

**City of Westwood, Kansas**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**4700 Rainbow Boulevard**  
**January 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Held Remotely Via Zoom**

Council Present: David E. Waters, Mayor  
Lisa Cummins, Councilmember  
Jeff Harris, Council President  
Jason Hannaman, Councilmember  
Laura Steele, Councilmember  
Holly Wimer, Councilmember

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Leslie Herring, CAO/City Clerk  
Greg O'Halloran, Chief of Police  
John Sullivan, Director of Public Works  
Michelle Ryan, City Treasurer  
Ryan Denk, City Attorney

**Call to Order**

Mayor David E. Waters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 14, 2021. The City Clerk called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Shawnee Mission School District Bond Referendum Resolution of Support**

Motion by Councilmember Cummins to pass Resolution 89-2021 in Support of the Shawnee Mission School District 2021 Bond Referendum. Second by Councilmember Hannaman. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

**Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Any comments for the Governing Body on non-agenda items were to be submitted to Ms. Schneweis by 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 14, 2021 to be shared during the meeting. Comments were to be limited to five minutes in length, as read.

No comments were made

**Approval of December 10, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the December 10, 2020 Council Meeting were included in the agenda packet. Motion by Councilmember Harris to approve minutes document as submitted. Second by Councilmember Steele. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Ryan provided a review of the December 2020 Treasurer's report and offered to answer questions.

Motion by Councilmember Hannaman to approve Appropriations Ordinance No. 722 as presented in the materials. Second by Councilmember Wimer. Mrs. Herring performed a roll call vote, motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

#### **City Attorney Report**

Mr. Denk had nothing to report.

#### **Administrative Report**

Mrs. Herring provided a review of the December 2020 Administrative report and offered to answer questions.

#### **Public Safety Report**

Chief O'Halloran referred to the December 2020 Public Safety report and offered to answer questions.

#### **Public Works Report**

Mr. Sullivan referred to the December 2020 Public Works report and offered to answer any questions.

#### **Public Works Service Agreement Addendums for the city of Mission Woods and the City of Westwood Hills**

Each year the Public Works Service Agreements with the City of Mission Woods and the City of Westwood Hills is reviewed and revised as needed. The hourly wages have been adjusted to reflect budgeted 2021 wages and benefit rates.

Motion by Councilmember Harris to authorize the Mayor to execute the Public Works Service Agreement Addendum's for FY 2021 for the City of Mission Woods and the City of Westwood Hills. Second by Councilmember Cummins. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **a. Administration & Compensation Committee**

Councilmember Hannaman noted the Kansas Legislative session has started in Topeka. Councilmember Hannaman thanked the Council for voting to pass the Resolution of Support for the Shawnee Mission School District at the start of the meeting.

##### **b. Business & Community Affairs Committee**

Councilmember Cummins noted the Committee met on January 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss street banner and the 47<sup>th</sup> Street Commission.

##### **c. Public Safety Committee**

Councilmember Harris had nothing to report for the Public Safety Committee.

Councilmember Harris noted he is following the developments and findings of diversity task forces in Prairie Village and Roeland Park. He is also following United Community Services regarding county wide racial diversity efforts.

##### **d. Public Works Committee**

Councilmember Steele noted the committee is continuing to work on a complete streets plan.

##### **e. Parks & Recreation Committee**

Councilmember Wimer noted she delivered trophies to the winners of the Holiday Decoration Contest the committee held during the month of December, and that all recipients were excited to receive them.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Waters said he has been hesitant make a public statement about the insurrection that occurred at the US Capitol Building on January 6, 2021 for a number of reasons but did wish to share some thoughts with the Council regarding the events that occurred. Mayor Waters said he believed the Governing Body should be appalled at the events, and this should not be a partisan issue. Mayor Waters said the insurrectionists and terrorists stormed the Capitol to disrupt a peaceful transition of power for our nation's highest office, and a number of people lost their lives, including people who are dedicated to protecting our institutions. There remain concerns of future violence associated with the Presidential Inauguration on January 20<sup>th</sup>, and there are concerns in Topeka as well. Mayor Waters said he was struck with how conflicting things that he saw – both at how fragile our democracy can seem at times, and how we can see such strength in efforts to conserve it. There was fear that was expressed in violence, and also fear that was channeled in to resolve and care for those that were placed in danger. Mayor Waters said elected officials on all levels of government, voters, staff, and constituents are all members of this great democracy. Mayor Waters said he prays that we continue to exercise self-government peacefully and asked that the Council join him in rededicating to peace, the furtherance of justice, and our democratic ideals in serving the city of Westwood.

Mayor Waters thanked the Governing Body for passing Resolution 89-2021. He noted the city has not yet received any applications or submittals from the Shawnee Mission School District for the Westwood View Elementary School rebuild. Mayor Waters said should the bond issuance pass, he will be working with staff to come up with a communications plan to inform about a timeline, meetings schedule and what to expect this spring and summer.

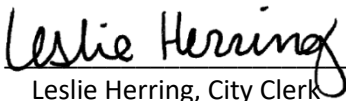
### **Adjournment**

Motion by Councilmember Harris to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Cummins. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
David E. Waters, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Leslie Herring, City Clerk