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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Wichita, Kansas, March 18, 2025
Tuesday, 06:00 PM

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

Staff Members Present: Robert Layton - City Manager, Lily Meadows, Deputy City Clerk, and Jennifer Magana City Attorney.

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Motion:

Lily Wu moved to approve the minutes of regular meeting March 4, 2025
Motion carried 7 to 0

[Proclamations](#)

Mayor Wu stated I respect the will of this Council and my four colleagues who voted in favor of the first proclamation. Council Members Tuttle, Johnson, Ballard, and Hoheisel. Since this a first for the City of Wichita, and I know each of you is passionate about this, I'm going to yield the floor to any of you who would like to have the honor of reading the first proclamation.

[SPECIAL PRESENTATION : NXTUS Reporting - Annual data for programs that received City and County support](#)

Mary Beth Garvis presented the item.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks Mayor. No question. I just want to say congratulations to you and your team. These numbers are awesome and what that means to our city and the impact that it will make

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for small businesses and entrepreneurs is - is amazing. So just kudos to you and looking forward to seeing even better numbers.

Mayor Wu stated

I see no other comments. Mary Beth and the entire team at NXTUS, I simply want to say thank you. As you know, we have a community-wide survey every year, and there are four things that have risen to the top as areas for improvement, and those are crime, streets, economic development, and as a council, we took it upon ourselves to add homelessness. So those are the four. So you hit one of those key areas that is a priority for the City of Wichita, and I'm just really grateful that this ecosystem of entrepreneurs and innovators continues to be right here in the city of Wichita, and they have the support of not just NXTUS but groups like WIBA, the Greater Wichita Chamber of Commerce, as well as Go Create Campaign, and I know that Empower is here as well. This ecosystem requires a lot of moving pieces but a lot of collaboration, and so I'm really grateful that you are a collaborator and continue, uh, to help us with key number three which is economic development. Thank you.

I) PUBLIC AGENDA1.) Andrew Crane - New Technology

Andrew Crane introduced Mary Webber. Mary Webber stated Ms. Mayor and members of the Wichita City Council, thank you for giving us the time and opportunity to talk about something amazing. But let me first start with a little story. In 1928, a young man named Otto walked into a bakery in Chillicothe, Missouri. He explained that he had something that might interest them. He wanted to show them something he invented. It was a machine you could place a loaf of bread in. It would cut the loaf into equal slices. Amazing. 2 years later virtually every bakery in the world was using an automatic bread slicer, and we remember even today when we say something is as easy as sliced bread or something is as good as sliced bread. To the people of Wichita, Kansas, this is our sliced bread moment. Something was - has been introduced in the United States, and in a few years it will be as common as sliced bread. My name is Mary Weber, and I am the president and CEO of Mary's Braille International and we are an official partner with NaviLens. And to be honest, we are one of the first partners in the United States and we are the only one west of the Mississippi. So what is NaviLens? We like to say they are QR code on steroids. They act as signage. They help with guidance. They help with orientation. They get people where they want or need to go. They offer accessible information in multiple formats and in multiple languages. NaviLens codes were created for blind and low vision people. However, they can be used for everyone. Working with Guiding Paws, the National Federation of the Blind, and countless other groups and organizations, we have a goal of making cities totally accessible for everyone. Wichita has the

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opportunity to be the sample for the rest of the United States, to be the first truly accessible city for the blind, low vision, sighted, seniors, visitors from other countries, and everyone else. In closing, we hope that this is the beginning of something Wichita can get behind and work with throughout every department and throughout the entire city. This can be Wichita's new sliced-bread moment. Thank you.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Not really a question, but just, I plan on seeing you later this week at your event Thursday.

Mary Weber stated thank you.

Council Member Hoheisel stated I'm looking' forward to seeing' this technology and how it works and how we can implement it to make Wichita more accessible for everyone.

Mary Weber stated thank you.

Andrew Crane stated thank you, very much.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Mary, and thank you, Andrew. I don't know if anyone from communications is around, but I do want to give a plug to the Wichita.gov website, which has accessibility tools for those who are low and visually impaired. I know that that was one of the efforts that the communications department tried to focus on last year when the website was relaunched. And so it does have greater capabilities for those who have low vision or are blind. And so I wanted to give that shout out to the Wichita.gov team, which is the communications team. Ms. Clerk, can you please call the next individual?

2.) [Pam Gillespie-Speeding in Riverside](#)

3.) [Jami Scott - Salvation Army](#)

Jami Scott, Salvation Army, stated good evening, and thank you for having us this evening. My name is Jami Scott and I'm the Director of Social Services for Salvation Army South Central Area Command located right here in the heart of downtown Wichita, 350 North Market.

Dulcy Palnau, Salvation Army, stated good evening. I'm Dulcy Palnau, and I'm the Associate Director of Emergency Social Services for South Central Area Command.

Jami Scott, Salvation Army, stated we'd like to talk to you tonight about some of the things that we are

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doing in our community, some of the things that are near and dear to our heart. We've heard people talk about their passion, and this is our passion. We are - we are standing in the gap with some of the most vulnerable individuals we have in our community. We are serving the homeless, the working poor, and those with addiction issues. We are looking to do things that are different than what we have done before. It's not going to work to just say to someone, here's a handout, here's this. We have to provide things that are going to move people forward, and so we are participating in a transitional housing and rapid rehousing program. We've been doing this since 2017, but this allows us to work with homeless individuals, single women, and families who do not have anywhere else to go. We have six apartments on grounds that people can stay in with their families while they are getting an education, while they are paying off back debt, while they are working on their housing issues, so they don't have to worry about that when they move in then to our rapid rehousing program. Not only that but we have opened up a recovery home within the last year. Not everyone is ready to move directly into housing. Some people need an extra hand and so we help with things like drug and alcohol counseling, we provide recovery plans, we provide life skills, and we are seeing some amazing things happen. We have individuals who have turned their lives around in 6 months and are now enrolled in college.

Dulcy Palnau, Salvation Army, stated they say a community is only as strong as its most vulnerable member. And at The Salvation Army, we take some of those vulnerable members of our community and we empower them. With our emergency social services, we provide an immediate need, such as an ID or a utility assistance, um, service. But more than that, we empower them more long term to make a life-changing impact. With that ID, we now equip them to go and look for employment or housing. With that utility assistance, we're offering classes, which are new to the Salvation Army, but we're very excited about. We have a whole booklet of material and resources that we give to them. We connect them with agencies that can help them more long term with their budget and finances so that they're not coming back and returning to us in another 6 months for other services. In addition to that, we have a pantry and we started an urban farm right at 350 North Market, so we're very excited to be able to share the produce of that. And not only that, but we're looking forward to having a social enterprise with that where we're dehydrating and selling, and some of the clients with the recovery home and other participants can be involved in learning about that, learning about employment and other things along the way. We also have a long-term program for - called Pathway of Hope, it's for, um, families that have children in the home, and with that we provide access to classes so they can learn again about budgeting, cooking, car maintenance, things that can make a difference in their home. And then they work with case managers more long term so that they are breaking the cycle of generational poverty as they're learning to move towards goals to make life-changing differences.

Jami Scott, Salvation Army, stated I just want to say we appreciate all of your support over the last few years. All of you have shown up to our events. You have shown up to our grand openings. You have visited our programs, and you have shown our support. We appreciate that you are taking into account that there are vulnerable people in our community and that they are important.

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Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. The appreciation and the gratitude is on this side of the bench because you guys are the ones out there doing the work and you're doing a great job and a lot of us have family and friends who are out there. And so just seeing an organization like yours who's really working and succeeding in a lot of ways, it really buoys our hope and - and our hearts as well. So thank you all for everything you do and you are truly doing the Lord's work.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. Salvation Army, you have a special place in my heart because you had Biddy basketball years ago.

Jami Scott, Salvation Army, stated yes.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated and I was one of the very first years when it's only in one gym downtown. And then I coached my kids in Biddy basketball a long time. But I guess my point of that is you have evolved and constantly changing to meet the needs. You no longer do that. YMCA does that and other organizations. But you constantly changed and evolved to meet the community's needs. And I - I very much appreciate that. I admire that. Thank you.

Jami Scott, Salvation Army, stated thank you for your words of support.

Mayor Wu stated I have a couple of questions if you don't mind. I had the opportunity to visit you all a couple of weeks ago and really go in depth about these services, and I'm really grateful that you have the new recovery home. I went to the grand opening last year. Can you tell us, is there still room for individuals who may need that help?

Jami Scott stated there is. And, they can contact us at 263-ARMY. That's 263-2769. It is for single men and single women who do not have insurance, they do not have the ability to get into a traditional treatment setting, they are ready to make a change, they are willing to work a program, and all they have to do is call us and we will sit down and talk to them and see what we can do to start them on that journey.

Mayor Wu stated thank you for offering that service to especially our single men and women who don't have insurance. This program is approximately 6 months to a year?

Jami Scott stated they can actually stay with us for up to a year. Some will not need that long, but they are given the opportunity to really work on their recovery first and then start looking at employment or school and moving through their plan at that point so that when they do reach the point of permanent housing,

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and that is the goal with their sobriety, is that they will become productive citizens, they will have enabled themselves to do much better than what they were doing then when they first came to us.

Mayor Wu stated thank you for that. And then the next question I just had was about the emergency social services. You provide IDs at Salvation Army. Can you talk about some of the barriers that people are facing regarding IDs? This is going to be a topic we will be discussing from the bench in just a couple of minutes. Can you just share what are some barriers people face in getting IDs?

Dulcy Palnau, Salvation Army, stated oftentimes, it's some of their own barriers that they're struggling with that have - maybe their ID has expired or they've lost it. When Jami talked about some of the people that are in the addiction cycle, some of the people who are in the homelessness cycle, um, some of the people that have mental health or just lower income families, believe it or not, we see a lot of individuals, it's \$22 to renew your ID, but when you don't have employment and you need that ID to get employment, that's a little bit of a loop for them. So we are lucky enough to partner with the mobile DMV department. They come to the Salvation Army once a month and with that we provide approximately 17 to 25 IDs that people are walking out the door with their temporary ID in their hand waiting for that permanent ID to come. And for some of them it's been maybe only a couple months, but for some of them it's been a couple of years and they're very excited to get that new ID so they can take that next step toward housing or employment.

Mayor Wu stated I really appreciate it. So again, thank you very much, Salvation Army. Nancy, thank you very much for sharing the services that you guys provide. And I know that our community is very grateful that you do help a lot of individuals here in the City of Wichita. So thank you to your entire team.

4.) Amya Williams - Mayor's Youth Council

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated good evening, everyone. My name is Amya Williams, and I'm a senior at the best high school in Wichita, Wichita East High. Thank you. I've been elected by the Mayor's Youth Council to be the youth mayor of Wichita this year. And I just wanted to give a shout-out and show all the amazing work we've been doing in the community, especially during the time where there is a conception that youth are not in touch with their community, and they don't care about what's going on, but we have a group of students that really, truly care about Wichita and want to see some change. So I wanted to give my little State of the Council address. So just a little bit about what MYC is. The Mayor's Youth Council was formed in 2008 by Mayor Carl Brewer, and it provides youth with the opportunity to weigh in on community issues and learn about their city government. So we forge partnerships in the community, engage youth and projects throughout the cities, advocate for youth in our community, be a positive role model for youth through activities, such as educational support and

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leadership, and be as civically engaged and knowledgeable about the city and just how the city functions in general because sometimes that's a confusing topic especially to people our age. So earlier this year in September at East High's Big Do, which is just kind of a fundraising event for their clubs, we decided to have a table to - with pamphlets with all the voting information you need because a lot of high schoolers are turning 18, and this is an election year, so we wanted to make sure that we could get youth with the information we need. So we had QR codes that led to their polling place links that showed what voting day actually looks like because we found that that's what turns a lot of new voters away from voting is being unsure about what the process of voting looks like. We had government websites to show who is on your ballot so that way you're able to research the people that are on your ballot so you can make an informed choice. We also had links that had the types of IDs to bring to your polling place and also the rights you have as a voter, so that way new voters feel confident about their vote and being civically engaged. We also had information about MYC and upcoming city events. And just this past week we took four members including myself, to Washington DC for the National, um, League of Cities or the Congregational National League of Cities, and we were able to learn from other youth councils and sharpen our leadership skills and see what you know, youth in California or Texas or Oregon and see what they're doing and really just learn and grow from each other. And it was a awesome time. So our Vice Youth Mayor, Erin Liu, who's in that top right corner, she's unable to be here today because she's visiting some colleges, she created this council-wide project, which is a video series on Facebook and Instagram that is called Wichita Gems Uncover, where we interview local businesses to encourage people to explore locally, and we want to strengthen our community relationships. So each member on the Mayor's Youth Council in about groups of four to five, we went into businesses, and we interviewed them, and we tried their food and really just had those sit-down conversations. And I would encourage all of you guys to follow us on Instagram at ICTMYC, and it's the same for Facebook. And just watch those reels and learn a little bit more about the business leaders in your community. So we have these things called issue groups, where in the beginning of our session, we vote on the issues that are most important to youth. And so this year, we found four, um, issues that youth really want to focus on. And one of them was sustainability. And so our sustainability issue group created the spring renaissance fashion show to promote sustainability clothing and awareness about fast fashion. And if you can see those gorgeous pictures up there, this is all youth led. The models, the venue or the venue was at Mark Arts, but obtaining the venue and planning and organizing, completely youth led. And we also had a small quartet from East High that came and played, and it was absolutely beautiful. And all these pictures that were taken, they were done by youth photographers. So it's all youth involved and all youth focused, um, because you have youth out here in your community that are doing amazing things Um, the sustainability issue group also worked with the city's sustainability integration board to learn more about community efforts. They intend to have a booth day at the - or a booth at the upcoming Earth Day event, and they're hoping to work with Public Works and Utilities and Water Works to learn more about the drought and how youth can help and stay involved. Our diversity and inclusion issue group is continuing our annual cultural kickback, which is really just a - a time of celebration and celebrating the diversity that we have here in Wichita. We're the most diverse city in Kansas, and we should be proud about that, so we want to engage with our local businesses, our local leaders, and just have, uh, fun with, um, music, food, and vendors. And they also purchased a children's book to learn more about different cultures and will be doing

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activities with elementary-age kids. Our homelessness issue group is creating 100 wellness baskets filled with necessities like toiletries, water, oral care, Band-Aids, socks, um, all bought from Amazon. And they also received a sponsorship from Scheels to purchase even more items, and they're planning to try and get in touch with the multiculture - or the multi-agency center to donate once they're complete with their grand opening and really just see what resources we have on the community and how we can directly give to the resources that are helping our most vulnerable people. Our violence prevention in - our violence prevention issue group in conjunction with MYC's executive board Council Member Hoheisel, and Council Member Johnson, and other community groups we are trying to have a fully youth-organized and youth-led and youth-involved unity in the community event so that way we can have the best turnout of youth my age because it's people my age in high school that are doing these acts of violence and these people that are going astray. and they're hurting and they're struggling. And so we want to reach out to our youth, and by reaching out to our youth, we have to give them a seat at the table. So that's our focus with our next unity in the community event. And if you want to contact us, please email us at WichitaMYC@gmail.com. Please, please, please follow our Facebook and our Instagram and that's how you'll really get to see our day-to-day and what we're working on. You'll get to see more of our members, you'll get to see our reels and just the good things that we're doing in the community. If you would like to come to one of our meetings and really see what's going on, please email us and just stay in touch and know that youth in the community really do care about the community and they want to see Wichita become a better place. So please stay engaged with us. And if you're listening and you have youth that want to get involved, we have applications opening up here about April, May. So thank you and if council has any questions, I'm here.

