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When I was on the City Council, I was approached about redoing the surface of Barney Allis Plaza by the family of the Bronco Buster statue honoree, Dutton Brookfield. At that time, we looked at several options, including volleyball courts and other amenities. Unfortunately, then-City Manager Troy Schulte informed me that we couldn't do anything to the surface because the garage needed to be replaced. At that time the cost was estimated at about $60 million.
I have been involved over the past several years in the most recent plans to renovate the garage and add a park setting and an at-ground level greenspace at Barney Allis Plaza. We spent a great deal of time through ULI, stakeholder meetings, and planning sessions to come up with a workable plan for the garage and park space. I am so encouraged to know that the plan to renovate the garage can move forward with the passage of ordinance #240313. Barney Allis Plaza garage is critical to downtown Kansas City. This city-owned facility has been in disrepair for too long. It is dangerous and has become a blight in our hotel/convention area. Please support this ordinance and get the ball rolling so that it can be completed before the 2026 World Cup.
Thank you for your support for this bill.

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