



# Voting Summary

## City Council Meeting

6:30 PM - Tuesday, April 8, 2025  
Council Room

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#### 9.4 2024 Financial Report

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jenny Webster
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# MINUTES

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### 1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The City Council meeting was called to order on April 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

### 2 FLAG SALUTE

Council President Nick Engle led the flag salute.

### 3 INVOCATION

Pastor Jeff Jewett, Derby Church of the Nazarene, offered the invocation.

### 4 ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Council Member Kristi Truitt  
Council Member Mike Neel  
Council Member Elizabeth Stanton  
Council President Nick Engle  
Mayor Mark Staats  
Council Member Jenny Webster  
Council Member Rick Coleman  
Council Member Chris Unkel  
Council Member Wayne Molt, Jr.

**ABSENT:** None

### 5 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

#### 5.1 Adoption of the Agenda

**Nick Engle moved, seconded by Rick Coleman, to approve the meeting agenda, as presented.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	Carried
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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Rick Coleman
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### 6 PRESENTATIONS

#### 6.1 Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

**Mayor Mark Staats** presented the proclamation to Rachal Harper, Kansas Children's Service League, and Paula McNutt, Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County.

**BACKGROUND:**

- April 2025 is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness and promote the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- The City of Derby is proud to partner with the Kansas Children's Service League and other community leaders in recognizing the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect.

**Rachal Harper, Kansas Children's Service League**, thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation helping raise awareness about Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year's theme is "Powered by Hope; Strengthened by Protection." Some ways community members can be involved during CAP month are planting a pinwheel garden, participating in the nationwide Digital Action Day on April 9, and contacting members of Congress for support and funding for child abuse prevention programs.

**6.2** Arbor Day Proclamation

**Mayor Mark Staats** presented the proclamation to Joe Loflin, Parks Superintendent.

**BACKGROUND:**

- This is the 32nd year the City has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation.
- National Arbor Day is Friday, April 25, 2025. During the April 17th Third Thursday event at Madison Avenue Central Park, the Parks and Urban Forestry Board will have a short ceremony commemorating Arbor Day. Parks staff will host a booth displaying the benefits of trees and will be giving away small plants that can be planted indoors.

**Joe Loflin, Parks Superintendent**, thanked Council for the proclamation and encouraged everyone to join us at Third Thursday on April 17th, for an Arbor Day ceremony. Staff will also be on-hand to help answer questions about trees and planting; we will even have a booth where you can plant a marigold to take home with you. City Horticulturist, Bonnie Thieme, recently earned her Certified Municipal Arborist designation. In the state of Kansas, there are 91 such certified personnel, and Derby now is home to 4 of those. We are well represented.

**6.3** 2025 Tree List and Planting Guide

**Bonnie Thieme, City Horticulturist**, gave the presentation.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The Tree List and Planting Guide is available to help residents understand the benefits of proper tree, plant, and grass selection while

providing valuable information including drought tolerance, shade tolerance, size, and color.

- Given the current water restrictions and drought conditions, this edition of the Planting Guide has been updated to offer a common list of trees, plants and grasses that will tolerate and perform well in drought conditions.
- Outside agency information is also provided so residents can contact the Sedgwick County Extension Office and Sedgwick County Gardening Hotline. Additional information can also be found at [Sedgwick.k-state.edu](http://Sedgwick.k-state.edu).
- The 2025 Tree List and Planting Guide is available for download at [Derbyks.com/trees](http://Derbyks.com/trees).

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

- The Parks and Urban Forestry Board reviewed the current edition during their March 13 meeting. Staff incorporated edits and suggestions into the guide.

**Council Member Rick Coleman** thanked Ms. Thieme for all she does to beautify Derby. We are glad to have you here.

#### **6.4 Proclamation for State Wrestling and Bowling Champions Day**

**Mayor Mark Staats** read the proclamation and presented each bowler and wrestler with a small gift.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- From February 28 -March 1 the Derby Boys and Girls Wrestling Teams competed at the 6A State Tournament.
  - Milan Colvin from the boys team won his first individual state championship in the 285 pound weight class.
  - Veronica Madrid from the girls team won her first individual state championship in the 155 pound weight class.
- On March 7 the Derby High School Boys Bowling Team won the 6A State Tournament.
  - This is the second year in a row the Boys Bowling Team has clinched a state championship.
  - Dawson Baumgartner led the championship charge by shooting a 741 series to win the 6A individualist honors.
- With a winning score of 3,763 points the team beat their score of 3,722 from their 2024 championship.
- In recognition of the accomplishments of these teams, Mayor Staats will proclaim April 9, 2025, as State Wrestling and Bowling Champions Day in the City of Derby.

