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REGULAR SESSION
THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016

The Unified Government Commission of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, met in regular session Thursday, July 7, 2016, with nine members present: Bynum, Commissioner At-Large First District; Townsend, Commissioner First District; McKiernan, Commissioner Second District (via conference call); 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. Walker, Commissioner At-Large Second District, was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Doug Bach, County Administrator; Ken Moore, Chief Legal Counsel; Bridgette Cobbins, Unified Government Clerk; Joe Connor, Gordon Criswell and Melissa Mundt, Assistant County Administrators; Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer; Maureen Mahoney, Asst. to Mayor/Chief of Staff; Reginald Lindsey, Budget Manager; Wilba Miller, Director of Community Development; Debbie Jonscher, Deputy Finance Director; Sheriff Don Ash; Deputy Chief Tyrone Garner; Major Michael York; Major Curtis Nicholson; and Captain Dustin Dungan, Sergeant-at-Arms.

MAYOR HOLLAND called the meeting to order.

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

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

Mayor Holland asked if there were any revisions to the agenda. **Bridgette Cobbins, UG Clerk**, said a blue sheet has been distributed. Under the Administrator's Agenda, we have an additional item for Item No. 1 and that's for the Police awards; it contains the program. We have a new item, No. 2, which is a presentation for the Distinguished Budget Award.

ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA

ITEM NO. 1 – 16686....PRESENTATION: POLICE AWARDS

Synopsis: Police Awards presented by Chief Terry Zeigler, KCKPD.

Terry Zeigler, Police Chief, said tonight we're doing something a little bit different. We did a survey in the Police Department to try to figure out how we can be doing a better job of recognizing the good work our officers do. So we sent out a survey and the officers would like to see awards given more quickly so we are revising it. We're going to try to do quarterly awards ceremonies. Then we thought about the Commission Chambers here tonight, the fact that doing it here its broadcast on UGTV as well as the fact that it's going to be put on YouTube so any of our officers' family members who can't be here then, they can go back and watch or they can watch it from home. So this is a little bit different than what we've done in the past. If it doesn't work, we'll try something else, but we are pretty optimistic about this.

So I'm going to turn this over to Major Nicholson. He is going to be the MC for tonight and Major York will be handing out the awards. We have Colonel Garner who will be up front with me as well as FOP President Scott Kirkpatrick.

Major Curtis Nicholson said I'm the Awards Chairman Committee person for tonight. I want to thank the Mayor, Mr. Bach and the Council for allowing us to have this ceremony this evening and thank everyone for being in attendance.

Tonight, we'll be honoring fourteen officers and one civilian police employee for outstanding service to our community. In many of these incidents the officers were facing certain danger.

Before I get right into the awards ceremony, what I would like to do is just describe the awards process to everyone and describe the award categories. So, the awards process, the way that works is any officer or civilian employee may nominate an officer for awards set by the criteria that's within our policy. The Awards Committee receives the nominations. They meet monthly and discuss the awards and discuss the merits of the awards as well. This committee is made up of two police commanders and two union members. After the awards are recommended by us, they go to the Chief for final approval. This is not a rubber stamp process, and many of the awards are turned down if they don't fit the criteria. To protect the integrity of the awards, we take this very, very seriously.

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Tonight's categories are going to be in the order of least to most significance. The first category tonight is going to be the Safety First/Courtesy Always Award. This is a program that was recently created by Chief Zeigler to track how we are doing in the public's eye. In this category, officers are distributing surveys to people in the field when they're handling calls for service. The officer who has the most positive responses throughout the year will be recognized for this award.

The next award that we will be giving out tonight is the Distinguished Service Award. This is an award that is given to any officer who performs an act worthy of merit such as saving a life but there's no actual danger that existed for the officer.

The award after that that we will be giving is called the Meritorious Service Award. This isn't designed for any officer who performs an exceptional act while unaware of great personal danger, but performs commendably upon being aware of the danger.

Then the last award that we will give this evening, which is the highest award of the KCKPD, is our Award for Valor. This award is designed as any officer who displays bravery or heroism and is aware of the possibility or likelihood of great personal danger and or death. Any officer who gives his life in the line of duty is eligible for this award.

So, we will get straight to the awards. Will Officer Dustin Dierenfeldt, Officer Jeff Jacobs and civilian Police employee Deidra Block, please come forward. Again, this is a new award category that was created by the Chief of Police. It's kind of a new program. Although this award is newly implemented, which sometimes meets resistance within an organization, these individuals took the Chief's directive to heart and not only issued the survey cards, but took great pride in serving the community by doing the best job they could do on a daily bases. The results of the survey card showed that each of these individuals received dozens of positive feedback from the citizens of our community. For their efforts, these officers and Deidra are receiving the Safety First/Courtesy Always Award.

