

**WORK SESSION MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 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, June 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM The following Board Members were present: Rose Mulvany Henry, President; Thomas Groneman attended via zoom, Vice President; Robert L. Milan, Secretary; Jeff Bryant, Mary Gonzales. David Haley attended via Zoom.

Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Wendy Green, Senior Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Patrice Townsend, Director Utility Services; Carlos Quijas, Development Coordinator; 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](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 via Zoom. Mr. Haley joined via Zoom at 5:09 PM and arrived in person at 5:33 PM.

**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 –Board Update/GM Update**

No Board comments were made.

**Item #5 –Economic Development Fund Request**

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Patrice Townsend, Director Utility Services, presented two Economic Development Fund requests.

Homefield Baseball Complex was the first discussed. Some items discussed during the presentation included:

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- Concerns that the proposal didn't fall within the scope of the economic development policy and the requested funds could not be allocated.
- Historically, BPU had issues with the developer meeting infrastructure requirements that would benefit the community in the future.
- The developer did not share their financials along with the request causing concern.
- The possibility of overextension was a concern as the parameters keep getting expanded, but nothing has been opened to start collecting revenue.
- Continued communication with the Unified Government (UG) would be made pertaining to the Star Bond agreement that was in place regarding the infrastructure.
- The Economic Development Committee recommended denying this request.

The second request was submitted by Central Avenue Betterment Association. Items discussed during the presentation included:

- All electric equipment would be installed during renovation that would be metered separately from the front portion of the building.
- Comments were made about referring the request to the UG first.
- Discussion of a dedicated conference room which BPU could access for community meetings as well as potential future partnerships.
- The Economic Development Committee had recommended approval.

It was advised that to be compliant with the Economic Development Policy, both funding requests would proceed to the Regular Session for a vote.

Due to time availability, Mr. Johnson gave the following updates:

Mr. Johnson discussed getting the community engagement notice out to the public.

He also checked Board availability for the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. He planned to schedule

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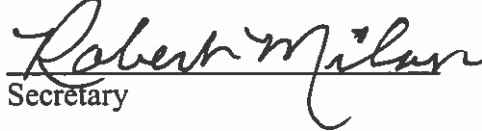
the Rate Hearing vote for that meeting.

Ms. Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, provided a Rate Hearing recap including hearing dates, times, and expectations.

**Item #6 – Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn the Work Session at 5:45 PM by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

APPROVED:

  
President