

Reddi voiced support for a refugee resettlement center in Manhattan.

A historic Manhattan home is serving a new purpose as a refugee resettlement and welcome center.

Volunteers and supporters of the Manhattan Area Resettlement Team gave tours of the agency's new offices Thursday in the historic Damon Runyon House at 400 Osage Street. MART's new executive director, Ana Mendonca-Zarling, and program manager, Virginia Rodriguez, moved into the Runyon House in August.

"It's awesome, because now we have a space which we can welcome our clients and serve them the best way possible," Mendonca-Zarling said.

MART officials saved \$50,000 for a down payment over two years to buy the house.

Prior to the Runyon House purchase, MART was utilizing office space in the Manhattan Housing Authority building and the Flint Hills Place apartment complex to help Afghans with necessary paperwork and hold informational meetings.

Along with the new headquarters, the leaders refreshed the organization's mission in August to include more refugees from other countries. Mendonca-Zarling said a family from the Democratic Republic of Congo is arriving in Manhattan Saturday to be resettled.

Army veterans Aaron Estabrook and Fatima Jaghoori established MART in late 2021 to assist in the resettlement of refugees from Afghanistan who fled their homes as the Taliban forcibly retook the country in August 2021 following 20 years of U.S. and allied military presence.

Estabrook, who served in a tank battalion in Afghanistan, said housing a refugee welcome center in a historic building gives new refugees hope while honoring Little Apple history and tradition.

"MART has transformed over the past year from an all-volunteer organization to a professional resettlement agency," Estabrook said. "Manhattan is poised to receive people from any country, and it's only possible because of the professionals at MART."

Mendonca-Zarling said a family from Nepal and a family from Venezuela are also expected to arrive in Manhattan in the coming weeks.

MART volunteer and new Manhattan city commissioner Susan Adamchak told The Mercury that state officials are anticipating more refugees from Congo, as well as Haiti and Cuba. Additional refugees from Afghanistan are also expected to arrive through 2024. More than 200 Afghans now live in Manhattan as part of the local resettlement effort, which pairs with state and national agencies to provide refugees with resources for housing, healthcare and educational needs.

Adamchak said volunteers are needed for transporting people to appointments and setting up homes ahead of arrivals. Co-founder Jaghoori said she thinks MART volunteers are meeting refugees' needs well, but more assistance pairing resettling people with jobs that match their skill set would be beneficial.

K-State junior educational studies major Emma LaLond is MART's newest volunteer, assisting program manager Virginia Rodriguez with organizing and cataloguing financial documents for refugees. She loves that her workspace is in a historic building.

"It's old, vintage and it's so cozy for people to come in," LaLond said. "It's so much more special than going into a regular office."

Damon Runyon's father, Alfred Lee Runyan (Damon changed the spelling of his last name after a typo in a New York newspaper stuck) came to the Manhattan area in 1855 as a young boy aboard the steamship Hartford. That ship carried an immigration party that left Cincinnati and ran aground near the confluence of the Big Blue and Kansas rivers. The passengers settled in the area with other immigrants and changed the name of their community from Boston to Manhattan.

Kansas Sen. Usha Reddi — who represents District 22, which includes Manhattan — said during the open house that being an immigrant from India helps her understand what new refugees are going through.

"I understand leaving your families, your culture, your food, your traditions, everything and coming here and trying to start a new life," Reddi said. "I hope to work with you to make sure we continue to be a welcoming community but also make sure you have resources to be successful ... whatever you might need. We are working for you."

During the event, co-founder Estabrook presented longtime MART volunteer Sarah Inskeep with the inaugural Inskeep Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. Inskeep has served in numerous volunteer capacities with the organization since its inception and will remain a board member and coordinator for the agency while preparing for graduate school next year.

"I'm super grateful to the team, and I'm excited about everything that we've done and excited to see the organization grow," Inskeep said. "I've always emphasized to the team that this wouldn't be possible without the work we've all done together. No one person could've pulled this off."

(Source: The Manhattan Mercury, November 17, 2023)

Complained that a survey conducted by the Manhattan City Commission didn't talk about race.

The Manhattan City Commission conducted a joint meeting with the Department of Parks and Recreation last night to discuss the city's strategic facilities improvement plan. The plan seeks to take a complete look at recreation facilities and programs across the city and surrounding area.

"We'll evaluate consolidation, renovation or elimination of current facilities," Scott Crawford from RDG Planning and Design, an urban and strategic planning company, said.

The thing about the plan, however, is the fact that no one knows exactly what it will entail.

"We don't have a pre-conceived notion of what we're going to come up with - it all depends on the results of the survey," Mayor Wynn Butler said.

This survey is a key component of the plan. The city commission wants to know what the community's thoughts are on the park system. The plan is to send out 3,000 "statistically valid"

surveys by phone, mail and the web, meaning that there will be equal representation of people from different parts of the city from different age groups and different demographics. Because of this, the survey will not be open to the general public.

In order to do this successfully, the city has hired the ETC Institute, an Olathe-based market research firm, to conduct the survey. Ron Vine, senior vice president of ETC, said his company promises that the city will get at least 600 surveys returned.

"This survey is not going to be inexpensive, so I think that we need to incorporate as much information into it as possible," Karen McCulloh, city commissioner, said.

Indeed, discussion regarding the content of the survey comprised the majority of the meeting.

"We have to make sure we get the questions right," Vine said. "If we don't get the questions right, we won't get the information we need."

Vine said that if a survey is too long, people won't complete it. Likewise, if a survey is too short or unspecific, needed information won't be attained. Vine said that a good survey combines the right amount of "micro and macro."

The goal of the survey is to find citizens' view of their perfect system of the future. It will ask questions about how individuals use the current facilities, their view is of the perfect system, and finally, how they think the system can sustain itself. The survey will focus on the city's outdoor sports facilities and indoor spaces.

During the meeting, **Usha Reddi**, city commissioner, voiced concern over the fact that the current draft of the survey does not ask about race.

"I think personally that race, ethnicity and income are all good questions," Reddi said. "Race is an issue because I've felt personally that when we upgrade facilities, some populations are marginalized."

The surveys are set to be sent out at the end of December and the start of January. Vine said that it will take approximately six weeks to get the surveys back and an additional two weeks to process the information. Vine said that the information received will be very valuable to the city.

After the results are in, they will be presented before the city commission, and a plan will then be constructed on how to move forward based in citizen input.

The idea of joint building efforts with local colleges, churches, schools and businesses and even talk of building facilities to attract traveling sports teams was discussed briefly, as such efforts have proved successful in other communities, but nothing will be decided until well after the survey results have come in and the community has weighed in on the decision.

"This is not for economic development, this is meant to upgrade the city's facilities," Butler said. "Focus for economic development will come further down the line."

(Source: The Kansas State Collegian: Kansas State University, December 10, 2014)

As a commissioner, Reddi supported spending money on expensive air service to American Airlines that would result in a \$75,000 a month fee when capacity wasn't reached. Another commissioner quoted: "\$75,000 a month is pork spending

The most hotly discussed topic of Tuesday night's City Commission meeting at City Hall was the Manhattan Regional Airport's proposed agreement. The airport, which is currently under construction to expand the terminal building from 12,500 square feet to nearly 42,000 square feet, is seeking the approval of an air service and marketing agreement. The proposed agreement between the Manhattan Regional Airport and American Airlines outlined negotiations on bringing a larger regional jet to be used on flights between Dallas-Fort Worth and Manhattan.

American Airlines currently provides three regularly scheduled flights between Dallas-Fort Worth and Manhattan through a regional aircraft that has a seat capacity of 50. Upon approval, the two-year agreement would provide the same flights with a seat capacity of 65 or more people.

The arrangement would require 25 round trip flights to Dallas-Fort Worth to fill a 65 seat aircraft a minimum of 80 percent seat capacity per trip. Failure to do so would result in a \$75,000 fee each month where capacity wasn't reached, up to a limit of \$1 million total. The budget also includes a \$250,000 budget for marketing the airport and all of its amenities. In the past year, ending in October, flights to Dallas-Fort Worth were 7,254 seats below the overall 80 percent goal. To meet the goal, the airport would need an average of 20 more passengers per day.

Peter Van Kuren, airport director, proposed the agreement to the commissioners. He said it did lean heavily in favor of American Airlines, but that it also held great benefits and potential for both the Manhattan community and the military residents of Fort Riley. Van Kuren said that the agreement was a positive marketing and growth story for local residents and improved baggage capacity for Fort Riley soldiers flying in and out of the airport; many of whom return without their bags because of a lack of space on current aircrafts.

Van Kuren also said that in the original arrangement with American Airlines, there was an 85 percent capacity requirement with a \$100,000 fee when the seat capacity wasn't reached.

"It's a risk, but it's worth it," Ron Fehr, Manhattan city manager, said. "We only need 20 more folks to fly out of here daily, that's not impossible."

Fehr also said that Manhattan Regional Airport has added 21 new city pairs to fly in and out of as of this past October, which will get more people to use the local resource.

On average, only 37 percent of local residents use the Manhattan airport for travel. The overwhelming majority of residents travel to Kansas City, Missouri to fly, which was something Karen McCulloh, city commissioner, said she was concerned about.

"I like to fly out of Manhattan, but quite frankly I look at Kansas City too," McCulloh said. "I have a real problem with this. I think we just keep spending more money on the airport that, yes, is really a wonderful thing for some of our citizens, but it's not the biggest thing for the majority. I'm not degrading any of the efforts, but \$75,000 a month is pork spending."

Usha Reddi, city commissioner, said that while it may seem like a lot of money, it is money that is already budgeted and that if it goes unused it will just be returned to the state to be used elsewhere. The agreement would not raise taxes or take away from other programs.

Lyle Butler, CEO and President of the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, said that this was an important decision that would impact local businesses, including K-State.

"President Schulz and John Currie have both been incredible partners and wherever they've gone, they've supported our airport," Butler said. "As we look to the future with Fort Riley and with (the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility), we need to rise to the challenge like we have before."

After much debate, public discussion and many questions the agreement was approved with three votes in favor and one opposed. The commission moved on to the Interlachen Addition street improvements, which is seeking the approval of conversion of eight multi-family lots into 21 single family units. The petition was unanimously approved with no discussion. The counsel then went into a private executive session for 30 minutes for the purpose of discussion pending legal matters that are confidential and deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship.