Mayor Wu stated thank you very much, Youth Mayor Amya Williams. Thank you again also for doing the introduction at the state of the city.

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated yes. No problem.

Mayor Wu stated I'm really appreciative of you and the entire Mayor's Youth Council present here today.

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated Mayor's Youth Council, stand up.

Mayor Wu stated give them a round of applause.

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated you got to stand up for that. That's all of them in that row. And this is only half of our group. Yes. No. These kids definitely deserve to be celebrated. This is only half of our council. It is spring break for us, and a lot of people are out of town. But, yeah, this is an amazing group represented in all districts, and most of all of our Wichita schools, so.

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Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Madam Mayor. Thank you for being here. Thank you to the council. I have met a lot of you before. But as the first person on this council to ever serve in the Mayor's Youth Council, I want to give advice, and say be bold, know that every room you show up in you belong in, and don't be afraid to hide your voice. And 90% of the job is just to show up, work harder than anybody. And I hope that some of you continue at this bench in the future as well. So thank you for being here today.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. First off, questionable, East High, you know...

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated no, that's not questionable. That's a fact, actually.

Council Member Hoheisel stated but what - what is the best district in Wichita then?

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated District 3. I'll give you...

Council Member Hoheisel stated District 3. Thank you.

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated I'll - District 3, District 1 - District 1, too. Okay. I'll have to give it - I have to give it to both of you guys.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. Now that we got the divisive stuff out.

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated I know. They're putting me in a tough position, everybody.

Council Member Hoheisel stated that's the pains of leadership right there.

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated I know, politics, am I right?

Council Member Hoheisel stated yeah. I - I can't wait to see what happens with the Unity in the Community March, or event that y- we're planning. You're absolutely right, you guys are the ones that will be best able to diagnose and reach out to your peers who are having issues inside the school and at home. So, we have Jose Wright over here. He was maybe the most pivotal important member of putting this together last year.

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated awesome.

Council Member Hoheisel stated so definitely, reach out to that man right there.

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated yes, of course. Can't wait to work together. Yes.

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Council Member Hoheisel stated he's very special. And I can't wait to see what we do with that this year

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Council Member Glasscock took all of my remarks earlier. That's what he was reading from. But, and - and also, Northeast is the best school and - yes...

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated you guys don't have sports though.

Council Member Johnson stated we're undefeated in all sports. But I just wanted to say great job to you, great job to the Mayor's Youth Council, and like, Council Member Glasscock said, every room you're in, you definitely belong. Always use your voice. Stand up for what you feel is right. All of us would want somebody standing up for us in this - in this situation, so always stand up for right. And it can be hard, it can be lonely, it can be tough. But if you don't do it, who will? And each of you have the ability to do so. You are leaders now, and continue to fight for a better world. This world changes on the backs of young people. It always has, and it always will. My daughter reminds me how old I am now, and my gray hairs. So all of you young folks have the ability to make those changes in the committees that you all are on. Keep that - keep that fight up. And it doesn't matter if us adults sometimes tell you no. You keep fighting anyway. That's how change happens. So I'm proud of all of you. Keep up the good work. And also, remember Northeast is the best high school.

Mayor Wu stated and one more time, I just wanted to thank you for reminding us that the Mayor's Youth Council was started by the late Mayor Carl Brewer, and I think he would be very proud to see that a youth council member is now a council member for the city of Wichita. And I think that, that just shows to our youth council that this is a job for you too. It's about being a public servant in our community. And I'm just really grateful that you continue to advocate for the issues that youth care about. You talked about sustainability and helping with the drought. We do need messaging about helping with this drought that we're facing, diversity and inclusion, really celebrating the cultures in our community, homelessness. And thank you for creating those wellness baskets, that will be shared at 9th and Main, which is the new multi-agency center.

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated yes.

Mayor Wu stated and I appreciate that you're focusing your energy towards the multi-agency center. And last but not least, violence prevention with Unity in the Community, something that was started by Council Member Johnson, Hoheisel, and the Greater Wichita Ministerial League. And I'm very grateful that it will now be youth-led, because that is the purpose. We want to make sure that youth know that there are resources in our community, that violence is not what we need to resort to, but rather resort to connecting to resources and helping to be better neighbors. So thank you very much for your leadership,

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Youth Mayor Williams.

Amya Williams, Mayor's Youth Council, stated yes. Thank you.

Sarah Price addressed the City Council and stated hello, Council. This is my second time I've ever been here, and the first time I was the very last speaker. Um, my name is Sara Cowling. I'm also I emailed you guys earlier today. It came under, I think, under supportive families for - it came up as Sara Price. I am the Outreach coordinator for Grassroots Bridge Builders, which was formed here in these chambers. I came to speak on a little bit of, like as far as the identification, the municipal ID. I know that's one thing that you guys and we have - I have been kind of asking for. I have been homeless predominantly, for the last 4 years. And, I have had the Salvation Army, they have helped me with my identification twice. And I sent over an email, kind of on some of the limitations that I saw that you guys had as far as some of the guidelines for the municipal ID. And one of them still included having a proof of address. And I understand that being, you know, to show that we are actual residents of Wichita, it does kind of need a proof of address. But as an Outreach coordinator, I have worked out, and talked to more homeless people than I wish there were. And like, one issue that we have over, and over, and over, have had is, there's no proof of identification or proof of address unless they say, pardon me, I'm not very good at speaking. The face sheet, sometimes the face sheet, if you - having a face sheet, if you've been to jail, you can get a face sheet, and that is proof of address. I have a 28-year-old son who has never been to jail. We had a house fire where we lost everything. And of course, when I went through Red Cross, one of the problems that we faced was because our name was not on the bills, and we had no proof of address because paper burns. And so - and our house was un-deliverable. We have been out here for 3 years. And I've gone to work release for child support, and I've obtained two IDs. But being out here also sometimes we're a very vulnerable population, and if you put something down, sometimes it does not happen to be there when you turn around. I was attacked for - by a dog in July, and my purse and my identification have been gone. And thank God, before this meeting, I was able to gather some notes. Just, I had some ideas on things, not enough time to actually tell you, but I did send something over through your email on some possible ideas that might help just, you know, like, because that is the biggest problem we have out here. You know, most people think that, like, we have the drugs, and we have the homelessness, and being moved around. But it doesn't do anything if we can't show who we are. We can't get a job. We can't get a place to live. We cannot even vote to try and change things because we don't have that identification. And we have the Open Door, which they offer some relief on the - as far as they have a reporting - a day reporting where you can go in, and you take a TB test. And as long as you're accountable and can show up for those 3 days before you can get verified to go in there, then you can have that address. But a lot of these people, they're not just downtown. I mean, they are everywhere in this town, from 47th and MacAr- or MacArthur, and Hydraulic, where a lot of us have been moved to out west past 118th. I mean, they're everywhere. And getting somewhere where, I go back a lot, back and forth, and I do want to mention one thing that during that you had mentioned, was during, with homeless encampment, as far as why people don't go to shelters. And you had asked why people don't go to shelters when it's the coldest winter. And we discussed how leaving people's stuff behind, and having the things that they have

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left, they're afraid to leave their stuff because they might come back and everything they have left is gone. So just getting to a place where they trust going to those centers, you know. I don't know how to conclude this because like I said, this is my second time. I'm hoping one day to be better at speaking so I can be more efficient in carrying the message. But I do thank you guys for this time. I have - almost out of time, so with that I will stop.

Mayor Wu stated thank you very much, Sara. I have some council members that have questions, but I'm going to ask one really quickly. I did not receive your email.

Sarah Price stated okay.

Mayor Wu stated So I don't believe- could you- if any council members received that email, can you forward it to . . .

Council Member Tuttle stated it's in your spam email. If you check your junk email. I just did, and so I can take myself off the board. But I looked up Sara Price in my junk email, and it's there. So I - we didn't get it probably until just now, if we check our junk email. So thank you for being here today.

Sara Price stated and I do want to say Northeast, yay.

Council Member Glasscock oh, thank you. I was going to say that as well. You can also, in the future, and this is for anybody, if you want to get a hold of all of us simultaneously, you can email dlcitycouncilmembers@wichita.gov. That comes to all of us, and so you don't have to figure out how to spell all of our names correctly. Um, and then I want to say, you're a great speaker as well. And, thank you. I'll give you the same advice I gave to MYC. You belong here. You belong in the room. And I think you were a phenomenal speaker. So thank you for being here.

Sara Price stated thank you.

Faith Martin stated hello. Faith Martin, I've been here lots of times. So I appreciate you letting me speak when there's only one spot left. It's no secret that I've told people that I'm a libertarian. I'm so happy that we have a libertarian mayor. Unfortunately, there are some who always find true liberty to be too risky of an idea to embrace, and unfortunately, many of those are our elected officials. I'm wearing this button today because I support transgender community. And I'm really disappointed in the fact that the three of you thought that you don't represent that community when that community lives in Wichita. So I would just like to say please live up to your libertarian values. We're behind you and we support you. And remember that all of us here live together, and individuals are the lowest form of government. And what I do with my body, what my friends do with their body what the community chooses to do, those choices they make are none of my business and none of your business. But I still support the community to be

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able who- to be who they are, what they are, live where they live, and be successful and flourish in Wichita. So I hope - I hope that you'll change your mind. I hope that you will embrace the community and remember that they're Wichitans too.

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Council Member Glasscock requested that Item 3d be pulled for discussion.

Council Member Hoheisel requested that Item 11 be pulled for discussion.

Motion:

Lily Wu moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 14 without 3d and 11.

Motion carried 7 to 0

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Madam Mayor. I just had a quick question regarding, or for Public Works regarding this agreement. In the background, it had said the agreement expired in December of 2024. It's now March of 2025. So questions, what did we do in the lapse of the agreement? Was it the previous operating agreement based on wholesale? Because it looks like wholesale prices. And what do we have as a stopgap so when agreements do expire, we proactively are renewing them?

Gary Ganzen, Director of Public Works, stated so, I think- Mayor and Council Members, Gary Janzen, Public Works and Utilities. I think with this particular agreement, we're trying to, over the course of time, these agreements are in place for a long time, and so as they come up we're trying to standardize language. Most of these agreements will continue. There's language in them that says they continue, right? But we - we have close communication with them, and this one in particular. They had some - some issues they were trying to resolve on their end, and it just took them a little bit longer. But we were in contact with them that entire time. We've got another one, it's kind of happening at the same time with one of our other wholesale customers. But the - there's 1- we work with our attorneys. There's language in there that allows the - the agreement that's in place to extend beyond that in the absence of an update. So I think we've got ourselves covered pretty well.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 3d

Motion carried 7 to 0

Council Member Hoheisel stated all right. Thank you, Mayor. I just had maybe an issue with this. This was opposed by, I believe, three departments within the City of Wichita, and it passed, MAPC 8-5-1. Staff recommendation is still to deny. This pertains to a bike trail, a planned bike trail from South Wichita to

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Hayesville. The Mayor of Hayesville also supports this trail as well. I have some concerns about if we do vacate this property that it will end up going over to Seneca, which Seneca right along that way, that's a pretty hectic street going from Hayesville to South Wichita. So the recommendations was to deny this, but it's still here on consent for us to pass it. So I do - I have heard quite a bit from members of my community and members of the bicycle community as well. So I - I think Council Member Glasscock has also been in contact with the agent working out a compromise where we can still get this bike trail safely through there, and and still meet the - kind of the desires of the applicant as well. So, I think I'll turn it to Dalton as soon as, we have public comment here, or questions, in order to make a motion.

Jennifer Magana, Director of Law stated excuse me, Mayor, if I may? On the topic of public comment, because this is a planning item, if you wish to have public comment, you may just make a motion to suspend Policy Number 9, for this item. However, we would, if the applicant's not here to discuss, we would discourage public comment because it could affect due process of the Applicant. If there's more testimony and evidence taken and the applicant's not here to discuss.

Council Member Hoheisel stated what would we do without you, Jennifer?

Jennifer Magana, Director of Law, stated well, I just-food for thought.

Council Member Glasscock stated before I have comments, I would be interested to see if any of my other colleagues have opinions about this.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. Like Council Member Hoheisel said, I have heard, um, very loud and clear from the bicycle community that they are absolutely against this. I think part of it too is from what they had heard, there was not much negotiating with the applicant. So I'm curious to, I don't know if we need to just do a brief overview so the audience knows what we're talking about. I don't know what that process looks like. But, yeah, so I've just heard from the cyclist community. I think they're anxious that it just goes away. I know the projects not in the CIP, I believe, yet. But, there are plans for it in the future, and so, just passing some of my constituents' concerns.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. I, too, have heard from a lot of the cycling community. And being a cyclist myself, I appreciate the bike paths. However, I do like economic development, so I'd like to see it go through. I'm interested to hear what the compromise is because maybe a bike path can just go around the property instead of going all the way to Seneca. So I'm interested to hear what that might look like.

