

**City of Westwood Hills  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2017  
Meeting #813**

A regular session of the city council was called to order in due form by Mayor Paula Schwach at 7:14p.m.

Present: Mayor Schwach, Jennifer O'Neill, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor, Ludwig Villasi, John Weedman and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr was also present. City Treasurer John Martin was in attendance.

Citizen Renee Miller was in attendance. Citizen Mike Coffman joined the meeting at 8:03 pm.

**Mayor requests to add agenda item 12e – Westwood Hills Foundation Potential Project list. Motion by Podrebarac to approve the agenda with the addition of item 12e. Second by Shelor. All aye. Motion approved.**

**Motion by Shelor to adopt the Consent Agenda with the addition of Budget Hearing minutes in item 5. Second by Podrebarac. All aye. Motion and Consent Agenda approved and modified by adding budget hearing minutes.**

**New Business:**

CD Term – John Martin, Jennifer O'Neill and Guest Dawn Tubbesing with Academy Bank.

O'Neill reported that the City's current CD matures in September. Tubbesing reported that Academy Bank is offering a money market account with the guaranteed rate for 6 months from date of opening of 1.1%. After six months, the account will convert to a premium money market, but the rate will reset at that time. The minimum amount to open the account is \$10,000.00, and if the balance goes below the \$10k, the Bank will charge a monthly service charge of \$10.00. There is no penalty to remove the money at any time. Martin recommends moving money to a money market fund because of anticipated expenses in the near future. This account allows 6 withdrawals per quarterly statement cycle. In person withdrawals are no charge and do not count toward the 6 transactions limit. O'Neill likes the lack of restrictions on the withdrawal of the funds. O'Neill said the only down side is that, if we don't use the money within 6 months, the City could possibly have received a slightly higher yield by reinvesting in a new CD. **O'Neill made a motion to move the money, once the CD matures, to the Academy Bank money market account with the yield of 1.1 %. Weedman seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.**

Judge Turner Resignation – Schwach reported that Judge Turner will retire at the end of August. He may be willing to return to the position after a 60-day required

waiting period. It is unknown at this time how municipal court will be covered during his absence. **Shelor moved to accept Judge Turner’s resignation as Municipal Court Judge. Villasari seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.**

Planning Commission - New Appointment – Schwach wishes to name Bryce Crady as a new member of the Planning Commission. Bryce is an engineer with Apex Engineering. Both Shelor and O’Neill think he would be a marvelous addition. **Shelor moved to approve Mayor’s recommendation to appoint Bryce Crady to the Planning Commission. Podrebarac seconds. O’Neill recuses herself as her husband has a current business contract with Crady. All others in favor. Motion passed.**

No Parking Sign on 49<sup>th</sup> Terrace – O’Bryan reported that the “No Parking From Here To Corner” sign is missing on 49<sup>th</sup> Terrace and Rainbow. Public Works Director, John Sullivan, quoted the cost below to replace the sign:

1 sign (no parking here to corner)	\$22.00
hardware	\$ 3.50
tool charge	\$10.00
Labor	<u>\$27.53</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63.03</b>

**Weedman moved to authorize the replacement of the missing sign. O’Neill seconded to replace the sign on 49<sup>th</sup> Terrace. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Grass Seed at 1914 W. 50<sup>th</sup> Terrace – O’Bryan reported that Brian Ritter cleaned up debris from The Green after the severe July storm, appropriately bundled the debris, and placed it in the yard at 1914 W. 50<sup>th</sup> Terrace for pick-up. WCA did not pick up the debris for several weeks, which left the grass in the yard at 1914 West 50<sup>th</sup> Terrace dead. Brian Ritter can seed the area for \$10.00. The homeowner agreed to water the seeded site. **O’Bryan asked for an encumbrance of \$10.00 to pay Brian Ritter to replace the dead grass. O’Neill made a motion to encumber \$10.00 for grass seed and labor to repair the grass at 1914 W. 50<sup>th</sup> Terrace. Villasari seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) and Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) Ordinances – Podrebarac reported that the city needs to adopt the 2017 Editions of both the STO and UPOC as published by the League of Kansas Municipalities. The 2017 Edition of the STO includes the seat belt ordinance change which the City adopted at its July meeting, and the UPOC adopting ordinance continues to include the previously adopted City restrictions for tobacco age increase and no smoking on The Green.

**Podrebarac moved to adopt Ordinance No. 265 incorporating the 2017 Edition of the STO, and O'Neill seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Podrebarac moved to adopt Ordinance No. 266 incorporating the 2017 Edition of the UPOC, with certain modifications. O'Neill seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Review of Encumbrances - Schwach

Remove encumbrance for Hedges – Lighting on The Green \$330.00

Remove Garden Club encumbrance of \$1138.47

Remove encumbrance for Boxwood Treatments \$200.00

Remove encumbrance for KC Arborist \$40.00

Sewer cleaning – remove encumbrance of \$700.00

Remove encumbrance for camera work \$1238.89

**Informational items – no action to be taken**

No Issues from Citizens in Attendance

Schwach reported that the Stormwater permit audit went well and thanked Councilwoman Podrebarac and City Clerk O'Bryan for all their work on the audit.

Speed limit monitoring – Podrebarac reminded that many residents have come forward with concerns with speeding in the city. Podrebarac went through 16 months of Police reports and found only 4 speeding tickets, with only two on interior streets. Podrebarac inquired as to whether the City could talk to the Chief about the speed radar monitoring signs? Shelor reported that the Chief has looked into renting and/or purchasing a monitoring system, and it is very costly. Shelor will discuss with the Chief the speed monitor and sending email blasts to residents regarding speeding.

Trick or Treating – The Chief has told Councilwoman Shelor that he would like to encourage residents to complete trick or treating by 8:00 pm for safety reasons. That includes the kids stopping door to door visits, as well as residents ceasing handing out candy at 8 pm. We will suggest this via the City newsletter.

Storm Drain Clean up volunteers – Thank you to the following who volunteered to keep the storm drains clean: Gary Ripple – 49<sup>th</sup> Terrace & Glendale, Mary Becker – 49<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Mike Coffman, 50<sup>th</sup> St., Paula Schwach – 48<sup>th</sup> Terrace, John Weedman - 49<sup>th</sup> St., and Renee Miller – 50<sup>th</sup> Terrace at The Green.

Westwood Hills Foundation Potential Funding List – Coffman said that the list the Foundation provided is in conjunction with The Garden Club. Mayor asked council for any feedback on the list. The Colorado Blue Spruce on The Green will be on the September agenda. Another item of interest is the drop inlet at 50<sup>th</sup> Terrace.

Mayor Schwach suggested holding this item until next month, and Council can make recommendations to the Foundation and The Green. Coffman said that the Foundation likes to do capital improvements such as water metering of the two islands versus maintenance work.

**Motion to adjourn by Shelor. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.**