

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2018
Meeting #821**

A regular session of the City Council was called to order in due form by Mayor Paula Schwach at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Mayor Schwach, Mary Becker, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, Ludwig Villasi, and John Weedman. City Attorney Jim Orr was also present.

Citizens Jon Braatz and Bryce Crady were also in attendance.

Becker and Mayor Schwach requested adding the landscape report update as item e under Informational Items. **Motion by Shelor Sexton to approve the agenda, with the addition of item e under Informational Items. Second by Weedman. All aye. Motion approved.**

Shelor Sexton moves to adopt the Consent Agenda. Second by Becker. All aye. Motion approved.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Ordinance No. 270 – Fiscal Sustainability Plan – Mayor Schwach explained that KDHE requires, in connection with the City’s loan application for interior stormwater system repairs, that the City adopt a Fiscal Sustainability Plan to provide for the continuing maintenance of the stormwater system. **Motion by Becker to approve the Fiscal Sustainability Plan as presented and to adopt Ordinance No. 270 approving the Fiscal Sustainability Plan. Second by Villasi. All aye. Motion and Ordinance No. 270 approved.**

Resolution 2018-02 – Authorization for KDHE loan – Mayor Schwach advised the Council that an additional requirement of the KDHE loan for stormwater repairs is the passage of a specific resolution authorizing the execution of the loan agreement and other related acts. The Council reviewed proposed Resolution 2018-02, entitled “A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Loan Agreement between Westwood Hills, Kansas and the State of Kansas, acting by and through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund for the purpose of financing a wastewater treatment project; establishing a

dedicated source of revenue for repayment of such loan; authorizing and approving certain documents in connection therewith; and authorizing certain other actions in connection with the Loan Agreement.” **Motion by Podrebarac to adopt and pass Resolution 2018-02. The motion was seconded by Shelor Sexton. All aye. Motion approved by the unanimous vote of the Governing Body.**

Resolution No. 2018-2 was signed and approved by the Mayor and City Attorney, to be attested by the Clerk. The Resolution will be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

Fireworks Display – Mayor Schwach advised that the City has been asked for a contribution to the Fourth of July Fireworks display sponsored by the cities of Fairway, Roeland Park, and Westwood. **Motion by Councilperson Shelor Sexton to encumber \$300 to help underwrite the cost of the fireworks display. Second by Weedman. All aye. Motion approved.**

49th Street Guardrail Concept Review and Recommendation – Mayor Schwach thanked Bryce Crady for his work preparing design plans for installation of a guardrail along a portion of the public sidewalk on West 49th Street at the place the creek flows under the street. Bryce Crady presented three concepts for the guardrail, and the Council considered pros and cons of each option. After discussion, the Council recommended pursuing the second option (sheet 1.1 of the drawings) presented. The Westwood Hills Historic Foundation will investigate fundraising to obtain the monies required to build the proposed guardrail.

KGS Franchise Extension – Orr and Podrebarac reminded Council that the current Kansas Gas Service Franchise Agreement has a termination date of May 31, 2018. Ordinance No. 271 will extend the term of the current Kansas Gas Service Franchise Agreement until November 30, 2018, under the same terms and conditions as are presently in effect. **Motion by Sexton Shelor to adopt Ordinance No. 271 extending the Kansas Gas Service Franchise until November 30, 2018. Second by Weedman. All aye. Motion and Ordinance No. 271 approved.**

Informational items:

Budget Workshop – Mayor Schwach requested that Council consider Saturday, May 12, 2018, at 9:00 am as the date and time for the Budget Workshop, to begin work on the budget for 2019. The Budget Workshop will be held at the office of City Treasurer John Martin. Podrebarac will be unable to attend at that time due to a conflict. Villasi may also be unable to attend.

KDHE Loan Update – Mayor Schwach informed Council that the City’s loan application has been submitted to KDHE. The City still needs to provide KDHE with temporary

construction easements for certain areas within the City to allow for stormwater system repairs. Mayor Schwach is in contact with the affected property owners to request that the property owners donate the required temporary construction easements to the City.

Website – City Clerk O’Bryan has been gathering information on reworking the City’s website. More detail will be forthcoming. Bryce Crady offered to provide insight into some website design programs as his firm has recently been through the process of redesigning its website.

Issues from Citizens in Attendance

None

Landscape Report Update – Becker advised that the Westwood Hills Historic Foundation plans to replace the weathered and squirrel-chewed silk greenery in the urn on the City’s traffic island.

Villasi voiced a concern about the boxwoods planted in the 49th Terrace island. He noted that these boxwoods have heaved out of the ground and need to be planted correctly.

Villasi and Becker also reported that Villasi purchased paint for the pole holding the speed limit sign on Flag Island. Villasi has already prepped and repainted the pole and requests reimbursement of the cost of the metal paint. **Motion by Sexton Shelor to reimburse Villasi \$42.09 for the cost of the paint. Second by Becker. All aye. Motion passed.** Council thanked Villasi for volunteering to paint the pole.

No further business.

Motion to adjourn by Weedman. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.