



Kansas City

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Meeting Minutes - Final-Revised

Transportation, Infrastructure and Operations Committee

Chairperson Kevin O'Neill

Vice Chair Melissa Robinson

Councilmember Eric Bunch

Councilmember Johnathan Duncan

Councilmember Lindsay French

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

9:00 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: Kevin O'Neill, Melissa Robinson, Eric Bunch, Johnathan Duncan and Lindsay French

FIRST READINGS

Water

260086 Sponsor: Director of Water Services Department

Authorizing the Director of Water Services to execute a \$9,994,000.00 construction contract with Kissick Construction Company, Inc., for the Water Main Replacement in the Area of Brooklyn Avenue to Hardesty Avenue, E. 9th Street to E. 24th Street project; authorizing a maximum expenditure of \$10,993,400.00; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

Sponsors: Director of Water Services

Blake Anderson David Poirier, Water Department presented. Approximately five miles of water main lines will be replaced. Five bids were received, and Kissick Construction submitted the lowest and most responsive bid. This area contains older infrastructure that requires replacement. Kissick Construction is currently present on site. Due to the depth and scope of the work, construction is expected to take a little over one year to complete. A public meeting will be held prior to the project kickoff. A copy of the presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Adv and Do Pass

Aye: Chairperson O'Neill, Vice Chair Robinson, Councilmember Bunch and Councilmember French

Out: Councilmember Duncan

260097 Sponsor: Director of Water Services Department

Accepting and approving a \$1,869,274.00 grant award from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for financing through the Missouri State Revolving Fund for a construction project to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MDNR Safe Drinking Water Act revised Lead and Copper rule requirements; giving the Director of Water Services the authority to accept the grant award; estimating and appropriating \$1,869,274.00 in the Water Fund; authorizing the Director of Water Services to execute a \$1,699,340.00 construction contract with Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc., for the Drinking Water Service Line Inspections project; authorizing a maximum expenditure of \$1,869,274.00; authorizing two successive one-year options to renew with further City Council approval; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

Sponsors: Director of Water Services

Blake Anderson and David Poirier, Water Department, presented. This ordinance is a response to the EPA Lead and Copper Rule. The grant will allow the use of funds to ensure the required work is completed. No lead has been found to date; however, some residents have lead service lines. Communication on how homeowners can test or determine whether lead is present in their water has been provided through online resources and mailed notices. If lead is suspected, inspections will be conducted. There are still approximately 21,000 unvalidated service lines that need to be tested. Testing conducted through this process does not require excavation, which helps eliminate additional issues. CM Duncan expressed interest in including Healthy Homes within the galvanized line replacement program. Costs could be estimated up to that point. ACE Pipe Cleaning was present and is the contractor that received the bid. A copy of the presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Adv and Do Pass

Aye: Chairperson O'Neill, Vice Chair Robinson, Councilmember Bunch, Councilmember Duncan and Councilmember French

Aviation

260087 Sponsor: Director of Aviation Department

Estimating revenue in the amount of \$145,000.00 to the Grant from State of Missouri account; and authorizing acceptance of a State Aviation Trust Fund Grant offer from the State of Missouri, acting through the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC), for the purpose of providing funds for Air Service Promotion and Marketing.

Sponsors: Director of Aviation

Justin Meyer, Aviation Department. The ordinance provides information that staff are working to grow air service and has secured new routes from MCI Airport. New promotional efforts will be implemented to support and promote these air service routes. Funding for these promotions comes from the aviation sales tax. The total budget for air service promotions is \$500,000. A Copy of the presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Adv and Do Pass as Amd, Consent

Aye: Chairperson O'Neill, Vice Chair Robinson, Councilmember Bunch, Councilmember Duncan and Councilmember French

260098 Sponsor: Director of Aviation Department

Authorizing the Director of the Aviation Department to enter into a \$5,100,000.00 Amendment #8 to a Tenant Reimbursement Agreement with Trammell Crow Kansas City Development, Inc., for the Commerce Center Development at the KCI Airport for a total contract amount of \$34,300,082.97; and appropriating \$5,100,000.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Kansas City Aviation Fund.