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

- Give the proclamation.

**Brent Cunningham, Head Bowling Coach**, said I'm very proud of our back-to-back champion team; we have the best high school bowling team in state history. A special thanks to Assistant Coach Ryker Percival and his continued

support. Although we have four graduating seniors who will be missed next year, we do have two varsity bowlers returning. Our current JV team is ranked number one in the state, so we look forward to having a strong team again next year.

**Council Member Elizabeth Stanton** asked do any of the seniors have bowling scholarships?

**Coach Cunningham** replied Tyler Huffman will be going to Newman University; Dawson Baumgartner and Evan Clark will be attending Kansas Wesleyan together.

**Kelly Heincker, Head Wrestling Coach**, thanked Council for continuing to support the teams and invite us for this honor; it really means a lot. Both of our individual champions this year, Milan Colvin and Veronica Madrid, have even greater character as people than they have talent as athletes, so the recognition is well-deserved.

**Wrestler Milan Colvin** added his thanks as well on behalf of his teammates.

## **7 PUBLIC FORUM & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kiel Mangus, City Manager**, said I realize it is short notice, but for those on Council who can make it, we have a ground-breaking Thursday at 4:30 p.m. for the new half-pipe at the Skate Park. This will be our first new Derby Difference project completed.

## **8 CONSENT AGENDA**

**8.1** Consideration of Minutes

**8.2** Street Closure for American Legion Car Show

### **BACKGROUND:**

- The American Legion Cruisers Chapter 408 will be hosting a Car, Truck, & Bike Show on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- To ensure safety of the entrants and spectators, the Legion requests street closures surrounding their building from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. that day. The attached map shows where closures will occur:
  - Intersection of Georgie Ave. & Market St.
  - Intersection of Georgie Ave. & Washington St.
  - Washington St. at east edge of alley (access to alley, but not Washington)
  - The alleyway directly north of the Legion building
- Members of the American Legion have contacted businesses within the affected area about the closure. None of these are open on Saturdays, so they will not be affected.
- Homes within the selected zone have alternate access points available, but members of the Legion will contact them as well so they are aware of the event.

### **FINANCIAL/SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Public Works will drop off the barricades in advance and later pick them up.

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The City Council has authority to close roads for specific times to facilitate the safety of public events.

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

- Approve the street closures as proposed.

**Nick Engle moved, seconded by Jenny Webster, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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## **9 NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Board & Commission Appointments**

**Mayor Mark Staats** gave the agenda report, stating he is glad to see volunteerism alive and well in Derby.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- Each year the City advertises for volunteers in the community to serve on various City advisory boards and commissions.
- Applications were due March 10 this year. We received a total of 19 applications for the 11 openings available.
- The Mayor's recommended appointments are as follows:
  - ADA Advisory Board:
    - Cheryl Arthur - application attached
    - Becky Casey - application attached (reappointment)
    - Kathleen O'Brien - application attached (reappointment)
  - Board of Construction, Trades, & Appeals:
    - Jay Gorton - application attached
    - Margaret Langley (reappointment)
  - Community Development Advisory Board:
    - Lindsay Dearduff (reappointment)
    - Kris Rose (reappointment)
    - Bill Upton (reappointment)
  - Library Board
    - Jamie Hollon (reappointment)
    - Susan Topping (reappointment)
  - Parks & Urban Forestry Board:
    - Jason Griffin (reappointment)
    - Aaron Pannone - application attached
    - Brett Trimpe - application attached
    - Bruce Renberger (reappointment)
  - Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals:

- Mitch Adams (reappointment)
- Eric Petre - application attached
- Gary Renberger (reappointment)
- Jamie Werbin (reappointment)
- Senior Services Advisory Board:
  - Margo McDonald - application attached (reappointment)
  - Joan Stadler - application attached (reappointment)
  - Deb Wagner - application attached (reappointment)
  - Janis Williams-Lagpacan - application attached (reappointment)
- To learn more about each applicant, please see attached applications with personal information redacted.
- Special thanks to retiring board members for their service, as follows:
  - ADA Advisory Board
    - Teresa Mount (served 2017 - 2025)
  - Parks & Urban Forestry Board
    - Hannah Clark (served 2023 - 2025)
    - David Peebler (served 2008 - 2024, resigned Nov.)
  - Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals
    - Michael Emond (served 2022 - 2025)

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Charter Ordinance No. 59 provides that "The Mayor shall with majority approval of the Council, appoint all members of City boards and commissions."

