

**District V Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes**  
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**Wichita Fire Station #21  
2110 N. 135th St. W.  
Wichita, KS 67235**

**July 13, 2015  
6:30 p.m.**

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The District V Advisory Board Meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at Fire Station #21, 2110 N. 135th W., Wichita, KS 67235. In attendance were Council Member Brian Frye, six District Advisory Board members, three City staff and two signed in members of the public.

**Members Present**

Council Member Brian Frye  
Mike Greene  
Jose Gutierrez  
Darrell Leffew  
Ben Kittrell  
Ben Bradley  
Trevor Kurth

**Staff Present**

Case Bell, Community Liaison  
Mark Manning, Finance Dept.  
Capt. Michael Malter, WFD

**Members Absent**

JV Johnston  
Jill Kerschen  
Troy Palmer

**Guests**

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**Order of Business**

The meeting was called to order by Pro Tem, Mike Greene at 6:30 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved **Motion passed: (6/0)**

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for June 15, 2015 were approved. **Motion passed: (6/0)**

**Public Agenda**

1. **Scheduled items:**

None

2. **Off Agenda items:**

**Council Member Brian Frye** introduced Darrell Leffew, Ben Kittrell, Ben Bradley, and Trevor Kurth as new DAB members.

**Staff Presentations**

3. **Wichita Fire Report**

**Capt. Michael Malter, Wichita Fire Department**, reported in June there were 16 structure fires city-wide and one in District V, which was caused by the resident smoking in bed while on oxygen. There was \$5,000 in structural damage and \$2,000 in content damage.

**DAB?** Was the 4<sup>th</sup> of July quiet? **A:** Yes.

**Action: Receive and file.**

### New Business

#### **4. Preliminary Budget Overview: 2016-2017**

**Mark Manning, Finance Department**, presented the preliminary overview. The City Manager is in the process of coordinating the development of the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget. To date, a City Council workshop and two Social Media Town Hall events have helped define priorities and develop ideas to incorporate into the budget. Additional community input is being sought at District Advisory Board meetings to define final priorities and ideas that will ultimately be incorporated into the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget.

This meeting provided an overview of the current financial environment, with a review of City revenue and expenditures trends, as well as financial projections relative to the development of the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget. Further input and discussion will be sought on appropriate service levels and priority areas. The 2016-2017 Proposed Budget will be presented after all input and discussion has been evaluated and recommended changes are made. A public hearing and budget adoption will follow in August 2015.

The operating budget will be presented to the City Council on July 14, a public hearing will be held on August 4, and the budget will be adopted on August 11<sup>th</sup> in order to be in compliance with state law.

**DAB?** How will the budget be balanced with a shortfall in transit? **A:** The original plan was to balance the budget by reducing services in 2016, however the Council directed the City Manager to find \$2 million in the general budget to pay for the shortfall without reducing services.

**DAB?** How is the transit budget compared to previous years? **A:** It has been challenged for many years, partially due to changes in federal funding. The recent challenges started three or so years ago.

**DAB?** What is the major cause of the shortfall? **A:** It's really a combination of factors such as ridership, capital costs, and operation costs.

**Action: The District Advisory Board provided comments on the budget.**

### Board Agenda

#### **5. Updates, Issues, and Reports**

**Council Member Brian Frye** reported the construction on Tyler Rd from 29<sup>th</sup> to 37<sup>th</sup> is ahead of schedule and that they are currently looking for solutions on 13<sup>th</sup> to widen it from 119<sup>th</sup>. The Council is also voting on an annexation request for 150 acres near 37<sup>th</sup> and Ridge Rd. that is currently a watermelon farm but will be developed for commercial and residential use.

**Next Meeting:** August 10, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,  
Case Bell, Community Engagement

#### Guests

Sarah Kittrell  
Angela Breer