properties **\$5,280.00**
- Potential Taxes: **\$110.00** (*approximate/combined*)

The applicant owns the property at 3839 Bell Crossing. He's current on his property taxes and has no open code cases. Total appraised value of the properties together is \$5,280. Potential taxes are \$110,000 combined.

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The Land Bank Advisory Board recommended to forward applications for approval. Mr. Solis is here if you have any questions of him.

**Commissioner Bynum** said these four properties are either in or very near to Brentwood neighborhood. I'm just curious, they are vacant land and was there a structure on any of them at one time. **Mr. Brockman** said not to my knowledge. **Commissioner Bynum** said this is a well-established neighborhood with a lot of history to it. I'd be very interested in what is the plan for these properties. **Mr. Brockman** said the plan for these properties is to fence and to have his animals, he has horses, to run on the property. **Commissioner Bynum** asked how much acreage does this entail when you put the four parcels together with what he already has because that's semi-close to this neighborhood. **Mr. Brockman** said its four acres Mr. Solis has on his property. I don't have the exact acreage on it. Let me go through. I don't have the acreage.

**Commissioner Bynum** said it's a significant neighborhood with a lot of historical significance. It's a residential area; it is moving northward into a more rural area. The properties look like they're somewhat on the boundaries between the residential, but there is residential property to the north of where these properties are. I'm assuming if we give these properties over in the Land Bank, the next step would have to be, I guess I'm looking to Legal, would have to be some sort of special use application for keeping horses, if that's the goal of having the property. **Ken**

**Moore, Chief Legal Counsel**, said that's correct. All this action does is transfer the ownership into the Land Bank. It doesn't allow any use in and of itself. You still would have to apply for the necessary permits.

**Commissioner Bynum** asked do we happen to know if the neighborhood was spoken to at any time about the transfer of the property. **Chris Slaughter, Land Bank Manager**, said we don't know if the neighborhood was, but the Advisory board did meet and did discuss and did approve the application. I will say they have been in the Land Bank since Tax Sale #321 which was maybe 2006, if my memory serves, so they've been sitting there for some time.

**Commissioner Townsend** said I had several questions when I thought we were going to meet in the standing committee so I'll ask them now and they go to some of the concerns that Commissioner Bynum raised. I would like to know where Mr. Solis resides. I see that he has property adjacent to these four properties. Is this his residence? Is he a resident of that area? **Mr. Brockman** said he resides at 3614 Sortor Dr. **Commissioner Townsend** asked where is that in relation to the property that he is requesting. **Mr. Brockman** said it's not on the map, but I believe it's to the south of that. **Commissioner Townsend** said Mr. Solis is requesting these four. There have been any number of discussions by the standing committee that would have heard this and we had asked in the past, that once an individual was seeking to purchase or had purchased five or more of these properties from the Land Bank, that they come to us and let us know what their intentions were for some of these properties. An application is here for you. Does Mr. Solis own any other properties currently that have come from the Land Bank previously? **Mr. Brockman** said not to my knowledge, but his son owns the property above the northern Land Bank and several properties to the east.

**Commissioner Townsend** said my other question has to do with, again, the purpose, this has been touched on previously by Commissioner Bynum's questions. What is the intention of Mr. Solis with the properties beyond just cleaning it up and fencing them? If there are going to be animals put on there, how many, what type, permits? Again, these questions are really significant because we've had several individuals who are not actually residing in that area that is adjacent to a very old, well-established neighborhood and many of those residents have expressed concerns, and rightfully so, about people who are not residents there coming in and



exceeding what they can do legally with regard to ownership of animals, type and all of this. I think it's important that we have some idea of what the future holds for this before we get into these kinds of problems. I'd like to hear from the applicant.