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Mayor Wu stated I see no further comments. I also have received just emails regarding the bicycle master plan, and I think they e-mailed all of us on the council. Council Member Glasscock.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I'll share some comments because I was conflicted about this. I had no intention of polling it off consent, but it appears the will of the body is to have some compromise solution. And so rather to deny the application I'd be interested in seeing if there's a way that we could move forward where we balance economic development with quality of life. I think this project's incredibly important. For the public, it's a parcel of land, it's two parcels of land. There is an application for vacation in the middle of the property that is currently projected on the bicycle master plan later on. It's not projected in the CIP. And so there's two other areas to go around to connect to the larger master plan. So that's the context of this. I really do think this is an interesting balance of the quality of life and economic development. It is, like I said, in the bicycle master plan, I voted against that because I had deep concerns with that plan. But it isn't in the CIP, so I think this makes it very interesting as well regarding the application. So I've spoken with the applicant. I've had communication with them. I have communication with, cyclists that have reached out as well. I will say for the record, I have not had one constituent around the property reach out with concerns about this vacation. It's from cyclists that live outside of District 4, with the exception of one cyclist who does live within the district. And so in speaking with the applicant, I think there's a way we can move forward that balances their ability to move forward with the project, and also, for quality of life as well. And so before I make the motion, this would require a dedicated 30-foot easement by separate instrument on some other aspect of the property line. So they would still be able to move with the vacation, but they would have to provide an easement at the end of the property line. The justification for this, as well, the parcels between that we're looking at a vacation are approximately six acres, about 60 feet across. A vacation is - or the easement request is about 30 feet across. So they're still gaining property. The city is still relinquishing our property to them in an additional 30 feet. So they're not losing anything that they're requesting. It's actually, they're gaining 30 feet. So with all of that context and seeing nobody else on the board, I move to approve the vacation order as recommended by MAPC, subject to an additional condition. I will describe that in a moment, and authorize the necessary signatures. The approval of this vacation shall not become effective until the following additional condition is met. The applicant shall designate- or shall dedicate a 30-foot easement by separate instrument that'll allow for the development of a north-south path from 47th Street to the south end of the proposed vacation area. The easement must be approved by the engineering division of the Public Works and Utilities Department. Copies will be provided to the Planning Department. So this gives the applicant the ability to figure out a path that works for them and the development of their parcel of land instead of the city prohibiting the development right down the middle of their property.

Council member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Council Member Glasscock, just a question, I know I talked to you earlier, but just for the public, I also had heard a lot. This will not push a bike path potentially to Seneca, correct?

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Council Member Glasscock stated the - they would have to provide the dedicated 30 easement through their property. A Seneca parcel would not be on their property.

Council Member Johnson stated okay.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. Dalton, can you give us like, the Reader's Digest version of what you just said in that motion? Because that was a lot to understand.

Council Member Glasscock stated sorry, I was trying to do legalese to make sure it was all good to go.

Council Member Ballard stated you that part covered.

Council Member Glasscock stated simply, it would, the parcel that's currently, that they're applying to vacate is the only- is the previous Union Pacific Railroad which divides both of their properties. And so what this would do is it would require this going over, near 47th Street, as more of a seven near their property, or more of an L, near 47th Street. So it goes around their property instead of through the property. So right now, if we were - the MAPC recommendation is to go through their property, or yeah, to go through their property. The comments that we've received don't desire them- they want complete denial of the application, so they couldn't have any vacation. This would give them the middle of the property if they would add an easement on one corner of the property.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Just one question for our esteemed legal department here. This locks up into that, so that way the vacation will not process until we come to an agreement?

Jennifer Magana, Director of Law, stated that is correct, Council Member.

Motion:

Council Member Glasscock moved to approve the vacation order as recommended by MAPC, subject to an additional condition. I will describe that in a moment, and authorize the necessary signatures. The approval of this vacation shall not become effective until the following additional condition is met. The applicant shall designate- or shall dedicate a 30-foot easement by separate instrument that'll allow for the development of a north-south path from 47th Street to the south end of the proposed vacation area. The easement must be approved by the engineering division of the Public Works and Utilities Department.

Copies will be provided to the Planning Department

Motion carried 7 to 0

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III) BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS

- 1.) Board of Bids and Contracts dated March 17, 2025.

Attachment: [03-17-2025 Board of Bids.pdf](#)

Attachment: [03-17-2025 WAA Board of Bids.pdf](#)

Vice Mayor Johnston left the bench

Josh Lauber, Department of Finance presented the item.

Vice Mayor Johnston returned to the bench.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Josh. Questions for staff? I only have one, but it's in regards to two slides, Number 25 and 26. Both of these had an original bid that was lower than the engineer's estimate. Can you explain both of those?

Josh Lauber stated yeah, this is, thank you for the question, Mayor. This is a unique project ask of the purchasing division, and something you won't frequently see. I'll let engineering speak to it. But I want to highlight in the specifications of the bid document part of the reason that were comfortable with this, and - and we recommend your approval this item, is when we work with a law department on the big specifications, we had a section called project awarding, and I'll read. The projects for phase one and phase two of the Outsource Payment Preservation Program, CIP, Ultra-Thin Bonded Overlay are both scheduled to bid February 28, 2025. Both projects have the same contract completion date, and are critical to be completed by this date. Due to the critical nature of the schedule, the city will award phase one and phase two, to two separate different firms due to the required contract schedule. And I'll go ahead and let Engineering speak to that.

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Paul Gunzelman, Public Works and Utilities stated good af- good evening. Paul Gunzelman, Public Works and Utilities. And Mayor, let me go back maybe to your first question regarding the bids were lower than the engineer's estimate. We are awarding the contract to the engineer's estimate. These projects are bid with measured quantities so that gives us a little bit more room to if we go over in quantities that we can go up to that amount. But we will only pay for what the quantities that we use. So increasing to the engineer's estimate gives us a little bit more flexibility for additional work to be completed.

Mayor Wu stated and it's only for what you use...

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works and Utilities stated correct.

Mayor Wu stated so it allows you the flexibility, but it's not like we're going to the 1.7?

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works and Utilities stated correct.

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

1.) Petitions for Public Improvements

Attachment: [PFPI.docx](#)

Attachment: [Prairie Glen.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-105 WDS 003988](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-106 WDS 003989](#)

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Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-107 WDS 003990](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-108 SWD #542 085605](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-109 SWD #543 085606](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-110 SS 003991](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-111 SS 003993](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-112 SS 003995](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-113 PV 086143](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-114 PV 086144](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-115 PV 086145](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-116 PV 086146](#)

Paul Gunzeman, Public Works and Utilities presented the item.

Mayor Wu stated questions for staff? Since we have a lot of new people in the audience, can I just ask a simple question? This is on specials, correct?

Paul Gunzeman, Public Works and Utilities, stated that is correct. Yes.

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Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the new and revised petitions and budgets, adopt the new and amending resolutions, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

V) **UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- 1.) [Ordinance Creating Chapter 11.51 of the Code of the City of Wichita Relating to the Operation of Golf Carts](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report V-1.doc](#)

Attachment: [11.51_Golf_Carts_DELINEATED_Workshop Revisions - 3-4-25 \(final\).docx](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-633 Creating Chapter 11.51 Pertaining To The Operation Of Golf Carts.docx](#)

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department presented the item.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Sharon. Appreciate your work on this. Couple of quick questions. First, does this count as the second reading of the ordinance?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department, stated yes.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. So we have to make sure we have it solved today? Okay.

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department, stated yes.

Council Member Hoheisel stated the downtown core, the sidewalks, are removed from downtown core as well?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department, stated yes.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. What is the cost of a permit to the city if we have - like, what

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does it cost us to have employees process that?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department, stated licensing staff estimated that it would be approximately \$35 for the initial decal and processing of a registration. Currently, there is no registration requirement in the ordinance.

Council Member Hoheisel stated no registration requirement in the ordinance?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department, stated no.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay.

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department, stated and no fee required in the ordinance.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. And like cities, comparable cities, are there anything like age limits with who can ride in these golf carts?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department, stated I couldn't see anything regarding age limits regarding, to ride necessarily. I was aware of your concerns, and we did add some provisions on Page 6 of the ordinance regarding the number of occupants that you can't ride unless they're attended and you can't have folks riding on laps.

Council Member Hoheisel stated right. Yeah. I appreciate that.

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department, stated so - so those were additional provisions that were not in any of the earlier drafts.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. So there's nothing' that we saw that prohibits infants, anybody under the age of 2 or 5 or anything from riding?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department, stated so no.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you for your work on this. Just for clarification for the public too, cause this is weird where the city actually has to pass an ordinance to make it less restrictive than state law, correct?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department, stated we have to pass an ordinance to make it consistent with state law. State law says that it's illegal unless we do something.

Council Member Glasscock stated correct. So by doing something, we're permitting it, or state law

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prohibits it if there's no action taken?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department, stated yes.

Mayor Wu stated I see no further questions for Sharon. Again, thank you very much, Sharon. This went back to all the district advisory boards. There's six district advisory boards and they all either chimed in or gave some feedback to the six council members. So again, thank you for adding the additional public engagement for this. So Sharon, you gave lots of presentation. So thank you very much. We will now open it up for public comment.

Steve Lackey stated good evening my name's Steve Lackey. I live at 2414 Spring Meadow. I just wanted to publicly thank the City Council and the staff for takin' the time to revise the ordinance and try to reach a compromise with all of us. I'm in full agreement with the ordinance. I'm disappointed that the sidewalks access has been taken out, but that' - that's the way government works. It's a compromise. So thank you for your indulgence over these last 2 months. And thank you to the Law Department and the police department for putting up with us and taking our comments. And thank you to Council Member Johnston for representing our district. Thank you.

Philip Slape stated my name is Phillip Slape. I just wanted to, again, thank you as well. I'm in favor of, uh, golf carts being allowed in Delano. I'm the president and I'm an attorney at Slape & Howard. And when we moved to Delano in 2021, it opened up a world of events and vitality and energy that we hadn't experienced as a law firm before. Since that time, our business has grown tremendously. We sponsor the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We also sponsor the Amber Waves Event. And in June, for the third year in a row, we'll sponsor the- or we'll have at our office the, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, which is a group of about 400 attorneys practicing in the State of Kansas. When they come into town they want to utilize Delano. And some of them are older having golf carts that they can use or that we can take them to different businesses or restaurants will be tremendously helpful. So again, thank you for your work. I don't have much else to say. I think golf carts would help our business, and so I thank you for your support.

Stephanie Pittman stated Stephanie Pittman, 2828 North Wild Rose Court, West Side, Wichita. I have attended almost all of your DABs. First, let me say I'm very, very impressed with the way that you engage with your citizens, with your constituents, with how you are - you take such care of - of the people in your districts. And the ones that we were unable to visit, it's typically because they were set on top of each other at the same date. And otherwise, we would've came definitely, or I would've came and visited and I - and I still may. I - I sat through the youth council at - at Mike's DAB, and it - it just was really great for that engagement. I also want to make sure that, you know, this came about from what we felt was a lack

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of transparency. I feel like there have been a lot of changes to that transparency. There definitely was a willingness to hear us, and I want to appreciate that and let you know how much we appreciate it. I still would like to address in the ordinance, and I understand that it arose from the Attorney General opinion -- which is just an opinion about driving on sidewalks or other paths -- I think that there is a way that you can make it more accessible to some of those outside neighborhoods and still retain small sidewalks and keep golf carts off sidewalks. So make it in the ordinance that if a - if a path is over 12 feet in width that the golf cart is able to go on that so long as they yield to pedestrians. I think there's a way around this. There's a lot of empty paths if you go to the West Side/South Side. This even with the majority of the population not knowing that golf carts were illegal, if you drive around and see these paths, there's no golf carts on there. So I - I would ask the council to reassess and maybe make a modification or an amendment to the ordinance as it - it stands, but, you know, at the end of the day, I - I really appreciate just for my family and my community the efforts that both staff and the council has taken.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Stephanie. I do have a question for staff. In particular, this was a question I had from the very beginning, which was I know that there are some neighborhoods where you do have to cross a protected roadway. So you do have to press a button in order to cross a street, but you still have to utilize a sidewalk in order to get across those get to those positions. How is that being addressed in this ordinance?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department stated in this ordinance, you're not allowed to drive on the sidewalks. So - and there may be some streets that a golf cart is not going to be able to cross because they can't get there by - by staying on the street if it's 40 miles per hour or if you have to go on a sidewalk. And - and part of that is a safety issue for pedestrians. The other part is the Attorney General's opinion. It is correct that the Attorney General's opinion isn't binding on the City Council, but it is generally thought of as being persuasive.

Mayor Wu stated are there any modifications that can be done to do a compromise? Again, back to the yielding to pedestrians, I know multiple streets on the East Side of town, as well as, far West side of town that not a lot of people, whether pedestrians or even bicyclists use. So would there be an opportunity so that those more remote sidewalks that are often not utilized can have a golf cart just to be able to, again, cross the street? Be at a sidewalk waiting to cross the street?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department stated you could. That would be contrary to the Attorney General's opinion. I mean, the Attorney General was asked from Valley Center could golf carts be allowed on multi-use paths. So - and the Attorney General's - in their opinion said no, because a golf cart is considered to be a vehicle and vehicles are generally not allowed on sidewalks. You also have the question of the widths of paths and how wide the golf carts are. And I ask Paul Gunzelman just how wide are these paths. Multi-use paths are 10 feet wide. New construction areas are about 5 feet wide. In older neighborhoods, they're 4 feet wide. So it's - it - it - it's hard to legislate this type of activity throughout the

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entire city because of those variations. And you're right, in some - in some cases, multi-use paths may not be used. In other cases, they may have runners on them every day. So this was a compromise that was reached throughout the DABs to try to make it as useful as possible for the people who wanted to use golf carts. And it's not going to be a solution for everybody.

Jennifer Arnold stated good evening. Jennifer Arnold 4613 North Cimarron, Maggie's District. I attended three DAB meetings, and have tried to be in contact with City Council members. Thank you for addressing this. We didn't know it was illegal in golf cart communities. So, it was a surprise to us and we do not want to break the law. You guys have put in a lot of time listening to us. Thank you. We do appreciate that. I would say one of the core themes that kept coming up at every DAB meeting that I attended was to remind you whenever you're riding in a golf cart is that you're trying to go play golf. The way this has landed with taking out access to golf courts - golf carts - golf courses not being able to get there from outside communities, outside neighborhoods, we can't drive on a street because most of the surrounding areas have speed limits over - over 30. So that just takes out streets unless it doesn't. But it - that's the way I'm reading it. Just a - a mom not understanding all of that. But also, it's now - it's taking out sidewalks, which would be an - a next best option. If you don't live in the actual golf course area,, I live in an out west golf course community next to it. This - this will not allow many of us, probably maybe 100 private carts to even get to the course because we can't drive on a sidewalk or a - or a street and be conscious of our fellow citizens walking or running or anything as we've been doing for the last 20 years safely. I would just ask and urge and plead that you allow sidewalk usage. If we have a driver's license -- which you've asked us to do -- we are able to make those decision on not hitting a pedestrian. We've been given that by this - the - the city and the state allowed those driver's license. We've answered those questions. We won't hit a pedestrian. We can do that on a golf cart. There's - we can do that on a sidewalk. We can move off to the - to the grass. So I'm just urging you to please before you make this a law and not allow us to even get to the golf course to play golf on a golf cart that you would not take that away. It's - it's very imperative. And if not just for me, just the over-regulation of that for other people in the future. There are others who are impacted by this. It's going to strain the golf cart - golf courses. They won't have enough carts to provide for individuals playing golf because we bring our own carts. So don't want to beat the horse there, but I just - I implore you to reconsider this and to just move this way. So thank you again for all the time that you've put into this. I appreciate it. Thank you.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. A question for legal. So they do have designated golf cart crossings. Is that something that we find quite common around and it's something that a community would be able to petition to get implemented?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department stated I don't know the answer to that. I - I do know that there is one golf - I've been told through the DAB meetings that there is one golf cart crossing - it's hard to say -

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in Auburn Hills that goes across 135th. As far as petitioning whether you can get a golf cart crossing - and I bet Paul's not here

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works and Utilities stated the only ones that I am aware of that we have posted are probably within, like, Auburn Hills as you cross from one hole to the next and you cross a residential street, but there are probably others around golf courses, but those are getting from one hole to the next. Those are the only ones I'm aware of that we would have posted.

