

**Westwood, Kansas  
City Council Meeting  
May 8, 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 May 8, 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 May 8, 2025, agenda as submitted. Second by Councilmember Buckman. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Susan Minto, 2511 W 47<sup>th</sup> Terrace, expressed concerns about tear down/rebuild projects in Westwood. Ms. Minto said she is concerned about massing and lot coverage of new build homes.

Tara Hensley, 4944 Norwood, read a written statement she prepared and submitted for the record. The document is included in these minutes document.

Malisa Monyakula, 2821 W 51<sup>st</sup> Terrace, read a written statement she prepared and submitted for the record. The document is included in these minutes document.

Dave Gomoletz, 2427 W 48<sup>th</sup> Street, said he hoped the Governing Body exercises transparency regarding the park.

Jayme Tebow, 4952 Norwood, requested that all names and addresses be included in public comment and that all comments are not altered.

John Duerr, 4837 Belinder Court, asked if there are any restrictions on clear cutting lots during the tear down/rebuild process.

No other comments were offered. Mayor Waters closed public comment.

### **Presentations and Proclamations**

Joe Wheelock, Heartland Tree Alliance, provided an overview of Bridging the Gap operations, including tree preservation efforts.

Mayor Waters proclaimed May 2025 Bike Month in Westwood.

Mayor Waters proclaimed the week of May 18 – 24, 2025 as National Public Works Week in Westwood.

Mayor Waters proclaimed the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Westwood.

### **Executive Session**

Councilmember Hannaman thanked the members of the community who attended the meeting that evening. Councilmember Hannaman said he wanted to see a bigger park, and that is why he has been working as a member of the Governing Body to find a way to make a bigger park financially feasible including through the Karbank proposal. With the result of the April 2025 Special Election that will not happen and the City will need to move on. Councilmember Hannaman said he is still open to ideas for such a plan.

### **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 8:01 p.m. Second by Councilmember Wimer. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

At 8:01 p.m. the Governing Body returned to the dais. Mayor Waters said no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Motion by Councilmember Harris to adjourn into Executive Session for 15 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 8:36 p.m. Second by Councilmember Buckman. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

At 8:36 p.m. the Governing Body returned to the dais. Mayor Waters said no action was taken during the Executive Session.

### **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 April 10, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Consider April 29, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Consider May 5, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

D. Consider Appropriations Ordinance 774

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

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Waters did not make a report.

**Councilmember Reports**

Councilmember Wimer thanked staff for their work on the Easter Egg Scramble held on Saturday, April 19th.

**Staff Reports**

**Administrative Report**

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

**Public Works Report**

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

**Public Safety Report**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

The April 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 Resolution No. 143-2025 Confirming Appointments to the Westwood Foundation Board**

The Westwood Foundation is a Kansas not-for-profit corporation organized and existing as an instrumentality of the City of Westwood, Kansas and is governed in the conduct of its affairs by its Board of Directors, its articles of incorporation, and its bylaws. The Westwood Foundation bylaws as amended state that residents of the City of Westwood, Kansas may be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Westwood City Council to serve terms of four (4) years on the Westwood Foundation Board of Directors.

Foundation Board members whose terms are expiring effective May 31, 2025 include:

**Board Member with Expiring Term**

Justin Bridges

**Date Appointed**

May 2021

Mary Bosco Heinrich	June 2024
Thomas Scott	May 2021
Rita Zeller	May 2021

Board members Bridges, Bosco Heinrich, and Scott are seeking renewal of their terms. Board member Zeller has not sought reappointment.

This Spring, the Mayor issued an open call for candidates. Statements of interest from three (3) residents were received. Following review of those statements of interest, Mayor David Waters and Westwood Foundation President Justin Bridges conferred, and the Mayor is recommending the Governing Body consent to the appointment of Karl Phares.

Mr. Phares is a 6-year resident of Westwood. Mr. Phares is an attorney, and has served in a variety of board roles, he currently serves on the Business for Education Committee of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

With the adoption of Resolution No. 143-2025, the Westwood Foundation Board of Directors would be as follows:

Board Member	Residential Address	Date Term	Expiration Date
Mary Bosco Heinrich	2321 W 51st Terrace	June 2024	May 2029
Justin Bridges	2510 W 51st Terrace	May 2021	May 2029
Jay Corazza	3000 W. 49th Terrace	March 2025	May 2027
Leslie Greathouse	4939 Fairway Road	November 2024	May 2027
Sean O'Brien	4953 Norwood Street	April 2013	May 2027
Karl Phares	4942 Booth Street	May 2025	May 2029
Thomas Scott	2811 W 48th Street	May 2021	May 2029

Motion by Councilmember Hannaman to adopt Resolution No. 143-2025 confirming the appointment of Karl Phares, and reappointing Justin Bridges, Mary Bosco Heinrich and Thomas Scott to the Westwood Foundation Board of Directors. Second by Councilmember Steele.

#### **Announcements/Governing Body Comments**

Councilmember Wimer noted that pool passes are now available for purchase.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Councilmember Hannaman to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Wimer. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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

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