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

- Approve the Mayor's reappointments and appointments to boards and commissions.

**Wayne Molt, Jr. moved, seconded by Jenny Webster, to approve the Mayor's reappointments and appointments to boards and commissions.**

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<b>MOVER:</b>	Wayne Molt, Jr.
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## **9.2 Agreement for Future Well Field Testing**

**Dan Squires, Development Director**, gave the agenda report.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- The City of Derby currently purchases 100% of its water from the City of Wichita.
- This has been the case since 2004 when Derby outgrew its groundwater supply from wells and had to seek a new water source.
- The City negotiated a new water purchasing agreement with Wichita in 2020 that runs through 2043.
  - In that contract the City negotiated the ability to provide approximately 30% of the annual water demand utilizing the City's



- existing water rights through the construction of a new water treatment facility.
- Design of a new water treatment facility (WTF) and approximately 6 miles of waterline are underway to facilitate this change.
- Derby's existing water rights are still not sufficient to meet either the current or future water demand 100%.
  - In 2024, the City contracted with Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC) to evaluate the availability of additional water rights within a reasonable proximity to the existing well field and proposed WTF.
  - The evaluation identified potential water rights available approximately 2.5 miles west of the proposed WTF.
  - If acquired, the additional water rights are sufficient to meet current water demand but not future (2043) demand.
  - Staff continues to evaluate additional water supply options including future direct potable reuse to help demand.
- The process to move forward is complex. The City has requested a proposal from PEC to assist with further evaluation of water availability and quality at the identified site.
  - The evaluation process includes drilling test holes to evaluate area geology, then drilling test wells to check water volume and quality. The complete scope of services attached.
  - Water samples from the test wells are sent to a laboratory for chemical analysis to identify potential contaminants.
  - Available data indicates that the available water will likely be of a similar quality to the City's existing water supply.
- PEC has requested a not to exceed fee of \$169,390 for the proposed work.
  - The fee includes subconsultants including a groundwater hydrologist and commercial well drilling company but does not include the laboratory analysis.
  - The final cost will be based on actual costs incurred not to exceed \$169,390.

#### **FINANCIAL/SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Funds are available in the Water Fund to pay for the testing and evaluation.
- Identifying and securing additional water rights is in the financial interest of the City and its water customers and increases drought resiliency.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

- Taking logical steps to investigate options to increase the City's ability to produce water benefits not only the City but also the entire region as it takes pressure off of Cheney Reservoir.

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

- Authorize execution of an agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$169,390 for future well field testing.

**Rick Coleman moved, seconded by Wayne Molt, Jr., to authorize execution of an agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$169,390 for future well field testing.**

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### **9.3 Woodlawn Blvd. Reconstruction Design (Winding Ln. to 55th St.)**

**Alex Lane, City Engineer,** gave the agenda report.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- Woodlawn Blvd. along the west line of Northbrook Addition was annexed by the City in conjunction with the platting of Northbrook in 2016.
  - As a result of the annexation, maintenance of Woodlawn from the north line of Stone Creek Addition (approximately Winding Lane) to 55th St. S. became the responsibility of the City.
- The maintenance of drainage and pavement along this stretch of Woodlawn has long been a challenge and various drainage and pavement issues were present at the time of annexation.
  - City staff negotiated an easement and initiated a grading project to create positive drainage for a trouble spot in Northbrook Addition in 2021 and 2022, but this was always regarded as a temporary fix.
  - Public works has performed several large pavement patch repairs on this section of road.
  - Drainage issues are also present at the intersection of Winding Lane and Woodlawn Blvd where several roads come together that were constructed at different times.
  - The north and south legs of Woodlawn Blvd. are offset at 55th St. which creates additional conflicts for drivers and a less safe intersection.
- The development of Northbrook Addition and Foxfire Addition, and the resulting increases in traffic and visibility of the issues, have made it necessary that Woodlawn be reconstructed to an urban standard.
- City Engineering staff published a RFSQ (Request For Statement of Qualifications) for the project design and a total of six proposals for the project were received on March 19, 2025.
- A selection review committee consisting of the Alex Lane (City Engineer), Ky Louanghaksaphone (Assistant City Engineer) and Dan Bronson (Assistant City Manager for Development) and Megan Sneller (Director of Finance) reviewed the proposals and recommends the City contract with Baughman Company for the design based upon their experience with this type of work and their project approach.
  - The City has worked with Baughman in the past and been happy with their work. Baughman has experience in the direct project area as well, being the engineer on the Northbrook subdivision.
- The project is scheduled for design in 2025 with construction in 2026.

