

Senior Advisory Council Minutes, October 6, 2025

Gregg/Klice Community Center

Members in Attendance: Berry, Bradshaw, Forrester, Hilt, Kaiser, Wilson, Howard Rice, (City Clerk Office)
Guests: Dr. Aisha Augusta; Abigail Judah, City Attorney Office; LaDonna McCullough, Chief Equity Officer, Kansas City City Manager Office; Eric Goodman, Assistant to the Chief Equity Officer, City Manager Office; Brenton Siverly, City Finance office; Vicki Glenn; Miriam Hennosy

The meeting opened with the introduction of Brenton Siverly, Kansas City Finance Office, who presented an overview of the Kansas City budget process. The Citywide Business Plan starts the budget process. The goals and objectives created every five years are the basis for the budget. The Resident Satisfaction Plan surveys allow for public input to include citizen priorities in the budgeting process. Although the Citywide Business Plan serves as a five-year roadmap, it is reviewed annually. The most recently adopted plan for 2025-2029 components are: resident priorities, strategic plan (mission, values, objectives and strategies), financial strategic plan (goals and objectives) and the five-year planning model.

The city fiscal year runs from May 1 to April 30. Departments are forming budgets now to be introduced in February. Budget revenues and expenditures are broken down into the classifications of governmental activities and business-type activities. The 2025-26 Adopted Budget may be viewed on line. Mr. Siverly explained the sources of revenue for the city budget and outlined the governmental activities that will require expenditures for the fiscal year '26. The largest expenditure in the Kansas City budget is public safety (police and fire protection).

Public input can be included in shaping goals and objectives, and members were provided a SpeakEasy code providing opportunity for feedback and comments. Public budget hearings will begin in early 2026. Mr. Siverly further explained how priority based budgeting works. He explained that the finance department monitors federal input on a regular basis. Federal monies fund local grant programs.

LaDonna McCullough, Chief Equity Officer of the City Manager Office, spoke about the Kansas City Aging Initiative, which will address aging transition in Kansas City. Email flyers will be emailed to share 6 Community Engagement opportunities, beginning with District 5 at the Hillcrest Community Center on October 20 from 10:00-noon and 2:00-4:00. The districts with the highest concentration of seniors in poverty were chosen for the earliest engagement, and other district inclusion will follow.

Dr. Aisha Augusta explained that the plan is to include seniors in the determination of which city amenities and services are most needed. Questions will be asked of attendees to assess need priorities.

Member Bradshaw presented a letter to be distributed to Mayor Quentin Lucas and to individual City Council members restating the mission of the Senior Advisory Council and explaining the urgent need of nominations to fill district vacancies as well as the renewal of terms for currently serving members.

Bradshaw also reported on the Kansas City Health Department concerns including recent measles outbreaks in several states, and the need for overcoming vaccine misinformation to avoid spreading of viral disease

Meeting was adjourned. The council will meet on November 3, 2025, at Gregg/Klice Community Center.