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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Wichita, Kansas, February 11, 2025  
Tuesday, 09:00 AM

The City Council met in regular session with Becky Tuttle, Lily Wu, JV Johnston, Brandon Johnson, Mike Hoheisel, Dalton Glasscock, and Maggie Ballard.

Staff Members Present: Robert Layton, City Manager, Jennifer Magana, Director of Law, and Shinita Rice, Deputy City Clerk.

[The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM.](#)

[Approve the minutes of regular meeting February 4, 2025](#)

**Motion**

**Mayor Wu moved** to approve the minutes of regular meeting February 4, 2025  
Motion carried 7 to 0

**AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**Proclamations:**

- 1.) [Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated Founders Day](#)
  
- I) [PUBLIC AGENDA](#)

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Austin Smith stated well good morning. I have here a gift for you all. May I approach the chair? For the record my name is Austin Smith. My address is 93, excuse me, 9350 East Corporate Hills, Unit 780952, here in the great city of Wichita, Kansas. This morning I wanted to come to you all as a friend. What I wanted to bring to you was a new framework for problem-solving. I'm in business and a citizen here in Wichita. If you're like me I'm sure people come knocking on your door and send you emails regarding problems that really are not yours. Uh, so this framework is really, uh, a gift to you all. It's rooted in the principles of history. Our Founding Fathers used these things to separate powers and to solve problems. So to begin I just wanted to give a brief overview of the nature of government. I'm here on Page 1. Laid out in historical texts we see five realms of government. We see the self, family, ecclesiastic, commercial and civil. All forms of government stem from the Trinity that we read about in the Holy Scriptures. The reason this is important is because the game has been set up this way. Whether you are a person of faith or not this is how it's played, and I want you all to be as successful as possible in your roles. So that's why I'm here today is because, I've seen the news and I've seen the criticisms and I also understand the hardships that it is being in a position of influence and a position of leadership as a - a problem-solver. So at the time that I've got left I wanted to jump down to Page 4 and just briefly go over jurisdictional problem-solving. Now there are several presuppositions that I'm starting with, and I've listed those here on Page 4 for you to look over and review on your own time, but really what it comes down to is identifying root causes. One of the primary questions to ask is which sphere of government is primarily responsible for addressing these issues? Now today I know you have a very full docket. Many issues are on the agenda and you want to get through those as quickly as possible. So as you take time to review these it's important to ask to what degree are you responsible as City Council members and as elected representatives to address these problems, and which of them is a responsibility of this individual, the family, the ecumenical ministries or nonprofits in the community and of business and commerce? After we identify the root cause assess the available resources. Okay, what local private and civic resources can be mobilized? I would say it's not necessarily intuitive but it is easy to centralize power. It's easy to step up and say we've got this, let us take care of this for you. But it's time that we start taking responsibility for ourselves. It's time really for us to grow up as citizens of Wichita. I believe that this is the best city in the United States. We may not act like it yet but I believe that we can become a model city, and then part of that is by embracing this jurisdictional problem-solving and executing it on a sec- city action councils. Step 3 is to develop an incremental solution from the bottom up and inside out. You know, you can't help people who don't want to be helped. Then implement and evaluate. I've put a visual on Page 5 for you all of how this works. In closing I'd like to say by restoring proper judicial balance we create a framework that enhances civic engagement, accountability and effective governance. Understanding and applying these principles will help city leaders and community members work together towards sustainable solutions. I'll be available for questions if you want contact me. I think Mr. Glasscock and Mayor Wu can connect you with me. Thank you all for your time.

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Mayor Wu stated thank you Austin. Can you email this to us please? Thank you. Madam Clerk we have four more spots for anyone who would like to address the council.

2.) Lavonta Williams stated good morning Mayor and Council. Name is Lavonta Williams and I'm here just for two things and it's not to scold. But I want to thank you for having that opportunity and allowing people to be able to grieve because of the plane crash because of the crash that left from Wichita, Kansas. I think it's very important that we do that on occasions when we have something as drastic as that. And I say that because I'm one of those that remembers the plane crash of 1965 and during that time I was doing a media moment and it was at that time that I realized we had no time to grieve. We never had the opportunity for someone to speak with us. We never had the opportunity for someone to pray with us. And so although you may not know how beneficial that was at this time that we did it please understand that later on it will - it will click in and people will understand. This is something that was needed. It's not a complete closure but it definitely gets them on the road for closure. And as I attended many of the ice skating events and watched those young people ice skate, and many of you know the young people are the closest thing that I - I - I pray about I was very concerned that that was the group that we lost. And I would also have to say that we lost a young girl who was a - on her way to becoming a great civil rights lawyer, Kiah Duggins and so please keep her name in your prayers as well. So I thank you for what you did on that opportunity. And on one other occasion I heard my mom say I'm the oldest of nine. And she always said be grateful for what you have, be grateful for what you're given and always say thank you. So on that \$125,000 that you gave as far as screening is concerned, I don't realize or I don't remember if I said thank you. So I do want to make sure that you understand that we appreciate and we thank you for what you do, and I am standing and hoping that we get the rest of it that's needed before the deadline. And so I just want to say thank you and whatever we can get done before that time in June I would appreciate it so that we can help those that are still suffering. So if you think about it we had the plane crash in that neighborhood. That's an EPA issue. We had the water. That's an EPA issue. I still worry about the fumes from the trucks. That's an EPA issue because when I was young there was a meat packing place on 21st Street. You could smell the fumes at our home which was 18th and Piatt. So if the fumes could come to 18th and Piatt from 21st Street, is there a possibility that the emissions from those 100 trucks that idle could make it to that community as well? I just wonder if we've already checked the air quality and let the community know that everything is safe. So being in your positions I just want to say thank you for all you do and continue to do that. Thank you.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks Mayor. Thank you former councilmember. I did want to give you an update. And so City Council approved \$125,000. Sedgwick County approved \$125,000 and thanks to

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our partners at the Kansas Health Foundation they gave a half a million so we are at 3/4 of a million. We've only got 1/4 left to go and I'm confident we'll get there.

Lavonta Williams stated thank you.

II) [CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 19](#)

Tuttle pulled item #18

**Motion**

**Mayor Wu moved** to approve Consent Items 1 THROUGH 19 except 18

Motion carried 7 to 0

Council Member Tuttle stated not working. Due to a personal conflict of interest I will be abstaining from Consent Agenda Item 18. Thank you.

**Motion**

**Mayor Wu moved** to approve Consent Item 18

Motion carried 6 to 0

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No speakers came forward.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

III) [BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS](#)

1.) [Board of Bids and Contracts dated February 10, 2025.](#)

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Attachment: [02-10-2025 Board of Bids.pdf](#)

Attachment: [02-10-2025 WAA Board of Bids.pdf](#)

Josh Lauber, Finance Department, reviewed the item.

**Motion**

**Mayor Wu moved** to Receive and file report, approve the contracts and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

IV) [PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS - NONE](#)

V) [UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS](#)

VI) [NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS](#)

1.) [2025 Community Services Block Grant Application](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. VI-1.doc](#)

Na'Shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, reviewed the item.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you Mayor. Thank you Na'shell especially for all your hard work. You guys up in housing are overtaxed quite a bit and we really do appreciate all you do. What are the four City positions that we are funding with this?

