

**City of Westwood, Kansas
Special City Council Meeting
April 29, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.**

Council Present: David E. Waters, Mayor – via Zoom
Jeff Harris, Council President – via Zoom
Andrew Buckman, Councilmember – via Zoom (joined at 10:37 AM)
Jason Hannaman, Councilmember – via Zoom
Laura Steele, Councilmember – via Zoom

Council Absent: Holly Wimer, Councilmember

Staff Present: Leslie Herring, City Administrator
Ryan Denk, City Attorney

Call to Order

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. on April 29, 2025. Ms. Herring called the roll. A quorum (four-fifths of the Council) was not yet present. The meeting was held in a completely virtual format, with attendees joining only via Zoom. Ms. Herring was present in the Council Chambers with the meeting broadcast for any members of the public to join in person at City Hall.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Harris to approve the agenda for the April 29, 2025, Special City Council Meeting as submitted. Second by Councilmember Steele. Motion Carried by a 3-0 voice vote.

New Business

Consider Resolution No. 142-2025 Consenting to Woodside Village Reassignment for Purposes of Refinancing

The City has been approached by counsel for Woodside Village relative to a refinancing of the debt on the parking garage. The mixed use commercial and apartment parcels were previously refinanced in 2023 at which time the City was requested to and in fact did provide consent to the assignment of such property to a special purpose entity, Woodside Village North 2 (WVN2). Pursuant to this prior refinancing, WVN2 agreed to be bound by the terms of the 2012 Redevelopment Agreement and amendments thereto covering the Woodside Village project. As part of the current refinancing, Woodside Village and its lender have requested that all Woodside Village North parcels be conveyed to a special purpose entity wholly owned by WVN2. Pursuant to the Redevelopment Agreement, such conveyance / assignment is required to be approved by the City.

Christy Richardson and James Bergen, Polsinelli Law Firm, were in attendance on behalf of her client, Blair Tanner, to answer questions.

Councilmember Hannaman asked why this change in ownership was necessary. Ms. Richardson said the conveyance to Woodside Village North 2 SPE is required by the lending entity.

Councilmember Hannaman asked if the City's bond counsel was consulted regarding this ownership change. Mr. Denk confirmed bond counsel has been consulted.

Councilmember Harris asked what SPE stands, Ms. Richardson said it stands for Single Purpose Entity.

Councilmember Harris noted the city is considering this item because it is a party to the overall redevelopment agreement, and that in the future, when the redevelopment agreement has been satisfied, the City will not be involved in ownership changes.

Mayor Waters noted Councilmember Buckman joined the meeting via Zoom.

Councilmember Hannaman asked if City staff and the City Attorney believe the City's existing interest in the redevelopment agreement are adequately protected by consenting to the reassignment of ownership, Mr. Denk confirmed.

Motion by Councilmember Harris to approve Resolution 142-2025 of the City of Westwood, Kansas, consenting to the transfer of certain real property from Woodside Redevelopment, LLC to Woodside Village North 2, LLC, and transfer of certain real property from Woodside Village North 2, LLC to Woodside Village North 2 SPE, LLC. Second by Councilmember Hannaman.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Hannaman to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Steele. Motion carried by a 4-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

APPROVED: _____
David E. Waters, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Abby Schneweis, City Clerk