(Source: Herald: Arkansas State University, February 4, 2015)

Reddi voted to stop banning women from going topless in public

The Manhattan City Commission on Tuesday unanimously decided to stop banning women from going topless in public.

The commission agreed to amend the city code to allow female toplessness. However, property owners and businesses still retain the right to require all patrons to wear shirts.

City attorney Katie Jackson recommended the city do this for the time being to avoid potential lawsuits after a civil lawsuit in Fort Collins, Colorado, which is covered by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. Kansas is also under the 10th Circuit. Fort Collins settled the case, but not before the court said it likely would find the ordinance unconstitutional.

The Manhattan code can be changed down the road, Jackson said.

However, the government could still prosecute if, for example, a woman without a shirt was acting in a lewd manner, which is against state law, Jackson said.

Commissioners Usha Reddi and Jerred McKee said it's appropriate to treat females and males the same way with this change.

"I don't like the idea of one gender getting higher penalties or fined more so than a different gender," Reddi said.

McKee said it is not fair that society generally sexualizes women's bodies.

"To the nearest point, if we're going to treat males one way in terms of toplessness, we should treat females the exact same way," McKee said.

"And so if people are upset about city pools and what could happen there, well then your sons will also be wearing shirts next summer to city pools."

The code still does not allow exposure of female or male genitalia or buttocks.

According to city officials, Manhattan has prosecuted 51 cases of public nudity since 2003. Of those, 37 defendants were males exposing their genitalia. Of the 14 female defendants, six were cited for toplessness, which occurred between 2004 and 2010.

In other actions:

-- Mayor Mike Dodson announced the resignation of Gary Fees, city clerk. Dodson nor Fees indicated why Fees was leaving, but Fees said he had a new opportunity arise. Dodson and the commission thanked and recognized him during the meeting.

-- The commission unanimously approved a measure to fund levee improvements after a public hearing where no one spoke. The ordinance gets the ball rolling on improvements to the Manhattan levee, including including installation of an 8,000-foot "underseepage collection system," new relief wells and gates.

-- The levee helps prevent flooding downtown from the Kansas and Big Blue rivers.

"I believe it is for the greater good," said commissioner Linda Morse.

The project costs about \$33 million. The city is responsible for \$13.4 million while the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers pays the remaining amount.

-- Commissioners approved an expansion of a pedestrian sidewalk at Wildcat Creek bridge on Highway K-18. The sidewalk expansion goes from 6-feet wide to 10-feet wide. The project costs \$69,000, with the city planning to fund it through the trail sales tax fund, official said.

-- Commissioners also approved 2020 service fees for downtown and Aggieville businesses. Fees vary depending on the business size and type. There is a 25% late fee if a business does not pay the amount on time.

(Source: The Manhattan Mercury, October 16, 2019)

The Manhattan Mercury reported that Reddi had \$3,807.96 in taxpayer-funded expenses for things such as meals and travel for conferences in 2019.

Dec. 08-- Dec. 8--The Mercury requested records of county and city officials in October to compare expenses and mileage of the people who serve as commissioners.

Two county officials accrued about \$7,000 in expenses and mileage from 2018 until the fall of 2019, according to Riley and Pottawatomie County documents obtained by The Mercury in October.

Riley County Commission vice chair Marvin Rodriguez accrued a total of \$7,573.13 during that time period with \$4,960.87 in 2018 and \$2,612.26 in 2019, including mileage reimbursements.

Pottawatomie County commissioner Dee McKee accrued \$6,809.59 in expenditures and mileage from 2018 until the fall of 2019.

Rodriguez said he had a trip to Nashville for county work. He also travels often to Riley and other cities in the county for city meetings.

However, commissioners don't always make a request for reimbursement of travel.

Rodriguez said he does not track or get compensated for mileage in town, and McKee paid for all her meals and travel while in Washington, D.C., for the National Association of Counties conference. She has attended that twice, once in 2018 and 2019.

McKee was reimbursed for two plane tickets, one in 2018 and one in 2019. One ticket cost \$926.66 and the other for \$687.04, respectively. She met with President Donald Trump in the White House Oval Office on one of the trips.

The \$926.66 ticket was more expensive as McKee booked the trip only a week in advance. She said she could not make the reservation until about a week before the trip due to township planning.

McKee said she covered all costs for her own meals and mileage while in Washington. She said she was not reimbursed for those costs.

Over the course of 2018, former Riley County commissioner Ben Wilson accrued \$900.80 in expenses and current Riley County chair Ron Wells had \$2,778.70. From January-October 2019, Riley County commissioner John Ford had \$2,705.15 in expenses while Wells had \$881.99.

Rodriguez received \$2,212.20 in mileage compensation over the course of 2018 and \$1,903.86 from January to October 2019. Wilson received \$130.80 in mileage reimbursement during 2018 and Wells received \$619.92.

Ford received \$158.12 in mileage and Wells received \$31.99 from January to October 2019.

Rodriguez recently visited Nashville to attend a conference on the county's behalf. His wife went with him on the trip, but the county did not cover any of her costs while on the trip, Rodriguez said.

When asked about her expenses, McKee said she is much more involved in affairs than the other commissioners, Travis Altenhofen and Pat Weixelman. She also said she travels much more than her colleagues because they have other full-time jobs.

"We're the hands of the state government," McKee told The Mercury.

McKee frequently visits Topeka during the legislative session at the beginning of every year. She also attends meetings throughout the region in cities such as Salina, Emporia and Wichita, among others.

During the same time period, commissioner Travis Altenhofen accrued no expenses while commissioner Pat Weixelman received \$193.50 in reimbursements for mileage from his home to Westmoreland for meetings. He was reimbursed for a total of 387 miles.

Altenhofen said he does not report expenses to the county for reimbursement, while McKee was reimbursed for 9,660 miles of travel, according to the documents.

Kansas statute 28-169 indicates that officials in any county with a population below 80,000 people can be compensated for "necessary traveling expenses." That is an unchanged law since 1943, according to a Kansas Attorney General opinion issued in 2004.

"Traveling between work and a personal residence is generally not considered to be 'performing duties' for the employer," according to the opinion, however.

As of 2017, Pottawatomie County has a population of 23,908 people and Riley County's population is 74,172, according to the United States Census Bureau.

"Pottawatomie County does approve mileage for commissioners traveling to and from their regular scheduled commission meetings," said Ashley Rice, county election deputy, in an email to The Mercury. "This is paid through their payroll because it is a taxable benefit."

Weixelman agreed with McKee that she travels much more than the other commissioners for the county. He said she doesn't overspend.

Pottawatomie County commissioners' annual salary for 2019 is \$28,078.44, according to records The Mercury obtained.

Riley County commissioners made \$45,900.64 in 2019, according to Tami Robison, budget and finance officer for Riley County.

Next year, Riley County commissioners will make \$50,077.43.

Altenhofen suggested that Pottawatomie County adopt a policy for the commission on their expenses that details what specifically is reimbursable.

Within the Manhattan City Commission, commissioner Linda Morse had \$900.52 in expenses during 2018 while commissioner Usha Reddi had \$279. Mayor Mike Dodson had \$121.80 in 2018.

Also in 2018, commissioner Jerred McKee had \$45 in expenses while commissioner Wynn Butler had no expenses.

In 2019, Reddi had \$3,807.96 in expenses for things such as meals and travel for conferences. Dodson had \$160 in expenses in 2019. McKee had \$3,024.74.

Morse accrued \$3,180.225.

Butler did not have any expenses.

None of the Manhattan city commissioners tracked mileage, other than McKee had a taxi fare of \$20.73. (Source: The Manhattan Mercury (Kansas), December 8, 2019)

Reddi voted for spending \$3.83 million on a community center, with the dissenting commissioner citing concerns about having to raise property taxes.

Dec. 18-- Dec. 18--City Hall was abuzz with applause Tuesday evening following the Manhattan City

Commission's decision to move forward with construction plans for the new Douglass Recreation Center.

Commissioners voted 4-1 in front of a packed meeting room after residents urged the commission to move forward with plans for a brand-new facility with enhanced recreational spaces for youth and adults.

The commission opted to enter into a contract with Trinium Inc. of Manhattan in the amount of \$3.83 million.

Plans for the new center include a pickleball and volleyball auditorium, an 84-foot basketball court, two 74-foot basketball courts and a three-lane elevated walking track above the course, among other amenities.

The current facility was constructed in 1903, according to the city.

Several people who spoke during the public hearing portion of the meeting said the time is now to get the ball rolling for the project as plans have been in the works for the past three or four years.

Others urged the commission to postpone voting until after the first of the year for the new commission to decide, which commissioner Wynn Butler agreed with.

"I feel a responsibility to help make a decision on this," McKee said in response to those comments.

McKee said the Douglass Recreation Center is his second priority, behind only the levee improvements.

"It sounds like we can get both of them done, so I'm going to vote yes on this," McKee said.

Butler, the sole commissioner who voted against the measure, raised concerns about funding.

"I'm still committed to not raising the property tax," Butler said.

He questioned how the new commission will be able to fund the project and said the city does not have a firm financial plan moving forward.

"I'm for the proposal, but not the financing because it's not nailed down," Butler said.

Butler suggested looking into using economic development funds toward paying for the project, but the commission did not discuss that.

The city will look to finance the project through bonds, which the commission approved back in May. Approximately \$4.6 million in debt will be bonded, according to officials. That will cover the \$3.83 million project plus financing and other costs.

It is not yet clear how the city will pay back that debt.

The city must complete the project over the course of 3-4 years or the U.S. Housing and Urban Development will require all the Community Development Block Grant funds to be repaid. CDBG bonds were used originally for design fees with Bruce McMillan of Manhattan. CDBG funds amount to \$348,677, according to officials.

Commissioner Usha Reddi said centers like this are critical to help foster friendships, fitness and overall well-being.

"I am all for this project," Reddi said. "I have been for awhile. It is time we do this."

Commissioner Linda Morse called the project "worthy," and said it is important to balance the needs of the community by completing this center. Mayor Mike Dodson touched on the topic of mentorship and expressed his support for completion of the center.