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Na'Shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated so currently it would be my position and three family development. So those are, like, a - specialists so they provide the ongoing case management and support for that.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. This doesn't touch CSRs. It's CDBG that we - funds the CSR program with? Okay. Yep. Thank you.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks Mayor. Thank you Na'shell. Appreciate all the work you and your team do. I just wanna make sure I heard you right. You said the young people get paid \$9.21 an hour now?

Na'Shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated that is correct.

Council Member Johnson stated wow. When I started I might - I got \$5.15 so...

Na'Shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated exactly. I said - I say that all the time. I was, like, when I started it was, like, \$5.85.

Mayor Wu stated Shell, I love talking about the Way to Work program so I think that this is a great opportunity for people to know about it. Can you talk about the application process? You're currently still recruiting. So tell me about the Way to Work program and how many hours - 20 hours per week, but for how many weeks do the youth get employed?

Na'Shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated absolutely. So the Way to Work program actually - I tell people they actually start working the day after Memorial Day, but the youth are - actually begin to engaging with us over winter break. So this year we changed it up. We opened up applications December the 20th, and we just recently closed application on February the 2nd. We received a total of 297 applications this year, which was by far the largest we have received, so we are beyond excited. On March the 14th, over at the Wichita State Metroplex, we will host an event called Roundup. At that time they will enger- engage with our City of Wichita HR and go through those steps. They will learn about the program. We'll also conduct interviews with them, so they'll get an opportunity to interview. I mean, some of them, this is their first time. The youth start at age 14 all the way up to 17, and then they're engaged with us at the entire summer. We'll have them from the beginning of Memorial Day all the way up until July the 31st of this year. They will go to work 20 hours a week. And

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then we host a workshop at Wichita State. And we are thankful for that continued partnership with them as well. We host a wo- workshop every Friday, and they have a various of different topics. As far as the work sites, they are engaged in different work areas throughout the entire cities. From big employers to small employers, we engage the entire community. Last year we were very, very - received a great amount of employers, a total of 72 different employers inside this entire City of Wichita offered employers, not only businesses but also, um, different departments inside of the City of Wichita offered that support and were great mentors to our young people. Sedgwick County played a big role as well as along with the Wichita workforce. So the community rallies behind these young people over the summer, offer them opportunities to gain a skill. And in addition to that, if you have an opportunity at 17, you never know where that may put you. We've had a great, um, youth - a little bit over 5 years ago, we had a youth who engaged in our program in 2020. He came in at 17. He had just graduated high school, and we placed him over at the Wichita Transit. Once he was done he was gonna be turning 18 in a month. Wichita Transit hol- held open that position until he turned 18. He went and applied, worked for Wichita Transit, um, a little bit over a year, saw another opportunity, and now is working out at the airport - um, at Wichita Airport doing airport mechanics. So that is a wonderful success story of the impact of - of many that the impact that this program has and how vital it is in the City of Wichita. But he is still there, and he came on in 2020 and doing' an amazing, amazing job.

Mayor Wu stated thank you for what you do and the rest of the team with the Way to Work Program. Can you also address how you collaborate with, for instance, YMCA's Job Prep program for youth as well as the Workforce Center's Youth Employment program?

Na'Shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated absolutely. So we don't do nearly as much as I think we should. I always am very transparent of offering ideas or suggestions, and we can always strengthen things to become better in the community. However, when we do have youth who have met a certain threshold, most of our 16 and 17-year-olds, if we've got them at 14, we always refer them over to the Workforce because they have an opportunity to engage in Textron, Spirit, and those different avenues. And we want them to grow. We want their opportunities to grow. So we are always referring them over. Now that our application process is closed, we do get several youth who have missed the deadline. But we don't want them to be engaged in anything that is not productive of the summer, so we transfer them over and allow them to get connected to Camp HYPE, which is through the Wichita Workforce, or look for other jobs within that. So the great mentoring and partnership has been very, very vital. WPD also is very good in their Juvenile Intervention Unit, and so they get involved with us as well. So if we have a young person who is not able to get a job for some other reason, they are also boots on the ground, and they have different connections. So no one is left behind. The YMCA Prep Program has done a great job with us as well. We have also been able to engage and refer different youth over to them as well as they have created that same exact partnership and referred them over to us depending on the need. It's enough for everybody, and so that is one of the voices that we are consistently creating, that

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we have enough people in our community and enough youth programs to where everybody can be able to make great impact.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No speakers came forward.

**Motion**

**Mayor Wu moved** to Approve the 2025 Community Services Block Grant funding application and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

2.) [Police Policy Management Lexipol Contract](#)

Attachment: [Lexipol Contract.signed by Law.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Proposal-Wichita PD 12-4-24.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. VI-2.docx](#)

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, reviewed the item.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Captain. I appreciate all - you got a lot on your plate, so you've been doing your homework here. How - how does this interact with other governments in - in the State, such as County? We have some - some shared policies with County. Does this cover anything that - that we cooperate with them or the State with?

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated yes. So part of implementation is they will look at every single one of our departmental policies in- including anything that would be combined or reference with the County. Something I can think of would be our Advanced Law Enforcement Response Team that Chief Sullivan and Sheriff Easter created, ah, to investigate officer-involved, ah, shootings and high-profile incidents So they would review that policy



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content, and what they would do is they would cross-reference against their policy content. Um, and - and they actually highlight it out in different colors, and they'll say hey, this is unique to the Wichita Police Department; this is something that Lexipol also suggests that you have; this is something you're missing; this should be a standard operating procedure. But at the end of the day we retain authority to say yes, we're going to include that content or no, we're not. So any review - they'll - they'll review all of our policies. But at the end of the day we have the opportunity to say yes, we're going to include that, or you know, that might work other places, but because of unique operations with ICT-1 teams or the Alert policy, that doesn't work here.

Council Member Hoheisel stated so - yeah. So would the county get any recommendations as well, or is this just strictly WPD?

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated no, this is just us.

Mayor Wu stated I had a question regarding transparency and communication. How will this strengthen communication with community but also help with greater transparency with community as well?

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated yes. So I briefly mentioned that at - under the current process when policies are finalized and published, our Public Information Office goes in and manually uploads those policies to our Web site. Part of the agreement with Lexipol and - and part of how the system works is they will - they will now manage our online publicly available, ah, policy content, so it will be more quickly available for the public as we publish those policies. Additionally for us, when people file requests for historical policies there's a bit of a manual process we have to go through now to - to find those historical policies. We've had people make requests for policies from over 15 years ago, and we have to go track those down. So Lexipol will also manage that process for us as well. They'll store all of our historical policies. It'll show what edits were made to policies, call them out for us. It - so that will also help with transparency. Additionally, not necessarily on the transparency point, but, what we've seen is across the country agencies that have moved to Lexipol - in Oregon, for ex- example, they saw a 45% reduction in, frequency of litigated claims against law enforcement agencies that - that moved to Lexipol in this content, and a 48% reduction in severity of claims that were - that were paid out. In Colorado, similarly, they experienced 37% fewer claims, with 67% lower incurred costs. So as we this is - this is a way for us to benchmark our self against what's going on across the country. A huge thing with this, again, with transparency and accountability is what we have found is many agencies -- and this is part of why we're - we're enrolled in accreditation -- have policy content that con- that conflicts. So when

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you have over 100 policies, you may have something here in this policy that conflicts something you have somewhere else in your policy manual, and that causes us challenges. So part of this agreement with Lexipol is that they will also look for that type of content in our policy manual, things that conflict in two different places, ah, and call that out for us to - to address those issues. They provide timely case law updates to policy. So if there is case law across the country that may modify some of our policy content or need to modify our operations Lexipol will call that out for us and send us recommended changes to our policy manual as those - as those updates happen. Additionally, part of what Lexipol offer - offers is what they call opening the book. So we want our officers to - to refresh policy and not just pull up policy when they're in the middle of an incident that they need to reference. So one thing we're looking at further down the line after implementation would be what they call daily training where officers are prompted to complete basically a scenario that says, if this, then what should you do based on policy. And it can also correct officers. You know if they pick the wrong thing, they'll say, hey, this is what the correct answer was, and this is why, and this is the policy it references.