#### **FINANCIAL/SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The design for the Woodlawn Blvd. Reconstruction project is budgeted in the CIP for \$300,000 and will be funded by the Derby Difference sales tax.
- Baughman requested a not to exceed fee of up to \$280,000. A final scope and fee will be negotiated by staff.

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The City Attorney will review and approve the final contract.

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

- Authorize execution of a design contract with Baughman Company for an amount not to exceed \$280,000.

**Council Member Kristi Truitt** noted there is a tree line. What will happen with it?

**Alex Lane, City Engineer**, said that will be removed. It is in the right-of-way, which we will need to fully use for the road and stormwater improvements.

**Ms. Truitt** said the sidewalk is heavily used by walkers and joggers; is it staying?

**Mr. Lane** confirmed it is.

**Kiel Mangus, City Manager**, commented by constructing an urban standard street with curb and gutter, more space will open up around the sidewalk. When Northbrook development was built, they also petitioned for turn lanes to eventually be built.

**Ms. Truitt** asked will the speed change to 30 mph?

**Mr. Lane** said yes.

**Council Member Elizabeth Stanton** said the park area to the west is in a flood plain, so will it be used as a retention pond?

**Mr. Lane** admitted it is too early to say.

**Mr. Mangus** said most likely in the middle section shown, they will try to develop it. When originally auctioned off, the proposed plan shown would not be accepted by Derby because it was a long dead-end. We require access points for safety, particularly fire access. So, they may not develop it, but rather use it to build an additional access point and develop the remaining areas outside the floodplain.

**Rick Coleman moved, seconded by Nick Engle, to authorize execution of a design contract with Baughman Company for an amount not to exceed \$280,000.**

**Council Member Chris Unkel** said you mentioned the north end at 55th Street is offset. What are we doing to fix it?

**Mr. Lane** said on the south side of 55th, we plan to curve Woodlawn to the west so it will be aligned.

**Mr. Unkel** said that is a good plan. It is a difficult intersection and has the potential for even more issues with more housing going in.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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#### **9.4** 2024 Financial Report

**Megan Sneller, Finance Director**, gave the annual report.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

- This presentation will provide the City Council with a status report of how we ended the 2024 fiscal year and discuss some challenges and opportunities as we develop the 2026 budget.
- The 2024 audit is nearly complete and staff is working on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report at this time.
  - The audit and ACFR reports will be presented to the Council by the City's audit firm, BT&Co. P.A. on May 27.
- Staff is currently engaged in revising the 2025 budget based on needs that have occurred since budget adoption last August and in preparing the 2026 operating budget.
- The budget process includes updating the five-year Financial Plan, Capital Improvement Plan and Equipment Replacement Plan.
- The first City Council budget workshop is scheduled for May 21.
  - Budget notebooks will be distributed to Council members by May 16.

##### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

- Receive and file report.

**Kiel Mangus, City Manager**, said Sedgwick County proposed a change to the formula used for determining the distribution of the County-wide 1% sales tax. While we agree with the premise that if we lower mills, it shouldn't negatively affect our portion of the sales tax, the proposal put forth would not have been good for cities such as Derby. Wichita and Derby, in particular, would have been disproportionately affected since we have our own fire departments which are part of our taxes levied, but the County fire district is not part of the formula. As proposed, Derby would have lost \$800,000 in revenue, whereas the County would have gained \$1.2 million. In the interim, there is a committee to discuss and work toward a change to the formula. Our hope is that we will be included in those discussions moving forward so our perspective and impact will also be considered.

**Council Member Rick Coleman** said during our upcoming budget process, could you also present the City's debt with Derby Difference out of it? I realize it is still debt and counts toward our allowable limit, but since our intention is to

repay some projects with the Derby Difference, I think it would be beneficial to see those figures for a better, fuller picture of where we stand.

**Megan Sneller, Finance Director**, said we can share that information. In the Derby Difference Fund sheets, you'll also see those debt payments as transfers to the Bond & Interest account.