Carl Taylor, pastor of the Mount Zion Family Worship Center -- which is next to the current Douglass Center on Yuma Street -- spoke about the importance of providing a space for children in the area to use for athletic and social growth, especially those who did not make sports teams at school.

"They're still teenagers. They're still young people who need a place to go," Taylor said. "This addresses all of Manhattan, not just one area. All of Manhattan, every child that is here has an opportunity to go there. ... Just because you don't play football at Manhattan High does not mean you don't want to lift weights. Just because you don't want to run track does not mean you don't want to run."

Some residents suggested during public comment that people should use other facilities such as the new Genesis Health Clubs gym, planned to open in Manhattan soon, but Taylor said not everyone can afford that.

"So it is important to have the facility and also address the needs of those who cannot pay to go join Genesis or K-State or any other health club here in our community," Taylor said.

The walking track is a plus for residents as well as more gym space for children, said Maureen Sheahan, Douglass Center Advisory Board member.

"Having the separate gymnasium will be a huge benefit to the area, and to the kids to be able to have a safe place to go, a safe place to hang out," Sheahan said.

In other action Tuesday, commissioners:

Approved the city and the Chamber of Commerce entering into a contract with the Convention & Visitors Bureau for 2020. The contract specifies that the city must provide the chamber up to \$1.29 million received from the 7.5% transient guest tax over the course of 2020, which is the same amount as 2019. The chamber then provides tourism services for Manhattan. The total revenue allotted for 2020 is \$1.9 million in transient guest tax and starts with a fund of \$125,265, officials said. (Source: The Manhattan Mercury, December 18, 2019)

Reddi voted to move forward with a budget proposal that would result in a maximum \$12.6% property tax bill increase for the average homeowner in 2022.

Jul. 14—Although the Manhattan City Commission is not necessarily married to the idea, commissioners Tuesday moved forward with a budget proposal that would result in a maximum 12.6% property tax bill increase for the average homeowner in 2022.

A change in Kansas law this year requires cities to notify the state if the proposed budget is above "revenue neutral."

Commissioners approved a resolution 4-1 declaring their intent to levy a property tax rate above revenue neutral with a maximum levy of 54.914 mills during Tuesday's meeting. Moving forward, the commission can decrease the mill levy, but they cannot increase it.

"The mill levy that is published for (the) public hearing has historically been lowered on final approval," said Jared Wasinger, assistant to the city manager.

City administrators proposed a 2022 property tax rate of 54.914 mills, an increase over the 2021 rate of 49.835. A mill is \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 in assessed, taxable property value. That would mean the owner of a \$100,000 home paying \$573.10 in taxes during 2021 would pay \$645.40 in 2022, an increase of \$72.30 or 12.6%.

Mayor Wynn Butler voted against the measure.

"It's too much, and I understand the logic, but that's just outrageous, he said. "I got several emails on it today; people up in arms on that. That's excessive."

Commissioner Mark Hatesohl also indicated he won't set one that high, but he voted in favor of the measure because of the new state law.

"We've always scaled it back," Hatesohl said. "I have no intention on supporting a 54.914, but I'll make the motion to do it tonight, but that doesn't mean I support a five-mill increase."

Commissioner Usha Reddi said she was OK with approving the resolution for the state's purposes, but wanted to hear more about specific funds from the federal government during the coronavirus response before committing to a budget.

"I just need all those numbers to click into place to see what we want to do as far as our staff and hiring and making sure we are where we need to be," Reddi said.

Among the reasons given by city administrators for the increase include a 2.378-mill increase over 2021 for the Riley County Police Department, a 0.182-mill increase for the Manhattan Library Fund and a 2.579-mill increase for city-supported services in 2022, officials said. The city is statutorily required to fund the combined 2.5 mill increase for the library and police department.

Commissioner Aaron Estabrook said almost the entire time he's been a commissioner, he's heard about how the city isn't adequately funding its employees and services. He said he wants to pay the people and fund the city correctly.

"We blame flat sales tax," Estabrook said. "We hear, 'We need a reliable foundation to put that on.' You say it about a million different ways, but we're talking about paying for people with something that we can count on, which is property tax ..."

The extra step added by the state law has pushed back the timeline for the budget, which is usually completed in August. On Aug. 24, the commission will determine the budget for the Sept. 7 budget hearing.

(Source: The Manhattan Mercury, July 14, 2021)

When residents showed concern with the 2022 property tax rate increase of 5 mills, Reddi was described as “comfortable” with an increase of 3.5 mills.

Aug. 25—Manhattan city commissioners agree that the 2022 property tax rate proposed by city budget planners is too high, and they've tasked staffers with lowering the increase.

Deputy city manager Jason Hilgers presented the 2022 budget proposal to the commission during its work session Tuesday.

In the budget proposal is a mill levy increase of 5.079 mills, from 49.835 in 2021 to 54.914 for 2022, respectively. A mill is \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 in assessed, taxable property value.

The jump in the total mill levy amount includes a 2.378-mill increase over 2021 for the Riley County Police Department, a 0.182-mill increase for the Manhattan Library Fund and a 2.579-mill increase for city-supported services in 2022, officials said. The city is statutorily required to fund the combined 2.5 mill increase for the library and police department.

In July, the commission voted 4-1 to move forward with a budget proposal that would result in a maximum 12.6% increase in property tax bills for the average homeowner in Manhattan. That would mean the owner of a \$100,000 home paying \$573.10 in taxes during 2021 would pay \$645.40 in 2022, considering the valuation of an average single-family home in Riley County went up 2.2%. That is an increase of \$72.30 or 12.6%.

Hilgers said the increased property taxes would help city officials address some deferred maintenance items like information technology upgrades, support new staff positions, and initiate some capital improvement projects.

Mayor Wynn Butler voted against the proposal in July. On Tuesday, he said Manhattan residents "are not ready to handle" an increase of five mills.

"As I said at the first meeting, I can't support a mill levy increase," Butler said.

Each commissioner told Hilgers throughout the meeting that they would not support a five-mill boost. Butler suggested an increase of 2.560 mills for the sake of publishing a budget document in The Mercury and asked each board member to offer an alternative mill levy for publication.

"That doesn't mean it's going to be the mill levy, but that's a place to start," Butler said.

Commissioner Aaron Estabrook said he would want to limit the increase to 4.5 mills.

"We can go below that, but we can't go above it," Estabrook said.

Commissioner Mark Hatesohl said he would prefer 3.5 mills for publication purposes. Fellow commissioners Usha Reddi and Linda Morse also stated they would be comfortable with 3.5 mills.

"I am not inclined to support a five mill increase at all," Morse said. "I'd rather see us cut back on a project of some kind, or raise money in some other way."

Reddi said the city budgeting sessions "feel very different this year" with the addition of the revenue neutral tax rate legislation. A change in Kansas law this year requires cities to notify the state if the proposed budget is above "revenue neutral," meaning more money is raised through property taxes. It also pushed back the timeline for the budget, which is usually completed in August.

"I hope our staff understands that we respect them and the work they do," Reddi said. "The predicament this year is very, very unusual compared to other years."

Two public hearings will be held Sept. 7, one for the revenue neutral rate and one for the budget in general. After that, the budget will be adopted, with both documents to be certified by Riley County clerk Rich Vargo in October.

Hilgers said with the proposed budget, city administrators are "trying to create a financial position for the city that's healthy and sustainable."

"What we have tried to convey, year to year, is that we have people to pay for and services to deliver, and we've been underfunded for five years," Hilgers said. "That mill levy is the most reliable funding stream we have."

Commissioners agreed they would prefer to see an increased effort to boost sales tax revenue rather than raising property taxes year over year. The board also agreed that they would like to learn more about how the city can use \$6 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. City administrators said they are still awaiting the arrival of those funds.

The budget proposal also includes the addition of 12 new full-time jobs and one part-time position. Those new jobs would potentially include a water/wastewater engineer with an annual salary of \$85,000, four positions in parking management with salaries ranging from \$34,000 to \$51,000 for parking supervisors and crew leaders, and four positions in parks and recreation with salaries ranging from \$15,000 for a part-time administrative assistant to \$36,000 for a building technician.

The proposed budget document also features a 2% cost of living adjustment and a 2% salary increase for all city employees for 2022, as well as a capital improvement program totaling \$38.8 million for new city projects and equipment costs.

Butler ended the meeting by issuing a challenge to city staffers to work the mill levy increase down to at least 3.5 mills, which the majority of commissioners favored.

The next Manhattan city commission meeting is at 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at City Hall.

(Source: The Manhattan Mercury, August 25, 2021)

Reddi then voted for an increase of 9.4% property tax hike for 2022.

Sep. 8—Four of the five Manhattan city commissioners approved the first reading of the 2022 budget that would increase the average homeowner's tax bill by 9.4%

In total, the property tax rate would be 53.334 mills, up from 49.835 in 2021. A mill is \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 in assessed, taxable property value.

That would mean the owner of a \$100,000 home in Manhattan paying \$573.10 in taxes during 2021 would pay \$626.83 in 2022, considering the valuation of an average single-family home in Riley County went up 2.2%. That is an increase of \$53.73, or 9.4% to a homeowner's tax bill.

Mayor Wynn Butler on Tuesday voted against the budget despite staffers whittling the mill levy increase down from five mills to 3.5 mills as requested by Butler on Aug. 24.

"I still think we've got to take a microscope to this and see what we can pull apart on it (the budget)," Butler said. "I'm not going to support even 3.499, because there's people out there who want us to do better."

City finance director Rina Neal rounded the mill levy figure up to 3.5 for discussion purposes. Of the increase, 2.5 mills would be used for the Riley County Police Department, Manhattan Fire Department equipment updates, and the Manhattan Library Fund. The city is statutorily required to fund the combined 2.5 mill increase for the library fund and police department.

"Nobody likes a 3.5 mill property tax increase, but we only have it going to actual things the city needs," said commissioner Mark Hatesohl.

"I wish we could do more (to lower the mill levy), but I think that's about as much as our property owners can handle," said commissioner Usha Reddi.

The total 2022 budget for the city of Manhattan is \$169 million. That's an increase from the 2021 budget of \$166 million. Neal said the increases can be found in the general fund, which was bumped from \$32 million for 2021 to \$34 million for 2022.

Neal said the proposed general fund amount for 2022 "represents a 7% increase over the 2021 general fund budget, of which is mostly attributed to a higher budgeted beginning cash balance of \$6.4 million."