Mayor Wu stated and you said that would be further down the line, but an opportunity with this software?

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated yes, ma'am.

Mayor Wu invited public comment.

Twila Purrrity stated

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated happy to do so. Thank you, Twila, for calling out some of those things, because I did intend to speak about some of them. Recurring costs are fixed. It's based on the number of commissioned officers that we have on our department. So that is a fixed cost. We don't anticipate escalation of that in the near future. Ah, interfaces, it - it's not a system that necessarily needs to interface with much. What we anticipate interfacing with is the - is the City Web site. We do that with other things both embedding things in the City Web site and linking to things in the City Web site. So I don't have concerns as far as that's concerned. Employee access, that's a great call out. Lexipol actually has a - a - an application that we can put on the officers' phones for quick access on scenes, on calls to access policy content. So that's something we're very excited about. Right now they have to - they would have to pull out their phone, access the City secure site, get to our policy manual. It's all in PDF, so it's hard to search. So this will provide better access to our officers and our employees. No, Lexipol was not the only company or pro- or provider that we looked at. We looked at a - a company that we currently use to provide training; but they did not provide suggested content, and that was really big for

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us, was the expert policy content that was suggested by lawyers and law enforcement professionals from across the country. And as far as subscription to updates on the Web site, I don't know about that one. So I have a - I have a note to follow up with Lexipol as we move forward through implementation on that.

Mayor Wu called for additional public comment. Nobody came forward for further public comment.

**Motion**

*Mayor Wu moved* to Approve the contract and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

3.) [Real-Time Information Center FUSUS/AXON Operating System & Support Contract](#)

Attachment: [240074\\_Contract\\_law\\_s Signed by Axon 1.13.25 - Appendix D Removed.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Axon Appendix D - CJIS Security Policy.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. VI-3.docx](#)

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, reviewed the item.

Council Member Hoheisel stated I hear a lot of support from my district and the community for this newer, smarter way of just dealing with a lot of the issues that we have. One of the things that I do hear quite a bit though is just concern for privacy making sure that we have the proper oversight and protections. So if I get down to the contract here on Page 16, Part 43, where we talk about confidentiality and records and audit, the line here under confidentiality says without, information provided by the City in performance of this agreement shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or any organization by the (Axon) without the prior written approval of the city. So, two questions from that is, one, who would be giving that written approval. And two, do you foresee any circumstances where we would waive that right, I guess, or waive that confidentiality?

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Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated I don't see circumstances where we would waive the confidentiality. I work - I for the Public Information Office work very closely with Sharon Dickgrafe from the Law Department, and Jennifer, and her staff and any waiver of confidentiality would obviously be discussed with the Law Department prior to that occurring. But I don't anticipate any circumstance where we would - where we anticipate doing that. What we may want to do is highlight the work of the Real-Time Information Center publicly, but obviously that would all be scrubbed for confidential information the some way we do like our well-done Wednesday videos on social media where you'll see that we blur our computer screens. We don't show people's faces. We are very diligent about protecting people's privacy. And I'll also add to that the operating system is really pulling in multiple different systems, right? Automatic license plate readers, gunshot detection, things that we've discussed here and in the public. And each of those systems also have another layer of privacy protection built-in, right? ALPR, we've strengthened our agreement with the Flock - with Flock to say that we're to make it very clear that we own that data. They do not. And they can't do anything with it. And so there's multiple layers of protection built in to this op- Real-Time Information Center. We are very sensitive to that. The chief is very sensitive to that. He has heard the same concerns. And we've been diligent about ensuring that our policies are s- are in a - in place in a way that we can catch issues, correct any issues that occur, and protect, uh, people's privacy and information.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. So any waiving of that would have to go through the Legal Department? Okay. Second question is if you go down to records and audit, they say the record shall be subject to inspection by the city or designated representative. The city shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment. So, just any of the records that we do audit who in the city would be doing those audits? Would that go to our internal auditor or our finance department?

Robert Layton, City Manager, stated Mayor, that would be both our internal auditor and possibly our external auditor if they were to do sampling.

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated and just to add to that, we work very closely with Kristina on - on many issues and - and the chief would not have any issue, obviously, with - with Kristina conducting those audits.

Mayor Wu stated I did have a question regarding the streams. So this current contract would be for 1500 streams? Do you find that to be sufficient enough? Because every patrol officer has a body-worn camera, so that would be considered one stream or multiple streams?

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Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated yes. That would be one stream. So we do feel 1500 streams would be adequate based on what we've seen with FUSUS at other locations, and the evaluation we've done of what we anticipate going into the system.

Mayor Wu stated can I also ask, I know that the other option was to go to 4500 streams, which would be double the price, but also much higher number of streams. Can you tell me some cities that may use 4500 streams? Or is that atypical?

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated Kelly Herron is actually here from FUSUS, so I'll defer to him to answer that question because he is the expert on all things FUSUS.

Kelly Herrin, FUSUS, stated Thanks, Captain. Madam Mayor, council, thanks for having me. Kelly Herron for the record. So to - I'm gonna back up one thing. The body-worn cameras, all the Axon ecosystem is a data point. It does not count as your streams. That would just be the CCTV streams that cameras will count as that 1500. Working with the city and scoping it out, I a retiree from Kansas City, Kansas. We also have the enterprise package, which accommodates the 1500 streams. Recently, we sold to Seattle. They had several thousand streams. So they're a part of the enterprise package. New York, part of the enterprise package. And I think what's great is the ability to scale out because the agency always has the option to purchase more streams as they scale out their, real-time intelligence center, if that helps answer the question. So based off working with your folks, the 1500 is a good place to start and we'll be able to ingest everything you need to get up and going in your real-time intelligence center.

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated thanks for the clarification. I always get data points and streams mixed up.

Mayor Wu stated last, but not least, when you gave the example of the incident where it was not an actual pedestrian versus vehicle incident, but rather an individual on the road incident, in that situation, police would be called. But also fire would be called and EMS would be called. So are there opportunities for this being a multi-department type of effort? I see RTIC, or the Real-Time Information Center, RTIC being utilized not just by police, but also fire. And I know Sedgwick County takes care of EMS, but I see much more integration.

