

City of Westwood, Kansas
Regular City Council Meeting
4700 Rainbow Boulevard
January 9, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Present: John M. Yé, Mayor
Jason Hannaman, Council President
Lisa Cummins, Councilmember
Paul Day, Councilmember
Jeff Harris, Councilmember
David Waters, Councilmember

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Fred Sherman, CAO/City Clerk
Greg O'Halloran, Chief of Police
John Sullivan, Director of Public Works
Charles Mills, City Treasurer
Ryan Denk, City Attorney

Call to Order

Mayor John M. Yé called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 9, 2020. The City Clerk called the roll. A quorum was present.

Mayor Yé took a moment to thank the Governing Body, City Volunteers and City Staff for their work during his time as Mayor of Westwood.

Oath of Office for new Mayor Waters

Mr. Sherman administered the Oath of Office for Mayor David E. Waters and then he took his seat on the dais.

Oath of Office for Council Members Laura Steele and Holly Wimer

Mr. Sherman administered the Oath of Office for Councilmembers Steele and Wimer and then they took their seats on the dais.

Election of Council President

Motion by Councilmember Hannaman to elect Jeff Harris as City Council President. Second by Councilmember Cummins. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

Committee Assignments

Mayor Waters assigned the committee chairs and sub chairs as follows:

- Administration & Compensation – Hannaman Chair, Wimer Co-Chair
- Public Works – Steele Chair, Hannaman Co-Chair
- Public Safety – Harris Chair, Cummins Co-Chair
- Parks & Recation – Wimer Chair, Harris C-chair
- Business & Community Affairs – Cummins Chair, Steele Co-Chair

Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No comments were made.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Hannaman to approve the December 12, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes with noted corrections. Second by Councilmember Cummins. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

City Treasurer's Report

Approval of Financial Statement – December 2019

Mr. Mills referred to the Treasurer's Report and offered to answer any questions. December 2019 revenues for the general fund were in the amount of \$184,128 and expenses for the month were in the amount of \$585,881 with a decrease of \$401,785 in the fund balance.

Appropriation Ordinance 710

Motion by Councilmember Cummins to approve appropriation ordinance #710 in the amount of \$2,744,603.35. Second by Councilmember Steele. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

City Attorney Report

A. First Amendment to the Temporary Construction Easement on Woodside Club Property

In 2014 the City of Westwood granted, as being the property owner of record, a Temporary Construction Easement on the Woodside Club property to help facilitate the construction of Woodside Village North building and parking structure. This easement generally covers the area of the club's western-most outdoor tennis court (Court #4 North).

Shoring, or temporary concrete and steel retaining walls was utilized adjacent to the Woodside indoor bubble courts and along 47th Place during the excavation and construction of Woodside Village. This more-expensive shoring technique allowed for the construction of the eastern and southern retaining walls of the parking structure adjacent to the Woodside Club property and adjacent 47th Place, 15 feet below street surface without disturbing the street or the indoor tennis structure. The granting of a temporary construction easement on the Woodside Club property allowed for a more cost effective open trench excavation construction technique to be utilized north of the indoor tennis court bubble.

The temporary construction easement allowed for the construction activity until December 31, 2018, at which time the tennis court was to be restored unless it is being relocated and replaced in conjunction with the Woodside Club expansion project.

The proposed First Amendment to the Temporary Construction Easement on Woodside Club property extends the deadline on when the tennis court is to be resorted. The proposed amendment aligns with the construction phasing deadline noted within the Woodside Village Redevelopment Agreement document. This amendment requires reconstruction on the earlier of: (1) January 12, 2022 if they fail to commence Club improvements as required by the Redevelopment Agreement; or, (2) by January 12, 2025 with the completion of the Club expansion project phase.

Blair Tanner, Woodside Village North Developer, provided an up date for the project. Mr. Tanner stated that remediation work from water intrusion caused delays in Woodside Club improvements and Phase 2 of Woodside Village.

Councilmember Harris thanked Mr. Tanner for coming to the meeting and asked Mr. Tanner to consider sending a representative for the development team to city council meetings whenever legal matters in regard to Woodside Club or Woodside Village are on the City Council agenda. Mr. Tanner said he would be happy to update the Governing Body as needed.

Mayor Waters asked for an update on the final commercial tenant at Woodside Village North, Mr. Tanner said he was told the tenant is paying rent but did not have any additional updates to provide.

Motion by Councilmember Harris to authorize the Mayor to sign the First Amendment to the Temporary Construction Easement on Woodside club property. Second by Councilmember Hannaman. Motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Administrative Report

A. United Community Services of Johnson County – Human Service Fund Payment

Since 1990, United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS) has worked in partnership with cities and Johnson County Government to support programs that improve the quality of life through human service strategies. In 2016, 68,000 people benefited from these programs.

The Human Service Fund offers local governments a cost-efficient, accountable mechanism to support an array of services that help residents of every city who are facing difficult circumstances. Funding is awarded to nonprofit agencies to support programs that build economic self-reliance and protect personal and community safety. Through these programs, thousands of individuals and their families benefit. With this, the entire community, including local government, benefits. Approximately 64,000 residents benefited from programs designed offer support or create opportunities to help people avoid or escape poverty.

Without a strong human service infrastructure to address issues such as unemployment, lack of child care, homelessness, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, and untreated medical conditions our community will experience higher crime rates and lower tax revenue, a decline in the standard of living and weakened economic health of our entire community.

In 2013 the City of Westwood contributed \$1,146. No funds were contributed by the City of Westwood in 2014, \$1,150 was contributed in 2015, \$1,260 was contributed in 2016 and 2017, and \$1,375 was Westwood's 2018 and 2019 contribution amount.

Funding for the City of Westwood's contribution of \$1,500 was included in the FY 2020 approved budget.

Motion by Councilmember Hannaman to authorize the payment of \$1,500 to United Community Services of Johnson County for the City of Westwood's FY 2020 contribution to the Human Services Fund. Second by Councilmember Cummins. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

Public Safety Report

Chief O'Halloran referred to the December 2019 Public Safety report and Court Report and offered to answer any questions.

A. Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission Contract

Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission sponsors the Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline. TIPS receives thousands of calls every year which have helped solve hundreds of felony cases metro-wide. KCMCC is a nonprofit corporation and relies on the support of the metro area municipalities and other fund raising efforts. They provide a vital service as many criminals know no geographical boundaries.

The cost to Westwood is \$1,000 annually and the expense was budgeted for in the 2020 budget.

Motion by Councilmember Hannaman to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents to renew the contract with the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission and pay the annual invoice. Second by Councilmember Cummins. Motion passed by a 5-0 voice vote.

Public Works Report

Mr. Sullivan referred to the December 2019 Public Works report and offered to answer any questions.

Committee Reports

Administration & Compensation Committee

Councilmember Hannaman said he is continuing work to implement the new accounting software.

Business & Community Affairs Committee

Councilmember Cummins had nothing to report.

Public Safety Committee

Mayor Waters, previous co-chair of the Public Safety committee, had nothing to report.

Public Works Committee

Mayor Waters, previous chair of the Public Works committee, had nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Councilmember Harris said he will work with Councilmember Wimer to get a committee meeting scheduled.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Waters said he will be working with staff and the Council to schedule a planning session.

Adjournment

Motion by councilmember Hannaman to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Harris. Motion passed by a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

APPROVED: _____
David E. Waters, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Frederick L. Sherman, City Clerk