The budget also includes 12 new full-time jobs and one part-time position. Those new jobs would potentially include a water/wastewater engineer with an annual salary of \$85,000, four positions in parking management with salaries ranging from \$34,000 to \$51,000 for parking supervisors and crew leaders, and four positions in parks and recreation with salaries ranging from \$15,000 for a part-time administrative assistant to \$36,000 for a building technician.

The budget also features a 2% cost of living adjustment and a 2% salary increase for all city employees for 2022, as well as a capital improvement program totaling \$38.8 million for new city projects and equipment costs.

Commissioner Linda Morse said she would like to "find money in the budget" for the installation of a kitchen in Eisenhower Recreation Center for Northview residents, to address the food desert in that neighborhood.

"I'm not looking for extra money, but we ought to be able to find something to help them," Morse said.

Commissioner Aaron Estabrook said city officials need to include funds to "shore up the infrastructure of our organization" and address neglected upgrades in technology, as well as "actually take care of the people that run the city, too."

Reddi said she would like more information before the second budget reading on how funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) can be utilized. The city government has about \$6 million in ARPA money that cannot be used until the federal government provides an outline for how those monies can be utilized. Neal said there will be "more research" into how those funds can be used.

Commissioners will return for a second reading of the budget proposal on Sept. 21. The budget document won't be made official by the state of Kansas until October.

(Source: The Manhattan Mercury, September 8, 2021)

For the year 2023, Reddi backed a property tax hike that would increase the average homeowners bill by 7.43%

Jul. 6—The Manhattan City Commission on Tuesday gave initial approval to a flat property tax rate that would still increase the average homeowner's tax bill by 7.43%.

Commissioners formally approved a resolution that declares the city's intent to raise more money in property taxes in 2023 than 2022.

The resolution required commissioners to set a property tax rate for publication, which they approved with a 4-1 vote to set at 52.143 mills, the same as 2022. A mill is \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 in assessed, taxable property value.

Mayor Linda Morse voted against it, saying she would prefer publishing the city administrators' proposal of 53.004 mills. After publication, the property tax rate can be decreased, but it can't be increased.

"I'm interested in a little bit more of a gamble, and I would prefer publishing the right rate," Morse said.

If the commission approves a 2023 budget with a flat property tax rate, the owner of a \$100,000 home in Manhattan who paid \$599.64 in city taxes in 2022 would pay \$644.20 for a \$107,430 home in 2023. This is an increase of \$44.56 or 7.43%. This doesn't include Riley County and the Manhattan-Ogden school district, which also tax homes in Manhattan.

Under the administrators' proposal, property taxes for the average homeowner would have increased by \$55.19 or 9.2%.

With the increase in assessed valuation growth, administrators said the city government would raise an additional \$1.83 million in 2023 without increasing the property tax rate for a total of nearly \$33.06 million in revenue.

Commissioner Mark Hatesohl said the city could use outside agencies like the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, additional sales tax revenue and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to help solve the gap in funding.

"If the economy craps out and sales tax plummets, then there's no reason we ought to be raising property taxes," Hatesohl said.

Commissioner Wynn Butler wants to use the uncommitted ARPA funds, which are coronavirus-relief funding from the federal government, to help offset expenses. The city has about \$2 million in uncommitted ARPA funds.

"It's clear to me that people want parks and rec fixed, they want roads fixed, and we want to cover (Riley County Police Department) costs," Butler said.

Commissioner John Matta said the city can make a flat property tax rate work.

"To have a mill levy increase with having those funds, I just can't vote for that," Matta said. "I think we have plenty of resources to take care of everything this year."

Commissioner Usha Reddi said other entities still need to present their budget like the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, but she also agreed the city can figure out how to handle a flat rate. She said sales tax revenue is going up, but she would like to discuss additional budget details in future meetings.

City officials said increased budget costs come from the Riley County Police Department, which the city government must fund. The police department budget is \$25.05 million for 2023, an increase of \$1.98 million from 2022. The city is responsible for 80% of the funding and Riley County 20%.

Morse said one reason she supported a higher tax rate was to ensure RCPD was properly funded.

"You know there are communities around the country that are cutting police budgets, and I don't want to inadvertently cut our police budget," she said.

State law requires that the city report to the county clerk if it exceeds the revenue-neutral rate. The deadline to report is July 19. **(Source: The Manhattan Mercury, July 6, 2022)**

Reddi opposed spending cuts in a budget that made reductions to social services and ATA Bus funding.

Sep. 7—The Manhattan City Commission on Tuesday gave initial approval to the 2023 budget in a 3-2 vote while making additional reductions to social services and ATA Bus funding.

The overall proposed city budget increased from \$163.5 million in 2022 to \$189.2 million for 2023, which is an increase of \$25.7 million or 15.7%.

Commissioners Mark Hatesohl, Wynn Butler and John Matta voted for the budget.

Commissioner Usha Reddi and Mayor Linda Morse voted against the budget.

Separate from the budget decision, the commission reduced the proposed 2023 budgets for social services from \$575,000 to \$526,000 and ATA Bus from \$179,884 to \$143,000 with 3-2 votes with the same breakdown. Matta, who made the motions for both reductions, said both budgets still had 10% increases from 2022.

Butler, Matta and Hatesohl also voted to strike down funding for True Colors, a local nonprofit that aims to provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth.

Reddi voiced that she would not support the budget with the decreased funds because it takes away services from the most vulnerable population. "I don't want us to think of this as a burden on our community, more so than it is our responsibility as city commissioners to take care of our residents," Reddi said.

Morse said there is a lot of effort in the community to meet the needs of people who are less well off. She said she voted against decreasing the ATA Bus budget because it helps low-income people get to work and the store, and it is important that the city provides the bus service.

Matta said the budgets for those services were "a stretch too large."

Hatesohl said social services still received \$77,000 more than last year, but the commission can't keep raising fees across the board. For the reduction in the ATA bus budget, he said fuel prices have gone down by \$1, and if fuel prices stay down, it should still cover the cost.

Butler said he wants to slowly move the social services budget over to the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation and take it off the city government's plate. He said he supports ATA and that it's still a 10% increase. "We can't just ask the city to have a flat mill levy, reduce everything in the city, and then tell all outside agencies they can have more money," Butler said.

In July, the city commission voted to keep the property tax rate flat, which would still increase the average homeowner's tax bill by 7.43% because of an increase in property valuations. The city government expects to get \$33 million in property taxes — a 5.9% or \$1.8 million increase from 2022.

For example, the owner of a \$100,000 home in Manhattan who paid \$599.64 in city taxes in 2022 would pay \$644.20 for a \$107,430 home in 2023, given the average increase of existing single-family homes.

That would be an increase of \$44.56, or 7.43%. This doesn't include Riley County and the Manhattan-Ogden school district, which also levy separate property taxes.

Other budget increases are in the general fund, which rose from \$34 million in 2022 to \$39 million. The bond and interest fund, which helps pay city debt, was increased from \$21 million to \$29 million.

The Riley County Police Department budget is \$25.05 million for 2023, an increase of \$1.98 million from 2022. The city government is responsible for 80% of the funding and Riley County for 20%.

The commission will have a final vote during its Sept. 20 meeting.

Scorpion

The commission unanimously approved the rezoning of a 50-acre tract of land for Scorpion Biological Services, the biotech company planning to build a \$650-million, 500,000-square foot facility.

The city rezoned MCM Industrial Park from a Pottawatomie County agricultural and high commercial district to a Manhattan industrial/commercial services district.

The land is at the northeast corner of U.S. Highway 24 and Excel Road in Pottawatomie County.

Scorpion, a San Antonio-based company, plans to hire 500 employees.

The company plans to buy the land after annexation and would be on the property tax roll for the city, USD 383, and Pottawatomie County.

2022 budget

amendment

Commissioners unanimously approved amendments to the 2022 budget with several funds increasing after additional money came in.

The commission adjusted the Fire Pension KP&F budget from \$1.181 million to \$1.381 million and the sales tax fund from \$5.870 million to \$6.720 million.

Sunset Zoo asked for a budget amendment from \$534,000 to \$750,000 because of two grants they received. The Aggieville Business Association requested to amend its budget from \$71,500 to \$76,000 after collecting more fees. Downtown Manhattan Inc. requested to amend its budget from \$86,500 to \$91,500 because the district also collected more fees than expected.

(Source: The Manhattan Mercury, September 7, 2022)

Reddi voiced support for a sales tax renewal for economic development.

Feb. 21-- Feb. 21--Riley County and Manhattan city commissioners appeared to be at odds about the approach for a renewed economic development sales tax by next month.

Officials did not decide Thursday during a joint meeting of Manhattan, Riley County and Pottawatomie County officials whether the question will go on the ballot in November. But they discussed whether to maintain the same half-cent Riley County sales tax or create a half-cent sales tax for the city only.

The county sales tax under the current plan generates \$3.1 million for the city, \$1.8 million for Riley County as a whole, and \$137,563 shared by other cities in the county.

The proposed half-cent Manhattan sales tax would generate \$1.4 million more than the half-cent Riley County sales tax, according to officials. This increase is because the tax would apply to businesses on the Pottawatomie County side of Manhattan, which includes Walmart.

Riley County Commission chairman Marvin Rodriguez advocated for keeping the current sales tax because it benefits the other cities in Riley County as well.

At least three city commissioners -- a majority -- voiced support for a half-cent city of Manhattan sales tax. Under that plan, the the tax would generate more money, but Riley County would need to decide how to share proceeds with the smaller cities in the county. The city commissioners who spoke in support of it included Aaron Estabrook, Wynn Butler and Usha Reddi.

They reassured Riley County commissioners that the other communities would still be included.

Riley County commissioner John Ford and others said they plan to speak to the other communities about this over the next month.

Officials took no action, but the entities plan to work on a draft in the next few weeks together.

Police substation

The Riley County Police Department's substation in the new Aggieville parking garage will be 3,488 square feet larger than its current space.

Manhattan, Riley County and Pottawatomie County officials discussed the proposed RCPD substation Thursday at a joint meeting.

The current substation, at 1113 Moro St., is 612 square feet, which officials said limits officers because of the confined space.

"We have really no extra space at all," said Dennis Butler, director of RCPD.

