

**City of Westwood, Kansas
City Council Meeting
January 12, 2023 – 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/City Clerk
Curtis Mansell, Police Chief
John Sullivan, Public Works Director
Ryan Denk, City Attorney
Michelle Ryan, City Treasurer

Call to Order

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 12, 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 January 12, 2023 City Council meeting agenda as submitted. Second by Councilmember Steele. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

No comments were made by the public.

Presentations and Proclamations

Swear-In of Westwood Police Officer Chase Metcalf

The Westwood Police Department currently budgets for eight full-time positions – a police chief, two sergeants, and five officers – and four part-time officers, who are called in to cover scheduled vacations and leave. For the past two years, the City's four full-time officers and two part-time officers came together to cover the vacancy while Chief O'Halloran and then Chief Mansell worked to recruit to fill the open position. In August 2022, after successfully completing an extensive and thorough pre-employment process, Chase Metcalf was hired to fill the position. As Chase was not a certified law enforcement officer at the time of hire, he completed the Johnson County Regional Police Academy and graduated on December 21, 2022. Since December 26th, Chase has been in field training with Westwood Officer Tim Filson, who went through training himself earlier in 2022 to become certified to conduct Chase's field training. Chase will be in field training through Spring 2023, when he is expected to be able to begin taking shifts independently.

Mayor Waters administered Chase Metcalf's oath of office.

Receive Recognition from Mid-America Regional Council of Westwood for Becoming a Bronze Level Community for All Ages

From at least as early as 2016, the Westwood Governing Body has identified as a goal achieving recognition as a Community for All Ages through Mid-America Regional Council's Communities for All Ages initiative.

The KC Communities for All Ages Recognition Program was created by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) to recognize communities that take steps to be improve quality of life for residents of all ages while becoming more vibrant, healthy, and prosperous. Through this program, city and civic leaders identify and act upon issues and opportunities concerning the aging adult population. Further, they recognize the intrinsic value of the older generation, respect their wisdom and insight, and look to involve them in creating a high standard of living in the community in which they live. The City of Westwood is proud to have worked with KC Communities for All Ages to pursue Bronze level recognition in 2022.

The Bronze level recognition criteria include:

- ✓ Informing residents about the City's work toward becoming a Community for All Ages by:
 - Making available information on the City's webpage (posted in July 2022); and
 - Making available written materials (posted to the City's website in July 2022 and remaining there until present)
- ✓ Surveying residents to gather baseline information on the community's perceptions about how age-friendly Westwood is currently. (July – August 2022)
- ✓ Hosting a presentation by MARC on the Communities for All Ages program and discussing the findings of the community survey. (August 11th City Council meeting)
- ✓ Hosting a community meeting to discuss the age-friendliness of Westwood. (October 8th)
- ✓ Considering adoption of a resolution by the Governing Body to be a community for all ages. (October 13th City Council meeting)

Councilmember Harris and City staff worked to achieve Bronze Level recognition to-date. Councilmember Harris has also already begun working with City staff to embark on pursuit of Silver Level recognition – which is a City's assessment phase - and has committed to also leading the work toward achieving Gold Level recognition later this year in the action phase of the program.

MARC representative Kathy Boyer Shesol was present at the meeting to recognize the City of Westwood for its Bronze Level award.

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 8, 2022, City Council Work Session & Meeting Minutes
- B. Consider Appropriations Ordinance 746

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

Mayor's Report

Mayor Waters shared a report on the events he attended and planned to attend as Mayor in the recent and upcoming weeks.

Mayor Waters noted that Monday, January 16, 2023, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day and encouraged the community to find ways to serve others and reflect on the message of Dr. King.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Wimer visited the Redlined exhibit at the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center and said it was an incredible exhibit. Councilmember Hannaman also attended the exhibit and said he learned a lot of new information during his visit. Councilmember Harris said he was unable to attend the exhibit, but it did prompt him to look into the plat of his own home. Councilmember Harris said the plat was dated 1937, and had language prohibiting the sale of the land to people of color until 1957. Councilmember Harris said he wanted to share this information to illustrate how close in time and location redlining practices are to the Kansas City metro.

Staff Reports

Administrative Report

Mrs. Herring provided an overview of the December 2022 Administrative Report included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions.

Public Works Report

Mr. Sullivan provided an overview of the December 2022 and January 2023 Public Works Report included in the agenda packet and offered to answer any questions.

Public Safety Report

Chief Mansell provided an overview of the December 2022 Public Safety Report included in the agenda packet and offered to answer questions.

