

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023
Meeting #886**

The Westwood Hills City Council meeting was held on July 10, 2023, 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 7:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Podrebarac, Michael Anfang, Ed Gogol, Dave Schmitz, Karen Sexton, John Weedman, and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr and City Treasurer John Martin were present. Chief Curtis Mansell was present.

Citizens Margot Patterson (Westwood Hills), William Hughes (Westwood Hills), and Barbara LeClerq (Overland Park) were in attendance, as were Gavi Geller (JCRB), Sam Von-End (JCRB), and Hillary Parker Thomas (JCRB).

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

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

Presentation on the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of Antisemitism - Gavi Geller, Sam Von-End, and Hillary Parker Thomas.

No Old Business

New Business:

Planning Commission Appointments

With the Council's consent, Mayor Podrebarac requested the reappointment of the following members of the Planning Commission for new three terms each:

Norman Friedman

Bryce Crady

Erik LaPrade

Sollie Flora

Gogol moved and Sexton seconded to reappoint Norman Friedman, Bryce Crady, Erik LaPrade, and Sollie Flora to additional three year terms on the Planning Commission. All aye. Motion carried.

2024 Budget

The revenue neutral rate for the 2024 budget is 23.193 mills. Last year the mill rate was 25.862 mills, with 21.862 mills for the general fund and 4.00 mills for the KDHE loan repayment fund. The Council discussed anticipated budget needs for 2024 and decided an increase in real estate tax revenue would not be needed to cover the anticipated 2024 city expenses.

Anfang moved and Gogol seconded not to exceed the RNR. All aye. Motion passed. The proposed 2024 mill rate is 23.149 mills. The budget hearing will be scheduled for August 14, 2023.

Halloween

There was a discussion about whether to place barricades on the City streets for Halloween.

Sexton moved and Gogol seconded to put up barricades on Halloween at all entrances aside from 50th Terrace. Anfang Nay. Gogol, Schmitz, Sexton and Weedman aye. Motion passed.

The City Clerk will get a quote from John Sullivan for the cost of the barricades. The Community Association (COA) will not contribute 50 percent of the cost of barricades this year as in past years.

The council discussed possibly putting up signs on the barricades that indicate that many of our homeowners discontinue Trick or Treating at 8:00 pm.

Stormwater inlet/outflow cleanout

Councilman Schmitz will obtain bids for the stormwater inlet/outflow cleanout.

Informational items – no action to be taken

There were no items from Citizens in attendance.

Motion to adjourn by Anfang. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.