

# BOARD INFORMATION PACKET



**Board of Public Utilities  
Kansas City, Kansas**

**Regular Meeting of**

**July 19, 2023**



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**BOARD AGENDA**

Regular Session  
July 19, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - \_\_\_\_\_ David Haley, At Large, Position 2
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Robert L. Milan, Sr., District 1
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Rose Mulvany Henry, At Large, Position 3
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Bryant, District 3
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Mary L. Gonzales, At Large, Position 1
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Groneman, District 2
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session of July 5, 2023
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- VI. Public Comments
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  - i. Continuation of 2023 Electric and Water Rate Hearing
  - ii. Miscellaneous Comments
- VIII. Board Comments
- IX. Adjourn



**WORK SESSION MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 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, July 5, 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, and David Haley.

Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; and Robert Kamp, 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](http://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, Ms. Mulvany Henry, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Gonzales, Mr. Milan, and Mr. Groneman. Mr. Haley arrived at 5:02 PM.

**Item #3 –Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the Agenda by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Groneman, and unanimously carried.

**Item #4 –Board Update/GM Update**

Mr. Groneman said that he attended the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee of the Unified Government (UG). They had a Cost of Service and rate design study completed by Burns and McDonell, on their solid wastes. Staff would likely recommend a rate increase to the UG Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Johnson provided an update on the new County Administrator, Mr. David Johnston, and his progress since taking on his new role. Mr. Johnson also provided an update on the incoming applications for the Community Engagement group. They discussed sending out one more mass notification to the public before the cut off date of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Lawson said that she was still accepting names for the steering committee for the selection of the Community Engagement Committee Ambassadors.

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Mr. Haley added comments regarding communication with Mr. Johnston, the Mayor and the Wyandotte Delegation.

**Item #5 – July 13<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting Discussion**

Mr. Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation in reference to the upcoming special session between BPU and the UG. (See attached.) Points discussed during the presentation included:

- How to explain UG charges on the BPU bill and how our bill compared to other communities.
- What BPU’s possible tax assessment could be.
- Possible ways on how to reduce the PILOT, how the PILOT could be collected, and possible impacts to BPU.
- Making sure to show the importance of BPU as a public utility.
- BPU Contributions to the UG/Community.

**Item #6 – Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn the Work Session at 5:48 PM by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Milan and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Secretary

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President



# Kansas City Board of Public Utilities

Board Work Session

July 5, 2023





## Agenda

BPU Board of Directors will meet with the Unified Government Commissioners on July 13<sup>th</sup> in a Special Session and would like to discuss the following topics:

- UG charges on the BPU Bill
- PILOT Reduction Plan
- BPU Contributions to the Unified Government/Community





## UG Charges on the BPU Bill

Listed below are items that appear on the BPU bill:

- BPU Electric Charges
- BPU Water Charges
- **UG Waste Water Charges**
- **UG Storm Water Charges**
- **UG PILOT**
- Taxes



## Continuing discussion of the following areas:

- Historical view of PILOT
- Comparable data with other municipalities
- Commissioner Bynum's Task Force on PILOT
- Current and future UG budget cycles





## Contributions to the UG

Historical view of BPU contributions to the Unified Government/community and current budget:

- **Direct Payment and Expenses - \$38,984,164**
  - PILOT - \$37,029,230
  - Street Lighting and Signals - \$1,312,439
  - Fire Hydrant Services - \$642,495
- **Other UG Services - \$8,599,829**
  - UG Facility Energy and Water Charges - \$7,565,529
  - Billing Services - \$1,034,300
- **Total Payments and Contributions - \$47,583,993**





## Next Steps

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Thank you





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Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Jeremy Ash, Chief Operating Officer; Maurice Moss, Executive Director Corporate Compliance; Johnetta Hinson, Executive Director Customer Service; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; David Mehlhaff, Chief Communications Officer; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Glen Brendel, Executive Director Electric Production; Darrin McNew, Executive Director Electric Operations; Jerin Purtee, Executive Director Electric Supply; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Randy Otting, Director Accounting; Andrew Ferris, Director Financial Planning; Dustin Miller, Director of Applications; Phillip Brown, Senior Civil Engineer and Robert Kamp, 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](http://www.bpu.com).

Ms. Mulvany Henry called the Board meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. She welcomed all that were listening to or viewing the meeting. She informed all that the meeting was being recorded including video and audio. During the public comment section, those attending in person, wishing to speak, should use the sign-up sheet at the entry and provide their name and address. Public comments were limited to five minutes and should be addressed to the Board. Members of the public who wished to speak to the Board using Zoom needed to use the Raise Hand feature at the bottom of the application or window to signal that they wish to address the board during the public comment section. Members of the public connected by phone only, needed to press \*9 to indicate they wished to address the Board in the public comment section. No confidential information should be shared, including, account information. Staff would not provide individual account information during an open meeting. As always, the public could also email or call the BPU with any concerns. Ms. Mulvany Henry introduced herself and the other Board Members along with the General Manager, and Legal Counsel.

Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

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**Item #3 – Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the Agenda by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, and unanimously carried.

**Item #4 – Approval of Regular Session Minutes of June 21, 2023**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of June 21, 2023, by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Bryant, and unanimously carried.

**Item #5 – Public Comments**

Mr. Ty Gorman, 2843 Parkwood Blvd., communicated his thoughts regarding the rate hearing and proposed rate increase.

Ms. Tscher Manck, Wyandotte County, expressed her thoughts on the PILOT and maintaining infrastructure.

Mr. Ken Snyder, Rosehill Subdivision, made comments regarding the rate increase.

**Item #6– General Manager / Staff Reports**

- i. *Continuation of 2023 Electric and Water Rate Hearing:* The official Rate Hearing transcript can be found on the BPU website, [www.bpu.com](http://www.bpu.com).

A motion was made to continue the 2023 Electric and Water Rate Hearing to the next Regular Session Meeting, July 19, 2023, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Ms. Gonzales.

Mr. Milan expressed his view on the rate hearing being concluded at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Haley – yes

Mr. Milan – yes

Ms. Mulvany Henry – yes

Mr. Bryant – yes



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Ms. Gonzales – yes

Mr. Groneman - yes

The motion carried.

Mr. Moore confirmed the Rate Hearing would continue on July 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

ii. *Miscellaneous Comments:* There were not additional comments at this time.

**Item #8 – Board Comments**

There were no additional Board comments at this time.

**Item #10 – Adjourn**

At 7:14 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Gonzales and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Secretary

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President

