

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2019
Meeting #831**

A regular session of the city council was called to order in due form by President of the Council Rosemary Podrebarac at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, Ludwig Villasi, John Weedman and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr was present. City Treasurer John Martin was present.

No citizens were in attendance.

Motion by Shelor Sexton to approve the agenda. Second by Villasi. All aye. Motion approved.

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

Old Business:

Transfer to (Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)) - Weedman recommended transferring an additional \$40,000 to the CIP Fund, to start to building a reserve in the general fund for future projects. With the new tax limitations, it would be good to have some funds in reserve in general fund. **Weedman moved to transfer \$40,000 to the CIP fund, at the recommendation of John Martin. Shelor Sexton seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.**

New Business:

Co-Responder 2019

Shelor Sexton reported that the program is very popular and has been utilized heavily. The 2019 cost for a mental health co-responder is \$1122.00 for our City. **Shelor moved to increase the co-responder budget line item to \$1122.00 for the 2019 co-responder. Weedman seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Money will be moved from Projects to Public Safety.**

BMP Cost Share Program

Podrebarac said the City would like to again participate with the County for this program, with a request to the County for \$5,000.00. **Shelor Sexton moved to enter into the cost-share program with Johnson County. Weedman seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Reaffirm Mike Whitsitt to the Planning Commission (PC)

Podrebarac advised that the City needs to reaffirm Mike's appointment to the PC for three years. **Shelor Sexton moved to reaffirm Mike Whitsitt's three-year appointment to the Planning Commission, and Villasi seconded. All in favor. Whitsitt reaffirmed as a member of the Planning Commission.**

Brian Ritter Landscape Agreement

Villasi reported a 5% increase in price for the 2019 contract. Villasi posed the question whether or not the \$450.00-line item under exhibit B includes for both mulch and labor. Shelor asked that Ritter re-bid the agreement using soil pep mulch. Villasi will follow up with Brian regarding this matter. Villasi will also contact the Westwood Hills Foundation regarding the soil pep cost and the cost for weeding the Liriope along Rainbow. Ritter said he could trim all of the boxwood on islands, entryways, and the Green for \$475.00. This cost would be for a smooth straight cut for the hedge sections and smooth rounded cuts for individual bushes. The quote is for one trimming. Council recommended to hold this until the March meeting.

City Attorney Orr made a few suggestions to the agreement:

Use the contractor's Tax ID (EIN) number instead of his social security number.

Add a termination clause stating that in the event of termination of the agreement, the City shall only owe the contractor for the work actually performed and materials that have been provided.

Informational items – no action to be taken:

There were no items from Citizens in attendance.

Homelessness in Johnson County

Podrebarac called the Council's attention to the information on homelessness in Johnson County that was included in the council packet and advised of the Mayor's concern about affordable housing availability within Johnson County.

50th & State Line Traffic Study

The Traffic Study was included in the Council packet. Mayor Schwach has indicated that a possible funding source for any work might be a CARS application, which will be due in April.

Street bids deadline is February 12, 2019

CIP Public Forum

Saturday, February 23, 10:30 a.m. at the home of Karen Sexton Shelor and Mike Sexton.

Eblast reminding residents of the Public Forum will be sent this Friday, next Wednesday and next Friday.

KCP&L Street light conversion to LED

KCP&L is hosting a meeting on its planned conversion of its street lights to LED fixtures.

Advancing Climate Solutions

Podrebarac asked that if any council member is interested in serving on one of the committees, they please contact Mayor Schwach and City Clerk O'Bryan.

Kansas Legislative Updates

Podrebarac advised that Mayor Schwach wanted the Council to be aware of a few bills being considered in the Kansas legislature:

HB 2135 would repeal legislation currently restricting a county or city from the ability to restrict political signage in the ROW

SB 68 would prohibit cities from requiring franchise agreements for wireless service/wireless service infrastructure providers

HB 2126 introduces state regulations concerning the operation of electric scooters on roads and highways

City Attorney Jim Orr reported that he is monitoring a bill in the Kansas Legislature that would amend KOMA requirements to include mandating audio recordings of meetings.

Motion to adjourn by Shelor Sexton. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.