Chief Mansell noted that Rushton Elementary students and staff began classes at the old Westwood View building on January 6th, and the department is working with school officials to optimize traffic flows at the beginning and ending of the school day.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Ryan provided an overview of the December 2022 Treasurer's Report included in the agenda packet and offered to answer any questions.

City Attorney's Report

Mr. Denk had nothing to report.

Old Business

No Old Business items were considered.

New Business

Consider Approval of Ordinance 1034 for the Third Amendment to the Lease Purchase Agreement for the Property Located at 5050 Rainbow Blvd.

The City of Westwood purchased the property located at 5050 Rainbow Blvd in 2014 at a purchase price of \$400,000. The funding agreement for the purchase of this property is a short-term lease purchase arrangement with Security Bank of Kansas City, as an interest-only loan with full principal due originally on or before February 2017. With passage of Westwood Ordinance No. 970 in July 2016, the terms were first extended three years to an end date of February 2020. Then, with the passage of Westwood Ordinance No. 1001, the terms were extended for an additional three years to an end date of February 2023 and a principal payment of \$100,000 due February of 2020.

The proposed ordinance is to authorize the City of Westwood to amend the lease-purchase agreement to finance the purchase of this property for an additional three (3) years plus a principal payment of \$50,000.

In anticipation of a refinance of this property, staff budgeted in the Debt Service Fund sufficient funds to cover a \$50,000 principal payment, interest due over the course of the year and costs associated with the refinancing, which are anticipated to be around \$3,000 for the City's contracted bond counsel's assistance in coordinating the refinance.

Over the past ten years the Governing Body has planned for the future of 5050 Rainbow Blvd., through the 2013 Parks Master Planning process, the ultimate acquisition of the property in 2014, with the 2015 ULI TAP, the 2017 Master Plan, the 2021 ULI TAP, and the 2022 Facilities Assessment and Feasibility Analysis. With the Shawnee Mission School District's announcement in 2020 of its intent to rebuild Westwood View on the former Entercom property, the City is free to explore other uses outside of its past potential use as a home for Westwood View Elementary. As the future of the building and property at 2511 W. 50th St. (formerly Westwood View and now Rushton) is still yet undetermined, City staff recommends that the Governing Body consider refinancing the adjacent 5050 Rainbow Blvd. property rather than paying off the remaining principal from General Fund revenues or transfers in anticipation of the School District's ultimate disposition of its property in 2024. This approach creates an opportunity to maximize community benefits on that corner which could also result in saving the City future principal payments.

Staff recommends the Governing Body pass Ordinance No. 1034 for the third amendment to the lease purchase agreement for the property located at 5050 Rainbow Blvd.

Motion by Councilmember Hannaman for the City Council approve Ordinance No. 1034 authorizing the City enter into a third amended lease purchase agreement for the property located at 5050 Rainbow Blvd. Second by Councilmember Wimer. Mrs. Herring performed a roll call vote. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consider 2023 Addendum to the Public Works Service Agreement with the City of Westwood Hills

Each year the Public Works Service Agreement with the City of Westwood Hills is reviewed and revised as needed. The hourly wages have been adjusted to reflect budgeted 2023 wages and benefit rates. No other adjustments are recommended.

Motion by Councilmember Wimer to authorize the Mayor to execute the Public Works Service Agreement Addendum for FY 2023 with the City of Westwood Hills. Second by Councilmember Buckman. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

Consider 2023 Addendum to the Public Works Service Agreement with the City of Mission Woods

Each year the Public Works Service Agreement with the City of Mission Woods is reviewed and revised as needed. The hourly wages have been adjusted to reflect budgeted 2023 wages and benefit rates. No other adjustments are recommended.

Motion by Councilmember Hannaman to authorize the Mayor to execute the Public Works Service Agreement Addendum for FY 2023 with the City of Mission Woods. Second by Councilmember Steele. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote.

Announcements/Governing Body Comments

No announcements or comments were made by the Governing Body.

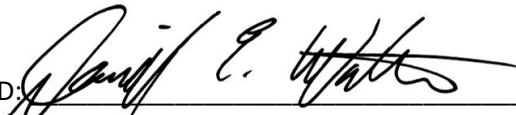
Executive Session

No matters required an Executive Session during this meeting.

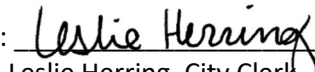
Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Harris to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Wimer. Motion carried by a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

APPROVED: _____


David E. Waters, Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Leslie Herring, City Clerk