

**Westwood, Kansas  
City Council Meeting  
April 10, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.**

Council Present: David E. Waters, Mayor  
Jeff Harris, Council President  
Andrew Buckman, Councilmember  
Jason Hannaman, Councilmember  
Laura Steele, Councilmember  
Holly Wimer, Councilmember

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Leslie Herring, City Administrator  
Curtis Mansell, Police Chief  
John Sullivan, Public Works Director  
Abby Schneweis, City Clerk

**Call to Order**

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 10, 2025. Ms. Schneweis called the roll. A quorum was present. The evening's meeting was held in a hybrid manner, with attendees joining both in person and via Zoom.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Councilmember Harris to approve the April 10, 2025, agenda as submitted. Second by Councilmember Buckman. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Before opening the meeting to Public Comment, Mayor Waters made a statement regarding the Spring 2025 Special Election, the statement is included in the appendix of this minutes document.

Bernard Brown, 2805 W 51<sup>st</sup> Terr, read a written statement he prepared and submitted for the record. The document is included in these minutes document.

Tammy Carter, 2323 W 51<sup>st</sup> St, read a written statement she prepared and submitted for the record. The document is included in these minutes document.

Kate Morris, 2340 W 51<sup>st</sup> St, read a written statement she prepared and submitted for the record. The document is included in these minutes document.

Jennifer Westlake, 2309 W 51<sup>st</sup> St, read a written statement she prepared and submitted for the record. The document is included in these minutes document.

Beth Springgate, 4947 Booth, read a written statement by the Friends of Westwood Parkland and submitted for the record. The document is included in these minutes document.

Malisa Monyakula, 2821 W 51<sup>st</sup> Terr, said she was in agreement with other public comments.

Erin Lowrey, 5318 Mission Woods Rd, Mission Woods, said she disagreed with the statement made by Mayor Tietze of Mission Woods and believes Mission Woods is in a financial position to support expanding the park.

Steven Platt, 4910 Glendale, Westwood Hills, read a written statement he prepared and submitted for the record. The document is included in these minutes document.

Mayor Waters closed public comment.

Councilmember Hannaman said he believes the city should move forward in a productive way. Councilmember Hannaman said he supported the Karbank proposal because he believed it was the only realistic way to afford an expanded park and since it is not moving forward, he is open to other options. Councilmember Hannaman said he is open to having conversations and listening to members of the community.

Councilmember Harris said he appreciated the statements and ideas offered during Public Comment. Councilmember Harris said time is of the essence for the City Council to receive an indication from the community about potential funding mechanisms before June 1, 2025.

#### **Presentations and Proclamations**

Mayor Waters proclaimed April 25, 2025, Arbor Day in Westwood.

#### **Consent Agenda**

All items listed below are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Governing Body so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately following approval of the consent agenda.

- A. Consider February 13, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Consider Appropriations Ordinance 773

Motion by Councilmember Harris to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Second by Councilmember Hannaman. Ms. Schneweis conducted a roll call vote. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Waters provided an overview of activities he has attended and plans to attend as Mayor.

#### **Councilmember Reports**

Councilmember Wimer noted the Community Easter Egg Scramble will be held on Saturday, April 19th and encouraged youth volunteers to help set up the event.

#### **Staff Reports**

##### **Administrative Report**

Ms. Herring provided an overview of the April 2025 Administrative Report included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions.

### **Public Works Report**

Mr. Sullivan provided an overview of the March and April 2025 Public Works Reports included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions.

### **Public Safety Report**

Chief Mansell provided an overview of the March 2025 Public Safety Report included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The March 2025 Treasurer's Report was included in the packet, no questions or comments were made about the report.

### **City Attorney's Report**

Mr. Denk did not have anything to report.

### **Old Business**

No old business items were considered during the meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Consider solid waste residential disposal services contract for 2026 – 2030**

The City's solid waste residential disposal service is currently contracted through a Solid Waste Residential Disposal Contract (the "Agreement") initiated in 2018 between WCA (now GFL) and Mid-America Regional Council ("MARC") through its Joint Purchasing Alliance. This Agreement provides for services in Fairway, Roeland Park, and Westwood and is effective for a three-year term with two one-year renewal options. The Cities previously agreed to extend the contract rates for both one-year renewal options.

As the Agreement term ends December 31, 2025, the City Administrators for the three cities began several months ago to discuss the performance of GFL and establish whether there is a mutual interest in continuing GFL's service beyond 2025. Through a series of meetings with GFL and city representatives, terms of renewal were developed that are agreeable to all parties. Changes to the current contract are summarized in the attached Notice of MARC/KCRPC Contract Renewal letter included in the meeting agenda packet.