Mayor Wu left the bench.

Council Member Hoheisel stated do we know if there's a process that people could go through if they desired one? I know we do some crosswalks if a community wants to help provide funding for it. So is there something similar with golf cart crossings?

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works and Utilities stated I don't know that we have anything in place at this time, but, you know, as I said, you know, where we - where w- they would be probably right adjacent to the golf course is where we would most likely have them posted. But otherwise, I don't know that we would.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Paul. Mike, thank you. I do want to clarify that on 135th, there is a crossing, but it's a tunnel that goes under the street. So I think - I think the issue probably is more at Reflection Ridge at 21st and - and Ridge Road or Tyler, getting to that intersection to get across.

Council Member Glasscock stated this will be a question for legal real fast. So we talked about the Attorney General's opinion. Is that his opinion of current state statute? And so he interprets state statute that way and so that's why it's not binding cause it w- hasn't went through the court system? So would state law have to change and then that would alter his opinion?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department stated the - yes. I mean, his interpretation is based on existing state statutes that define vehicle and motor vehicle. And there is a state statute that says vehicles are not allowed on sidewalks.

Mayor Wu returned to the bench.

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Council Member Glasscock stated So theoretically, the state legislator could address this issue next year, thus the Attorney General offering a different opinion?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department stated yes. Yes.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you.

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department stated the - you - you - you could amend the State Statute 8-1575 that says, "No person shall drive any vehicle upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except when there is a duly authorized temporary driveway."

Council Member Glasscock stated So that could be something that people in favor of sidewalks could lobby the state government to change their standards and state statute, and then the city would be able to address it and not be in conflict with state law?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department stated yes. One - one other option would be to not require the crossing of roads 30 miles per hour at a controlled intersection, um, and then you wouldn't have to go up and down on the sidewalks. PD is here. I'm sure that they're probably not going to be supportive of that because you're going to have people essentially jaywalking with a golf cart. But - but that would be the other option.

Deb Lucia stated Deb Lucia, 7302 West Reflection Court. I live in Reflection Ridge, which is a golf cart community - golf course community, and I - it's the question that just came up. The - everything that you've put together - and thank you for listening - I think is really good except for the statement that says golf carts have to cross at a controlled intersection. That's the problem for people that live in Reflection Ridge. That golf course is used by people that live across 29th Street. And the only way you can get to Reflection Ridge if this ordinance goes in would be down a sidewalk because it's 40 miles per hour on 29th Street. What people do right now is they cross at an inter- they don't cross at an intersection. So we would need a special crossing for them to get from at least 29th over. And that's the same thing with some of the other areas. So I think everything in here is really good. The thing that you really have to look at is this controlled crossing area. That's the issue that I think of - another person stated. That's the issue that doesn't work. And I just want to give you some numbers. In Reflection Ridge, the golf course has 49 golf carts. There's over 200 people with private golf carts - golf carts. They have golf carts. I asked them - I called them and asked them, "With the 49, could you meet the demand of the golf course?" The answer is, "No." The way this is written, people are not going to be able to access the golf course unless they drive their golf cart over there on a truck or something the way this is written. So I think what really needs to be looked at is just this crossing issue, how to get - and - and the way they do it right now, I - I've seen it numerous times cause I live there. If you're on the north side of 29th Street, there's a neighborhood street that's close to getting across the street and I just kind of go at a little bit of a

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diagonal to get across. I mean, that's what they do and it's very safe. They've been - how many years has that golf course existed over there? Over 30 years. They've been doing it. I don't think there's been any accidents that people know how to do it. So it's just the wording of this. I think if it didn't say controlled intersections and it just said at a safe point to get across or that they crossed in an acceptable - acceptable way to get across 29th Street, and the other street's very similar to that. The other thing is I also looked at the sidewalks. 21st Street has a much bigger sidewalk than there is at 29th Street. And so that's the other thing about sidewalks. So when you say you can't drive on a sidewalk, well, some of the sidewalks are really wide and it would be safe to probably have a golf cart like they're doing right now. So that's where maybe going back to the Attorney General or that particular piece of it is looking at specifically the size of the sidewalks that are available in different areas. They are wider on 21st Street than they are on 29th Street. And that's all I have. Thank you very much. You guys did really good. It's just that controlled intersection part of it, if it just says cross at appropriate or something like that, appropriate cross points would make it so that most people could still get to the golf course, the golf course could still function. Thank you very much.

Mayor Wu stated that's a question for staff. I will ask that question. The word, "controlled," who asked for specifically the word, "controlled" and can that be modified? Again, back to the question I had earlier, which is I know a lot of people want to cross so that they can get to a golf course, but in order to do that, you still have to utilize some sort of crosswalk?

Sharon Dickgrafe, City Law Department stated yes. I think you missed my earlier comment. On Page 4 of the ordinance, Subsection C, you could remove the but only at controlled intersections, um, and perhaps add some language that golf carts shall cross in a safe manner and yield to all vehicular traffic. Um, that was requested both by PD, as well as, I think Councilperson Johnston who has been actively involved in this was okay with that provision. And I don't want to speak for you.

Mayor Wu stated thank you. Oh, sorry. We will continue with public comment.

John Mobily stated hello. Jon Voegeli, 14106 West Cavit. I think I offer kind of a unique perspective. I'm here with my, business partner, Phil. Our law office kind of doubles as a - a bar. We have a tap house that runs out of it on the weekends. And so the use of the golf cart, at least at our downtown core with Delano, is mostly for shuttling either people or supplies. And I think it's a great idea to have that at controlled intersections in the downtown core. I'm also an avid cyclist and I would highly recommend not putting golf cars on the bike paths. That's a very dangerous things for both, especially when you get a cyclist that's kind of moving pretty quick. Those - that could be dangerous. But I'm also a West Sider. I live in Auburn Hills. And I tend to agree with everything that was said here today that we have a very safe, wide sidewalk out there and there are very specific passing points. And so I - I would state that out past a certain place I - I - I would tend to agree with the commenters that came up. There's really no reason for a controlled intersection if we're not on the sidewalk anyway. I would - I - I - I would

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highly recommend that. Now, for downtown, I think that's a great idea. That's probably where we're at cause a lot of the streets here are under 30 miles an hour, but there is no way to reach the golf courses out west. There's no way to cross safely and what you're going to be doing is diverting those golf carts onto the street, which I think is a tough idea especially around 4 o'clock on 135th. So I would tend to agree. I'm just offering my perspective as someone who kind of has both in mind. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated I understand this is a - a very passionate issue for a lot of people, which I had no idea it was, but, I can un- I can understand it. I very much appreciate Sharon's help. Spent a lot of time together lately. Not dating or anything, but spent a lot of time together. So thank you. We tried to make this just as simple as possible. It's give and take and that's what local government is. The police department really wants the language in there as controlled intersections. I can understand that. I would like to leave that in there. Other things they wanted, I - we took out. So, it's a little bit - little bit of both. I will say that for 20 plus years at Reflection Ridge and Auburn Hills and Rolling Hills, you've been getting your golf carts to the golf courses, it's been illegal, and I think you can probably still do that, but the police department has a lot better things to do than to chase down a golf cart getting to the golf course. So I think you'd be all right. But this just brings us - we have to do this to get it legal through state law because it is illegal for state law now. So at least this will make operating your golf cart legal and, uh, that's why I am going to make the, uh, following motion. I moved. If you have a comment, go ahead.

Council Member Hoheisel stated I thank you. I didn't want to jump in front of you there, Vice Mayor, but I do appreciate it. I - I just had a couple of comments and then maybe a piece for discussion. One thing that this ordinance has really shown is just how we're all Wichitans. We all come to the same downtown and whatnot, but different areas of the city are different. It does sound like out East and out West there's a lot of safe travel spots, um, as far as getting to the golf course. I do know that in my district what I've heard from people, there's a lot of other concerns about the sidewalks and about crossing the streets. And I don't believe I have a golf course in my district anymore, so a lot of the concern is about people driving around the neighborhoods and whatnot. I would be interested to looking in the future about a process for setting up golf cart crossing. We can still do that passing this ordinance. And maybe, just a little further down the road we can look at crossing options and I don't know if it's discriminatory or not, but within, like, certain distance, maybe a mile within golf courses. I don't necessarily think today is the time to necessarily have that discussion, but we can continue with this discussion. I will say one concern, and I did vote for this ordinance originally, is safety especially with children. And when I originally brought up wanting seat belts in the golf carts, um, that was one of the things I was thinking about. And then I hear some people's concerns about having the seat belts in the golf carts and it has to do with, um, the possibility that a golf cart would flip and trap somebody inside. So that got me thinking. I can survive a golf cart flipping. My 2-year-old son possibly not. And so that - that's one of the concerns and I just bring it up for discussion about maybe an age limit, an age limit 5 or under, maybe not riding in golf carts. I'm just curious to see what the rest of council their thoughts are on that one. Just, again, it goes back to

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safety of children. I appreciate that. We don't have it to where they can't ride on people's laps. So I think that eliminates toddler, you know, small children maybe 2 or under and infants, but still maybe a 5-year-old or so, that is a concern of mine. So I just put it out there for the rest of council. I don't know what any thoughts are right now.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. I just want to echo my - my colleagues. Thank you to staff, to legal, Wichita Public, - Wichita Police Department, Public Works, all those who are involved. Thank you to Vice Mayor Johnston for bringing this to our attention. Thank you to our community members who have come to speak today, those who came to our district advisory boards, those who sent emails, called, text, always appreciate when the community's engaged. I said from the beginning that this is a concern for me. I - I think that it's confusing. We even internally - I was having a conversation with a colleague and what's a controlled sidewalk, what's not, where can you cross, where can you not. I - I just think that it's very muddled and I think that people will accidentally not follow the ordinance just because they don't know what it is. I - I have said from the beginning I'm worried about time taken away from Wichita Police Department when they should be focusing on crime prevention and solving crime. So that's an issue that I will continue to be - to, you know - that will weigh for me. And then the biggest issue for me is safety. We design our roads for cars and automobiles and potentially bikes and bike lanes, but we do not design our roads and our streets and our sidewalks for golf carts. And maybe that's something we need to consider in the future, but for now I just cannot be supportive for the fear that someone may get hurt. Thank you.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I'm very excited about this ordinance. Thank you to staff. I'll admit, when this came before, I thought we only had four votes to be able to get a compromise solution and somehow it came off better, the second time around. And so I'm glad that we took it back out to DAB to see that people stand for more freedom when it comes to operating modes of transportation. And I'm excited for this to move forward. I'm incredibly supportive. Vice Mayor Johnston specifically talked about state law. I would urge those in the audience today I don't want this bench to do anything that's contrary to state law or federal law, and I respect the Attorney General's opinion on what the current state law is. And so I would urge you to speak with your state legislators about changing state law and hopefully we can bring that back before this bench to have a future, uh, conversation. I don't want to set a precedent where we're trying to stand against what the state does because I think it's a dangerous precedent to set from this bench when we're on a compliance. And I understand it's not legally binding, but at least it is his interpretation of the law. So I'm very supportive of today's ordinance. I hope we can make it even less restrictive in the future if the state addresses this as well, and I'm very excited that people will be able to drive their golf carts in the downtown core, specifically Delano where I represent. I think Delano's on the move and I think this only adds to that as well. And Council, Councilwoman Tuttle also referenced – or Ballard represents Delano as well.

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Mayor Wu stated I see no further Council Members who want to speak. Again, this is an opportunity to legalize golf carts in the City of Wichita, and it was under the leadership of Vice Mayor Johnston who brought this to our entire council's attention. Vice Mayor Johnston?

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you. Councilman Hoheisel, I agree. The young children need to be taken care of. I will say that even in non-golf cart committee communities, people take their young children to the pool, community pool, to go - go swimming. So if they have to sit on a seat, I think it's a lot safer than sitting on a lap. So that was kind of our compromise on that issue. So I appreciate it. This will save police time. It'll - it'll legalize golf carts so police don't have to, go out when somebody calls and says somebody's riding in a golf cart. I appreciate our police department's work on this. Compromise with - and, public works and whole sidewalk issues and Attorney General. So I want to make the following motion. I move to approve the second reading of the revised ordinance and authorize the clerk to publish the same.

Motion:

Vice Mayor moved to approve the second reading of the revised ordinance and authorize the clerk to publish the same.

Motion carried 6 to 1 (Nay: Becky Tuttle).

VI) NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS1.) General Obligation Note Sale

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Attachment: [BASICDOCS - SERIES 320 - Final Resolution 25-117.docx](#)

Mark Manning, Director of Finance reviewed the item.

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Mayor Wu stated Mark, thank you very much. I really am appreciative of you. I think we said this before, but I know that your prudence and the fiscal responsibility of the City of Wichita gained the City of Wichita the S&P, AAA rating. So again, it is under your leadership and I'm very grateful to you.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the award of the bid, adopt the note resolution, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

2.) [Funding for 2025 Sidewalk Maintenance Program](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report VI-2.doc](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-118 2025 Sidewalk Maintenance Program.docx](#)

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works and Utilities presented the item.

No one came forward for public comment.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the budget, adopt the resolution, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

3.) [Main Water Treatment Plant Conversion to Emergency Use \(District VI\)](#)

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Laura Quick, Public Works and Utilities. presented the item.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Laura. Council Member questions. I have several. First and foremost, can you go back to the slide regarding communities such as Colorado Springs who have multiple other backups?

Laura Quick, Public Works and Utilities, stated oh, that's not it.

Mayor Wu stated further back. Yep.

Laura Quick, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated right here.