The next award tonight will be the Distinguished Service Award. Would Officer Phil Schwery, Officer Michael Steele, Officer Mark Wilcox, who normally has a K9 partner, please come forward. As you can see, Officer Wilcox has a nice little plaque. We were going to give him a bone for his dog, but I forgot to go to the store. Officers responded to a call of a suicidal subject who was armed with a large caliber revolver. The subject was distraught because she had recently lost her home, lost custody of her kids and was in significant crises due to a long history of drug abuse. She repeatedly asked for officers to kill her while pointing the gun at her own head and often waiving it at officers in their direction. Although deadly force might have

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been justified, officers used a less lethal option, K9 Dax, to momentarily separate the subject from her gun and rushed in before she was able to reacquire the gun. This action could have ended in many different ways; many of them would have been tragic obviously. For their action, these officers are receiving the Distinguished Service Award.

The next award we'll give out this evening is the Meritorious Service Award. Would Officer Daniel Sachen, Officer Rodney Ashley, please come forward. Officer Steven Solis was also getting this award but he could not be in attendance tonight. After a fresh carjacking at 68th and State Ave., officers relocated the vehicle and four suspects and attempted to stop it. The vehicle fled and a pursuit was initiated which ended at 148th and State in Leavenworth County. While fleeing on foot, several of the suspects began firing shots at the pursuing officers. Reportedly, the rounds were impacting near the officers and the officers had no cover to hide behind. Because of their courageous actions committed by these officers, all four suspects were captured and no one was injured. For their actions, these officers are receiving the Meritorious Service Award.

The next award is another Meritorious Service Award for Officer Sara Janeczko and Officer Lewis Edwards. Would you please come forward? These officers worked the midnight shift and they took a report of a carjacking at 10th and Orville. The subjects were reportedly armed with an AR15 rifle. Two and one-half hours later, these same officers saw the suspect vehicle at 2nd and Walker and attempted to stop it. The vehicle eventually fled and went into Kansas City, Missouri, where the suspect was arrested. During his arrest, he was found in possession of an AR15 type rifle and many shell casings were found inside of the vehicle as well.

At about the same time, a walk-in shooting was reported at Children's Mercy Hospital as well. It was determined that the suspect not only carjacked the vehicle, but also shot a rival gang member in the area of 9th and Ella the same evening. Through the diligence of these officers, a dangerous gang member was taken off the street which potentially saved many lives that evening. For their actions, these officers will receive the Meritorious Service Award.

The last award that I'll be giving out this evening is the Award for Valor to Officer Joe Caiharr and Deputy Max Sybrant. Officers were attempting to capture a stolen, fleeing vehicle that was being tracked by OnStar in the area of 76th and Leavenworth Road. Stop sticks were deployed but the driver swerved into a business parking lot in attempt to avoid the stop sticks. The driver lost control, hit a barricade, hit a building and then the vehicle burst into flames. A natural gas line that was connected to the building also caught on fire as well. The driver lost consciousness from the crash and was trapped inside of the vehicle. Officer Caiharr and Deputy

Sybrant put their own fears aside knowing they placed their lives in immediate danger and pulled the driver from the burning vehicle. Without their swift and heroic actions, the driver would certainly have died or burned to death. For their actions, these officers are receiving the Award for Valor.

Chief Zeigler said the final award is a Valor Award we're giving to Detective Brad Lancaster. Tonight, we have Jamie Lancaster, his wife with us; Carolyn Lancaster, his mother; Brianna and Jillian, his two daughters with us. On May 9, 2016, at approximately 1217 hours, a call was put out regarding a suspicious person near the Hollywood Casino. Officers responded to the call and Detective Brad Lancaster was in the area. Detective Lancaster decided to start heading that way, which is typical when a call goes out and somebody's freed up. As Detective Lancaster drove toward the casino, he came around the corner and this time the suspect had taken off running from the officers and the officers were in pursuit. Detective Lancaster took his vehicle and began to come around and cut the suspect off so he couldn't flee from the officers. As the suspect continued running toward Detective Lancaster's vehicle, he pulled a gun and opened fire striking Detective Lancaster. Detective Lancaster was shot several times, and at approximately 1530 hours that day, Detective Lancaster lost his life. He lost his life serving his fellow officers and the citizens of this community. For his heroic acts, we present the Valor Award to Jamie Lancaster tonight.