The new substation will offer a little under 4,100 square feet.

Riley County pays \$10,500 annually -- or \$875 per month -- for the current space.

RCPD Capt. Josh Kyle said the current space presents several challenges.

For instance, officers can't conduct a private interview at the location.

Kyle also said since there is a lot of glass in the front of the building, someone could fire a gun into the space and potentially hurt people.

"There's really nothing to stop them," Kyle said.

He said when people are arrested, they sometimes antagonize one another because of the close proximity.

The new substation plans to offer meeting, training and conferencing spaces.

However, Manhattan city commissioner Mark Hatesohl raised concerns about the amount of prime real estate that RCPD could take up with the larger substation, considering there are also plans to include retail businesses in the parking garage.

"I have zero interest in providing you all of our A1, top, highly sought after retail, commercial space in Aggieville," said Hatesohl, who said he still supports moving RCPD into a new substation at the parking garage.

"I'll give you some (space) because I think it's vital that we have a presence," Hatesohl said.

Officials will continue to develop plans regarding the substation move in 2020.

Kyle and Butler also talked about possibly expanding the current law enforcement center at 1001 Seth Child Road in the future to better accommodate employees.

"It's an opportunity we have, but it's something that will be awhile," Kyle said.

Kyle mentioned the possibility of creating multiple stories, but he was not sure if the soil on the property would support that type of construction.

(Source: The Manhattan Mercury, February 21, 2020)

Reddi backed a 6% increase to both water and sewer rates and an increase to the flat rate for the storm sewer system

People will pay more for government-run utility services in Manhattan starting Jan. 1.

Manhattan city commissioners Tuesday unanimously approved a 6% increase to both water and sewer rates as well as an increase to the flat rate for the stormsewer system.

City administrators said these increases would help fund future flood levee improvements and other larger projects. They also said the additional money would offset revenue declines because of the coronavirus pandemic and meet 2021 budget projections for water consumption and revenues.

The average residential property's water bill per month in 2021 will increase from \$28.28 to \$29.98. That's a change of \$1.70 per month or \$20.46 per year.

For the average business, officials said the monthly water bill will increase from \$139.16 to \$147.51, which is a change of \$8.35. That's an annual difference of \$100.20.

The average residential property's sewer bill per month in 2021 will increase from \$42.05 to \$44.57. That's a change of \$2.52 per month or \$30.28 annually.

For the average business, the monthly sewer bill will increase from \$215.63 to \$228.57, a difference of \$12.94 monthly or \$155.25 annually.

Additionally, commissioners Tuesday approved setting the residential and commercial rates for stormwater in 2021. Including a levee surcharge of \$1.66 per unit, the residential rate will be at \$8.58 and commercial rate at \$8.08 per month.

This surcharge will help the city pay for the flood levee improvement project. This is part of a five-year flattening program for stormwater fees; 2021 is the fourth year of the plan, officials said.

City administrators recommended all these rate increases.

Mayor Usha Reddi said she wanted to discuss this topic more during the city's annual retreat, which is held usually in January. This is when commissioners prepare for the year. 2020 Global Data Point.

(Source: Utilities Monitor Worldwide, December 3, 2020)

Reddi spoke out against the effort by the Kansas Legislature to fund border security.

TOPEKA — The House and Senate provided supermajority votes Monday to override Gov. Laura Kelly's veto of \$15.7 million earmarked for deployment of Kansas National Guard troops in support

of the Texas Republican governor's campaign to deter undocumented immigrants from crossing the Rio Grande.

The vote in the Senate was 28-12, and the House echoed that sentiment 84-41.

Kelly line-item vetoed the provision in a budget bill that was originally approved based on assertions the state's investment in national security could help prevent unauthorized entry, including movement north of people intent on harming the United States. Other southern-border threats raised by override supporters were human trafficking, gang violence, foreign acquisition of farmland and importation of fentanyl, a drug linked to the spike in U.S. overdose deaths.

In Kansas, the governor serves as commander in chief of the Air and Army National Guard forces. Kelly, not the Legislature, has authority to deploy men and women in the Kansas Guard.

"When a governor deploys soldiers as part of a federal mission, it is done intentionally and in a manner that ensures we are able to protect our communities and that we do not threaten Guard readiness or limit our ability to respond to natural disasters at home," Kelly said.

Senate President Ty Masterson, the Andover Republican who made the override motion in the Senate, said he recently visited the city of Eagle Pass where Texas Gov. Greg Abbott ordered the Texas National Guard to oust the U.S. Border Patrol from a migrant processing center in Shelby Park. The state converted into a military installation the 47-acre city park on the Rio Grande named for a Confederate general.

Masterson said he accepted the invitation of a Texas state senator to go to the border to better assess whether the \$15.7 million was a reasonable expenditure and not "kind of a political game." Critics of the budget provision, including Democratic Rep. Henry Helgerson of Wichita, had accused Republicans of delving into this border security issue to undermine Kelly or embarrass President Joe Biden.

"Every state in the nation is a border state at this point," Masterson said. "Let Kansas be a part of it. It's not much short of an invasion. We're a little isolated up here, but it's coming."

House Majority Leader Chris Croft, R-Overland Park, said reversal of the governor's veto left open the possibility of deploying Kansas Guard men and women to the border.

"We are authorizing the funding needed to deploy the Kansas National Guard if and when Governor Kelly chooses to send troops to assist Governor Abbott with the humanitarian crisis taking place on the Texas southern border," Croft said.

'A political stunt'

Democrats questioned whether the \$15.7 million would make a difference in Texas and reminded their Republican brethren passage of the budget measure was a "pointless exercise" because constitutional authority to deploy the Kansas Guard rested with the Kansas governor.

"I hope that folks get whatever messaging points they want to get out of it," said Sen. Ethan Corson, a Johnson County Democrat. "No matter what we do, it's really going to have little effect. This is, to me, all about just a political stunt. It does not change the fact that, as much as the Senate

president, as much as the speaker of the House, might want to be commander in chief of the National Guard, the fact is, they are not.”

Sen. Tom Holland, D-Baldwin City, said funding to support Texas’ effort to turn away immigrants was an indication the quality of work done by the Legislature on the state budget during his 22 years as a legislator had “gotten more and more suspect.”

“I do not understand the reality in which certain people in this chamber reside,” the senator said. “Given the untold needs that our citizens have in this state, the mere idea that we would take millions of dollars and send it to another state — for what gain?”

Sen. Usha Reddi, a Manhattan Democrat, said the expenditure by Kansas wouldn’t resolve border problems that had simmered for decades. She warned that next year the Legislature could end of throwing \$15 million, \$30 million or more at the federal immigration stalemate.

‘Can’t be squandered’

Sen. Mark Steffen, a Reno County Republican who supported the override and blasted Biden for undermining former President Donald Trump’s executive orders on immigration, asked the Senate president for an assurance there would accountability for expenditure of Kansas tax dollars.

“Help me understand how we can take Kansas money and use it effectively in Texas — just to make sure we feel good ... that money is not being squandered like so much of it is by our federal government in foreign countries?” Steffen said.

Masterson said the funding “can’t be squandered” because it would be tied directly to deployed Kansas Guard troops. “If there’s no boot on the ground, there’s no money spent,” he said.

While GOP lawmakers pointed a finger at Biden, none mentioned Trump’s role in scuttling in February a bipartisan congressional deal for tougher immigration laws. It was argued Republicans could leverage inaction on immigration to their advantage in the 2024 election cycle.

Goodland Sen. Rick Billinger, the Republican chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, said skeptics of the state’s contribution to Texas’ anti-immigration action should “open your eyes.” He said an estimated 300 people on terrorist watch lists had slipped across the southern border before their identity could be determined. People pouring into the United States weren’t parents with children keen to start a new life, he said.

“I seen the videos,” Billinger said. “These weren’t men, women and children. These were young men.”

What took so long?

Sen. Jeff Longbine, a Republican from Emporia, said immigration was the policy and financial domain of the federal government and Congress had repeatedly failed to deliver. It wasn’t clear the governor would send Kansas Guard troops to the border or whether that would make a difference in Texas, he said.

“I do know that our immigration laws are a mess,” Longbine said. “Our federal delegation, or Congress, has failed to act.”

He said more than half the students in K-12 public schools in Emporia were Hispanic. He voted for the override on behalf of immigrants who took the time and effort to gain legal status in the United States. “These people are friends. They are neighbors. They are relatives,” he said.

Sen. Alicia Straub, R-Ellinwood, said a letter drafted in September by GOP Rep. Trevor Jacobs of Fort Scott called on the governor to send military forces to Texas. It was signed by about 20 of the state’s 165 legislators. Straub asked Masterson whether it took a trip to the border for him to realize there was a problem.

“I got tired of writing letters,” Masterson said. “It was time to do something real.”

(Source: <https://kansasreflector.com/2024/04/29/senate-rebuffs-kansas-governor-affirms-15-7-million-contribution-to-texas-border-security/>)

Kan Focus Democrat Support Ratings

In 2024, Reddi was the 6th most partisan Democrat in the Kansas Senate, voting with Democrats nearly 98% of the time.

6	Usha Reddi, D-22nd	290	97.97%	6	2.03%
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In 2023, Reddi was the 2nd most partisan Democrat in the Kansas Senate, voting with Democrats over 98% of the time.

Rank	Name	Number Agreed	Pct. Agreed	Number Disagreed	Pct. Disagreed
1	Ethan Corson, D-7th	298	98.35%	5	1.65%
2	Usha Reddi, D-22nd	298	98.03%	6	1.97%

Voting Record – Key ACU Votes

Reddi voted to allow men to play women’s sports.

HB 2238 — Protecting Girls’ Sports in Kansas

2023 — Kansas Senate

Vote Description

This bill requires that public schools designate their sports teams as being for males, females, or both (coed). It then prohibits the school from allowing males to play on teams designated for females. CPAC supports efforts to create a safe and fair environment of play in school sports and supported this bill. The Senate overrode Governor Kelly’s veto of this bill on April 5, 2023 by a vote of 28-12 and the bill later became law.

(Source: http://ratings.conservative.org/bills/KS_2023_HB_2238_S)

Reddi voted against required girls and boys to have separate accommodations on overnight trips.

