

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017
Meeting #809**

A regular session of the city council was called to order in due form by Mayor Paula Schwach at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Mayor Schwach, Jennifer O'Neill, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, and John Weedman. City Attorney Jim Orr was also present.

Citizens Lyle Miller, Reneé Miller, and Kohen O'Neill were in attendance.

Councilperson Shelor Sexton requested that the Public Safety report be moved from the Consent Agenda to new business. Mayor Schwach advised that the Treasurer's Report was not available and requested that it be removed from the Consent Agenda. **Motion by Shelor Sexton to approve the agenda with the foregoing amendments. Second by Weedman. All aye. Motion approved.**

Shelor Sexton moves to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. Second by Weedman. All aye. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Lighting on The Green – Councilperson Shelor explained the action taken at the March Council meeting to approve the expenditure of \$2310 for lighting on the bridge on The Green. Due to the absence of two council members at the March meeting, Shelor requested that this item be discussed again at this meeting so that the entire council would be aware of the lighting being installed. Councilpersons O'Neill and Weedman voiced some concerns about the funding available in the City's budget for the lighting. Councilperson Shelor voiced her concern that the City needs to proceed with the installation of the lighting while Chris Hedges has time on his schedule to complete the project. No further action was taken, and the installation of the lighting work, as approved at the March meeting, will proceed.

Report regarding street study – Mayor Schwach advised that the City has received the final report from the City's engineering firm, Larkin Lamp Rynearson, concerning the condition of the City's streets and stormwater system. The report indicates more stormwater repair work to be addressed than originally anticipated. A preliminary estimate of the cost of the street and stormwater system repairs is \$477,000.00, for a thin bonded asphalt street resurfacing, with the work anticipated to be conducted in 2018. This cost estimate includes a 20% contingency but does not include any project soft costs.

Mayor Schwach has discussed the 50th Terrace situation with Mission Woods' Mayor Bob Tietze and believes that the 50th Terrace resurfacing will be completed jointly with Mission Woods.

Additionally, Mayor Schwach advised Council that the City received a revised work plan from HDR in connection with the stormwater pipe repairs along Rainbow, which is the project being funded with a grant from KDOT. This revised work plan requires utility sign-offs which have been requested.

Garden Club Budget – Garden Club Member Reneé Miller updated the Council on recent work conducted by the Garden Club volunteers. Reneé Miller indicated that the most critical next work item to be completed is the power washing and treating of the fence, bridge and three benches. This work proves to be too much for the volunteer group to handle, and Reneé has contacted a couple of contractors to obtain bids for the work. At present, she has received one bid for \$2400.00. Thus, the work will likely cost more than the Garden Club has remaining in the amount of funds encumbered for its work. So, the Garden Club is requesting that the City approve revising the scope of work which the City approved at its January 2017 City Council meeting. The Garden Club requests that the City modify the scope of work to include the power washing and treatment of the fence, bridge, and benches and to eliminate the remainder of the items from the previously approved scope of work. **Motion by Councilperson Shelor Sexton to amend the scope of work in the agreement between the City and the Garden Club to eliminate all items other than the power washing and treatment of the fence, bridge, and benches. Second by Podrebarac. All aye. Motion approved.**

New Business:

2209 West 49th St. appeal – Lyle Miller requested the Council to consider the SHPO denial of his building permit request for replacing windows on the front façade of his property. Mr. Miller performed extensive research into the standards which SHPO utilizes when reviewing a building permit request. Based upon Mr. Miller's expertise as an architect and his research into the applicable historic preservation standards, the Council recommended that Lyle Miller re-submit his request to SHPO with the additional explanation and research which he has conducted. Mr. Miller agreed to do so and will contact SHPO directly concerning his window replacement project.

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 O'Neill to encumber \$300 to help underwrite the cost of the fireworks display. Second by Weedman. All aye. Motion approved.**

No Parking Sign at 50th St. & Glendale - Councilperson Shelor explained that the location of the “No Parking” sign near 50th Street and Glendale makes travel north on Glendale difficult. She suggested that the no parking area be extended so that cars would not be able to park next to the Stop sign. Councilperson Podrebarac mentioned that the City’s ordinances will require revision in order to implement this change. The Council agreed to move forward with this proposal.

Informational items – no action to be taken:

Rain Sensors – Mayor Schwach advised Council that our sprinkler maintenance firm has indicated that rain sensors could be installed on our system to control watering costs. The sensors would prevent the sprinkler system from turning on and watering if sufficient rain had been received. Schwach recommended that the Council discuss a Master Plan for The Green at the upcoming budget workshop and add the possibility of installing rain sensors to the Master Plan discussion.

Budget Workshop – Mayor Schwach opened a discussion concerning the scheduling of a budget workshop to begin work on the budget for 2018. After discussion, the Council set the budget workshop for Saturday, May 20, 2017, at 9 am at City Treasurer John Martin’s office. Mayor Schwach will invite Dan Miller from the engineering firm LLR to participate to provide information concerning the costs of the street resurfacing and stormwater system repair work.

Issues from Citizens in Attendance

None.

No further business.

Motion to adjourn by O’Neill. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.