



Kansas City

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Meeting Minutes - Final-Revised

Finance, Governance and Public Safety Committee

Chairperson Andrea Bough

Vice Chair Quinton Lucas

Councilmember Crispin Rea

Councilmember Darrell Curls

Councilmember Wes Rogers

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

10:30 AM

26th Floor, Council Chamber

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84530222968>

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Public Testimony is Limited to 2 Minutes

Present: Andrea Bough, Quinton Lucas, Crispin Rea, Darrell Curls and Wes Rogers

260339 Sponsor: Mayor Quinton Lucas

Reaffirming the intent of the City Council to continue good-faith negotiations with the Kansas City Royals for the retention of the team in Kansas City; directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a term sheet, lease, and development agreement with the Kansas City Royals or an affiliated entity for design, construction, and operations of a new stadium, team offices, and supporting infrastructure (the “Project”) in the Washington Square Park/Crown Center area; authorizing the execution of additional cooperative agreements in connection with the term sheet, lease, and development agreement; directing the City Manager to apply for a Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Project; appropriating \$250,000.00 from the Development Services Fund and authorizing the use of previously appropriated funds for the purpose of executing certain professional services agreements in furtherance of the objectives of this ordinance; finding that the Project is a public benefit to the City and the State of Missouri; directing the City Manager to apply for various financial and tax incentives through state agencies; directing the City Manager to negotiate intergovernmental cooperative agreements with the State of Missouri and related entities; authorizing the execution of additional agreements as necessary to comply with the directives of this ordinance; waiving the contract solicitation and Article IV, Chapter 3, requirements otherwise set out in the Code of Ordinances as to the agreements authorized in this Ordinance; directing the City Manager to conduct public engagement related to the lease and development agreement; declaring the intent of the City Council to reimburse itself from bond proceeds for certain expenditures; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

Sponsors: Lucas, Bough, O'Neill, Parks-Shaw, Robinson, Rogers, Bunch, Curls, French and Rea

Mario Vasquez, Tammy Queen and Morgan Holecek, City Manager Office, presented. This ordinance concerns an application in partnership with governmental entities to establish funding for the retention of the Kansas City Royals in Kansas City, with a proposed relocation to a downtown site. Potential locations discussed include the Washington Square Park and Crown Center areas, along with the development of an approximately 20,000-space parking structure, which could serve as a future revenue source for the city. The ordinance also outlines partnerships between public and private entities for negotiations related to lease and development agreements. It initiates a funding application for a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) plan in the amount of \$250,000 to support pre-development activities and associated expenses. The project includes planned public engagement and community benefit sessions, as well as continued negotiations on leasing and development terms. The total estimated project cost is \$1.9 billion, with potential City participation of up to \$600 million, primarily through bonds. Cost recovery is anticipated over a 30-year period. The proposal will return to Council for further consideration and approval prior to any final commitment, following completion of the feasibility statement. Negotiations will proceed if this ordinance is approved. The committee expressed general support for the project, including amendments proposed by CW Melissa Patterson-Hazley in Sections 4C, 4E, and 4G, which were upheld in committee and will be presented to the full Council. Council members raised concerns regarding revenue sharing and district impacts. CW Melissa Patterson-Hazley and CW Melissa Robinson expressed concerns related to the 3rd District, while CM Darrell Curls raised concerns about potential impacts to the 5th District, including the loss of Kauffman Stadium's current location in the 3rd District. CM Nathan Willett stated that the decision should ultimately be made by voters through a public vote. Public testimony was received both in person and online, with comments both in support of and in opposition to the project. All testimonies have been entered into the official record. A copy of this presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Adv and Do Pass as Cmte Sub

Aye: Chairperson Bough, Vice Chair Lucas, Councilmember Rea,
Councilmember Curls and Councilmember Rogers

260340 Sponsor: Mayor Quinton Lucas

Reducing appropriations in the amount of \$5,900,000.00 from the Legal Expense Fund; appropriating \$5,900,000.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Legal Expense Fund as a transfer to the Kansas City Police Department for legal settlement expenses; designating requisitioning authority; and establishing an effective date.

Finance Committee recommends "Advance and Do Pass."

Sponsors: Lucas

Mayor Quinton Lucas, presented. This ordinance authorizes the appropriation of \$5,900,000 for settlement-related expenses for the Kansas City Police Department (KCPD). CM Nathan Willett expressed the view that the Council should not determine how funds are allocated within the 25% designated for KCPD, emphasizing that the department is entitled to those funds. CW Melissa Robinson requested additional details regarding the use of the funds, including more transparency about the nature of the settlements. She stated that her concern is not about supporting the police, but rather the lack of clarity surrounding the lawsuits and settlements. She also noted that the Council should have the ability to withhold funds if necessary. Additionally, there was concern raised about the possibility of KCPD exceeding \$600,000 in settlement expenses before the end of the fiscal year, and how the Council would address such a situation. The mayor suggested holding a potential closed session during a Council legislative meeting to discuss any outstanding concerns prior to a final vote. A copy of this presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Adv and Do Pass

Aye: Chairperson Bough, Vice Chair Lucas, Councilmember Rea,
Councilmember Curls and Councilmember Rogers

HELD IN COMMITTEE

260286 Sponsor: Mayor Quinton Lucas

Amending Chapter 3, Code of Ordinances, by repealing Section 3-622, Prevailing wage application to incentive plans, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 3-622, for the purpose of enlarging the establishing applicable prevailing wage policies for certain types of categories of incentive projects, amending Chapter 3, Code of Ordinances by repealing Section 3-437, Waiver of MBE/WBE goals, for the purpose of greater alignment and efficiency among any economic development agency created by the city, and amending Chapter 74, Code of Ordinances, by repealing Section 74-11, Affordable housing set aside, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 74-11, for the purpose of right-sizing the Payment in Lieu fee to better reflect amount in subsidies provided per unit of affordable housing.

Sponsors: Lucas

Held until 04.21.2026

Hold on Agenda

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

1. There may be general discussion for current Finance Governance & Public Safety Committee issues.

2. Closed Session

- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 1 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss legal matters, litigation, or privileged communications with attorneys;
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 2 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss real estate;
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsections 3 and 13 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss personnel matters;
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 9 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss employee labor negotiations;
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 11 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss specifications for competitive bidding;
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 12 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss sealed bids or proposals; or
- Pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection 17 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to discuss confidential or privileged communications with auditors.

3. Those who wish to comment on proposed ordinances can email written testimony to public.testimony@kcmo.org.

Comments received will be distributed to the committee and added to the public record by the clerk.

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Adjournment