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Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated thank you for the question. It's a great call-out. We've actually started conversations already with Elora Forshee, the Director of Emergency Communications. We anticipate that - that as long as their staffing stays where it is that she - she will actually want to embed a dispatcher into the physical center to have that that direct connection to what's going on at the Emergency Communications Center. We share the same vision that this is something to be used for - for the entire city. As we move forward and bring on more technology, the chief's vision is a - a city - a whole city approach to crime prevention, crime reduction and crime response. Not to get too far off the question, but we hosted actually a training here last week about, risk terrain modeling which talks about addressing crime based on geographic features in the community of what's driving the crime, right? It could be a hotel/motel. It could be a bus stop. It could be many things that we can address not just from the police department, but engage our partners and city government. And so we do anticipate this center being a center for everyone in Wichita, not just the police department.

Council Member Johnson stepped away briefly.

Mayor Wu invited public comment.

Twila Puritty stated good morning, Twila Puritty, District 1. I live in Polo Club. So my comments are based on my over 48 years in, um, running medical practices. And before that, actually I worked for a software company that automated billing services for medical practices. So I've experienced a lot of software implementation and upgrades. I just bring up these just for consideration. A lot of times with software companies, uh, what's promised is not delivered. So it's been valuable usually in implementation. Now, I don't know what happens, you know, in the civic world, but in implementation they'll have an implementation team that comes in. And they'll work with everything, getting everything set up and doing the training. I hope that the contract or maybe the arrangement with this company allows for, um, an appropriate amount of time. And if it's not going well, that they will leave their folks on-site until implementation is completed to the satisfaction of the city. It may be beneficial, if it hasn't already been done, to call reference as other comp- other communities that are using this and ask them these questions and what would they have done differently, what do they wish they had known then that they didn't know then, that the didn't know now? So those sort of probing questions - because what you want is a really successful implementation. So to be as thorough and intentional about that, I think it's going to benefit all of us. Software updates, I hope and I want to assume all updates are included in this annual fee. Uh, another thing that I didn't hear addressed is data storage, you know? Is data storage part of this? What about these cameras that are going to be fed in from the community? How long is that going to be stored? What's the access to that? Is it going to be commingled? Is it storage-deliberate to the city? I don't know. My - I didn't hear anything about the data storage. Operating system - software updates - okay. And then body-worn cameras. Since Axon was mentioned there was promise - this may be too strong of a word - but a few years ago at the bowling alley incident with moonlighting officers

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I believe there was a commitment from the department to have moonlighting officers wear their Axon cameras. When I asked about it at the substation open house, it was explained to me that it's really difficult because cameras are assigned to officers. They'd have to come and get it and maybe it's not convenient for them, but it's important to our community and the community of District 1 that moonlighting officers do wear their Axon cameras and I would hopefully - my information's out-of-date, but if not, I would like for the city to move forward more quickly on making' sure that these folks have their cameras with them. Thank you.

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated happy to do it. I'll start with the discussion about body-worn cameras on secondary employment. That is incorrect. It's inaccurate. Our policy does require officers to wear body-worn cameras on secondary employment. We've actually addressed the concerns related to battery life and things like that by having additional spare cameras at each station. We've trained all of our officers how to check out a spare camera for a secondary employment opportunity and apply it to themselves. So our policy now reads that we've actually in- increased on-duty now to include lieutenants that are on duty having to wear a body-worn camera. I, myself, have been issued a body-worn camera that I have to wear while I'm in uniform. And we are working on the plan now to issue them all to all detectives. So the only people you should see working a secondary employment at this time that do not have a body-worn camera would be detectives because they haven't been issued. We're working on that - that process. That one employee that I mentioned in the last presentation manages that process as well. So he's working on getting that done. As far as an imfla-implementation team, yes, there will be an implementation team from - from FUSUS as part of this contract. There is also verbiage included in the contracts as far as acceptance testing. So we'll do thorough acceptance testing before we, go live. Additionally, FUSUS is an Axon product. We have been very happy with the customer support from Axon that we've received. Anytime that we have an issue the chief has actually reached out directly to the CEO of Axon and we've been able to have calls with him directly to say this is the issue we're experiencing and we expect to have a resolution and they always deliver that resolution. So we do not have a concern as far as ongoing support. And as far as references, the chief and I were in Washington, D.C. last week for Major City Chiefs Association. Real-Time Information Centers are - are things that these large police departments have across the country. I know many of you have traveled across the county with Deputy Chief Duff to look at real-time information centers and see how they operate. So yes, references is something that we are very, very keen on. We worked very - we worked very closely with the Oklahoma City Police Department. You heard Kelly mention that the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department operates with FUSUS. I believe the Shawnee County Sheriff actually has FUSUS with the school district up there, um providing information from the school district. So yes, references is something that we lean heavily on, especially through our relationships through the Major City Chief's Association with the larger agencies across the country.

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Mayor Wu stated there was one last question regarding storage.

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated yeah, data storage. I'll let Keri - or Kelly talk about data storage.

Kelly Herrin, FUSUS, stated so storage - since you were already an Axon customer, everything through E.com, Evidence.com. So we also have our core devices that offer tactical storage on the core devices themselves. It's meant to be referenced quickly in real-time events to help give officers palatable information for situational awareness as they're going to calls. But it's - then it can be stored into Evidence.com, which is part of the Axon ecosystem that you already have. So unlimited storage back to Evidence.com. Does that help, Ma'am?

Captain Aaron Moses, Wichita Police Department, stated I'll just expand on that a little bit. I think some of the concern is that we're going to keep all of this information forever. That is not the case. As Kelly mentioned, if someone chooses to install this core device -- which we'll do a lot of public education about what that means and what that looks like -- on their surveillance cameras, um, our intention would not be - and we would not ever - keep all of the video from that camera forever, right? That - that data like Kelly mentioned is meant to be accessed in real-time so that officers know what they're responding to or we can right-size our approach.

Council Member Glasscock stepped away briefly.

Mayor Wu stated thank you. I see no further questions or comments from the public, so we'll bring it back to the bench. I will just say that I had the opportunity to visit the RTIC in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and have seen and heard from those who are utilizing the system. And I know that technology is a big driver that Chief Sullivan has been advocating for, as that will bring greater transparency and greater communication, um, amongst officers so that they can respond as well as first responders responding appropriately to an incident. So, I'm encouraged by this technology and the new RTIC knowing that this is going to be in our community, um, as we continue to have our number one priority, which is crime, reduction of it, prevention of it, and then emergency responses. So, I am very supportive of this. And so I move to approve the selection of FUSUS by Axon Enterprises, Inc., approve the information technology agreement and authorize the necessary signatures.



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**Motion**

**Mayor Wu moved** to Approve the selection of FUSUS by Axon Enterprise, Inc., approve the Information Technology Agreement, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

4.) [Grant Application for Core Area Drainage Improvements \(Districts I and VI\)](#)

Attachment: [PROTECT Map\\_Jan 27.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. VI-4.docx](#)

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, reviewed the item.

Council Member Hoheisel stepped away briefly.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Gary. I know this is extremely important to Midtown. So appreciate you doing' the extra work. To try to include them, I have a couple of questions. You answered the one about if we're unsuccessful they potentially could give us feedback on where we could improve in the grant process, I assume.

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated yes, ma'am.

Council Member Ballard stated if awarded, would this interfere at all with the canal route study?