Mayor Wu stated I wanted to know from this list of comparable cities, have any of them looked like Wichita, where we are building - already have built - a new water treatment plant in the amount of \$570 million with multiple redundancies and we have a current water treatment plant that obviously we're now talking about what to do for future needs. Have any of these other communities had something similar?

Lauri Quick, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated I did not dig into the details of how these different communities arrived at having multiple plants.

Mayor Wu stated The reason why I bring that up is I am concerned, obviously, Wichita provides about 17% of water for Kansas residents. And so our water treatment plant is going to be critical for not just Wichita but the region. And knowing that, for instance, Kansas City, Missouri only has one as well, but they have other - multiple other water resources coming in, they have re- redundancies.

Laura Quick, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated right.

Mayor Wu stated we are the redundancy. So my question to that is, have - has the consultant really looked at other communities to make sure that we're being prudent with the resource we currently have, which is the old treatment plant, as well as a new treatment plant. So now you're going to have double redundancy

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at the new treatment plant, but then this would create a triple redundancy with this old treatment plant. Have they considered those options from other cities? Because I - I feel like we need to be able to not just look at our region, but also other cities across our state- our country.

Laura Quick, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated so we - we limited our evaluation to the region, but you're right, our new water treatment plant does have a lot of redundancies built in. It's - it's made and designed to operate with any one of any one thing out of service. Obviously, it's not going to operate if we have a catastrophe that takes out the whole plant. So, um, a major fire or a tornado, for example. So, we think that by having this backup option with the current water treatment plant that we have preserving it in a way that we could use it if we had to, is the most effective way to balance the risk against the cost.

Mayor Wu stated Then I'd like to go back to the slide regarding the project criteria. This is something that I brought up before. I know that I was not on this council when the design build option was brought forth and I know council members who have been here more than I have in terms of length of time were in favor of this. I'm concerned because I feel like - if I remember correctly - when I keep signing these agreements, it keeps being the same company over and over again. Will that provide that company - which can you remind me the name of the company?

Laura Quick, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated the - well, the company that did the initial report on this project for us was Burns and McDonnell.

Mayor Wu stated yep, so Burns and McDonnell has been - has received multiple contracts, whether it's the water treatment plant this feasibility study. I've signed multiple other things from this bench from Consent Agenda Items. So I'm a little concerned that there's only one company that knows our system the best, so then obviously they would have an upper hand in knowing our system. Would that really be competitive in letting the process be truly open? Because it's a request for proposals for all - all - and it gets thrown out to the entire nation who can actually help us build this. But do you think that just gives them an upper hand - again knowing that they created this feasibility study and obviously they're going to have lot of points with experience of proposer.

Laura Quick, Public Work and Utilities Department, stated no, you're right, they do have a lot of experience with us. All of our procurements are always open and - and they're free to bid on this again. But you'll notice we put the highest point, um, ratio down for the approach and understanding an approach together 60% with the experience of the proposer being only 25%. So we do hope this will be an open - truly open bidding process where we're, putting ourselves in a situation to consider anybody that wants to propose on this.

Mayor Wu stated I guess I just want to make a point that I would really like to see if there are other cities that have done something similar to us where we are in this position where we have an old water treatment plant and what to do with it, making sure that we are using the best, not - not just a company

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that knows us because they've been doing all these contracts. But really have - have been doing the work in other parts of the nation.

Laura Quick, Public Work and Utilities Department, stated we can definitely include that when we're looking at the experience of the proposer. And I - and I will also point out that in our draft RFP that we've put together, we specifically say, "You do not have to use this configuration that our engineer suggested. We are open to others as well." And so we're - we're not locking ourselves into only what they suggested.

Mayor Wu stated thank you. And this is not an insult to the company that has been doing the work. I just want to make sure that it's truly open and we are getting the most competitive and the best here in - to Wichita when we want to make sure that 17% of the state's population gets water and what we're doing with this old treatment plant.

Laura Quick, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated understood.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I have a question for staff. And so, when I'm looking at the recommended action regarding the council approving the initiation of the project, is specifically, do we have to say option five, or is that implied as the recommendation?

Laura Quick, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated I will.

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated I'll jump in. I think that you can say it as the motion is read and reflect the recommendation of the green sheet. I think that would be sufficient to state your intent.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. I served on the Steering Committee with former Council Member Frye, um, and we talked about this quite a bit. Option 5 was the recommendation that was made and that really came down to how long did we want our residents to not have access to water. And a week gives you everything you want in the soft water and 1 to 2 days gives you water. And we know that people would need water pretty quickly. So option 5 was the option that - that we supported. We had a lot of logistical questions during the Steering Committee. I don't - everybody in that room was smarter than me, so they can answer that better than I can. But, everything was answered satisfactorily to where this really just seemed like it was the best option for the city in having that emergency water treatment plant. So I am supportive of the Steering Committee's recommendation, which is option 5 in the

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recommendation today, and it's a little bit of why, without getting into the hour, hour and a half long discussion we had about it.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. I have some very big concerns about this. I've discussed it with the city manager before, we disagree on it. The new plant was made with multiple redundancies. When we took a tour of that plant, I asked, "What would it do if a tornado hit this?" And the answer was, "It'd have to be at F5 to really take it out of commission. Even then, some of the buildings would - would still not be affected." So - and - and a flood, I don't think that's going to happen in Wichita anyway with our flood control. Someday this plant will be disassembled. You know, maybe - it might not be in my lifetime, but someday it will. It'll never be cheaper than right now to disassemble it. I also disagree with some of the assumptions. The land value of the 18 or 19 acres as only \$3 to \$5 an acre. When you consider that to the land at Sims, that's a residential neighborhood, not by museums, not on the river, not close to downtown. I think if you ask some commercial real estate people well, the land sold for a dollar by the ballpark. Got sold for several million dollars. I think that can give you maybe some idea of something in between that, what the value will be for that land. So, I will not be supporting this, um, for those reasons and - and - and more. I'm not comfortable with - I just don't think it's going to cost \$50 to \$75 million to disassemble it. The dirt, to fill the dirt, that is a lot of dirt. It comes out to \$500 a load. I don't know how much a load of dirt is anymore, but it does come out to \$500 a load. So, anyway, I will not be supporting

Council Member Glasscock stated I was going to make a motion, but I see Council Member Ballard's, so I will wait.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. I think with the climate that we're in with water and being that 17% of our state does depend on us to provide water, we need to really take care of what we have in case of an emergency. So for that, I will be supportive. And it is in my district, if you don't mind, if we're ready for a motion.

Mayor Wu stated I ask a couple more questions before a motion. Thank you for all council members and feedback. I actually have a couple questions for Gary. Gary, this building - if we do move forward with this option - I wanted to know what are other uses that this building can also, be for. In other words, can it be used for some storage, for the City of Wichita for any of our departments? Can you address - this is a very large building. And I think Laura mentioned this, this is also a very big footprint of land.

Gary Janzen, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated sure, I think that's possible. Once we would move into the design phase and with the - the proposal we have for the disinfection process, there's going

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to be a fair amount of this facility wouldn't be actively used. I think yeah anything's probably on the table to look at that as we move forward. One thing I would mention again that Laura talked about was the potential for reuse. We'll be bringing a item to the council soon for a vendor selection initial contract to start a - what I would consider very robust reuse analysis and study. I think it's very possible somewhere along the lines that we would find that this facility is a good location for some type of reuse process. It would be, probably a really good location for equipment for some advanced treatment, because it's right by Hess Pump Station. I'll just give you - this is very high level, but if you look at the idea of we've got the most effluent coming out of our wastewater treatment plant, too, at the south end of Wichita, a lot shorter distance to get from there to this plant than it is to Wichita Water Works. And I think it's possible that maybe we look at some type of treatment there and - and we could go right into the system from Hess. That doesn't mean anything at this point, that's just me speculating, looking ahead, being hopeful. I think as we get going on this reuse, we'll really start to focus on what the possibilities could be for this building. But sure, I think there's a chance for storage, too, there's a lot of space there.

Mayor Wu stated thank you for the innovative idea. I know that it's still in the preliminary process and Council Member Tuttle served on that task force. So I'm really excited about the opportunities for possible reuse of water. So thank you for that. The other question I had, I know that the new water treatment plant is supposed to come online next month. But due to our drought, we've had some delays in fully testing the system. Can you address - I asked this question to City Manager Layton, but I want this on the record. I wanted to know, are there any clawbacks, knowing that we can't fully test it, um, because of our drought restrictions?

Gary Janzen, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated so I want to make sure I understand when you ask about clawbacks. Are you talking about related to the contract or?

Mayor Wu stated so are there any payments that will be paid, say, April 1, which is when the new water treatment plant was supposed to be fully functional?

Gary Janzen, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated so, right now we are less than 30 days out from taking ownership of the new plant. There were some delays due to the extreme weather, during their performance testing that were not a fault of Wichita Water Partners. It was temporary issues associated with the testing that obviously our plant - just like our plant does now - can operate under those conditions. So we're projecting somewhere between April 8th and April 15th to take ownership of this plant I do not foresee that there being any monetary ties to that by the contract. But I think because of the agreement we've come to with them and the conditions that were - they had to deal with during that period of time, but we're getting close to taking ownership of the plant.

City Manager Layton stated not quite sure that's what the mayor's asking. The mayor's asking when - when are we responsible for final payment? And is there going to be any retention for any period of

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time?

Gary Janzen, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated oh, sorry. Well, then I did miss that. Once we - so the - the final piece of this with the performance testing is the - they've got to prove that the plant can make what we call spec water. They've got to produce water to meet regulation. We do still have, uh, one outstanding issue. It has to come back to the council. When we presented change order number two sometime last fall to the City Council, it included, uh, the conversion of the existing 64-inch pipeline from a raw water source to a finished water source. At that time, we - we had a partial cost, an estimated cost to do that work, but we were waiting, on some final decisions from KDHE on how we had to go about that. That took a little longer than we had planned. That work is mostly done. We were waiting on some - a few final costs. Once we got into that pipeline - I'll just give you one quick example of some unexpected that we couldn't have seen. Once we took that pipeline out of service we - we did a lot of things to that to make sure it could be used for potable water, finished water from the new water treatment plant. We found that there were some, uh, issues at certain joints within the pipes. We're making repairs there. Anyway, we'll be coming back to the City Council at some point to reconcile that change order which is how that was originally set up. That as of right now I'm hoping is the final cost item we've got for the facility. After that is - council takes action on that we would start moving toward final payment on the plant.

Mayor Wu stated not until spec water is actually...

Gary Janzen, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated Until spec waters is - is - yes. Regardless of that timing, that - that has to happen before anything is released. And so we still are holding on to retainage. And since we're on that point, I might come back to what we talked about before on what we were doing for retainage for the extended period. So do you have that PowerPoint? I got it just in case this came up I had something I wanted to show you. So thank you for asking this question, because I want to come back to this. So last fall, you know, per the original contract the hope was to be done with everything in September. This drought has created so many issues for us in so many ways. And we needed to get past really the higher demand periods prior to the drought restrictions being in place. So, the plant was substantially complete in September of 2024. This was all part of change order number four that the City Council approved. We ac- so - so we - we extended final completion to April 1st. So then we had this discussion in this issue about what do we do about final warranty? So the contract requires - very similar to a lot of our projects - a two year warranty from the contractor on everything that's done out there. So with that, again that final completion was extended to April 1st for the performance testing. The 2-year contract warranty started on September 17. So we have warranties through September of 2026. We know we have that. That was started at substantial completion. That goes through 20 - September of 2026. We discussed with the council as part of that change order number four discussion which contemplated these dates and these costs that we felt like it was a good insurance policy to consider extending the warranties a full 2 years past April, when we take over the plant, right? We're about ready to take over the plant. The thought was let's extend the warranties 2 years from now to April of 2027. We had an initial estimated

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cost of \$1.75 million to extend those warranties or at least the most critical ones. City Council approved that as part of that budget of change order number four. And so we set out to, uh, work with Wichita Water Partners. They've got 150 subcontractors, multiple vendors, there's a lot of stuff here. This is very unique situation compared to we would normally be with a two-year warranty on everything, right? So we started receiving numbers and multiple factors here I think have brought us to a different place on where we want to go with this. So some of the warranties are based on full replacement costs because this - at this point that's really all they can do. So what that does is we - we could, if we were to consider those, we would pay a premium, a full price for something that may not even be needed. Several warranties have elevated pricing based on inclusion of smaller and lower value items that are often covered through operations budgets or can be readily kept on hand. This is not something that the - the vendors or the subcontractors are - are doing anything unfair. It's - it's it's the situation that we're in trying to figure out what the true value of that is, cause this is not even normal for them. Response times - a couple other factors here and then I'll get to the point. The - the contract under - with warranties allows a - a certain response time. Warranty language allows 7 days to respond and then 14 days to develop a corrective action plan. So during that full 21-day period, it is likely that we could probably go in and make the repairs during that period of time. And it may be that we need to and not be able to wait for that. Probably one of the bigger parts of this - and we did touch on this before - is that the extended warranty period from September to April primarily covers what's going to be a lower demand period. Plants operating at lower capacity, less stress on equipment, we're less likely to see any issues during that period of time. And then kind of to that same point, we would expect - so during the performance testing that's going on now, there has been some equipment failures. Not unexpected, all of those have been fixed, all those are being repaired, all those are being replaced like new. e would expect any major problems would make themselves apparent and known within the first year of operation. Which would be covered under the 2 years we already have anyway. We, uh, are contemplating and we think it's the best option to decline all of those extended warranties, to keep the \$1.75 million available for us to assist with repair, replacement, or purchase of spare parts and equipment. Promotes less downtime. We could also use that, uh, for contract services as needed to - to, uh, offset our resources, to supplement our resources to make those repairs. So we - so having said that, then we would be responsible for any repairs after September 17th of 2026 when the full 2 years expires. I think it's the most prudent thing to do. I think it's responsible. I think it made sense that we went through this and looked at what those, uh, warranties might look like. But at this point in time you know, if everything goes the way we hope it does and this plant operates the way it does and everything holds together, we would - might be able to save some of that \$1.75 million where we would not have otherwise paying for those extended warranties. So when the council took action on that change order number four, which included this budget for the extended warranties, we said we would only come back to council if we were going to contemplate spending more than that. So, I think at this time we probably will plan to move forward of not accepting any of the warranties and basically just creating that budget for ourselves for repairs

Mayor Wu stated so really a reserve fund, then?

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

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Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. Gary, thank you very much. I voted against that warranty for that reason. I appreciate you looking into it, and I appreciate you going this route. I think it is financially prudent to do that, so thank you very much.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Gary. So, I know that I asked the question about the new water treatment plant and you talked about the warranty as well. Can you one more time just address that we will not give final payment to Wichita Water Partners until they meet spec water and that that retention date will be agreed upon between the parties?