**Cousin interpreting for applicant** said I'll try to explain what his plans are with this property right here. He owns the one on the left, the one on the very front of the red mark right there. He owns this one, his wife owns this one, his son owns this one too, which is this one, this one, and this one. There's not really a plan for the future on this property that they have told me. They have three kids and plan on the future of this property, but what they're saying right now is that this property is just bushes, there's nothing right there. We have kids, he has a big family right there, has a big family, and there are kids, many kids and like every weekend we just join right there, and ride their bikes and activity right there. What he's saying is he wants to get this all together and try to clean it up and make it safer for all his kids, for all his family. Later on, I don't know what it's going to be, but there is nothing like clear plans right now on this property, just to make it safer for his family. He has a couple of horses, a couple of goats, and just for pasture and not really make a business, make it safer right there, try to clean it up and make it safer.

**Commissioner Townsend** asked currently, how is Mr. Solis using the property that he already owns? What's there now? **Cousin** said on this one, it's just one of his sons started cleaning. His plan is just to move a trailer right there and live right there. **Commissioner Townsend** asked how long has he had this property. **Cousin** said around two years. **Commissioner Townsend** asked is it cleared off, has he cleared it off in the two years? **Cousin** said no. Cleared like on the bushes and everything. No, his sons just started doing that. On this other one right here, his son, right here owns a small business right here, which is Solis Underground Construction. We have all the equipment right there which is trailer, ditch switch, the rotor, and other equipment that we need for work. On this other one is the place that they live, they have a house and a trailer right there. Everything is registered. **Commissioner Townsend** asked is someone living right there in the house? **Cousin** said yes. They're living right there. We work with this every day and we just started the business. We don't really have enough time to clean up right there. We own it, we'll stay on it. Their plan is to start cleaning up for safety for the kids they like to be around. That's the plans right now.

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**Commissioner Townsend** said a couple of things. If Mr. Solis has owned the property adjacent to the ones he seeks to obtain from the Land Bank currently and there hasn't been a clean-up in two years, I would like to see the clean-up of what he already owns. Normally, I like to see people come forward and want to take things out of the Land Bank. In a situation like this, if the owner already has land and hasn't started that clean-up after several years, I am reluctant to add to that.

The other thing that caught my attention were the words business. There is, as I said, a neighborhood group adjacent to that, that has expressed concerns in the past with a lot of the livestock and those types of things that have come forward. I would actually like to see this action sent back for the next standing committee that would normally hear this to give the neighbors in that area an opportunity to come and express any concerns that they might have. There has been a lot of activity and a lot of concerns coming before us lately from this area. There are so many pieces of property adjacent to all this, really by one family, I would like to hear from that neighborhood.

**Action:** **Commissioner Townsend made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to forward these four properties to the next standing committee which will be held in September.** Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," McKiernan, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend.

# TRANSFER OF LAND BANK PROPERTY

COMMUNITY HOUSING OF WYANDOTTE  
COUNTY (CHWC)

1131, 1133 and 1135 ARMSTRONG AVE. &  
812 WATERWAY DR.

1131, 1133, and 1135 Armstrong Ave.  
& 812 Waterway Dr.



Mr. Brockman said we have four properties from Land Bank transferring to CHWC.

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

Commissioner Walker asked what are they going to do with that. Mr. Brockman said they are going to combine four properties and they have one contractor that they are working with and they are seeking another one to build two homes there. Commissioner Walker asked from the four properties. Mr. Brockman said yes. There is a representative here from CHWC if you have any questions. Commissioner Walker said I guess the question would be, do they have the funding or is this something they are hoping to get if they get the land?

Claudia Uribe, Real Estate Coordinator for CHWC, said to answer your question, yes. We do have funding in place and we actually have a family who has been preapproved for the house there, they're excited, if you guys approve it, of course.

Roll call was taken and there were nine "Ayes," McKiernan, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum, Walker, Townsend.

#### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No items of business.

**MAYOR HOLLAND ADJOURNED**

**THE MEETING AT 7:50 P.M.**

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Carol Godsil  
Deputy Unified Government Clerk

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