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated no. I - one thing we would for sure make sure happens is it - this is integrated with that conversation. I know you've been part of those. We're staying in close contact with KDOT that currently had a little bit of a delay on moving forward with their study. It'll still happen soon, but we'll make sure that all of this works together.

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Council Member Ballard stated okay. Have we ever won bids of this magnitude? I mean, it sounds like a lot of money to me, but in your world maybe it's not.

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated the last successful federal grant we were awarded this size was to fill in the gaps on the North Junction. The city was the applicant on that and that was a \$21 million award that - working with KDOT I think really helped that project move forward. We've been working on submittal of a similar grant for the Kellogg and Eisenhower Airport Parkway interchange and kind of the north campus of the airport. We feel like we're getting closer. We've been through a couple of iterations. That's a programming grant right now but could lead to future construction funding also. So this is fairly large in the grant scheme of what we're doing, but I think it's a great - I think it's a great grant for us to look at for what it can do for - for the core of our community.

Council Member Ballard stated okay. Two more quick questions. Is this like an all or nothing grant? Like, it - you get it all or maybe part or?

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated I think in the past what we have heard, uh, from the federal level it's just not necessarily - they will come back at times that's not unlike some of the discussions we had on the North Junction. I think it's possible that they may come back with discussion and consideration of - of some type of partial award. We've seen that happen before. That's probably what would happen most likely if we were unsuccessful in the discussions that we would have. It could be that they - there may be a suggestion to change the scope of the project to look at smaller area, focused area, whatever it might be.

Council Member Ballard stated okay. And then my last question is you said potentially if it's not, successful, that we could reapply in 2026.

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated yes.

Council Member Ballard stated right? So would we just reapply - or obviously take whatever feedback they give us, but we would just reapply basically making corrections or whatever, and it would be the same scope unless they suggested something different

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Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated correct, just like we're working on now. I mentioned at Kellogg and Ridge, Eisenhower Airport Parkway. We have taken feedback and reapplied. North Junction Grant, we got that grant award on the third try. And so we made some changes throughout all three attempts based on very specific feedback we had from the Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Asso--Administration.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. Gary, I have a simple question. So, for some reason, the State doesn't award the funds, would we have the intention to cover from the 1% of total funding costs to about the 19% of total funding costs?

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated we the funding that's in the CIP right now for the project that I mentioned is almost \$4 million. I - if we were fortunate enough to be awarded the \$39 million federal grant, I think we can make this work within our Stormwater Utility within the CIP, as far as being able to bond that capacity.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you. Thank you, Mayor. Gary, are there other areas of the City that also have this - I know there's one at - at Gilbert and Saint Francis, because it's outside of my window at the clinic. It goes way over the curb and stays there for a day. Are there other areas that also can draw attention, possibly need to be fixed?

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated there - there are. I talked about how flat our community is. And what I mentioned before about many areas of Wichita being developed before current drainage standards, so that impacts a lot of our community, a lot of the real central area of our community. We're working through looking at - once we can get the Bleckley project going looking at future plans for what funding would need to be and look like to start addressing other areas. We try to, with our current Stormwater Utility fund and the funding structure of what folks across the community pay, look now at some of the worst areas. And so there are some that are on our radar already. But this particular area I think is probably the - the biggest one that we can wrap our arms around -- contiguous area. It's just mic- there's just no infrastructure in place at all to deal with some of these issues. So for the purpose of - of trying to be successful in a grant like this I think there's a lot of value in focusing on one area. And so we - we originally didn't even include Midtown. We stretched it out to that because there are some significant issues there. It's just on the other side of the hospital, so I think that made sense.

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Mayor Wu stated I have several questions, but they are questions to try to encourage community to send those letters. So number one, can you actually send the letter of support, the, template to all Council Members?

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated we can certainly do that.

Mayor Wu stated and then, as people are watching online as well as here in attendance, these letters of support can come from all individuals. Correct? It can be just simply residents of the community that see a problem and want to be part of that solution. Is that correct?

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated they absolutely can. We've seen some of the other awards we looked at had in excess of 50 letters of support. In talking to our federal lobbyists in the past and our experience with other grants, it - there's no end to the number that we would take.

Mayor Wu stated we're going to keep encouraging for those.

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated and we - and...

Mayor Wu stated you said 50 letters is about what a successful...

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated well, one of the other successful awards I think we noticed was in excess of 50 letters. So I don't know what that means. We're trying to get to a point of just getting' as much support as we can.

Mayor Wu stated the goal is over 50.

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated sure.

Mayor Wu stated So I'm going to encourage not only Council Members to write those letters, but also encourage community members who live or work along that area. I wanted to know if any of our local media have done stories regarding this type of flooding in that area?

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Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated I don't know off the top of my head. I'm sure - I'm sure they have. You know, we've had a lot of - I mentioned Bleckley, and there's been a lot of focus on that area over time. But I suspect so with the - we haven't had as much rain the last few years, unfortunately, but I'm sure over time there's been a focus on this area, yes.

Mayor Wu stated I would encourage, as part of that application, to take clips of whether it's the Eagle or any of the television stations that have done stories along this really contiguous area as part of that application just showing that there are - there's evidence that this is a major problem. And then I wanted to know, can you tell us again, what makes it a successful grant? Because obviously this is very sizable and we will be going to D.C. in March to advocate for our federal agenda. And this seems to be something that very much could be at the forefront of our ask.

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated so I think the - there's so many different grants out there since the IIJA in - Bill has been in place in particular, but even prior to that. There are - if - if you were to look online, there are more grants than you can even count in so many different areas. These larger infrastructure grants like this are very popular. It's not uncommon for certain grants to have 1,000 applications across the country and awarding 10% or less of those. That's how it was with the BUILD grant that we won for the North Junction. So they're highly, highly competitive. I wish I knew the answer. What we've heard, what we've talked to folks about, what we've seen, I do think geography comes into play at times. It looks to us like, when you look at a map of awarded projects, that there is a desire to have some balance in different areas across the country. There has not been a grant like this awarded in Kansas yet. So keep our fingers crossed. I don't know if that means anything or not. But you know, what we've been told in the past is that community involvement, community support, becomes a really, really big part of this. When we talked to the USDOT about the grant for the North Junction, they said there comes a point in time when that's really what drives it the most. The technical side is important. It gets you there. And then community support, support from council members, are the things that get us over the top. So I really think this area being what we consider LIDAC area by census data, the challenges of the area -- we looked at the vacant lots, ah, the historical issues that have been there for development and redevelopment -- I think it's a really good story to tell. And I think we can point at a lot of the lack of infrastructure, the drainage issues, those pictures that you saw, ah, that continue to create problems. It feels like a good story. This - I - when we look at the other awards, I think we compare pretty well to some of those same things. So I wish I knew the answer, Mayor, but it's been a mystery to us on a lot of these for years now.

Mayor Wu stated knowing that this is near one of our two major hospitals would seem to be a major driving force of trying to get even more community members to write these letters of support, as that would be an access point to a critical infrastructure piece, which is a hospital. So this is - I'm very excited about this. And knowing now that the State of Kansas has not gotten this type of sizable grant in recent history makes me want us to really advocate for this for our community.

