

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.

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 25th.

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 13th 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:


Secretary

APPROVED:


President



Kansas City Board of Public Utilities

Board Work Session

July 5, 2023

BPU Board of Directors will meet with the Unified Government Commissioners on July 13th 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

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**

Thank you