HB 2138 — Protecting Girls’ Privacy and Safety

2023 — Kansas Senate

Vote Description

This bill requires public schools to provide male and female students with separate accommodations for overnight trips. CPAC supports efforts to protect and preserve the privacy of female students and supported this bill. The Senate voted to override Governor Kelly’s veto of this bill on April 27, 2023 by a vote of 30-9 and the bill later became law.

(Source: http://ratings.conservative.org/bills/KS_2023_HB_2138_S)

Reddi voted against protecting Kansas from “Woke” investments.

HB 2100 — Protecting Kansas’ State Funds from ESG-Obsessed Companies

2023 — Kansas Senate

Vote Description

This bill prohibits fiduciaries acting on behalf of Kansas’ public employee retirement system from investing funds in order to further ESG goals. CPAC opposes the involvement of ESG in the government’s decision-making processes and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 6, 2023 by a vote of 27-12 and the bill later became law.

(Source: http://ratings.conservative.org/bills/KS_2023_HB_2100_S)

Reddi voted against requiring welfare recipients to complete an employment and training program.

HB 2094 — Favorable Changes to Kansas’ Food Assistance Programs

2023 — Kansas Senate

Vote Description

This bill requires individuals between the ages of 50 and 59 who are applying for food assistance to complete an employment and training program in order to become eligible to receive such assistance. CPAC supports efforts to ensure that food assistance programs not be exploited by wrongdoers and supported this bill. The Senate overrode Governor Kelly's veto of this bill on April 27, 2023 by a vote of 28-12 and the bill later became law.

(Source: http://ratings.conservative.org/bills/KS_2023_HB_2094_S)

Reddi voted against limiting property tax valuations

SCR 1611 — Limiting Property Tax Valuation Increases

2023 — Kansas Senate

Vote Description

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that would prohibit the state from increasing a real property's valuation by more than 4% per year except in a few circumstances. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to reduce future increases in the people's tax burden and supported this resolution. The Senate passed this resolution on April 5, 2023 by a vote of 28-11.

(Source: http://ratings.conservative.org/bills/KS_2023_SCR_1611_S)

Reddi cast a vote against a resolution urging energy independence and rejecting leftist energy standards that drive up costs.

SCR 1603 — Urging President Biden to Protect America's Long-term Energy Needs

2023 — Kansas Senate

Vote Description

This resolution urges President Biden to reject unscientific environmental mandates and to implement policies that will increase domestic energy production. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to increase the US' energy independence and supported this resolution. The Senate passed this bill on April 4, 2023 by a vote of 29-10.

(Source: http://ratings.conservative.org/bills/KS_2023_SCR_1603_S)

Reddi voted against a Women's Bill of Rights.

SB 180 — Women's Bill of Rights in Kansas

2023 — Kansas Senate

Vote Description

This bill codifies the biological definition of “sex” into state law. CPAC supports opposition to radical Leftist notions about gender and sex and supported this bill. The Senate overrode Governor Kelly’s veto of this bill on April 26, 2023 by a vote of 28-12 and the bill later became law.

(Source: http://ratings.conservative.org/bills/KS_2023_SB_180_S)

Reddi voted against a cut in the individual income tax.

SB 169 — Significant Cut in the Individual Income Tax

2023 — Kansas Senate

Vote Description

This bill reduces the individual income tax rate for all individuals to 5.15%. CPAC supports broad and flat tax rates and supported this bill. The Senate sustained Governor Kelly’s veto of this bill on April 26, 2023 by a vote of 26-14.

(Source: http://ratings.conservative.org/bills/KS_2023_SB_169_S)

Reddi voted for special tax breaks for Hollywood producers.

SB 91 — Enriching Woke Hollywood Producers

2023 — Kansas Senate

Vote Description

This bill establishes various financial incentives for the film industry. CPAC opposes the subsidization of woke film productions and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 23, 2023 by a vote of 28-7 but the bill stalled in the House.

(Source: http://ratings.conservative.org/bills/KS_2023_SB_91_S)

Reddi voted against stopping gender reassignment

SB 26 — No Radical Gender Surgeries for Minors in Kansas

2023 — Kansas Senate

Vote Description

This bill allows individuals to bring a lawsuit against physicians who provide gender “reassignment” surgeries to minors. It also authorizes the state to revoke the licenses of such physicians. CPAC opposes the mutilation of minors and supported this bill. The Senate sustained Governor Kelly’s veto of this bill on April 26, 2023 by a vote of 26-14.

(Source: http://ratings.conservative.org/bills/KS_2023_SB_26_S)

Key 2023, 2024 Senate Votes

Reddi voted against comprehensive tax relief on income, social security and food sales tax four different times in 2023.

SB 169, 2023

Bill Title: House Substitute for SB 169 by Committee on Taxation - providing an income tax rate of 5.15% for individuals and decreasing the normal tax for corporations, increasing the income limit for the income tax subtraction modification for social security income, increasing the standard deduction by a cost-of-living adjustment, discontinuing the food sales tax credit, decreasing the privilege tax normal tax, establishing a 0% state rate for sales and use taxes for food and food ingredients on January 1, 2024, and increasing the extent of property tax exemption for residential property from the statewide school levy.

(Source: <https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB169/id/1313617>;
<https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB169/id/1311234>;
<https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB169/id/1295841>;
<https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB169/id/1260746>)

Reddi voted against legislation that would reduce regulations on business.

HB 2648, 2024: Requiring the director of the budget to independently determine costs of compliance and implementation for all proposed rules and regulations and authorizing the director of the budget to disapprove proposed rules and regulations (82-36)

- REINS Act to rein in the regulatory state
- Provides legislative oversight of high cost regulations
- Pushes back on the bureaucracy

(Source: <https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/HB2648/id/1436116>;
<https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/HB2648/id/1416200>)

Reddi voted against legislation that would anti-DEI in Kansas Higher Education.

HB 2105, 2024: DEI in Higher Education (81-40)

- Prohibits higher ed from taking certain actions concerning diversity, equity, or inclusion (DEI)
- Includes prohibiting diversity statements for employment, admission, or education aid.
- Requires all training materials to be posted for the public
- Sets out a process and penalties for non-compliance

(Source: <https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/HB2105/id/1421547>)

Reddi voted twice against prohibiting China from buying land.

SB 172, 2024: Foreign Land

- Kansas Land & Military Installation Act
- Prohibit foreign principals from countries of concern from acquiring an interest in non residential real property located within 150 miles of the boundary of any military installation located in Kansas or an adjacent state
- Standing up to China vote

Note: Reddi voted against this bill twice but voted for it at final passage

(Source: <https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB172/id/1436675>;
<https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB172/id/1421633>;
<https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB172/id/1386270>)

Reddi cast a vote against stopping drone surveillance from hostile nations like China.

SB 271, 2024: Drone Bill

- Prohibits government agencies from purchasing, acquiring, or using drones whose critical components were produced in country of concern, or whose critical components were produced or owned by a foreign principal
- National security vote. Standing up to China

Note: Reddi first voted for it but then voted against Veto Override

(Source: <https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB271/id/1286367>;
<https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB271/id/1436140>)

Reddi voted to make it easier to allow minors to get irreversible sex change surgery.

SB 26, 2023 – Creates civil penalties for doctors who transition minors

- Pro child

(Source: <https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB26/id/1310972>)

SB 233, 2024: Forbidding abusive childhood transitions act

- Conference report prohibiting sex changes for children

(Source: <https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB233/id/1435988>)

Reddi voted against giving parental approval before a healthcare provider administers a drug or test on a minor child

SB 287, 2024: Prohibiting a healthcare provider from administering any drug or diagnostic test or conducting behavioral health treatment to a minor in a school facility without parental consent (85-37)

- Protecting parental rights and requiring their consent before medical treatments or test are performed on their children with exceptions for emergency situations.

(Source: <https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB287/id/1436795>)

Reddi voted against funding efforts to secure the Mexican Border.

SB 28 Line Item 1, 2024: Texas border money

- Veto override regarding sending support to the border to help Texas
- Tough on the border vote

(Source: <https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/SB28/id/1436071>)

Reddi voted against income tax, property tax, food sales tax and social security tax relief.

HB 2284, 2024: Mega Tax Bill

- Single rate income tax 5.25%
- Eliminate social security tax on income
- Eliminate food sales tax
- Increase property tax residential exemption to \$100k

(Source: <https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/HB2284/id/1366412>)

HB 2036, 2024: Mega Tax Bill Veto Override

- Single rate income tax 5.25%
- Eliminate social security tax on income
- Eliminate food sales tax
- Increase property tax residential exemption to \$100k
- Yes vote was a vote to cut all the taxes listed above, no vote was a vote against tax cuts and with Laura Kelly

(Source: <https://legiscan.com/KS/rollcall/HB2036/id/1436058>)

Reddi voted against a convention of the states to establish term limits for members of Congress. (Source: SCR 1609, 2024 Session)

Reddi voted against a resolution giving the Texas Governor the right to act on border security

(Source:

https://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2023_24/measures/vote_view/je_20240215193527_803059/)

Political Donations

Reddi has given to radical Democrats like Bernie Sanders and AOC.