Gary Janzen, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated correct. Yes. Yeah, that's the - the last big piece here. Again, the - there's still some work being done on that 64 inch pipeline, which is a part of the project. So we've got to wrap that up, too. And we couldn't move to final payment Until we reconcile that one final change order, which will come in front of council. But we'll - we'll - we'll start to begin that process to negotiate release of retainage when it makes sense.

Motion:

Council Member Ballard moved to approve initiation of the project and budget, approve the selection criteria for the design-build selection, adopt the resolution, and authorize the necessary signatures. Per Charter Ordinance No. 211, this item requires a two-thirds majority vote (five votes required).

Motion carried 6 to 1 (Nay: JV Johnston).

4.) [Air Capital Municipal ID](#)

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Lily Meadows, City of Wichita fellow, presented

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. Lily, I have a few questions. So you had said that our identification - our identity requirements were simi- or were the same as the I-9.

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita Fellow, stated similar. It's the same format. We mainly base it off of Detroit's Municipal ID Program to make it as truly low barrier and just give us a lot of options. And like I said earlier, the list can grow with feedback from the community. This is a pilot program and we'll be able to learn what road bumps we encounter and what people do actually have. Cause we want to meet them where they're at. So the goal is to expand this list and that's why it's marked as draft because it will change.

Council Member Glasscock stated so non-I-9 acceptable documents are acceptable under our identity requirements?

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita Fellow, stated yes, the ID will be I-9 compliant. You don't always have to offer up I-9 specific documents for this.

Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated and thanks, Lily. Nate Johnson with the law department. It kind of depends – and just on the perspective of the question, so please correct me. Kind of just - I'm going to try to answer it a - a few ways I kind of heard it. The first is the ordinance is drafted so that the municipal ID card is available to any Wichita resident, but a municipal ID card does not grant status or authorization to work. So we're talking about under the I-9 compliance list B, and that's where we fall on - you've got to have both List B and List C. List B is the identity, proof of identity, which is why we're really going with a photograph. And that's why we kind of tie that to a lot of the documents that we have, too. If there's a photo, it establishes ID. And List B for I-9 compliance, which is our employment authorization form really says if you've got a photograph on the ID, that's probably going to work, as long as it's issued by a municipal government according to process. But there's a second component that you have to have for I-9 compliance, and that's proof of authorization to be able to work. And that'll include something else such as a green card or - I mean, if you fall under List A and have a passport or something like that that establishes that in the first place. But there's things like green cards or specific authorizations from the Department of Homeland Security. That's what you have to - have to have under List C. And that is, again, separate from our kind of List A, B, C. But tying it back to whether you have authorization to work, that's determined by the USCIS, U.S. Customs and Immigration Service List, which is A. And then we're talking B and C, though, and we fall under B. And hopefully I didn't say that too many times to get confusing, but just trying to keep it clear to that.

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Council Member Glasscock asked no, I think it - I believe that was helpful. So list C is what establishes employment authorization. To work in the United States, you have to have both to be verified for I-9 employment. Ours is just Item B. You subsequently have to have Item C for any future documents.

Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated yeah, and really kind of the idea of this identity - this ID, kind of working again with this I-9 sort of list system is to establish proof of identity. It does not on its own provide any authorization to be able to work, say, in this country. And just as a municipal government, not to sell ourselves short, but we can't provide that kind of authorization that the federal government can.

Council Member Glasscock stated in terms of, we're looking at not voting eligible, did we confirm - I - so I reached out to the election office today. They hadn't heard, city government. Did we reached out to the Secretary of State's office? I wasn't able to get a hold of them today.

Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated well, and I did not, but I did look into that issue and appreciate the question there. And there was no one really to ask for some kind of permission or authorization for this. The closest I could find was maybe sort of the entity that we file charter ordinances with. And that's not necessarily an authorization or permission. And kind of the nice thing about that statute, KSA 1216.142, it does provide some restrictions. Namely, that this does not qualify as a state ID and we have to have that, "Not valid for state ID." But the fact that that statute exists does provide recognition from the state that we have authority to implement a municipal ID if we would like to through ordinance.

Council Member Glasscock stated so the subsequent question I had to that was regarding notary publics. So because it wouldn't be permissible by state ID, would a notary be able to accept it as identification or that not be compliant with state law?

Nate Johnson responded I do not know if notaries require - and I don't believe they do require a state - yeah.

Jennifer Magana, Director of Law Department, stated I don't know either.

Council Member Glasscock asked yeah, I mean I'm a notary, so I require identification when someone wants something notarized. And so am I able to accept this document? Am I able to accept the Air Capital Card or whatever we're going to call it or do I have to use a state ID? I think training would probably be needed for notaries if it wasn't acceptable.

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Nate Johnson responded and I think it just depends on whether the rule for notaries is that you have to have some sort of state or federal level identification. If it just says identification, I think this would probably qualify, although the issue wouldn't be necessarily one for the city to enforce, because I do know that notaries at least are registered through the state rather than the city. And I think maybe that ties back to this, how you can't use this ID to vote. And even if it's a municipal election, you have to have some sort of state ID to demonstrate your identity to be able to vote. And that's why it's not valid as a state ID document. So if notaries require a state ID document - and again, kind of assuming here - if they do require that, this will not qualify. But if they just need some sort of identification that is verified by a government or whatever kind of language might be tied to that, um, then this would qualify to establish identity.

Council Member Glasscock stated yeah, so when we're, let's say, implementing the ID, we're giving somebody an ID, I want to make sure that there's significant training of letting the individual know that this can't be used for voting, because I would hate if someone showed up to a polling place, tried to use it, and that was the only identifying information they had. And then they were turned away, and then they were disenfranchised through the process as well. That would be a concern I have is our education, because it's not permissible on the state level.

Nate Johnson, Law Department, responded uh huh.

Council Member Glasscock stated that people would know that they can't use it for that. The last question I have we had talked about - I think it's subsection C. It says the administrating department shall establish a reasonable application fee. I know it says that those who can't afford to pay such a fee will see a full or partial waiver. Is there will just to remove? I- if we're causing a lo- if we want a low barrier ID, the - the highest barrier is going to be that they can't pay for the ID. So I think that is likely not necessary.

Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated we have that included to try to cover the initial cost that Lily referred to in her presentation. And I think - and not to speak for the administering department that we might have in the future - the consideration would be if you're not able to pay for it, kind of like you establish other fee waivers under systems we have, or maybe kind of like a poverty affidavit style that we have for municipal and state courts, then you wouldn't have to pay it. And I think that - that - I - I will say that provision is included to try to account for that exact situation. But if this body wants to remove the fee requirement, that - yeah, th- there's no legal requirement that we have to have that.

Council Member Glasscock stated okay, thank you.

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Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. I appreciate the - all the work you guys have done over the - the past year or so on this. Sorry, just, two quick questions here. One, I - maybe I missed it, but I didn't see in the presentation the back of the card.

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita Fellow, stated we don't have a back of the card produced at this moment. We could put the holographic wrap on it because it's a sample or a - just a really basic orbit looking thing, but we at this moment do not have a backside. So it could just be blank.

Council Member Hoheisel asked do we plan on having, like, a bar code back there or anything like that for people to scan?

Lily meadows responded potentially. We could always add that in the future, but at this moment, we don't have a barcode designed. It's more so the ID number is the - it's very differentiating for people, rather than a barcode.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. Yeah, Council Members Glasscock and Johnson and I sat through a riveting, um, hearing a couple of weeks ago where we talked about scanners with, like, to - maybe at the liquor store or something like that, or voting IDs.

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita Fellow, stated uh huh.

Council Member Hoheisel stated I'm sorry. I'm just curious what it would read, you know, probably comes up as no information being passed along. I was just kind of curious about that with some of the scanners that we have.

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita Fellow, stated in the future we do have the ability to chip the cards working with Sandifer. So how it - here at the city we're able to badge into certain offices, certain buildings. Eventually we can chip the cards so that people can access the MAC.

Nate Johnson, City of Wichita attorney stated and if I might real quick, Council Member, I vaguely recall that hearing as well. If we don't have a barcode on the back, then nothing would come up.

Council Member Hoheisel stated right.

Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated so kind of in that scenario, it would maybe help to differentiate

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from state ID a little bit and would be a little bit cheaper, too. But again, this ID would not be able to use for thi- be used for things that you would require state ID for such as those kinds of purchases.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. Yeah, I appreciate that. I guess the second question has to do with we talk about an address on there, including a PO box or or just a regular address. Does that wrap into the MAC, is that still an option with the MAC to have the a- the MAC address?

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita Fellow, stated at this moment, no, housing staff does not have the proper facilities or the abilities to truly run a mailing system there. Right now, United Methodist Open Door offers a mail service so that people can obtain mail and get packages, but right now putting the ID is not necessary because it can still be I-9 compliant without an address.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay, and then, yeah. One of the...

Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated one that I might note real quick on that, too. The way the ordinance is drafted, though, is really anywhere that someone is able to receive mail. So if there is a situation where you're staying at some place, maybe you can receive mail and there are some opportunities that may be open door or at the MAC in the future - not saying anything certain or that that is necessarily an option yet. But anywhere that you could receive mail, that can count as an address that we put on this card cause it just provides a means of contact. And that could include a P.O. box as well. But we tried to just be as flexible with - as possible with the address opportunity or option to account for kind of different situations that people might be in.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay, so put a pin in it in regards to the MAC. You know, later on when we get it established. Okay.

Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated yeah.

Council Member Ballard asked thank you, Mayor. Lily, thank you so much for all your hard work. I know you've been working really hard on this. My question is, how is this different from when this opportunity has been explored in the past with past councils? What is different with this opportunity?

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita City Manager's Office Fellow, stated I believe the difference is the I-9 compliancy and the push to get it done following the commitment of the city to produce an I-9 Compliant ID. Staff looked into it back in 2022 and it was more so community feedback seeing what cities do have it rather than pushing forward with the program. That was one of my projects was seeing this come to fruition if possible.

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City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, Council Member, if I could. I think we tried to overreach the first time. We were trying to include too much and maybe incorporate the library card and maybe a city service card in with just a basic ID. And that's one of the reasons why we didn't pursue it much further, bec- and that's why the simplified version - especially after asked by the homeless providers and the advocates - made a lot of sense. So that's why we narrowed it.

Jennifer Magana, Director of Law, Council Member Glasscock, in response to your question about the notary, just reviewing the Kansas notary handbook. It appears that the standard is satisfactory evidence or personal knowledge and it does include, among other things, government issued non-driver identification or other form of government identification that contains a signature and a photograph of the person and is satisfactory to the notary.

Mayor Wu asked any further questions for Lily? Just have a couple. Just to reiterate, I think some of the messaging. Number one, because it already says, "Not valid for state ID" and I have heard some concern regarding making sure that voting is also not going to be compliant for this. Can that also be part of the verbiage, "Not valid for state ID or voting?" Because I believe that it's the - the part of education that really is going to be difficult. We can reiterate messages, but if it's not on that card it might not register. So would that be a possibility?

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita Fellow, stated it - it could be a possibility. I just know we're following state statute where i- it's just saying the actual language of, "Not valid for state ID." We can train our staff so that it's very clear that you cannot use this for voting. And I can add that to the training manual for staff. Nate?

Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated and yeah, I think that's - yeah, definitely correct. But just want to emphasize the language that we have on the card here is precisely the language that's from the state statute. And we do just generally feel a bit more comfortable tying it at least to the state statute as it is. But there - you know, we provide some authority to the administering department to make some changes as well. But kind of keeping the ordinance tied to the state statute was the idea here, at least.

Mayor Wu asked would it conflict with state statute if we said, "Not valid for state ID or voting?"

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Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated I don't think that it would. I think it's just a bit more questionable when we stray from the specific requirement that we have from the state.

Mayor Wu stated because I - I'm still concerned with community. I know that you will be training staff, but at voting locations, these are volunteers oftentimes at polling locations. I just don't - back to the not disenfranchising voters. If they brought this ID and by any chance, they don't - don't remember to bring their state issued ID, I don't want them to be disenfranchised. So can it said - can it say, "or voting?"

Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated again, I think that it can. But, I just think it raises some complications potentially to have that when we stray from what the state statute has.

City Manager Robert Layton stated May- Mayor, we can play with that. I think if we maintain the language as it exists, "Not valid for state ID," we can then say, "Not valid for election, for voting" below that. That way we've included the language from the statute and we've added another clarifier. We- we'll do that.

Mayor Wu stated I would like to see that. We can have discussion regarding that. But then that would make it very clear. Council Member Glascock.

Council Member Glasscock asked thank you, Mayor. Another question regarding residency. I know that we added item - or Category D to establish Wichita residency. Out of all these options, theoretically, how long would someone have to be a Wichita resident for them to obtain this? Could I move in the community tomorrow, somehow get one of these? Like, what would be the fastest I could get one of these to then establish residency?

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita Fellow, stated that depends on the specific agency. We accept documentation within the previous 60 days. So if you go to a shelter and you get a letter saying, "I stayed here last night," that could establish a residency. But that truly depends on the particular agency. Not necessarily

Council Member Glasscock stated someone could move here tomorrow and they could claim Wichita residency if they received that. And then they can begin receiving all Wichita services immediately the next day based on us now offering a municipal ID as a resident of the community?

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Lily Meadows, City of Wichita City Manager's Office Fellow, stated theoretically, if you can also provide items from Category B and C or something from A. You - it's not just establishing Wichita reg- residency. You have to establish other items for us to provide your proof of identity.

Council Member Glasscock stated so reading this kind of matrix, one category from A.

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita Fellow, stated uh huh.

Council Member Glasscock stated would I then have to provide one from D and A?

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita Fellow, stated yes, so it's...

Council Member Glasscock stated so then--or if I do--A, then I would, I would have to do B, C, and D.

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita Fellow, stated, uh huh. D is always required. It's just, it is A and D, or is B,C, and D?

Council Member Glasscock asked so following up to those questions - and this is getting really into the weeds, but these are a lot of options. So I'm trying to think of every possible pairing you can make on here as well. So let's say you do B and C. B and C don't mean necessarily that you lived in Wichita more than a day. I don't think there's anything on there that would have that requirement. So then at that point, it would solely rely on option D to establish your Wichita residency. So I could move in and get one of these items. So let's say I get a bill from a local doctor. So I could come in, I could go to the doctor's office I could get a bill that day and I become a Wichita resident by this definition.

Lily Meadows, City of Wichita Fellow, stated yes, if you can also provide us other documentation. Providing us your...