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Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated and just to be clear, that's for this particular grant program we noticed there hadn't been an award in Kansas. So yeah, the - I might mention one more time the project that we have in our CIP now -- that's been designed; it's funded for 2027 to 2029 -- came about because of access issues to the hospital and some historic problems. You can imagine what happens when roads are flooded, and you can't get people in and out of the hospital. It's not a good thing. So that's where that started, and it really just grew from there.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No speakers came forward.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. I was actually going to say something. I just wanted to thank Gary and the team for the work done on this. This is a big deal and a great opportunity and conversations we've had over at halls about the flooding in that area. And I've - I've personally driven around the flooding, not driven through. Turn around, don't drown. But I'm excited about this and hope that it can work out for us. It would significantly help that area quite a bit and again free up resources for the City later on the back end. So with that, I would move that the City Council approve the submittal of the grant application, acceptance upon award, any necessary budget adjustments, and authorize the necessary signatures.

### **Motion**

***Council Member Johnson moved*** to approve the submittal of the grant application, acceptance upon award, any necessary budget adjustments, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

## COUNCIL BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY CITY AUTHORITIES

### PLANNING AGENDA

#### VII) NON-CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA

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- 1.) [CUP2024-00030 – CUP Amendment to CKM Community Unit Plan, CUP DP-45 to allow Entertainment Establishment in the City for events with entertainment and alcohol associated with a fitness club on Parcel 3B, generally located on the northwest corner of East Central Avenue and North Woodlawn Boulevard \(6100 East Central Avenue\). \(District I\)](#)

Attachment: [CUP2024-00030 WCC Supporting Documents.docx](#)

Attachment: [CUP2024-00030 MAPC Minutes 12-12-2024.docx](#)

Attachment: [CUP2024-00030 MAPC Minutes 1-9-2025.docx](#)

Attachment: [Memo CUP2024-00030.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-068 CUP2024-00030.docx](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. VII-1.docx](#)

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, reviewed the item.

Vice Mayor Johnston stepped away briefly.

Mayor Wu stated what are the - questions for staff? I'll start. What are the other businesses that are surrounding this applicant? And their hours?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated ooh, their hours? Well, I can tell you their uses. I don't know their hours specifically, but I can venture a guess. So to the north is a bank, so I would assume that that would have regular business hours. Then also to the south you have a bank as well. And then to the east you have a strip shopping center, and that has a vet in it. Let me see. I think there's also a medical supply store. So I don't believe that any of these operations have late hours.

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Mayor Wu stated and the applicant is looking for later hours? Is that correct?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated well, they're, they're actually looking for the opportunity to have a combination of entertainment, so, maybe bands or music plus alcohol at this location.

Council Member Johnson stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Scott. This item did receive quite a bit of conversation at DAB from one of the adjacent property owners. While I do appreciate the suggestion from the adjacent property owner and DAB's attempt at hearing him, I do feel that adjacent property owners have their own property and can erect their fences, if they so choose. So my motion will be the DAB recommendation minus that suggestion. And with that, I move that the City Council override the MAPC and approve the requested CUP amendment with the conditions approved by MAPC subject to an additional condition recommended by DAB. This motion would approve the amendment with the Planning Commission recommended conditions plus an additional requirement that the subject site property owner or representative shall communicate parking protocols to event organizers and people who attend events. In support of this, I offer the following findings. The proposed CUP amendment would allow alcohol and events at the site. We have heard from at least one neighbor that this proposed use will have a detrimental effect on their properties because of overflow parking. We also received multiple late protest petitions against the application. The additional requirement for communication about parking protocols should help to also address the overflow parking concerns.

### Motion

**Council Member Johnson moved** to override the MAPC and approve the requested CUP amendment with the conditions approved by MAPC subject to an additional condition recommended by DAB. Motion carried 7 to 0

- 2.) [CUP2024-00046 – CUP Amendment in the City to the Duke's Diamonds Community Unit Plan DP-86 to Allow an Off-Site/Billboard Sign with a Maximum Height of 35 Feet; Generally Located North of I-235 Highway and on the West Side of North Seneca Street. \(District VI\)](#)

Attachment: [CUP2024-00046 WCC Supporting Documents.docx](#)

Attachment: [CUP2024-00046 Excerpt Minutes.docx](#)



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Attachment: [2025-01-13 District Advisory Board 6 Memo CUP2024-0046.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-071 CUP2024-00046.docx](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. VII-2.docx](#)

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, reviewed the item.

Mayor Wu stated questions for staff? Just one quick question. So that area is already allowed to have a billboard though. Correct?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated Ah, good question. So not in this particular CUP. There are some properties nearby, the property I believe to the east is allowed to. But not for this subject site. Their CUP document actually is silent on it. And so in this case, if a document is silent on a particular land use then they have to have it amended to explicitly allow that land use. So in this case they're requesting permission to - to do that.

Mayor Wu stated so the property to the east would be?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated yes, to the east -- it's the one across Seneca. So it's this one with a lake. Sounds like it is developed with an RV campground.

Mayor Wu stated thank you.

Mayor Wu stated and are there already lighting along that Route 235? Because it is a highway, I would assume that there's already light pollution there because there's light.

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated I believe that's a safe assumption, yes.

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**Motion**

**Council Member Ballard moved** to Override the MAPC, adopt alternate findings, and deny the CUP amendment request .

Motion failed 3 to 4 (Nay: Becky Tuttle, Lily Wu, JV Johnston, Dalton Glasscock).

Mayor Wu stated motion and a second. I have a couple, I guess, comments before I make a vote. That's why I asked the question regarding lighting. It is next to a highway with lighting. Correct? Correct me if I'm wrong, if there's already light - light pollution in that area because it is a highway.

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated because it is an interstate, I do believe that that's correct.

Mayor Wu stated so there's already light pollution in that area. Is that correct?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated I think that would depend on how you define light pollution, but there are already lights in the area.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you. That baseball diamond is also lit. Is that correct?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated I'm not aware if it is.

Mayor Wu stated and then I - I guess I have - before I make a vote, I also need a couple of clarifying questions. So billboards pop up around our community, and it always becomes an issue with people saying that there's light pollution or, detrimental to their property. Can you give us solid examples where the value of property has actually gone down because a billboard has been installed? And then additionally - I'm just trying to think of how this is reasonable. If this is a property that currently on the north side doesn't have homes abutted to it but rather the homes are on the south side of the highway, this just does not seem reasonable. Can you address, I guess, when people say this will be detrimental to their property values?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated in terms of the first question, have we been presented with a study that demonstrates that billboards cause property values either to decrease or to not increase as much as their neighbors? We have not been provided any - any research to that point. It's not to say that there isn't any out there, but at the same time, we don't have any. We - we've not been provided any. In terms of

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the regulatory environment and how this is handled, I think over time, because the zoning code and the sign code have evolved to have this process of review, I think that shows the sensitivity that the community has towards it. Not leaning one way or the other in terms of approval or disapproval, I just think it shows that there's consideration that's taken into whether or not, billboards are appropriate for a given site.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. And I would have asked this probably before, but now that this has kind of gone in a different direction, so there -- I think I know the answer to this question -- there weren't any protests. Correct?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated that is correct.