	A	B	C	N	AB	AC	AI	AJ	BU
1	committee_id	committee_name	report_year	contributor_n	contributor	contribution_rec	contribution	memo_text	
2	C00003251	NEA FUND FOR CHILDREN AND PUBLIC EDUCATION	2007	REDDI, USHA	CLASSROOM TEACHE	7/4/2007 0:00	650		
3	C00003251	NEA FUND FOR CHILDREN AND PUBLIC EDUCATION	2008	REDDI, USHA	CLASSROOM TEACHE	10/22/2008 0:00	10		
4	C00003251	NEA FUND FOR CHILDREN AND PUBLIC EDUCATION	2008	REDDI, USHA	CLASSROOM TEACHE	11/24/2008 0:00	10		
5	C00003251	NEA FUND FOR CHILDREN AND PUBLIC EDUCATION	2007	REDDI, USHA	CLASSROOM TEACHE	7/4/2007 0:00	120		
6	C00003251	NEA FUND FOR CHILDREN AND PUBLIC EDUCATION	2008	REDDI, USHA	CLASSROOM TEACHE	12/22/2008 0:00	10		
7	C00003251	NEA FUND FOR CHILDREN AND PUBLIC EDUCATION	2007	REDDI, USHA	CLASSROOM TEACHE	7/4/2007 0:00	10		
8	C00003251	NEA FUND FOR CHILDREN AND PUBLIC EDUCATION	2008	REDDI, USHA	CLASSROOM TEACHE	8/22/2008 0:00	5		
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10	C00003251	NEA FUND FOR CHILDREN AND PUBLIC EDUCATION	2011	REDDI, USHA	CLASSROOM TEACHE	11/22/2011 0:00	10		
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14	C00401224	ACTBLUE	2015	REDDI, USHA	TEACHER	12/18/2015 0:00	5	CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE	
15	C00401224	ACTBLUE	2016	REDDI, USHA	TEACHER	1/18/2016 0:00	5	CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE	
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25	C00401224	ACTBLUE	2016	REDDI, USHA	TEACHER	4/18/2016 0:00	5	CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE	
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27	C00019380	KANSAS DEMOCRATIC PARTY	2018	REDDI, USHA	TEACHER	8/20/2018 0:00	240		
28	C00649897	HIRAL FOR CONGRESS	2018	REDDI, USHA	TEACHER	C00401224 4/19/2018 0:00	250	* EARMARKED CONTRIBUTION: SEE BELOW	
29	C00552810	LAPOLICE FOR KANSANS	2018	REDDI, USHA	TEACHER	6/30/2018 0:00	500		
30	C00019380	KANSAS DEMOCRATIC PARTY	2019	REDDI, USHA	CITY COMMISSIONER	7/14/2019 0:00	400		
31	C00401224	ACTBLUE	2019	REDDI, USHA	NOT EMPLOYED	4/27/2019 0:00	30	CONTRIBUTION TO ACTBLUE	
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48	C00401224	ACTBLUE	2020	REDDI, USHA	TEACHER	10/26/2020 0:00	25	EARMARKED FOR NANCY PELOSI FOR CONGRESS (C00213512)	
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74	C00790469	HOLLAND FOR KANSAS	2022 REDDI, USHA NOT EMPL	C00401224	4/20/2022 0:00	500	EARMARKED THROUGH ACTBLUE 04-24-2022 \$6,710.00 - SEE MEMO ON SCH
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81	C00010603	DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMI	2024 REDDI, USHA TEACHER	C00401224	4/16/2024 0:00	2500	* EARMARKED CONTRIBUTION: SEE BELOW
82	C00401224	ACTBLUE	2023 REDDI, USHA NOT EMPLOYED		2/17/2023 0:00	120	EARMARKED FOR KANSAS DEMOCRATIC PARTY - FEDERAL ACCOUNT (C000:
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84	C00703975	HARRIS FOR PRESIDENT	2024 REDDI, USHA TEACHER	C00401224	6/30/2024 0:00	2500	* EARMARKED CONTRIBUTION: SEE BELOW
85	C00703975	HARRIS FOR PRESIDENT	2024 REDDI, USHA PUBLIC OFFICIAL		7/24/2024 0:00	258.32	* HARRIS VICTORY FUND
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(Source: www.fec.gov, Search of Usha Reddi Donations)

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"The rumors and negativity concerning our renewable energy potential both as a state and as a nation are a result of direct misinformation campaigns by fossil fuel entities and their powerful political alliances on a global scale. The renewable energy potential of the state of Kansas is being neglected as a result of outside influence. Addressing the climate crisis means for Kansas a future where our economy flourishes and our environment is restored."

"If capitalism is to be sustained, and our consumption of energy to expand, we must take action now to stop incentivization of fossil fuels, assess the damage being done in terms of real dollars, and use the knowledge and resources available to realign how we create energy. Allocation of tax incentives should be

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EDUCATION

As a teacher and a teachers' union leader, I have had a front row seat to the triumphs and challenges of our public education system. One thing has been consistently clear: as our public education goes, so goes the economy and our communities.

Betsy DeVos, President Trump's Secretary of Education, is systematically undermining public school education and placing barriers to student success. DeVos is thwarting the federal government's established role in fostering educational excellence and equal access for all public school students. In fact, her policies promote persistent income inequality and racial disparities. These policies must be reversed.

Student debt has become the greatest challenge for our current generation of graduates. Graduates are putting off getting married, buying a home, and creating a retirement fund because of the burden of paying off their student debt. This not only makes America an unhappier nation but also slows spending by an entire cohort, when we need their spending to stimulate the economy and their earnings to replenish our Social Security fund. I will fight for students by standing up to attempts to undermine loan forgiveness programs, and I'll make sure that private companies and government agencies are not profiting at the expense of our young workforce.

IMMIGRATION AND WORKFORCE

Let's get one thing straight, people come to America for the opportunities it offers them and their children. If people are leaving everything they've known to be with us and become Americans, that's a huge resource to our culture and our economy.

Although some like Kris Kobach would differ, the rest of us know our current broken immigration policies aren't just, they aren't moral, and they aren't sustainable. And as an immigrant myself, these policies don't represent the country that welcomed me.

I know very well from representing Manhattan that in Kansas, small businesses, research universities, and agricultural industries depend on the talent of our immigrants. Immigration is a workforce issue. We can have a rules-based immigration policy and effective border security at the same time. This includes a visa system that's responsive to the labor markets of our local industries.

I support DREAMers, those who have received status through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. DACA recipients earn college and university degrees, and become our doctors, our police officers, our soldiers and veterans, our neighbors, and our friends. They deserve a path to citizenship, and the U.S. Senate must do its part to make this happen. The House of Representatives has passed the DACA bill that's needed. It's time for Mitch McConnell to stop objecting and do the right thing.

Industries should expect to have a responsive visa system, DREAMers deserve to continue dreaming here, and Americans deserve to sleep well at night knowing our borders are being secured while our values aren't being sacrificed in the service of xenophobia.

HEALTHCARE

As a single mother of three, I remember having to do the math about which child should see a doctor or whether a problem was bad enough to see a doctor. As a teacher and elected official, I have also seen and had to address the impact of healthcare insecurity on our Kansas communities.

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to expand, we must take action now to stop incentivization of fossil fuels, assess the damage being done in terms of real dollars, and use the knowledge and resources available to realign how we create energy. Allocation of tax incentives should be outright demolished or potentially readdressed to more environmentally responsible energy sectors. There will always be damage done in the name of progress, but if we are not capable of addressing the issue of climate crisis now, there will be nothing left to progress."

U.S. Senate candidate Usha Reddi is not accepting any fossil fuel donations for her Senate campaign. Usha's campaign isn't up for sale, but it'll take your help to fight an election fossil fuel companies are trying to buy. Will you stand with her?"

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Salary/Pay

Usha Reddi earned \$56,783.82 in Salary during her 11 salaried years on the Manhattan City Commission

Name	Gross Pay	Net	Year
Usha Reddi	\$3,655.44	\$2,983.84	13
Usha Reddi	\$5,280.08	\$4,275.97	14
Usha Reddi	\$5,280.08	\$4,233.58	15
Usha Reddi	\$6,120.01	\$4,850.17	16
Usha Reddi	\$6,378.47	\$5,040.98	17
Usha Reddi	\$5,520.06	\$4,534.22	18
Usha Reddi	\$5,760.04	\$4,726.80	19
Usha Reddi	\$3,673.94	\$2,961.20	20
Usha Reddi	\$ 7,154.04	\$ 2,802.96	21
Usha Reddi	\$6,000.02	\$4,973.92	22
Usha Reddi	\$1,961.54	\$1,657.72	23

(Source: Manhattan City Commission Records of Usha Reddi Salary)

State Senate Salary in 2023 and 2024

2024 Session (89 days, includes 1 day Special Session)	Per Diem Salary \$88.66/day	Per Diem Subsistence* \$166/day	Legislative Allowance \$354.15/Biweekly for 10 pay periods (through August 16, 2024)	Leadership Pay	Travel Expense Reimbursements One R/T Per Week (\$.655/mi-16 trips)	Travel Expense Reimbursements Out of State Travel
Sen. Usha Reddi	\$7,890.74	\$14,608.00	\$3,541.50	\$0.00	\$1,341.44	\$0.00

2023 Session (84 days)	Per Diem Salary \$88.66/day	Per Diem Subsistence* \$157/day	Legislative Allowance \$354.15/Biweekly for 20 pay periods	Leadership Pay	Travel Expense Reimbursements One R/T Per Week (\$.585/mi-14 trips)	Travel Expense Reimbursements Out of State Travel
Sen. Usha Reddi	\$7,447.44	\$13,188.00	\$7,083.00	\$0.00	\$1,048.32	\$0.00

(Source: Kansas Legislative Administrative Services)

Lobbyist Gifts/Meals

-In 2023, Usha Reddi received \$686.16 in lobbyist gifts

-In 2024, Usha Reddi received \$493.23 in lobbyist gifts

(Source: Kansas Government Ethics Commission, Lobbyist Gifts)

Trips/Meals while on the City Commission

According to the list below, Reddi received \$24,070.88 in meals, travel and in conference fees.

Trips appear to include things going to the National League of Cities conference in DC and staying in expensive hotels.

