

**City of Westwood, Kansas
City Council Meeting
November 9, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

Council Present: David E. Waters, Mayor
Andrew Buckman, Councilmember
Jeff Harris, Council President
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
Ryan Denk, City Attorney
Abby Schneweis, City Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 9, 2023. The City Clerk 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 Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Harris to approve the November 9, 2023, City Council meeting agenda as submitted. Second by Councilmember Wimer. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

Steven Platt, 4910 Glendale, Westwood Hills, said he believes the donation of the property at 2322 W 51st Street between the City and Karbank Holdings LLC appears to be quid pro quo. Mr. Platt said further discussions regarding the swap or exchange of Joe D. Dennis Park are slated to be out of public view during the evening's meeting. Mr. Platt said he believes the Karbank proposal lacks a development plan and financial details. Mr. Platt said the proposed development should be approved by the citizens of Westwood with a ballot vote.

Ben Hobert, Westwood Hills, said he is of the strong opinion that K.S.A. 12-1301 applies to the sale or exchange of Joe. D. Dennis Park.

Presentations and Proclamations

Erika Garcia Reyes, Director of Resource Allocation for United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS), provided a presentation regarding UCS's operations.

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 October 14, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Consider Appropriations Ordinance 756

Motion by Councilmember Harris to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Second by Councilmember Buckman. The City Clerk conducted a roll call vote. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Waters congratulated Councilmembers Steele and Wimer on their reelection to City Council during the November 7th election. Mayor Waters thanked Melinda Garcia for running for a Council seat.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Harris thanked Mayor Waters for running for reelection.

Staff Reports

Administrative Report

Ms. Herring provided an overview of the November 2023 Administrative Report included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions.

Public Works Report

Mr. Sullivan provided an overview of the October and November 2023 Public Works Report included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions.

Public Safety Report

Chief Mansell provided an overview of the October 2023 Public Safety Report included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions.

Treasurer's Report

The October 2023 Treasurer's Report was included in the agenda packet, no questions or comments were made about the report.

City Attorney's Report

Mr. Denk did not have any items to report.

Old Business

No Old Business items were considered.

New Business

No New Business items were considered.

Announcements/Governing Body Comments

Councilmember Hannaman said that after the November 7th election all members of the Governing Body have either been reelected to a second term or elected to serve a full term after being appointed to the Governing Body. Councilmember Hannaman said he appreciates the faith the community has placed in the Governing Body.

Councilmember Wimer noted the Mayor’s Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for November 30th with a rainout date of December 7th.

Executive Session

Motion by Councilmember Wimer to recess into Executive Session for a period of 40 minutes for consultation with the City Attorney under K.S.A. 75-4319 B. 2. On matters relating to real property at or around 5000 Rainbow deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Second by Councilmember Hannaman. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. At 7:32 p.m. the Governing Body recessed into Executive Session.

At 8:12 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 allow the Mayor, the City Attorney and the City Administrator to execute such amendments as necessary with the Shawnee Mission School District and Karbank Holdings LLC to extend contractual deadlines to allow parties to consummate their intended transactions. Second by Councilmember Steele. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Wimer to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Steele. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
David E. Waters, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Abby Schneweis, City Clerk