**City of Westwood Hills**

**City Council Meeting Minutes**

**December 14, 2020**

**Meeting #855**

The Westwood Hills City Council meeting on December 14, 2020, was held remotely using Zoom. The remote meeting procedure was in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in furtherance of the Governor's Executive Order to adhere to social distancing, in order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus.

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, Michael Anfang, Ed Gogol, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, Ludwig Villasi, and Beth O’Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr and City Treasurer John Martin were present.

Citizen Jason Dandoy was in attendance.

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

**Motion by Shelor Sexton to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Gogol. All aye. Motion approved.**

**Old Business:**

Restrictive Covenants

Podrebarac obtained a copy of the covenants affecting city property from the county. In 1923, there were restrictions regarding race included within these covenants. The Westwood Hills Homes Association voted on May 3, 2006 to remove the restrictions, and the document amending the covenants to remove the restrictive race covenant was recorded on February 2, 2007.

**New Business:**

Johnson County Municipalities Community Housing Study

Schwach reported that she does not yet have a final draft of the study. Schwach will send it to council once the final draft has been received. Schwach asked for city volunteers to serve on the Housing Task Force whose work begins in January.

Johnson County Public Health Order Enforcement Agreement

Podrebarac reported that this is an agreement with the county for the Johnson County to handle enforcement of Johnson County’s Local Health Officer Orders and the County Board of Health Orders resulting from the pandemic.  **Anfang moved and Gogol seconded to enter into the enforcement agreement with Johnson County. All in favor. Agreement adopted.**

Retirement gift for staff to the Council of Mayors

DJ Daniels, city staff for Overland Park, KS, has provided support to the Johnson/Wyandotte County of Mayors for many years. DJ is retiring at the end of the year, and the Council of Mayors has requested each member city contribute $100.00 towards a retirement gift. In the future, each month the hosting city will handle the staff support responsibilities. **Shelor Sexton moved to encumber $100.00 for DJ Daniels’ retirement gift. Seconded by Gogol. All aye. Motion passed.**

Encumbrances

O’Bryan reported the following encumbrances were removed from the encumbrances report prior to the meeting:

Arbor Day Seedlings $100.00

Mayor’s Lunch $250.00

Face Masks $32.63

Leaf Collection $405.00

Chris Hedges $50.00

Martin agreed to remove $180.00 for Green Lawn at this meeting.

**Gogol moved to approve the revisions to the encumbrances. Seconded by Anfang. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Schwach asked City Treasurer John Martin if the City should transfer $41,200.00 from the general fund to the capital fund at this time. Martin replied in the affirmative.

**Shelor Sexton moved to transfer $41,200.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund as appears in the original City budget. Podrebarac seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Shawnee Mission District (SMSD) Bond for Construction – Westwood View

Westwood View is one of the schools slated for new construction if the SMSD bond issue is passed by voters in January. Schwach asked if the council would like to support the bond. **Shelor Sexton moved that the WWH City Council endorse the SMSD January bond issue and prepare a formal endorsement signed by the City Council and the Mayor. This endorsement will be shared with the City residents and the media. Gogol seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Public Safety Dinner

As in past years, Shelor wishes to provide dinner to the Westwood Police Department as a thank you on New Year’s Eve. **Shelor moved and Gogol seconded to encumber $120.00 for purchase of a New Year’s Eve meal for the Westwood Police Department. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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

There were no items from Citizens in attendance.

Zoom Capital Improvement Plan Work Session

Mayor Schwach would like to schedule a Capital Improvement Plan work session on January 30, 2021 at 9:30-11:00 am via Zoom. Council is asked to submit projects in writing.

**Motion to adjourn by Gogol. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**