1. The key changes between our current service agreement and the renewal proposed are summarized below:
  1. Extends the contract to 2026 through 2030 with the opportunity for an annual rate increase based upon the CPI for Trash Collection with a cap of 3% per year. The 2026 rate would be \$17.50/month/household.
  2. Existing carts will continue to be used, and GFL will be responsible for replacing them as needed.
  3. Limit of 10 bags/bundles/containers of yard waste per household per week. 20 bags/bundles/containers of yard waste allowed per household during spring and fall amnesty weeks.
  4. 3 bulk items allowed on 1 collection day each month per household.
  5. Rebate is provided to each City for materials diverted from GFL collection streams. For Westwood, it will include the curbside leaf collection program.
  6. GFL agrees to participate in an assessment of AI systems with on-board GPS, video, routing and service delivery monitoring systems in concert with the cities to determine the capabilities and

costs of such systems and how they may improve safety, service quality/reliability and achieve cost savings.

Tom Coffman, GFL Environmental, provided a brief overview of the new contract terms and offered to answer any questions.

Motion by Councilmember Harris to authorize the Mayor, David Waters, to execute the Solid Waste Residential Disposal Agreement for a contract period of January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2030, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney. Second by Councilmember Steele. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

**Consider approval of agreement with UHL for design engineering services related to Complete Streets Improvements on W. 47<sup>th</sup> Pl**

West 47th Place between Rainbow Blvd. and State Line Rd. underwent a PSP Study in 2021 specifically investigating a possible Complete Streets Project. Over the past couple years, Woodside owner Blair Tanner has expressed interest in the City making Complete Streets improvements – specifically pedestrian safety enhancements – within the right of way between his north and south Club facilities.

Improvements to 47th Place are needed and had been included in the City's 2030 Capital Improvement Plan. This section of roadway is a CARS route, making it eligible for County cost-share funding. The City does not currently have the resources to expedite this project, as desired by Mr. Tanner; however, in an attempt to be responsive to pedestrian safety concerns (mainly created because of the location of the Woodside Club facilities on both the north and south sides of the public roadway), City staff suggested to Mr. Tanner that the local funding match required by the CARS be covered by revenues accruing in the Woodside CID2 account.

The city has applied for CARS funding for a 2026 construction project, and we are expecting to receive between 40 and 50 percent match to the Woodside CID2 revenues. The agreement before you with our City Engineer, UHL Engineering, is for final design work and construction engineering. We will be implementing as many of the design initiatives as possible from the PSP study, including:

- streetlighting,
- a shared use path,
- a new 6-foot sidewalk,
- 3 marked crosswalks with RRFB's,
- new curb & gutter,
- 2-inch mill and overlay or full depth replacement of driving surface,
- relocation of stormwater inlets,
- realignment of some driveway approaches, and
- a walking trail and some landscaping.

The City's bond counsel and City Attorney have both reviewed the use of the CID2 proceeds in this way and see no issue with this approach.

Currently there is over \$700,000 in CID2 proceeds which the city has been collecting since 2018. The City continues to receive monthly distributions from this Community Improvement District on the Club facility and has begun moving these funds to an investment account, as they are idle. There have been no eligible expenses submitted by Mr. Tanner to date to expend these funds on eligible improvements to the Club facilities. As the development agreement between Woodside and the City has expired and

since Mr. Tanner has no immediate plans to make improvements to the Club facility that would constitute an eligible expense, the City is seeking to use the proceeds of this additional sales tax on public improvements benefiting the Club.

The City would seek to cover the cost of this final design and construction engineering from the CID Fund, using CID2 funds. Should the City not receive the coordinated communication needed from Mr. Tanner, City staff do not recommend using funds from any other City sources on this work at this time and would delay this work and project until such time as the City and Mr. Tanner can reach an agreement.

Such agreement and expenditure of funds would require a budget amendment in fiscal year 2025, as these expenses are not currently budgeted.

Motion by Councilmember Hannaman to authorize the Mayor to execute the Final Design and Construction Engineering Agreement with UHL Engineering for the Final design and Construction Engineering of Complete Street improvements to W. 47th Place in the amount of \$184,145 from fiscal year budget 2025 subject to use of CID2 revenues to cover the full cost of the contract upon consent of the Woodside Club owner. Second by Councilmember Wimer. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote

**Consider consenting to ownership modification for Woodside Village North for refinance**

Mayor Waters suggested the Governing Body table this agenda item because the City was still receiving information from the Woodside Village North team for the City to review.

Motion by Councilmember Harris to table this agenda item. Second by Councilmember Hannaman. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

**Announcements/Governing Body Comments**

Councilmember Buckman encouraged the residents of neighboring cities who are interested in helping fund the park expansion to talk to their mayors and governing bodies.

**Executive Session**

**Consultation with the City Attorney on matters relating to real property located at and around 5000 Rainbow Blvd., which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship**

Motion by Councilmember Hannaman to adjourn into Executive Session for 30 minutes for consultation with the City Attorney on matters relating to real property located at and around 5000 Rainbow Blvd. which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)2 present will be the members of the Governing Body, the City Administrator, and the City Attorney. The regular meeting will resume at 8:38 p.m. Second by Councilmember Wimer. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

At 8:38 p.m. the Governing Body returned to the dais. Mayor Waters said no action was taken during the Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Councilmember Harris to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Steele. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David E. Waters, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abby Schneweis, City Clerk

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