Also tonight, the International Association of Chiefs of Police also want to recognize Detective Lancaster's sacrifice. They have sent a prepared statement as well as a tribute that we will be presenting to Jamie Lancaster, Detective Lancaster's wife. Today the International Association of Chiefs of Police acknowledge the death of Detective Brad Lancaster and the service of his community. Detective Lancaster died doing a job he loved, serving the community he loved even more. Detective Lancaster represents all that is descent, honorable and intrepid about America. But to think that Detective Lancaster is heroic because of his death is to miss the significance of this tribute. What was so noble about Detective Lancaster was not how he died but how he lived. Detective Lancaster did not lose his life, he gave it. That is what we are honoring here tonight. A police officer pledges to keep our todays safe, knowing full well it could cost the officer his tomorrows. Today the International Association of Chiefs of Police presents its tribute to the family of Detective Lancaster.

I am going to read the inscription on the tribute. The tribute says, "The wicked flee when no man pursueth but the righteous are bold as lions," Proverbs 28:1. Brad's name is now deeply

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engraved on the IACP tribute. Please know that law enforcement agencies from around the world share in your loss. May this tribute serve as a reminder that Detective Brad Lancaster will never be forgotten.

Mayor Holland said I think you have one other special presentation. Is that right? After the meeting? Okay. **Chief Ziegler** said it's a big announcement. **Mayor Holland** said I'd ask everyone to please remain in place. We have only about seven minutes of business. If we could do that before everyone leaves, that would save us about fifteen minutes. If you would sit tight for us, we will wrap up.

ITEM NO. 2 – 16688....PRESENTATION: DISTINGUISHED BUDGET AWARD

Synopsis: Presentation of the Distinguished Budget Award received from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Doug Bach, County Administrator, said in keeping with the awards recognition that's going on this evening, we would also like to recognize our Budget staff, who this year received the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. At this time, I would like to ask Reginald Lindsey and the rest of the Budget staff to come forward including our Chief Financial Officer Kathleen VonAchen and Debbie Jonscher. I'll have everyone come on up. The Mayor will present the Award.

This award is given out for several factors that go through the analysis of how they give the award for, but it's based the presentation of the fiscal policy. Department information is found throughout the document, both capital equipment and budget information. Also, and probably most important that we see in our community, fiscal transparency. Congratulations.

Mayor Holland said it takes quite a village to prepare our budget document. A \$350M budget that's presented in a three-inch binder at about a million dollars a page; a daunting task.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Holland asked would anyone in the audience tonight like to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Any item not removed will be voted on by a single vote.

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

Item No. 1 – 16651.....RESOLUTION: ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the approval of a collaboration agreement between the Unified Government, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, the City of Independence, Missouri, the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, and the City of Leavenworth, Kansas. The agreement will allow the cities to work together and with the Mid-America Regional Council to develop and submit an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) to HUD as required by federal law, submitted by Wilba Miller, Director of Community Development. On June 27, 2016, the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee, chaired by Commissioner Markley, voted unanimously to approve and forward to full commission.

Action: **RESOLUTION NO. R-58-16,** “A resolution supporting and authorizing the approval of the collaboration agreement between the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, the City of Independence, Missouri, the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, and the City of Leavenworth, Kansas, to work together in developing and submitting an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) to HUD.” **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook, to adopt the resolution.** Roll call was taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum.

Item No. 2 – 16653....COMMUNICATION: KAW RIVER BIKE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE GRANT APPLICATION

Synopsis: An abandoned railroad bridge near Kemper Arena has been leased to a private group that is exploring the concept of a bike and pedestrian trail over the Kansas River by the City of

Kansas City, MO, owner of the bridge. Interestingly, the bridge is physically located in Kansas City, KS. In order to further explore this connection opportunity between the Heritage Trail and the Kaw Valley Levee trails, as a public-private partnership, a detailed engineering analysis needs to be completed as well as community engagement around the concept of other uses with the bridge that include not only the trail, but potential enterprises such as a restaurant or other commercial uses. KCMO and UG have each recommended \$15,000 be committed by each entity to support the items in the grant that will benefit this major trail initiative for the urban core. The request is for \$150,000 of Planning Sustainable Places federal funds, submitted by Melissa M. Mundt, Assistant County Administrator. On June 27, 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 Philbrook, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were nine “Ayes,” Townsend, McKiernan, Murguia, Johnson, Kane, Markley, Walters, Philbrook, Bynum.

Item No. 3 - MINUTES

Synopsis: Minutes from regular sessions of June 9 and 23, 2016; and special session of June 9, 2016.

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

Item No. 4 - WEEKLY BUSINESS MATERIAL

Synopsis: Weekly business material dated June 23, 2016.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

No items of business.

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STANDING COMMITTEES' AGENDA

No items of business.

COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

No items of business.

LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES' AGENDA

No items of business.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

No items of business.

MAYOR HOLLAND ADJOURNED

THE MEETING AT 7:25 P.M.

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Bridgette D. Cobbins
Unified Government Clerk

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