



City Administrator's Report

October 2026

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Katherine Carttar, City Administrator
Date: October 8, 2026
RE: Administration Department

Administrative Department Updates:

1. Joe D Dennis Park – Variety KC Grant Updates
 - a. Oktoberfest Community Input Opportunity
 - i. A majority of the nearly 400 Oktoberfest attendees viewed the 3 park concepts and provided input
 - ii. The 3 concepts are early ideas and layouts to redesign Joe D Dennis Park to incorporate the former church property in a meaningful and planned way
 - iii. All ages were encouraged and did provide input
 - b. Westwood View 3rd Grade Field Trip to City Hall
 - i. Mayor Waters walked the students through a simulated park improvement approve process in which we garnered meaningful input on what 3rd graders want in a park
 - ii. Each student was asked and provided their top priority to be included in the redesigned park
 - c. Memorandum of Understanding Updates
 - i. The MOU negotiations are taking longer than anticipated due to a misunderstanding with the first draft provided by Variety KC
 - ii. A significantly revised MOU was received on Friday, Oct 2, which significantly alters the parties roles and responsibilities
 - iii. Further discussion and negotiation is required prior to bringing the agreement to Council in a final form for consideration – Expected at November meeting
2. Reimagine Rainbow Update
 - a. The City of Westwood, with co-sponsor City of Mission Woods, submitted an application to the KDOT Cost Share program on September 23, 2026
 - b. The scope includes a mill and overlay, and restriping, from 47th to Shawnee Mission Parkway. Additional crosswalks and traffic light modifications are included.
 - c. Ten letters of support were included
 - d. Funding awards are expected by the end of 2026

3. Hunt Midwest – Westwood Reserve Update
 - a. Planning Commission received and considered the applications for the rezoning, preliminary development plan, and preliminary plat on Oct 5
 - i. City Council will receive and consider the Planning Commission's recommendations at the November meeting

Building Permits – September 2026

The following is a snapshot of select building permits of note issued in September 2026:

Residential:

New Construction: 1

- 2209 W 47th Ter

Additions: 1

- 4922 Adams St

Alterations: 3

- 2812 W 51st St- Basement Remodel / Golf Simulator
- 2820 W 49th St- Incasing a fireplace
- 2003 W 48th St- Screened porch

Demolition: 0

Commercial:

New Construction: 0

Additions: 0

Alterations: 0

Demolition: 0