**Mr. Mangus** noted in Topeka there have been quite a few discussions about lowering property tax, but it appears the House and Senate hold very different views about what a solution looks like. Therefore, it is unlikely anything will be done this year. We continue to monitor those bills and their progress closely. If you recall, there were two different ways to look at it. Valuation bills that place caps on valuation increases is one. The other is property tax collection bills such as revenue neutral or CPI. The Astra Fund, which is similar to what Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (LAVTR) funding was, has also been discussed regarding shared revenue with cities. I attended an LKM session last week where the consensus was not to expect to see anything soon, but in the interim we need to continue to monitor and participate in those discussions.

**Mr. Coleman** said I don't know what the fix is, but something needs to change. In the 13 years we've owned our home, the property tax on it has gone from \$2,400 a year to over \$6,000 currently. Change is definitely needed if we want to continue to draw people to Derby and Kansas, rather than pushing them away.

**Mr. Mangus** said a mix of sales tax and property tax is needed. Unfortunately, Council and cities can only control a portion of the property tax. If the state would allow municipalities to raise sales tax with a cap, we would have the ability for alternate revenue opportunities. The largest portion of our budget is paying for police, fire, and people. What services can be cut? There is not a lot of trust right now between cities, counties and the state. We need to rebuild those relationships and work toward a common goal for the good of our residents.

**Mr. Coleman** commented I like the idea of using sales tax to help lower property tax and believe Council has worked toward that goal. Approximately 30% of people who use our services and enjoy our amenities come from outside our city. An increased sales tax helps shift the burden of paying for those things to everyone using them, not just our residents.

**Mr. Mangus** agreed, but pointed out even with a raised sales tax the reality is that mills will never hit zero because doing so would make it very difficult to have stability for needed services and projects. We can project sales tax revenues, but as shown in this report, it can be a bit of a roller coaster. Cities can change the ratio of funding sources, though. There continue to be many moving pieces and finding solutions will require we work together with our county and state partners.

**Mr. Coleman** said there also is some hesitation that if the City lowers our mills, the school district may just raise theirs because it is what people are already used to paying. Even within Derby, the separate government entities need to be working together to bring tax relief to our constituents. Do we know yet what actual growth was from last year?

**Ms. Sneller** replied no, we usually receive valuation growth in June.

**Council Member Elizabeth Stanton** said I believe the report said around 2,000 new homes, single-family and multi-family, expected to be built over the next 10 years.

**Mr. Mangus** clarified that is the number expected to be platted and planned for. The exact timing for building is not known. That depends a lot on the developer.

**Ms. Stanton** said I believe in a recent departmental report, we were told that the goal is to have around 200 per year?

**Mr. Mangus** said yes, that was in Mr. Squires' presentation from Planning and Engineering noting what our recent housing study recommended. Sky Ridge and Greenwood Village are rather large developments which will help move us closer to that goal. Once we have infrastructure projects finished for that area, I hope it will spur those to be built quickly.

**Ms. Stanton** concluded it sounds like we are well on our way to meeting that goal, then. Congratulations, Ms. Sneller, to you and your team for the awards received. Is there anything you get for those awards beyond just accolades?

**Ms. Sneller** said not a lot, but those are among the factors considered that help determine our bond rating. Actually, just earlier today, I learned we remained steady with an AA rating.

**Council Member Jenny Webster** thanked Ms. Sneller for another great year and thorough report. We continue to know we are in good hands with you and the team.

**Jenny Webster moved, seconded by Wayne Molt, Jr., to receive and file report.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jenny Webster
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wayne Molt, Jr.

## **10 EXECUTIVE SESSION - ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE**

**Nick Engle moved, seconded by Jenny Webster, to take a 5-minute break and then recess to executive session for 35 minutes regarding preliminary discussions about the acquisition of real property related to future City projects as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). The open meeting will reconvene here in the Council Room at 8:30 p.m. The following staff and consultants will be necessary to assist the Governing Body in its deliberations: City Manager Mangus and any other staff he deems necessary.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nick Engle
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jenny Webster
<b>AYES:</b>	Kristi Truitt, Mike Neel, Elizabeth Stanton, Nick Engle, Jenny Webster, Rick Coleman, Chris Unkel, and Wayne Molt, Jr.


**Council President Nick Engle** returned the meeting to open session at 8:30 p.m. and said no binding action was taken in executive session.

## 11 ADJOURNMENT

Jenny Webster moved, seconded by Rick Coleman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Carried
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jenny Webster
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor