

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2022
Meeting #875**

The Westwood Hills City Council meeting was held on August 8, 2022, in the Community Room at Westwood City Hall.

A regular session of the city council was called to order in due form by Mayor Rosemary Podrebarac at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Mayor Podrebarac, Michael Anfang, Ed Gogol, Dave Schmitz, Karen Sexton, John Weedman, and Beth O'Bryan. City Treasurer John Martin was present.

Chief Mansell was also in attendance.

With the consent of the Council, Mayor Podrebarac appointed John Weedman as a council member to fill the open council position. City Clerk O'Bryan administered Weedman the loyalty oath.

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

Motion by Gogol to approve the Consent Agenda Second by Schmitz. All aye. Motion approved.

No Old Business:

New Business:

Planning Commission Re-appointments

With the consent of the Council, Mayor Podrebarac reappointed Planning Commission member Chris Fein for another three-year term. The Council, with the exception of Schmitz, also voted to confirm Lyle Miller's reappointment for another three years.

2023 Contain the Rain Applications

The County is again offering the Contain the Rain Program for 2023. The City can request \$3,000.00 to provide a 50% match (limits apply) to residents' expenditures for the following:

Rain Barrels, Rain Gardens, Native Trees, Native Plantings, Native Planting Buffers/Swales, Cisterns, Permeable Pavement, Soil Quality Restoration, and Floating Wetlands. The City may limit or propose additional BMPs. If the City wishes to request more than \$3,000.00 from Johnson County, the City must demonstrate the need for additional funds, based on past participation. To date in 2022, the City has not received any applications. **Gogol moved and Sexton seconded to participate in the program for 2023 and request \$3,000.00 in available funding. All aye. Motion passed.**

New for 2023, the County is seeking feedback and a preliminary funding request for a city apply for up to \$3,000 to install or rehab a demonstration BMP/project that is owned and operated by the city.

The goal is to provide cities with an opportunity to better educate residents about their stormwater program and Contain the Rain as a whole through high-visibility projects that cities can promote. This funding is strictly for demonstrating a type of project (size, scale, complexity) that a resident could install on their own property. The funding will act the same as for residents, simply, that a city would apply to JOCO SMP with a project plan, estimate, and written need. These projects should be high visibility. The project location could be at a city park, city facility, or another venue that is relevant and reasonable for the intended audience. The types of projects the County would approve are:

- Rain Barrels
- Rain Gardens
- Native Trees
- Native Plant Swale/buffer (receiving runoff)

The project would also need to include an educational element. Preferably passive signage that details the benefits of the project, the city-county partnership, and how a resident could complete their own project through the City's Contain the Rain Program. **Sexton moved and Gogol seconded to notify the County of the City's intent to participate in the program. All in favor. Motion passed.**

2022 Leaf Collection

Roeland Park has agreed to provide leaf collection services for the City of Westwood Hills. The estimated \$1,246.00 contract price is a 10% increase from the previous year due to increased maintenance and fuel costs. In addition, MO Organics has increased their cost per load to \$105.00 due to increased operating costs. Last year, there were four loads of leaves dropped off at MO Organics. Roeland Park has provided December 4 or 11, 2022, as possible dates for the leaf collection. The City budgeted \$2,200.00 for the leaf collection, and a \$500.00 carryover remains encumbered from last year.

Weedman moved to enter into a contract with Roeland Park for citywide leaf collection, to schedule the collection for December 4, 2022, and to encumber \$2,200.00 for leaf collection. Second by Gogol. All in favor. Motion carried. The funds will come out of line item 8053 - Leaf Pickup.

SMSD State of the District

The annual State of the District Address will take place at 11:30 a.m. on August 18, 2022, The cost to attend is \$35.00 per person. Mayor Podrebarac and the City Clerk, Beth O'Bryan, would like to attend. **Sexton moved and Gogol seconded to encumber \$70.00 for Mayor Podrebarac and Beth O'Bryan to attend the event. All aye. Motion passed. The funds will come out of the Governmental Relations line item.**

Climate Action Plan Resolution 2022-2

Sexton proposed the City adopt Resolution 2022-2 endorsing the KC Regional Climate Action Plan created in partnership by Climate Action KC ("CAKC") and Mid-America

Regional Council (“MARC”). **Gogol moved and Weedman seconded to adopt Resolution 2022-2. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Cones for COA Events

Sexton requested the City purchase reflective, collapsible cones to block the streets during the Community Association Events. The cost to purchase 16 cones, for which half will be reimbursed by the Community Association, is \$174.32 (including tax). Sexton will store the cones. **Sexton moved and Gogol seconded to encumber \$180.00 to purchase sixteen cones for Community Association and City events. All in favor. Motion passed. The funds will come out of the public safety line item.**

Informational items – no action to be taken

There were no items from Citizens in attendance.
Gogol reported that there has been an increase in trash left at The Green.
Anfang and Sexton will not be at the Council Meeting on September 12, 2022.
Councilman Schmitz volunteered as the alternate for the Stormwater Management Advisory Committee Representative.
The President of the Council will be appointed at the September meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Weedman. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.