

**City of Westwood, Kansas  
City Council Meeting  
January 9, 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  
Ryan Denk, City Attorney  
Abby Schneweis, City Clerk

**Call to Order**

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 9, 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 January 9, 2025 agenda as submitted. Second by Councilmember Buckman. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Steve Platt, 4910 Glendale, Westwood Hills, said without advanced presentation of December 12, 2024 New Business Agenda Item K., Consider various agreements relating to redevelopment at and around 50th & Rainbow Blvd., the public was not given a chance to ask questions about the documents that were considered. Mr. Platt expressed his opposition to the Karbank proposal.

Beckie Brown, 2407 W 49<sup>th</sup> Terr, said she has lived in other major cities, Kansas City being the smallest. Ms. Brown said she believes the City Council has been misled by the Mayor regarding the Karbank proposal, and offered to help the City Council better understand their duties.

Bernard Brown, 2805 W 51<sup>st</sup> Terr, provided an overview of the Karbank proposal timeline. Mr. Brown said he believes the City Council has been given incorrect advice by the City Attorney.

**Presentations and Proclamations**

No presentations or proclamations were made during the meeting.

**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 December 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- B. Consider Appropriations Ordinance 770

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

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Waters reminded the community that students have returned to school after winter break and encouraged the community to be aware of students traveling to and from school.

Mayor Waters thanked the Public Works and Police Departments for their work during the recent snowstorm.

Mayor Waters reminded the community that there will be a mail-in ballot election on whether Joe D. Dennis Park can be sold, traded, or exchanged to allow for the proposed Karbank development and new feature park to move forward. Mayor Waters encouraged residents to register to vote, and for all residents to exercise their right to vote. Mayor Waters said the City will be posting a FAQ webpage regarding the election and Karbank proposal.

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

### **Councilmember Reports**

Councilmember Harris noted that the December 12, 2024 City Council meeting agenda packet did not include links to New Business Item K., various agreements relating to redevelopment at and around 50th & Rainbow Blvd., because they were not finalized when the agenda was published and asked that City staff to ensure these documents are on the website. Councilmember Harris noted Resolution 138-2024 calling for the spring mail-in ballot election is posted on the City's website.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Administrative Report**

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

#### **Public Works Report**

Ms. Herring provided an overview of the December 2024 and January 2025 Public Works Reports included in the agenda packet for Mr. Sullivan in his absence and offered to answer questions.

#### **Public Safety Report**

Chief Mansell provided an overview of the December 2024 Public Safety Report included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The December 2024 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 during the meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Consider Resolution 139-2025 adopting the Kansas Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

The City of Westwood is required to adopt the Kansas Homeland Security Region L Mitigation Plan as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs.

Motion by councilmember Wimer to approve Resolution No. 139-2025 adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region L Hazard Mitigation Plan. Second by Councilmember Steele. Ms. Schneweis performed a roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Councilmember Wimer reminded the community that if they feel frustration about sidewalks not being shoveled after the snowstorm that hit earlier in the week to take action and help neighbors clear their sidewalks.

### **Executive Session**

No Executive Session was held during this meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Councilmember Harris to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Hannaman. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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

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