Council member Glasscock stated But those other documentations wouldn't provide Wichita residency, they would just provide identity documents.

Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated yeah, eh- eh - that's - that is theoretically correct. We don't establish, like, an amount of time that you have to have lived in wa- Wichita to establish residency. But

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that's generally not how legal residency is necessarily established. Things like utility bills and having an address confirmation establish that you are living here, uh, for a period of time.

Council Member Glasscock asked I guess . . .

Nate Johnson, City of Wichita attorney stated and I guess you could move elsewhere right after that but we also kind of review these somewhat regularly. There are other provisions for that in the ordinance. And then, yeah - I - I mean, that is kind of what legal residency is, kind of having an address or one of the ways to qualify for that.

Council Member Glasscock stated yes, the only concern I would have regarding the list and Item D is someone can move here tomorrow from another community, begin receiving services immediately, and I don't - I think there would be a fear that that would spread. You would have people move here because you could obtain a municipal ID immediately in the community and then be offered all services from day one.

Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated I suppose so, but I guess that's probably theoretically possible for a lot of people that have the ability to just move to Wichita anyway, maybe. And have the utility bill and have an actual address that they're moving to. Um, and have, like, an address confirmation from USPS or something like that. And having a s- and this is a little different than the address component of the ID itself, where that's not necessarily required. Because you actually have to move to an address or have some sort of place to it. There - there are a few other options as well to be able to qualify. But, yeah.

Council Member Glasscock stated yeah, I'm just thinking of other communities when we've talked with WPD of other communities actually moving people to our community.

Nate Johnson, Law Department, stated uh huh.

Council Member Glasscock stated this would in some ways incentivize that if now individuals come to the community and day one be able to get that. Let's say you're taking people from - I'm just throwing out random towns, Tulsa or Oklahoma City, and then they're dropping them off here, knowing that you could immediately receive an SYD, access to all services. There'd only be a concern of exacerbating people coming in to receive services. So that's more of a policy discussion, but that would be a question I'm interested in having.

City Manager Robert Layton stated yeah, Mayor, if I could. The c- the card itself doesn't provide you additional services. That person - we were going to continue to resist people being transported here solely

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in order to take advantage of the services at MAC. And we've - the council has made that clear. We've had that discussion before. All this could do is help someone maybe apply for a job. They could come and - somebody could move here and get MAC services from day one. They don't have to ever apply for a card, an ID card, to be able to get those services. It's a low barrier facility and if they follow those basic rules that we have regarding drug use and alcohol, other than that, there's probably - there's, it doesn't matter if they have an ID card or not, they're going to get those services.

Council member Ballard stated thank you. I was just going to say the same thing. Basically, you can get a lot of the services already. I think the card would just allow you to maybe explore some additional services or resources that you might not be able to. But you can get a lot of the basic.

City Manager Robert Layton stated right. And I think our providers can talk better about that than I can, but what I commonly hear is the ability to cash a check, an assistance check that someone receives. That would be one of the reasons. And also to help them with employment is another one I've heard.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. Nancy Brown stated good evening, Madam Mayor, council members, and city staff. My name is Nancy Brown. I reside at 11707 East Crestwood, and I'm here this evening on behalf of Justice Together, of which I am a board member, as well as serving on the Homelessness Steering Committee. Justice Together and the 39 congregations that are part of this shared justice ministry celebrate the mayor and the council's leadership in putting forward a pragmatic solution to help address a serious barrier for those who struggle with homelessness. Throughout our research efforts over the past year, first responders, service providers, employers, housing providers, and people directly impacted, all people with varying vantage points and perspectives, all said the same thing. For many, getting an ID is a serious barrier to accessing critical community services, employment, and housing. This is why we called on Mayor Wu and City Manager Layton to enact an I-9 eligible low-barrier photo ID program at our first annual Nehemiah Assembly last May. At that assembly, around 1,400 people representing 55 congregations celebrated the commitment made to do just that. Today as we see this commitment come to fruition under this council's leadership, we along with the stakeholders and people who will most benefit from this program, celebrate each of you as well as the city staff, um, including City Manager Leighton, Assistant City Manager Martin, and the legal department who put in thorough and diligent work to make sure that all bases are covered while ensuring that the program is in keeping with the needs of the people of Wichita. Thank you for accepting our invitation to answer God's call to do justice with us, together, as one unified community. And if you haven't already, please do mark your calendar to join us again this year for our second Nehemiah Assembly on Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the WSU Metroplex. On behalf of Justice Together, thank you.

Sarah Price stated practice makes perfect. I guess, I didn't know that this was a time to speak on this and I just want to say first of all, thank you guys for putting everything together. Where she went? Like, I have

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been out here, like I said, and like you guys have done a lot of research on that, and I - like the I-9 that is very, very important. And again, I - I'm just asking, I don't know if this is a final vote on this, if they could maybe just take the time, because the only reason I ask this is I would hate to wait the title for a municipal ID on something that I think that maybe a little bit more research and inclusiveness can address. I - like they have been very, very thorough on people's standpoint from, I - I believe, from housed, trying to adapt to a situation that hopefully they've never been a part of, but speaking out from I'm somebody that - who's been, like I said, problematically homeless because of the - the main issue, not having identification. I have children that are almost - my son is 28, and again, he's never been to jail, he doesn't have any way to get any ID. And so I thought, um, like I've - I've put a lot of thought into this, but being homeless, not having a computer, I just only have a phone for like the last 4 months. Putting something together and coming up here to present some ideas, I mean, a big thing that like I've watched like with the homeless and the people being moved and centered, the best thing to - for Wichita is to - not to move our homelessness, and to just - but to give them in- inclusiveness, you know? It's - in order for, um, some of these problems to be addressed, the ID for the municipal ID, I've spoke to Officer Nate with the HOT Team a couple years back, and I was like, you know why don't they use police like some of their databases, some of those ways - like not having an address, not having a verifiable, some people are just afraid of police contact, they have warrants, they have things. I'm just asking. I think, maybe from a - maybe a little bit more time so, we can just maybe - now this is where I have problems speaking. I have a lot in my head and I have a little time and it's counting down, but I know my p- my barrier that I've had over and over and over is going down to the DMV, asking for this. I know that I've ordered a birth certificate and we did that through grassroots, but the amount of time that it takes to get a birth certificate, and then the identification, my question, would this municipal ID be able to be used for things like, uh, requesting birth certificates? Because that's one loophole we seem to be f- like tied up in is you need to get identification to get a birth certificate, but you need your birth certificate to get an identification. You know, how can we like circumvent that? And I also know that like with the Kansas, um, for voter registration, one of the options that the registration board has made possible, that they will help you get your birth certificate and your ID in order to become a voter. But this is, like I said, it's just a lot of cross, um, a lot of cross challenges. And the consistency I've - I've - with this I'd brought up, um, financial barriers that some people have, and I heard you did address the fact that, you know, if it's a zero b- barrier, maybe waiving the fee all together, you know? And also like supporting documents, getting the other things - if we don't have one proof of address, you know, a lot of - a lot of places require any. Like, I've lost everything in a fire, and when they ask for that, uh, this is repeating something I said earlier, you know, trying to find just that one piece of mail, that one piece of anything, and with the municipal ID, would that be able to go - a lot of people - like prior tax returns, go to your H&R Block and pull that documentation. You know, prior, um, jobs. But they all want a form of identification to prove who you are in order to obtain proof of who you are. That's, I guess I'm just asking, you know, with the thoroughness that they've done, I just want to make sure that like everything kind of has been evaluated from not just the standpoint of like the I-9 getting jobs, because everybody out here - like we would have a lot less homeless if more homeless people could get jobs, you know? More people would have places to live if they could obtain places to live, but those IDs right now are our barriers. So, thank you - thank you.

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Mayor Wu asked thank you, Sara. I will just ask one question to City Manager and to the council. I know that given that we had a conversation about golf carts and it went back to district advisory boards, was this necessary to go back to any of your district advisory boards to gain more feedback, such as Ms. Sara who is asking for, I guess, a pause? I see none. So I feel like the council members who represent the six districts have heard their feedback. City Manager, I know that this is really the intention from the get-go is so that individuals who are facing homelessness have an opportunity to have a municipal ID to then be able to connect to the resource of a job which is what Ms. Sara over here has mentioned. So thank you very much, again, to your staff for trying to move this forward with lots of thought. Council Member Hoheisel.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. In the presentation earlier, we did bring up the fact that I believe this could evolve as well. So as we see some of these shortcomings and barriers like is being described, we can come back and help address some of these. So is that kind of along the lines of addressing maybe some of the issues further down the road?

City Manager Robert Layton stated this in a way this goes back to a little bit to what Council Member Ballard asked me. We've narrowed the focus to make this a low barrier ID primarily for our homeless population. And so, for that reason, the staff would not be opposed to e-, uh, eliminating the fee because that's our target market. Now, over time, there are probably two ways that we would look at modifying the program. One, if we find out that we have unnecessarily created some obstacles or there's some pitfalls that we didn't anticipate, and then we would adjust the program, and then over time, we can look at whether we want to broaden the use of the card. I think the Mayor and I had talked early on about a model in Kansas City where it's a municipal ID available to the entire community. And no one's blocked from getting one now. But as a result of that they talked about getting discounts on city services, having businesses recognizing the value of the card and giving it, you know, discounts for their services, but that seemed like a lot to try to accomplish now, and even gets back into the naming of the card, Capital City versus, uh - uh, ICT ID. So long answer to your question, I do think this will evolve over time, and - but it - right now, we're trying to hit the most immediate need, the one we know that it faces the community.

Tamara Jeanine Gracey stated thank you all for letting me come to the podium. I am a - driver's license is state of Oklahoma. And I am here and I have a Hall of Famer, you know. I am - I've played former basketball and it is in my genes as a Hall of Famer as well. The State of Oklahoma and known nationally. One of the things that I take a look at here is that one of the residents, being a resident, and you talked about programs to - programs to allow to go to a shelter and so forth, I take a look at also if - if a person was homeless, and this is talking about this category here, homeless and had a P.O. Box. And one of the things that I take a look at is we're talking about the statutes also of the State and being able to vote. Being able to vote, and I know that it is already it has already we've already went through that as well, but, able to go into another, term as well, and looking at these types of things that has already been done in statutes

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and so forth. And you take a look at residency, you take a look at P.O. Boxes, and you take a look at the rights to vote. The rights to, be able to vote on any type of thing, whether you have a residency or whether you have a residency or not. Being able to have the capacity to be able to state how it is to function as a human being living anywhere than in a home or, on the street corner. How it affects us - how it affects us all as human beings, having a place over our head and safety and safety outside, inside and outside. My concern, for all states, not only the city of Wichita, but all states being under the United States of America, also in the country and the world as well, is that we take a look at, where we are, as citizens. Where we are as citizens - number one, where we are as citizens to be able to get any type of identification. Identification to be able to drive, identification to be able to work, identification to barriers, uh, of - of anyone as separating us as classes of high, medium, and low classes as it is a status, quo that we have in the United States of America. That divides us in, states and lines and also divides us also in counties and regions and districts of where there is, a division within all of us. And so the division that we see that, uh, takes place in the United States saying that it is united. It is united, number one. It is united to be together, it is united to be as one under, as a dollar bill you say, under, uh, God we trust, s- under God we trust. And so taking a look at status quos of, uh, low income, high income, medium income, and - and homelessness of having a roof over your head, to be able to, make a barrier over any class , and putting one lower than the other because you have, uh, money to, uh, put a roof over your head. And so I stand before you all as, uh, as a resident, my driver's license does has - does say, the State Oklahoma. It is expired, uh, in April for - 30, 2025. I have been here, for some months and I do not have a residency - residency - a roof over my head, but I have been here for some months now, but being - wanting to be able to, if need be get a driver's license, as well for all the identifications and so forth, uh, for businesses purposes, and - and so forth if that is needed. And if that is needed, as well. And so I stand before you all in coming, to this council and all of the agenda meetings and all the agendas that we have here today, all of the agendas that we have talked about, and all of them that we have stated and therefore not just to homelessness but all that we have talked about today. And so, as a resident, of - of the state, as my driver's license does say, and it's not expired until 4, 2025, the 30th of the end of the month. I stand before you all as a citizen - a citizen of the United States of America, right? And so, very concerned of all places, of all places, under all that we have talked about today, not only on the statuses of homelessness, but also how that has divided us as a United States of America, as citizens. And citizens not to be able to vote, but citizens that is one of the main reasons you - you be able to talk about these types of things. And so we put someone down because they don't have a dollar bill or able to be able to get a - a job under, uh, disabilities or - or any type of, uh, areas that we've talked about today. And so again, I want to thank all of you all, Mayor, all of you all, uh, under the, uh, different districts. I want to thank you allowing me to come forward and, uh, state concerns as a citizen of the United States of America, also, uh, under the driver's license with the address, that is stated under the driver's license, but it's been here in Kansas and, in Wichita, the city of Wichita all for some time, and wanting to, uh, look at these types of issues as well. So I tell you thank you. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I think a lot of my fears were answered during the comments, so thank you, Lily, for that. Thank you, Bob, for a lot of clarification, and Nathan as well.

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There are some things that I would like changed in it, and so I'd be interested for my colleagues. I would like to eliminate the fee required in 3C. I think that's just another barrier that's unnecessary when we're specifically trying to target low-income Wichitans. I would also like the name changed to City of Wichita Municipal ID. I think make it as matter-of-fact as possible. ICD ID sounds very similar Air Capital ID. It's cute. I like it. But I think for something for this purpose, the State of Kansas ID, City of Wichita ID, US passport, it makes it more of an official document. So that'd be something I would be interest changing, interested in hearing conversations from colleagues. I like Mayor Wu's suggestion of adding not valid for State ID, not valid for voting, because I don't want people to be disenfranchised and think that they can show up to the polls with that. And then I would just like just to communicate with the Kansas Secretary of State's office and election office so they can make sure that they train their upcoming poll workers, um, so we don't have disenfranchisement as well. So those would be the suggestions that I'd be interested in.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. Thank you to Lily. I really appreciate all your work. And as a management fellow, we're so glad that you joined our community and we hope you'll stay for a very long time cause you do outstanding work. So thank you to you and all the other staff. I also want to thank our homelessness providers. I heard from several of them who said that this is something that they're supportive of. Thank you, our two speakers today, Justice Together, Ms. Price, um, our new friend from Oklahoma. We're glad that you came and provided some feedback on this. Um, I do agree with Council Member Glasscock, I like ICT ID better. Air Capital card wasn't really jiving with me, but, um, I'm not going to let that be the reason not to do this, right? We - we can figure that out. My biggest question or concern, I guess, and not really a question, but like a challenge to staff and maybe like a future thank you to comms, is just getting the word out to the community. I proudly serve on the Union Rescue Mission Board, and yesterday, I think it was yesterday, I was in a meeting with Wichita Police Department and Department of Corrections talking about parolees specifically and - and trying to get them enrolled in programs, and this would be an outstanding place if we could do this at the MAC. Could we take it to Union Rescue Mission? You know, things like that. But even just to let the community know and then also you know, community members who may see the ID and understand what it is. And then also finally any concerns that I have about it being a State ID, or I heard questions about it being used to be able to vote have been alleviated. So, the last thing is I- I'd be interested in if staff could come back maybe annually or biannually or just send us a report, how many people are using this? And if we have a goal of blank and we're not reaching the goal, then what are we going to do to try and get that goal? Cause if we've gone through all this work and all this effort and people aren't using it, it's for naught. So we need to make sure the program is successful. So thanks again to all who were involved, and looking forward to getting an ID. Talk to you soon.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Great work, Lily. I could tell how much work you put into it from the presentation, so great job. Always thanks to Nate. Um, I am terrible at names. I was going to throw out the Keeper Card, but it doesn't sound like that works. But no, great presentation. I'm

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supportive of this. I think it's a great step forward to help out some of our most vulnerable folks and get towards getting them access to a - a lot more things that they need. I do support everything Council Member Glasscock said as well, I think that helps out too. So I am supportive and looking forward to making this happen.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Council Members. Given that there were some changes or suggestions for the card, does the ordinance need to reflect, number one, I don't see any objection to removing the fee, which would - that would again make it much more low barrier. I don't see any objection to that. So can we remove the fee portion?

