

**CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**  
**MEETING #888**

The Westwood Hills City Council meeting was held on September 11, 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 7:16 p.m.

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

No citizens were in attendance.

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

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

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**Old Business:**

Antisemitism Resolution 2023-2

At its July meeting, the council heard from representatives of the Jewish Community Relations Board, who presented a request to the council to adopt a resolution defining antisemitism. The council also heard comments from citizens questioning the proposed resolution. Since that meeting proposed Resolution 2023-2 has been revised to clarify the some of the language. **Gogol moved and Schmitz seconded to approve Resolution 2023-2. All aye. Mayor Podrebarac executed the resolution.**

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**New Business:**

STO Adoption - Ordinance #296

Ordinance #296 adopts the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 50th Edition (2023), prepared and published by the League of Kansas Municipalities, and repeals sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance #294. **Schmitz moved and Weedman seconded to adopt Ordinance #296. All in favor. Motion carried,**

UPOC Adoption- Ordinance #297

Ordinance #297 adopts the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities - 39th Edition (2023), prepared and published by the League of Kansas Municipalities, with certain modifications, and repeals sections 1-5 of Ordinance #295. **Gogol moved and Weedman seconded to adopt Ordinance #297. All in favor. Motion carried.**

#### City Computer

The City computer has not been working properly for a few months. It was purchased in October 2020. The City Clerk is currently looking at a MacBook Air M2 Chip (13.6 inch), with a cost of currently about \$1,300.00. The City will also need to purchase software to edit .pdfs, with a cost of about \$180.00.

Also, the City currently has an older version of Quicken, which is no longer supported, but still works. All new versions have a monthly fee. We can continue to use the existing Quicken software for now but may need to purchase updated software in the future. City Clerk O'Bryan estimates needing an encumbrance of up to \$2,000.00 to purchase a new computer and the necessary software. The 2023 budget allows room in both office supplies (line item 8010) and projects (over \$16k) to cover the proposed expenditure. John Martin suggested we leave the expense in office supplies (which would then be over budget), so that we can keep better track of that specific expense category. However, the City will not be over the total 2023 budget as there is room in both projects and recycling line items.

**Gogol moved and Schmitz seconded to encumber \$2,000.00 to purchase a new computer and software. All aye. Motion passed.**

#### National Suicide Prevention & Action Month Proclamation

September is National Suicide Prevention and Action Month, and the City has been requested to make the same designation for Westwood Hills. **Gogol moved and Weedman seconded to proclaim September as National Suicide Prevention & Action Month in Westwood Hills. All aye. Mayor Podrebarac executed the proclamation.**

#### Happy Bottoms Proclamation

Happy Bottoms, a local non profit organization, has requested that the City proclaim a week in September as Diaper Awareness Week. **Schmitz moved and Gogol seconded to proclaim September 18- 24, 2023 as Diaper Awareness Week in Westwood Hills. All aye. Mayor Podrebarac executed the proclamation.**

#### KGS Franchise Agreement Extension - Ordinance #298

The Franchise Agreement with Kansas Gas Service has been previously extended through September 30, 2023. Ordinance #298 extends the current franchise agreement until September 30, 2024. **Weedman moved and Gogol seconded the adoption of Ordinance #298. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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

There were no items from Citizens in attendance.

Councilman Weedman asked if the City plans to take an official stance on the Karbank Proposal. Mayor Podrebarac said that is a Westwood project, and the City has no jurisdiction over the proposed project.

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**Motion to adjourn by Schmitz. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**