Council Member Tuttle stated and I'm trying to think of how to ask this. Part of that is there's no residential close to that. Is that correct?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated Well, there is residences to the south and looks like we lost - here we go. So let me go to...

Council Member Tuttle stated but across the highway, correct?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated that is correct.

### **Motion**

***Vice Mayor Johnson*** moved to Adopt the findings of the MAPC and approve the CUP amendment, adopt the resolution, authorize the necessary signatures, and instruct the City Clerk to publish the resolution after approval (requires 4 of 7 votes).

Motion carried 4 to 3 (Nay: Brandon Johnson, Mike Hoheisel, Maggie Ballard).

- 3.) [ZON2024-00051 – Zone Change Request in the City from LI Limited Industrial District to MF-18 Multi-Family Residential District to Create a Residential Development; Generally Located on the East Side of North Greenwich Road and Within One-Quarter Mile North of East 37th Street North. \(District II\)](#)

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Attachment: [ZON2024-00051 WCC Supporting Documents.docx](#)

Attachment: [ZON2024-00051 MAPC Minutes Excerpt.docx](#)

Attachment: [ZON2024-00051 Interoffice Memorandum.docx](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-623 ZON2024-00051.docx](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. VII-3.docx](#)

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, reviewed the item.

Mayor Wu stated questions for staff? I'm a little concerned since I know that this was delayed to today, but there's still no update on the water situation or a conclusive answer on water.

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated I think it's a challenging issue just given the geography of this area. In talking with Public Works it sounds like it's just this area in terms of getting the water pressure for the type of development that's proposed. It would be challenging and could require additional infrastructure, so I think that's the discussion that the property owner and the applicant and the City of Wichita are having, and I don't think that there's a conclusive decision on how best to move forward with that.

Mayor Wu stated and when you say additional infrastructure who would pay for that additional infrastructure?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated I think that's part of the questions that are in discussion that are taking place right now.

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Mayor Wu stated again that concerns me when it comes to this particular property. Can you go back to the map where it showed the growth area? So it's just barely in it, correct?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated sure, with this one. So it is within the City of Wichita's urban growth area, but in terms of areas that are identified and recommended for additional residential growth it - that is correct. It just barely comes into this subject site.

Council Member Tuttle stated pardon me. Thank you and thank you to Scott and JR for meeting with me. Thank you to Gary and Public Works for your time and attention on this issue. Thank you to Legal, Jennifer and Abby. I appreciate your time and your guidance. I too have concerns regarding this is the second delay. But, um, after meeting with Public Works and having discussions I understand that this will be the - it is my intent this will be the last delay on this issue unless it comes internally from staff. And I'm going to make a motion here in a second to delay and have a time frame, and Public Works feels that we should have the information that we need to proceed with this by that time. So I move to defer the case until May 13 City Council meeting. In support of this motion I would highlight the following. The applicant has requested an additional deferral, and the deferral will provide additional time for the applicant to learn more about - about the potential water service in the area. So again I would anticipate this will be the last delay. Thank you.

### **Motion**

***Council Member Tuttle moved*** to Defer to May 13 Council Meeting

Motion carried 7 to 0

### HOUSING AGENDA

VIII) NON-CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA - NONE

### AIRPORT AGENDA

IX) NON-CONSENT AIRPORT AGENDA

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- 1.) [Streets and Parking Lot Rehabilitation - Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport.](#)

Attachment: [20250128 CED Design Contract - 2025 Streets & Parking Lots with exhibits part exec.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. IX-1.docx](#)

Jesse Romo, Department of Airports, reviewed the item.

Mayor Wu stated thank you Jesse. Any questions for staff? I see none. I just wanted to publicly thank you Jesse for your leadership under these very challenging times and for bringing this before us, which is part of your day-to-day. I just wanted to say thank you for your leadership.

Mayor Wu stated we'll open it up for public comment. I see none. I'll bring it back to the bench. I move that the Wichita Airport Authority approve the project budget, approve the contract and authorize the necessary signatures.

**Motion**

**Mayor Wu moved** to Approve the project budget, approve the contract, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion ~~failed to~~ **carried 7-0.**

COUNCIL AGENDA

- X) COUNCIL MEMBER AGENDA

- XI) [COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND COMMENTS](#)

There were no appointments.

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Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you Mayor. I just wanna say yesterday I did go up to Topeka and testify on a bill talking about eviction, sealing eviction records. I also, spoke with some legislators about the scrap metal bill as well returning the ability to enforce our ordinances back to local control municipalities and whatnot. We learned Friday about the hearing so I didn't have time to get my travel approved. I'm not going to be looking for any reimbursement or anything but, I just want to make sure we get it on the agenda for next week to go back and approve that travel. Thank you.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you Mayor. I have a ask for staff. I want to bring it up from the bench as well, uh, regarding the solar regulation changes. I would ask that this body ask the County Commission to consider the change for the urban growth area. This would allow the City of Wichita to explore conditional uses for the large-scale solar projects in the urban growth area. Right now it's restricted under the language adopted by the County and so this would just give us the ability to look at projects on a individual basis if they're an application in the urban growth area.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks Mayor. I'm definitely supportive of that Councilmember Glasscock. And then just to add to Councilmember Hoheisel it's, HB -- wow I forgot it as I was saying it -- 2357. Yep so HB 2357.

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated excuse me Mayor. If I - before you adjourn if I can make a suggestion. Responsive to Councilmember Glasscock's request about the the solar regs it would be more helpful to have it formalized in a motion, ideally a resolution but we're I think short on time. But if you could just make that as a motion.

### **Motion**

***Council Member Glasscock moved*** to approve a request to the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners to amend the Unified Zoning Code.

Motion carried 7 to 0

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. I can't push a button so I'm sorry. And - and I was fine with it just as a, you know, request but now that we're actually making a motion I just have a question. So we are asking the County to do -have there been communication with them? I mean, can you just - I don't know anything about this and so I don't know exactly what we're instructing, asking the County. It seems like there should be a - a conversation process before we vote as a body. And I - I haven't seen any language. I haven't seen anything.

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Council Member Glasscock stated yeah. So I brought this up in a workshop that we had last year regarding concerns with the urban growth area. The County presented regulations to us already regarding this as well. This has went through months of deliberation through the County process. When the County heard it I attended a public forum at the Central County Extension office regarding this previously as well so there's some knowledge. I don't think this is an endorsement of the policy. You would still have to come back before City Council to actually amend the zoning regulations. That is correct. So this would eventually come before this body again. This is to allow them consideration because it has to go through both bodies of government.

Council Member Tuttle stated if I may follow-up question. And we're just asking them to consider amending.

Council Member Glasscock stated correct. Yeah the language - yeah.

Council Member Tuttle stated and can you read the language again?

Council Member Glasscock stated yeah. The language is the City of Wichita requests that the Sedgwick County I'll say consider the amendment to the unified zoning code regarding solar, so large-scale solar projects could be allowed in the City of Wichita urban growth area identified in the County urban growth areas map contained within Sedgwick County Community Investment Plan. Again the continuation of my notes is it'll allow large-scale projects to be considered to apply for conditional use in the Wichita urban growth area. It doesn't guarantee commit or approval.

Council Member Tuttle stated so one just last question. This may be silly. We can't just ask them to consider it? It has to be done formally this way? I'm confused.

