

WORK SESSION MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Work Session on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM The following Board Members were present: Rose Mulvany Henry, President; Thomas Groneman, Vice President; Robert L. Milan, Secretary; Jeff Bryant, Mary Gonzales. David Haley attended via Zoom.

Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; and Rick Hardman, IT Project Manager.

A video of this meeting is on file at the Board of Public Utilities and can be found on the BPU website, www.bpu.com.

Ms. Mulvany Henry called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Roll call was taken. The following Board Members were present, Mr. Haley, via Zoom, Ms. Mulvany Henry, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Gonzales. Mr. Milan returned to the room at 5:02 PM, Mr. Groneman arrived at 5:07 PM.

Item #3 –Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, and carried. Mr. Milan and Mr. Groneman were not yet present.

Item #4 –Board Update/GM Update

Mr. Johnson reported that the date for the Unified Government’s (UG) Special Session on PILOT Reduction had been changed to, Thursday, May 18th. It would be informational only, no vote would be taken.

Mr. Haley, spoke about attending the UG Standing Committee – Economic Development & Finance meeting which included discussion about the Homefield Project, as well as the Lanier Project.

Item #5 –Board Community Engagement Committee

Ms. Mulvany Henry shared the proposed Community Engagement resolution for discussion. This was based on the framework that committee members developed and had been sent to the Board for review. (See attached.)

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Some items discussed during the presentation included:

- The ambassadors should be from various areas of Kansas City, KS. To be inclusive, BPU's Communications Department will reach out to all Neighborhood Resource Associations (NBR's) and provide outreach through every avenue available to let them know that they can apply to be a part of the committee being formed.
- The ambassadors will have a two-year term in which they will bring community concerns to the committee, and the committee would in turn bring them to the full Board.
- Having a group that allowed increased communication and additional perspectives was viewed as a positive.
- This committee would be geared toward having effective communications with the residential customers in our community.

The Board also reviewed a draft of the ambassador application. The following points were made:

- Wording would be added to inform the applicant that their BPU account would be verified.
- Letting the candidate know where/who to return their application to, as well as who would collect the applications.
 - Possibly Ms. Patrice Townsend, Director Utility Services.
- Communications would make the application available on the website, as well as all available avenues and work with the NBR's. The applications would then be routed to Ms. Townsend for verification. She would move them on to the steering committee. They would rank the applications.
 - Ms. Lawson will gather the steering committee on specific date to review the applications.
- The Board discussed the possibility of funding. It was discussed that this is a volunteer endeavor for the prospective ambassadors. Also discussed was considering giving funding to the NBR's for their participation in assisting with the ambassador application process.

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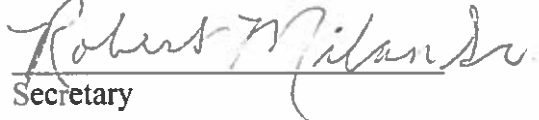
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The Board decided to move the resolution to the Regular Session for a vote.

Item #7 – Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the Work Session at 5:58 PM by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Groneman and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:


Secretary

APPROVED:


President