

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018
Meeting #827**

A regular session of the city council was called to order in due form by Mayor Paula Schwach at 7:03 p.m.

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

Citizen Martha Lally joined the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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

Mayor Schwach asked to add agenda item 11e - information item.

Motion by Podrebarac to approve the agenda with the addition of item 11e. Second by Becker. All aye. Motion approved.

Old Business:

KGS Franchise Agreement - City Attorney Orr asked that Council authorize him to continue negotiations with KGS for the terms of a new franchise agreement, with the following recommendations:

- 1). a term of no more than 15 years with 5-year reopeners;
- 2). broad gross revenue language;
- 3). the possible collection of franchise fees on transport gas;
- 4). requiring that all Kansas Gas structures be in the streets and rights-of-way as currently dedicated and not in other public spaces;
- 5). requiring that the franchise acknowledge that it is separate and apart for other building codes and requirements, including permit fees, and does not limit the authority of the City;
- 6). requiring that the franchise include broad indemnification language; and
- 7). requiring that the franchise place insurance requirements on KGS.

Shelor Sexton moved and Podrebarac seconded to authorize Orr to negotiate with KGS for a new franchise agreement based upon the above recommendations. All in favor. Motion carries.

New Business:

Halloween Barricades - Shelor Sexton reported that Walmart will again donate candy for the officers to hand out. Shelor Sexton said Chief O'Halloran recommends that the City of Westwood Hills suggest to our residents that they cease trick-or-treating by turning off the lights at 8:00 p.m. on Halloween night. The barricades will be in place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and the police would like to start setting up the barricades at 5:45 p.m.

Shelor moves that the City suggest to our residents that they terminate trick or treating at 8:00 p.m. by turning off their lights. Villasi seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Informational items – no action to be taken

Rosehill walk-through- Martha Lally and Mayor Schwach walked the city streets with a representative from Rosehill Nursery and were pleased to see a good amount of the plantings survived throughout the summer. Rosehill is extending the warranty on some of the plantings for another year. Rosehill will make recommendations for spring plantings. Schwach asked if the Foundation will replace the plantings on private property, if needed? Lally responded that the Foundation is no longer in the landscaping business.

Paper Shredding and E-Cycle Event Results - O'Bryan reported that the total pounds of shredded and recycled paper was 31,250 lbs., compared to 28,125 lbs. in 2017. Total pounds of e-Cycle was 6,287, compared to 7,358 lbs. in 2017. There were a total of 361 cars (down from 456 in 2017). Of those 361 cars, 14 cars from Westwood Hills participated, compared to 20 in 2017. Thank you to John Becker for volunteering to help with this event. All seven cities payed an equal share of \$192.86 to participate, which calculates to about \$13.78 per car for our City. Something to think about for next year.

Street Sign Inventory - Schwach said Council needs to look at the Capital Improvement Plan this winter and determine what readjustments may be advisable because some of the former high priorities have been completed. Schwach asked Villasi and Shelor Sexton if they are willing to walk the streets to take inventory of the signs that need replacing. Shelor Sexton and Villasi will work together to complete the inventory.

Bob Hale - Bob Hale died in his home on October 8, 2018. Mr. Hale was the City Treasurer for 40 years.

Motion to adjourn by Podrebarac. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.