

**City of Westwood, Kansas  
City Council Meeting  
4700 Rainbow Boulevard  
March 12, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.**

Council Present: Jeff Harris, Council President  
Steph Becker, Councilmember  
Spencer Day, Councilmember  
Laura Steele, Councilmember  
Holly Wimer, Councilmember

Council Absent: David E. Waters, Mayor

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

**Call to Order**

Councilmember Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 12, 2026. Ms. Schneweis called the roll. A quorum was present. Councilmember Harris presided over the meeting in Mayor Waters' absence.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Councilmember Wimer to approve the March 12, 2026, agenda as submitted. Second by Councilmember Steele. Motion carried by a 4-0 voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Ben Hobert, 2208 W 49th Street, Westwood Hills, read from a written statement he submitted for the record. This statement is included in this minutes document.

Samuel Peterson, 2408 W 47<sup>th</sup> Terrace, expressed his concern regarding a neighbor notification form for a short-term rental application he submitted. Mr. Peterson provided documents to support his comment. This document is included in this minutes document.

Jason Hannaman, 2502 W 50<sup>th</sup> Place, acknowledged Ms. Herring for the work she has done for the community.

**Presentations and Proclamations**

**Promotion Recognition for Lieutenant Marcus Burke**

Chief Mansell announced the promotion of Sergeant Marcus Burke to the rank of Lieutenant of the Westwood Police Department.

**Johnson County Government Update (Becky Fast, Johnson County District 1 Commissioner)**

Commissioner Becky Fast provided an overview of services and projects provided by Johnson County.

**Update from Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce (Executive Director Deb Settle)**

Deb Settle, Executive Director of the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce, provided an overview of Chamber activities and programs.

**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 12, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Consider Appropriations Ordinance 784

Motion by Councilmember Steele to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Second by Councilmember Day. Ms. Schneweis conducted a roll call vote. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Mayor's Report**

Councilmember Harris read a statement in Mayor Waters' absence that provided an overview of activities he has attended and plans to attend as Mayor. The statement also acknowledged Ms. Herring's service to Westwood.

Councilmember Harris said it has been a great pleasure to be Ms. Herring's colleague and friend over the past six years.

Councilmembers Wimer, Day, Steele and Becker acknowledged Ms. Herring's service to Westwood and expressed their gratitude for her work over the past six years.

**Councilmember Reports**

Councilmember Harris shared that he visited local businesses with Ms. Herring earlier that day.

**Staff Reports**

**Administrative Report**

Ms. Herring provided an overview of the March 2026 Administrative Report included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions. Ms. Herring acknowledged her time working for the City in light of her resignation.

**Public Works Report**

Mr. Sullivan provided an overview of the February and March 2026 Public Works Reports included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions.

**Public Safety Report**

Chief Mansell provided an overview of the February 2026 Public Safety Report included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions.

**Treasurer's Report**

The February 2026 Treasurer's Report was included in the packet, no questions or comments were made about the report.

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

Ms. Dubivich did not have anything to report.

### **Old Business**

During the December 18, 2025, City Council Meeting, the Governing Body adopted Charter Ordinance No. 20, exempting the City of Westwood from K.S.A. 12-1651, a statute requiring Kansas Cities of the third class to utilize a generally circulated newspaper for legal notices.

Additionally, Charter Ordinance No. 20 allows the City to adopt by Resolution the City of Westwood's official website as the City's official newspaper. Charter Ordinance No. 20 requires that the designation of the City website as the official newspaper be formally established by resolution.

Pursuant to Kansas law, all notices required in connection with the adoption of Charter Ordinance No. 20 were duly published, and the ordinance became effective sixty-one (61) days following the date of the final publication of the Charter Ordinance.

Charter Ordinance No. 20 was published in The Legal Record once per week for two consecutive weeks on December 30, 2025 and January 6, 2026. The statutory publication requirement was satisfied on March 8, 2026.

Prior to this City Council meeting no legal notices have been posted on the City's website. If Resolution No. 152-2026 is approved, legal notices will be published under the Government>Government Resources section of the City's website.

Ms. Herring said staff will publish all legal notices on the website, and staff will additionally publish legal notices required to be published in a newspaper in The Legal Record.

Councilmember Harris asked Ms. Dubivich if there would be any reason not to proceed with approving the proposed resolution. Ms. Dubivich said it did not, and that the charter ordinance and resolution reflect each other.

Motion by Councilmember Steele to adopt Resolution No. 152-2026, designating the City of Westwood website as the official City newspaper, and further designating The Legal Record as the official City newspaper in the event state law requires publication in a newspaper of record, including notices required by K.S.A. 79-2929 and K.S.A. 60-307(d). Second by Councilmember Wimer. Motion carried by a 4-0 voice vote.

### **New Business**

#### **Consider Agreement with Johnson County, KS for the 2026 Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) Cost-Share Program**

The proposed agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas, and the City of Westwood for the "Contain the Rain" BMP Cost-Share Program. The program aims to reduce stormwater runoff, improve water quality, prevent stream bank erosion, and increase public awareness of stormwater-related issues. It promotes the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as rain barrels, rain gardens, native trees, native plantings, permeable pavers, floating wetlands, and cisterns on residential properties. The agreement is valid for one year and automatically renews annually unless terminated with 60 days' notice.

Motion by Councilmember Wimer to authorize the Mayor to execute the 2026 Agreement for Stormwater BMP Cost-Share Program with Johnson County. Second by Councilmember Day. Motion carried by a 4-0 voice vote.

**Executive Session**

The Governing Body did not hold an executive session.

**Announcements/Governing Body Comments**

No announcements were made by the Governing Body.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Councilmember Steele to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Wimer. Motion carried by a 4-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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

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