Year	Payee	Category	Purpose	Conference	Total
2013	VISA-UMB BANK	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	MACC-LEADERS-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	175.00
2013	CITY OF LINDSBORG	TRAVEL/LODGING	LKM CONFERENCE-REDDI	LKM	161.18
2013	LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	GOVERNING_MAYOR-REDDI	LKM	160.00
2013	LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	USHA REDDI	LKM	200.00
2013	USHA REDDI	TRAVEL/MEALS	LKM CONFERENCE	LKM	30.00
2013	USHA REDDI	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	LKM CONFERENCE	LKM	141.25
2013	USHA REDDI	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	LKM MAYOR'S CONFERENCE	LKM	62.15
2013	USHA REDDI	TRAVEL/MISC	TOLLS-LKM CONFERENCE	LKM	5.50
2013	USHA REDDI	TRAVEL/MEALS	NCL CONGRESS EXPO	NLC	15.77
2013	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/MEALS	GORDON-NLC CONF-REDDI	NLC	21.99
2013	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/LODGING	HYATT-NLC CONF-REDDI	NLC	845.25
2013	VISA-UMB BANK	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	NLC-CONGRESS-REDDI	NLC	425.00
2013	VISA-UMB BANK	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	NLC-CONGRESS-REDDI	NLC	405.00
2013	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/AIRFARE	SOUTHWEST-CONGRESS-REDDI	NLC	327.60
2013	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/MISC	HYATT-INTERNET-NLC-REDDI	NLC	9.95
2014	FLINT HILLS REGIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM	PROGRAM EXPENSE	GRADUATION DINNER	FHRLP	60.00
2014	USHA REDDI	PROGRAM EXPENSE	GRADUATION DINNER	FHRLP	(30.00)
2014	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/LODGING	SHERATON-LEADERS-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	103.55
2014	LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	MUNICIPAL FINANCE-REDDI	LKM	100.00
2014	LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	USHA REDDI	LKM	200.00
2014	USHA REDDI	TRAVEL/LODGING	LKM ANNUAL CONFERENCE	LKM	126.14
2014	USHA REDDI	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	LKM ANNUAL CONFERENCE	LKM	179.20
2014	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	TRAVEL/MEALS	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2014	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/MEALS	MEDATERRA-CONGRESS-REDDI	NLC	19.13
2014	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/MEALS	RAJAI-NLC CONGRESS-REDDI	NLC	34.91
2014	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/MEALS	TONY & JOE-CONGRESS-REDDI	NLC	50.30
2014	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/MEALS	CHILIS-NLC CONGRESS-REDDI	NLC	12.07
2014	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/MEALS	NLC-CONGRESSIONAL-REDDI	NLC	35.00
2014	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/LODGING	MARRIOTT-CONGRESS-REDDI	NLC	899.97
2014	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/AIRFARE	AMERICAN-CONGRESS-REDDI	NLC	25.00
2014	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/AIRFARE	AMERICAN-CONGRESS-REDDI	NLC	25.00
2014	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/AIRFARE	AMERICAN-NLC-REDDI	NLC	386.00
2014	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/MISC	DIAL CAB-CONGRESS-REDDI	NLC	8.74
2015	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	TRAVEL/MEALS	WASHINGTON-AUSA-REDDI	AUSA	173.84
2015	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/LODGING	WASHINGTON-AUSA-REDDI	AUSA	924.00
2015	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/AIRFARE	SOUTHWEST-AUSA-REDDI	AUSA	231.00
2015	USHA REDDI	TRAVEL/MEALS	FT RILEY LISTEN SESSION	Ft Riley Listening Session	20.00
2015	USHA REDDI	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	LEADERS RETREAT	Leaders Retreat	138.00
2015	VISA-UMB BANK	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	MACC-LEADER RETREAT-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	175.00
2015	VISA-UMB BANK	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	NLC-CONGRESSIONAL-REDDI	NLC	560.00
2015	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/MEALS	NLC-NLC CONF-REDDI	NLC	35.00

2015	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/MEALS	NLC-NLC CONF-REDDI	NLC	49.00
2015	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/LODGING	MARRIOTT-NLC CONF-REDDI	NLC	905.13
2015	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/AIRFARE	AMERICAN-NLC CONF-REDDI	NLC	419.20
2016	FORT RILEY-CENTRAL KANSAS CHAPTER	TRAVEL/MEALS	AUSA DINNER-REDDI	AUSA	25.00
2016	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	WASHINGTON-AUSA-REDDI	AUSA	100.00
2016	USHA REDDI	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MEAL,CAB-AUSA-REDDI	AUSA	24.73
2016	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	CENTROLINA-AUSA-REDDI	AUSA	21.22
2016	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	AMERICAN-AUSA-REDDI	AUSA	25.00
2016	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	HYATT-AUSA-REDDI	AUSA	1,167.90
2016	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	AMERICAN-AUSA CONF-REDDI	AUSA	393.20
2016	USHA REDDI	TRAVEL/MEALS	Reimbursement	AUSA	(25.00)
2016	USHA REDDI	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILEAGE-FHRC,LUNCH-REDDI	FHRC	52.92
2016	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	GOOD MORNING-REDDI	Good Morning	20.00
2016	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	GOOD MORNING-REDDI	Good Morning	(20.00)
2016	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	GOOD MORNING-REDDI	Good Morning	20.00
2016	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	GOOD MORNING-REDDI	Good Morning	20.00
2016	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MACC-INTERCITY-REDDI	Intercity	(395.00)
2016	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MACC-INTER CITY VST-REDDI	Intercity	395.00
2016	USHA REDDI	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	INTERGOVERNMENT LUNCH	Intergovernmental Luncheon	13.00
2016	VISA-UMB BANK	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	MACC-CHAMBER RET-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	175.00
2016	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MACC-LEADERS RET-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	155.00
2016	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	BREAKFAST-REDDI	Legislative Breakfast	15.00
2016	LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	LEADERSHIP,MAYOR-REDDI	LKM	160.00
2016	LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	CREWATE CHAMPION-REDDI	LKM	325.00
2016	USHA REDDI	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILEAGE,MEAL-LKM-REDDI	LKM	163.50
2016	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	SHERATON-LKM CONF-REDDI	LKM	(12.39)
2016	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	SHERATON-LKM CONF-REDDI	LKM	164.99
2016	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/MEALS	HHB BBQ-LOCAL GOVT-REDDI	Local Government	10.00
2016	USHA REDDI	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILEAGE-MAYOR MTG-REDDI	Mayor's Meeting	64.80
2016	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2016	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2016	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2016	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2016	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2016	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2017	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	ANNUAL MEETING-REDDI	Annual Meeting	65.00
2017	JARED WASINGER	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MEAL-GOVT DAY-REDDI	Government Day	16.25
2017	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	INTER REGION VISIT-REDDI	Inter Region Visit	375.00
2017	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	LEADERS RETREAT-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	165.00
2017	USHA REDDI	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILEAGE-LEADERS RET-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	128.40
2017	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	EMBASSY-LEADERS RET-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	325.88
2017	USHA REDDI	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	REIMBURSEMENT	Leaders Retreat	(20.92)
2017	LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	LEADERSHIP,MAYOR-REDDI	LKM	160.00
2017	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00

2017	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2017	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2017	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2017	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2017	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2017	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2017	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2017	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MRC BREAKFAST-REDDI	MRC Breakfast	12.00
2017	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	BISTROT-MEALS-NLC-REDDI	NLC	28.83
2017	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	AMERICAN-NLC CONF-REDDI	NLC	25.00
2017	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MACARONI-MEALS-NLC-REDDI	NLC	12.14
2017	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	LA TOMATE-MEALS-NLC-REDDI	NLC	34.47
2017	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	HILTON-LODGING-NLC-REDDI	NLC	910.29
2017	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MACINTYRES-MEAL-NLC-REDDI	NLC	17.75
2017	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	METRO-RAIL-NLC-REDDI	NLC	5.00
2017	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	FARMERS-MEAL-NLC-REDDI	NLC	27.72
2017	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	AMERICAN-NLC CONF-REDDI	NLC	513.40
2017	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	NLC-NLC CONF-REDDI	NLC	590.00
2017	SCOTT STUCKEY	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	STAFFERS DAY DINNER-REDDI	Staffers Dinner	36.00
2018	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MACC-FHRC-REDDI	FHRC	45.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	GOOD MORNING-REDDI	Good Morning	20.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	GOOD MORNING-REDDI	Good Morning	20.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	GOOD MORNING-REDDI	Good Morning	20.00
2018	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MACC-GOOD MORNING-REDDI	Good Morning	20.00
2018	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	ITGA-ITGA CONF-REDDI	ITGA	550.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	LA BRIGADE-REDDI	LA Brigade	40.00
2018	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	EMBASSY-CHAMBER RET-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	163.29
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	LEADERS RET DINNER-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	41.84
2018	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MACC-LEADERS RET-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	170.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	LEGISLATIVE BRKFST-REDDI	Legislative Breakfast	15.00
2018	LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	LKM 2018 SUPPER-REDDI	LKM	24.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2018	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	FHRC-FHRC CONF-REDDI	FHRC	50.00
2019	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	GOOD MORNING-REDDI	Good Morning	20.00
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MACC-GOOD MORNING-REDDI	Good Morning	20.00
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	AMERICAN-ITGA-REDDI	ITGA	(529.61)
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	AMERICAN-ITGA-REDDI	ITGA	529.61
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2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	ITGA-CONF-REDDI,MORSE	ITGA	950.00
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	EMBASSY-CHAMBER RET-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	164.47
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MACC-LDRS RET-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	95.00
2019	USHA REDDI		REIMBURSEMENT	Leaders Retreat	(95.00)
2019	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	LEGISLATIVE BRKFST-REDDI	Legislative Breakfast	25.00
2019	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2019	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2019	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2019	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	15.00
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	TRAVEL/MISC	UVC-CAB-NLC-MORSE,REDDI	NLC	11.41
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	DIST KITCHEN-NLC-REDDI	NLC	17.10
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	BURGER KING-NLC-REDDI	NLC	2.73
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	S HOSP-NLC-REDDI,MORSE	NLC	56.56
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	IRISH CH-NLC-REDDI	NLC	5.94
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MOMJI-NLC-MORSE,REDDI	NLC	69.84
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	CIBO-NLC CONF-MORSE,REDDI	NLC	13.70
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	950-NLC CONF-MORSE,REDDI	NLC	83.25
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MARRIOTT-NLC CONF-REDDI	NLC	995.73
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	SOUTHWEST-NLC CONF-REDDI	NLC	604.96
2019	VISA-UMB BANK	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	NLC-NLC CONF-REDDI,MORSE	NLC	1,210.00
2019	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	WORKFORCE SUMMIT-REDDI	Workforce Summit	20.00
2020	USHA REDDI	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	LEADERS RETREAT-REDDI	Leaders Retreat	195.04
2021	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	20.00
2022	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	TRAVEL/MEALS	AUSA LUNCH REDDI	AUSA	60.00
2022	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	AUSA LUNCH REDDI	AUSA	60.00
2022	USHA REDDI	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	AUSA MEETING	AUSA	1,424.89
2022	MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	COMMISSIONERS EXPENSE	MILITARY REL-REDDI	Military Relations	20.00
2023	USHA REDDI		REIMBURSEMENT	AUSA	(60.00)

(Source: City of Manhattan, KS, Public Records Request of Usha Reddi Travel as City Commissioner)