Council Member Glasscock stated that's the direction of Legal, yeah.

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated here's my suggestion that if it is the will of this - the council to make this request it should be codified or at least formalized in a motion. Otherwise there's no record.



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Robert Layton, City Manager, and we suggested this process because you don't want one council member to bring something to the commission representing council intent, and so the council members doing what is outlined in your policy, and that's bringing an item to the bench to be considered. And then again this is an amendment and only it'll apply - will it apply to the Wichita urban growth area and not to any other city's growth area, which I think was part of the issue when the commission was hearing it previously.

Council Member Tuttle stated okay. Thank you so much. I'm sorry. I'm just a really visual learner and I have to read it so thank you.

### [Adjournment](#)

### ATTACHMENT 1 - CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 19

#### II) CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

##### 1) Applications for Licenses for Cereal Malt Beverages:

##### a.) Applications for Licenses to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages

Attachment: [CMBs for February 11, 2025.docx](#)

##### 2) Preliminary Estimates:

##### a.) Preliminary Estimates for water improvements to serve NRD Addition (District II)

Attachment: [E4130 WDS NRD Addn NTBA Coversheet Template.doc](#)

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Attachment: [E4130 WDS NRD Addn NTBA.doc](#)

- b.) Preliminary Estimates for sewer improvements to serve NRD Addition (District II)

Attachment: [E4129 SS NRD Addn NTBA Coversheet Template.doc](#)

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3) Deeds and Easements:

- a.) Acquisition of a Permanent Easement from the Property at 1020 East 19th Street North for the North Industrial Corridor Remediation Project (NIC) (District VI)

Attachment: [Agenda attachments.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-3a.doc](#)

4) Agreements/Contracts:

- a.) Developer's Agreement for Brookfield South Addition, Phases 6 and 7 (District II)

Attachment: [Developer's Agreement.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-4a.doc](#)

- b.) Developer's Agreement for Castaways North Addition (District VI)

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Attachment: [Developer's Agreement.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-4b.doc](#)

c.) Agreement for Sewer Main Extension in Jacobs Farm 2nd Addition (District V)

Attachment: [Agmt\\_JacobsFarmAdd\\_SM\\_Signed.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-4c.doc](#)

d.) Microsoft Unified Support Agreement

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-4d.docx](#)

Attachment: [2025 Enterprise Services Work Order for City of Wichita.pdf](#)

5) Property Acquisitions:

a.) Partial Acquisition of 2447 North Hoover for the Hoover Road: 21st to 29th Street Road Improvement Project (District VI)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-5a.doc](#)

Attachment: [2447 N Hoover supporting docs.pdf](#)

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6) Minutes of Advisory Boards/Commissions:

- a.) Board of Electrical Appeals Minutes December 10, 2024

Attachment: [Board of Electrical Appeals Minutes December 10, 2024.pdf](#)

7) Repair or Removal of Dangerous and Unsafe Structures:

- a.) Repair or Removal of Dangerous and Unsafe Structures (District VI)

Attachment: [02-11-25 Supporting Documents 1416 N Park Place NDA and Letter to Council.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-072 Repair or Removal of Dangerous and Unsafe Structures 1416 North Park Place.docx](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-7a.docx](#)

Uncategorized Items:

- 8.) Notice of Intent to Use Debt Financing - Streets and Parking Lot Rehabilitation - Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport.

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-8.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-069 Improvements to Airport Facilities.docx](#)

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- 9.) Visit Wichita Transient Guest Tax Monthly Financial Report - October 2024 Visit Wichita Transient Guest Tax Monthly Financial Report - November 2024 Visit Wichita Transient Guest Tax Monthly Financial Report - December 2024

Attachment: [TGT Financial Report 10.2024.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TGT Financial Report 11.2024.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TGT Financial Report 12.2024.pdf](#)

- 10.) Applications to the Kansas Arts Commission's Grant Program

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-10.docx](#)

Attachment: [KAC-2025-2026-Public-Art-Mural-Grant-Guidelines.pdf](#)

Attachment: [KAC-2025-2026-GeneralOperatingSupportGuidelines-1-8-2025.pdf](#)

- 11.) Sidewalk Repair Assessment Program

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-624 Special Assessment for Sidewalks.docx](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-11.doc](#)

- 12.) Payment for Settlement of Claim

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-070 Payment for Settlement of Claim Sandwell.docx](#)

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Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-12.docx](#)

13) Second Reading Ordinances:

- a.) SECOND READING ORDINANCES FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2025 (FIRST READ FEBRUARY 4, 2025) ORDINANCE NO. 52-622 AN ORDINANCE MAKING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO PAY FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN STRUCTURES, BEING DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE BUILDINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN DECLARED A NUISANCE (BUILDING CONDEMNATION-DEMOLITION) UNDER THE PROVISION OF SECTIONS 18.16.010 TO 18.16.090 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS An ordinance adding special assessments to pay for the removal of certain buildings.

Attachment: [List of Second Read Ordinances February 11, 2025.docx](#)

II) CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA ITEMS

- 14.) SUB2024-00067 - Plat of 29th & Greenwich Addition Located at the Northeast Corner of North Greenwich Road and East 29th Street North (District II)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-14.docx](#)

Attachment: [SUB2024-00067 29TH AND GREENWICH ADDITION -Green Sheet Attachments.pdf](#)

- 15.) VAC2024-00054 – Request in the City to Vacate a Portion of Complete Access Control; Generally Located on the East Side of North Rock Road and Within One-Quarter Mile South of East 37th Street North (3718 North Rock Road). (District II)

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Attachment: [VAC2024-00054 WCC Supporting Documents.docx](#)

Attachment: [VAC2024-00054 Excerpt Minutes.docx](#)

Attachment: [VAC2024-00054 VACATION ORDER.docx](#)

- 16.) VAC2024-00056 – Request in the City to Vacate a Portion a Platted Setback; Generally Located Within One-Quarter Mile North of West 21st Street North and One-Half Mile west of North Amidon Avenue (2380 North Richmond Avenue). (District VI)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. ii-16.docx](#)

Attachment: [VAC2024-00056 WCC Supporting Documents.docx](#)

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- 17.) ZON2024-00057 – Zone Change Request in the City from SF-5 Single-Family Residential to MF-29 Multi-Family Residential; Generally Located on the West Side of South Handley Street, within 600 feet North of West 43rd Street South. (District IV)

Attachment: [ZON2024-00057 WCC Supporting Documents.docx](#)

Attachment: [ZON2024-00057 MAPC Minutes.docx](#)

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Attachment: [2025-01-06 DAB 4 Feedback on ZON2024-00057.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-625 ZON2024-00057.docx](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-17.docx](#)

II) CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

II) CONSENT AIRPORT AGENDA ITEMS

18.) Sedgwick County Public Building Commission Supplemental Agreement No. 1 - Colonel James Jabara Airport

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-18.doc](#)

Attachment: [20250211 4004 Webb Road SCPBC SA1.docx](#)

19.) Seeders, Inc - Colonel James Jabara Airport

Attachment: [20250211 AAO Farming - Seeders Lease Agreement.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report No. II-19.docx](#)

XI) COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND COMMENTS

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Lily Wu moved to Adjournment  
Motion carried 7 to 0

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Leeker