Sponsors: Director of Aviation

Pete Fullerton, Aviation Department. This ordinance is an amendment to an agreement originally approved in 2007. The prior work was discussed in a previous ordinance late last year that this work was coming, and this amended ordinance represents the next phase of the request for lease and grounds reimbursement for a building located on airport property. The contract term is 60 years with Trammell for two new buildings, which are expected to generate additional revenue beyond the initial investment. The developer is actively seeking tenants for both new locations. A copy of the presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Adv and Do Pass as Cmte Sub

Aye: Chairperson O'Neill, Vice Chair Robinson, Councilmember Bunch, Councilmember Duncan and Councilmember French

Public Works

260129 Sponsor: Director of Public Works Department

Estimating revenue in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 in the Capital Improvements Grant Fund; appropriating that amount to the Cliff Drive Bike/Pedestrian Facility to River Market Connector project; designating requisitioning authority; recognizing the required local grant match; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

Sponsors: Director of Public Works

Nicolas Bosonetto and Aveen Noori, Public Works Department. This ordinance is about a study between 2020 and 2024 that was conducted to identify potential improvements. One of the approved projects is the Cliff Drive bike and pedestrian trail connecting to the River Market. Design work will begin once this item is approved. Burns & McDonnell will provide the design services, and the renderings will be presented to Council once complete before work begins. A copy of the presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Adv and Do Pass

Aye: Chairperson O'Neill, Vice Chair Robinson, Councilmember Bunch, Councilmember Duncan and Councilmember French

260133 Sponsor: Director of Public Works Department

Reducing an appropriation in the amount of \$500,000.00 in the Capital Improvements Fund for the I-35 to Chouteau Dr - Levee Trail project; estimating revenue in the amount of \$3,121,892.00 in the Capital Improvements Grant Fund; appropriating that amount from the Unappropriated Balance of the Capital Improvements Grant Fund to the US 169 and Madison to Metro North Mall Dr - Trail Overpass project; recognizing the required local grant match; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

Sponsors: Director of Public Works and Willett

Nicolas Bosonetto and Todd LaTorella, Public Works Department. This ordinance is for the Chateau Drive Levee Trail project and the former Metro North Mall Trail overpass project. The ordinance reallocates funds into a dedicated account to support all required work and associated grant funding. For the pedestrian crossing into the Metro North Trail, there will be a gap at the drop-off near the mall that will be later discussed to ensure it is not forgotten as this would allow that trail to be complete. CM Bunch suggested including a traffic impact fee for the Metro North Mall as part of this trail project. A copy of the presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Adv and Do Pass

Aye: Chairperson O'Neill, Vice Chair Robinson, Councilmember Bunch, Councilmember Duncan and Councilmember French

HELD IN COMMITTEE

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

1. KCATA will present an update on their Return to Fares Initiative

Chuck Ferguson and AJ Farris, KCATA presented. KCATA return fare launch rollout will occur in phases leading up to the June 1 launch week. Communications will be updated across multiple platforms, including signage, onboard audio announcements, media outreach, radio, and on-site community engagement meetings. Additional discussion will take place regarding communication strategies and budgeting for transit planning. KCATA rollout update for the new KCTA payment options, scheduled to begin June 1. Phase 1 payment options will include tap-to-pay functionality, online purchase, and KCATA location for cash payment. Other capabilities, which will include the GenFare Link reloadable smart card and retail partnerships for card reloading for riders without mobile access, will be implemented in Phase 2 (TBD). The RideKC fare policy will include free-fare option categories, which will be managed by KCATA staff in coordination with current social service providers. Eligible groups will include veterans, individuals with disabilities, and age-based wage groups. Fare categories will be organized into Full Fare, Reduced Fare, and Free Fare. Council emphasized the importance of clear public communication to explain the reasoning behind decisions and the necessity of the new fare policy, ensuring transparency and public buy-in. A search for a new Transportation Director is underway, beginning with the engagement of a national search firm following completion of the RFP process. Given Council support and public approval for zero-fare bus transportation, it was encouraged that KCATA reach out to the City Manager to explore additional funding options to expand zero-fare access beyond City employees. A copy of the presentation is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

2. There may be general discussion for current Transportation, Infrastructure and Operations Committee issues.

3. 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