Jennifer Magana, City of Wichita Director of Law stated I think you can just include those items in the motion, if you would like.

Mayor Wu stated Okay. And then the name of the card being very specific in its name. Council Member Glasscock.

Council Member Glasscock stated I was ready to make a motion with those changes unless you want to make a motion with those changes, so. Will it prevent us from moving forward if we don't have the name of this card? Can that still be worked out?

Mayor Wu stated I'm going to ask just a couple more questions.

City Manager Robert Layton stated we're, we're ready to order the equipment tomorrow and hopefully get that in place in a few weeks. So we'd like to get the name. I'd - I'd not - I'd like not to come back and - and have to get approval, so if - Council Member Glasscock may have a motion for us, so.

Mayor Wu asked so we'll continue with that. And then the addition of the verbiage not valid for voting immediately after not a state valid ID, that should not be a problem. Is that right?

City Manager Robert Layton stated also correct.

Mayor Wu stated okay. Very good. And then I really appreciated Council Member Tuttle's suggestion of a year from now coming back with a progress report knowing how many individuals have utilized the ID card. The municipal ID would be a good metric. So I would like that to also be part of the record that we'd like a report yearly. In addition, serving on the MAC board, I would also like to make sure that this will

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be launched at the MAC. We're trying to remind community that all services will be channeled to the MAC, which will have its new name, but it's at 9th and Main Street. And so if all these services are at MAC, the more that providers continue to channel their energy and volunteer service to the MAC, it would be very helpful so we're not doing divergent, um, jobs all around the community. So I would like that also to be on the record that we'd like MAC to be the location for this ID card.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. I think logically it has to be at another location besides the MAC because you can't go into the MAC unless you're going to stay at the MAC. Like, you can't just go in. So let's say that, you know, um, I don't know, Megan Lovely wants to get an ID. She couldn't go to the MAC to get one. I think it would be logically impossible to have it only there. So I think it needs to be at City Hall and the MAC and then I don't know if the system's portable.

Mayor Wu stated so, yes. It would begin here at City of Wichita, which then lends to the name the City of Wichita identification card or Wichita identification card. Is there any objection to a specific name from the bench? To streamline it, Wichita identification card would be the easiest.

Council Member Hoheisel stated we could do an online competition similar to name the snow plows. No?

City Manager Robert Layton stated can we get to a motion?

Mayor Wu stated we digress. And I'm hearing some chatter. Thank you, Council Member Glasscock. City of Wichita is the official name of this governing body. So since this governing body would be issuing it, it should be the City of Wichita identification card. So I would be in favor of that. I see no objection. All right. I will give the honors to Council Member Glasscock. Sounds great. Well, first and foremost, I wanted to say thank you to Justice Together. I know that, um, you have gathered a lot of dedicated community members to try to advocate for something to help our homeless population and I'm very grateful that you keep asking and keep wanting to be part of the process. Nancy, I asked you to be part of the Homelessness Task Force because I knew that there needed to be a seat at the table for Justice Together. And so I am grateful that you guys are still active and will continue to be active as the the multiagency center will come online next month. So it is my honor to, um, motion to approve the ordinance with the changes of elimination of fees, the name to the City of Wichita Municipal ID and adding not valid for voting.

Council Member Glasscock stated second.

Mayor Wu stated uh, sorry. And authorize the municipal - and authorize a municipal ID in the city of Wichita and authorize necessary signatures.

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Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the ordinance with the changes of elimination of fees, the name to the City of Wichita Municipal ID, and adding nor for voting, and to authorize a municipal ID in the City of Wichita and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

5.) [Business Services Agreement with Create Campaign, Inc.](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report VI-5.docx](#)

Attachment: [2025-0318 Business Services Agreement with Create Campaign.pdf](#)

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, presented the item.

Kristina Long, President and CEO of Create Campaigns state

Council Member Glasscock left the bench.

Council Member Glasscock returned to the bench.

May Wu stated thank you Christina. Any questions for staff or to Christina? I see none. I simply wanted to say thank you for your work. And I know that Council Member Johnson and I during one of our evening time meetings before coming here attended the à la carte grand opening. So thank you very much for what you're doing in District Number 2 with the incubator with the kitchen. I see no questions from s- uh, from the bench so we will now open it up for public comment. I see none. We'll bring it back to the bench. I will move to approve the business services agreement and authorize the necessary signatures.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

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Council Member Johnson stated thanks Mayor. Due to a potential conflict of interest I will be abstaining from this vote.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the Business Services Agreement and authorize the necessary signatures.
Motion carried 6 to 0

6.) [Business Services Agreement with Wichita Independent Business Association](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report VI-6.docx](#)

Attachment: [2025-0318 Business Services Agreement with WIBA.pdf](#)

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, presented the item.

Mayor Wu left the bench.

Mayor Wu returned to the bench.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. I know it's late. I know we all want to go home but I can't help myself. You know I'm a huge WIBA fan. So, thank you to staff for putting this together. I truly appreciate it. Thank you, to WIBA for all you do. Certainly very impressive. You're doing great things. And - and I'm hearing about you and I love the fact that you have data. You are data-driven. You are - you're making this an easy vote because you're showing us what you're doing and that's really impressive. I personally love the women program. I got to speak at the women's luncheon, packed room. I don't think there was an empty seat in the room, and have made connections with several of the women who came up to me afterwards. I say this every time that you come for this contract. We cannot cut our way into prosperity. We have to grow our economy and when the majority of our economy is

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small businesses, we have to do everything that we can do to support our businesses and industries, especially our independent businesses. So thank you for all you do. Keep up the good work.

Mayor Wu stated It is one of our top four priorities -- crime, streets, economic development and homelessness. And you closed it out with economic development, and I'm just grateful that on Friday I got to attend a graduation for the Spero program at WSU's Barton School of Business. That is one step. Then we see what's happening at Create, also at Empower, at WIBA, at the Chamber, at NXTUS. That's that ecosystem and I don't see competition. I see collaboration and that's what I'm hopeful for. I love that people are seeing where they can fit best and how to leverage each other better, and I think that that will help us grow Wichita. And that's exactly what we need because Wichita is open for business, and the private sector creates jobs and you are the ones that help us do that. Government doesn't do that so thank you very much for the good work to Christina and the - and your staff at WIBA in supporting those entrepreneurs and those small businesses, because we need both small and large businesses to continue to thrive here in Wichita. So it gives me great honor to again move that the City Council approve the business service agreement and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the Business Services Agreement and authorize the necessary signatures. Motion carried 7 to 0

COUNCIL BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY CITY AUTHORITIES**PLANNING AGENDA**

VII) NON-CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA - NONE

HOUSING AGENDA

VIII) NON-CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA - NONE

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IX) NON-CONSENT AIRPORT AGENDA - NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA

X) COUNCIL MEMBER AGENDA

1.) Change in Council Meeting Schedule

Attachment: Agenda Report X-1

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor I have this item. Just real brief for you. You have what would normally be a consent agenda scheduled for August 26, 2025. However we'd like to convert that into a regular meeting so you can conduct your final budget hearing. That'll allow you to have four hearings and still allow us to meet the state requirements for filing so that, the meeting time would stay at 9:00 am. It'd just go to a regular meeting.

Mayor Wu stated further questions? I did ask this question during agenda review so that people are aware. Again this is our first evening time meeting for 2025. There are three more opportunities and those dates currently are slated for June 3, August 7 and November 6 and they all will start at 6:00 pm. I see no questions. We'll open it up for public comment. I see no public comment. We'll bring it back to the bench. Council Member Glasscock. Okay. I move that the Council approve the change to the council meeting schedule, adding a regular meeting for a budget hearing in place of a consent agenda meeting at 9:00 am on August 26, 2025 and authorize the necessary signatures. Council Member Johnson.

Council Member Johnson stated sorry Mayor, I hit the button too late. Did you say November 6? Is that a Tuesday or is that a Thursday? Is that Election Day?

Mayor Wu stated I think it's the election, right?

Council Member Johnson stated Yeah, but if it's Tuesday

Council Member Johnson stated it is.

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Mayor Wu stated you're right. So the election is on November 4 for the general.

Council Member Johnson said okay. Right.

Mayor Wu stated therefore the evening meeting will be on November 6 which is a Thursday, not a Tuesday. But it is printed already on our schedules. Thank you very much for pointing that out. So again it's Tuesday, June 3, Tuesday, August 7 and Thursday, November 6. I have a motion and a second

Council Member Ballard stated that's okay. I just have a question. Maybe it's a dumb one. Sorry. It's late. Why are we not just doing it, like, on the next Tuesday and doing it on a Thursday? I'm just curious.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, traditionally the last few years when we would have a night meeting we've - I think we've had it on the Thursday after the election.

Council Member Ballard stated okay.

City Manager Robert Layton stated yeah.

Council Member Ballard stated sorry. Carry on.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve changing the City Council meeting schedule adding a regular meeting for a budget hearing in place of a consent agenda meeting at 9:00 a.m. August 26, 2025.

Motion carried 7 to 0

XI) COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Johnson stated thanks Mayor. I would like to reappoint to the District 1 Advisory Board LaWanda DeShazer and Joseph Tex Dozier and then appoint Rachel Mastio, uh, to the District 1 Advisory Board.

Council Member Ballard appointed thank you Mayor. I would like to reappoint Joshua Siebenaler to the District Advisory Board. Joshua Siebenaler, Mark Baker, Brian Irwin, William Washburn, Lisa Tatum,

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Zachary Gingrich-Gaylord, Sergio Najera - Devora, Tom James, Scott Lucas and Angela Martinez. And I would like to appoint Renee Boggs to the Sustainability Board and I'll give you a copy of these.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve appointments.

Motion carried 7 to 0

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you Mayor. I've talked to I believe all my colleagues at least briefly about this and, um, I've begun the conversations with people in the community regarding a common consumption area in Delano along Douglas from the river to Seneca. I've talked to Councilman Ballard about it pretty significantly, the Delano Business Association, dozens of other businesses down Delano, the Neighborhood Association, the Neighborhood Association leaders, Delano United, the Chief of Police and also the Wichita Police Department. I've also shared it publicly that I had the intention of proposing this, uh, from the bench as well as multiple news agencies, on social media, et cetera. And about a 200 to 1 positivity I thought felt comfortable coming for the bench and asking staff if they could work on a ordinance that would allow a common consumption area in Delano along the river from on Douglas down to Seneca. We looked at both alleys and then also extending to the ball stadium. Obviously we can look at maps and the process of crafting an ordinance. Topeka has a really successful ordinance. They have two or three common consumption areas right now. Johnson County has nine. Winfield has one. Hayes has one. It's either Andover or Augusta has one so it's not unprecedented in the state. The state actually allowed the permissible use of it most recently in 2023. That would allow these areas where cars or there would be a - a car driving down the middle of the road. They would allow the areas on the sidewalks. So it's pretty new for municipalities to consider this, so I would like staff to look at...

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you Mayor. I would like to encourage everyone to come out and look at the Westlink Library before it's officially opened. Officially open on Monday the 24th. However you can get a preview of it on the 22nd. My wife is fixing breakfast so it'll be good. And, 9:00 am at the Westlink Library on the 22nd so hope to see everyone.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you Mayor. I too am excited to learn more about a potential, common consumption area. We are hopeful that if all goes according to plan and - and we can come up with something that is favorable for everyone that we could potentially do it by summer, uh, so that is really exciting. And I have a couple more announcements. I am doing my District 6 coffee on Saturday from 9:00 to 10:00. We're having biscuits and gravy if anybody's interested, and then after that about 10:30 we're going to meet at 13th and Broadway and do a Broadway corridor cleanup and try to get all the way to Central and then go over to the Multi-Agency Center and do some trash pickup in that

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area. Also just like to thank everybody for coming out to the Delano St. Patrick's parade, and also the St. Pat's Church parade. I think they could definitely feel the love after the unfortunate vandalism that happened at the church over this past weekend. So if you could just keep them in your thoughts and prayers I know that they would appreciate it.

Council Member Hoheisel stated oh. Well let me expedite this then real quick. There's something I - I just do want to speak about from the heart and it's we have lost two children in my district in the last couple of weeks because of misplaced and irresponsible use of firearms. A 7-year-old and a 1-year-old. So I know in the past WPD and Council - we've worked with the community to provide gun safes for your car. I know a lot of the - the gun shops around here have also participated in a lot of events to give away gun safes and whatnot. And if we - we have a right, a Second Amendment right, but we also have a responsibility to protect our children, and I say this as a gun owner myself. Um, so I - I just want to take every opportunity. I've already spoken about it at neighborhood associations. There's no Earth B where we can compare separate policies with or separate, um, desires to actually get this message out. So one thing I'd just encourage my colleagues to - to speak about at neighborhood meetings, district breakfasts and whatnot. Whatever events you're at is proper training and proper storage for firearms because again it's difficult to - to see the pictures of the young children that we are losing, and it affects all of us up here. It affects everybody in our community. So we've got to offer more than thoughts and prayers. We've got to be proactive in getting the message out about being responsible with our firearms. And the children and their families are all never far from our hearts. And so we - again let's - let's do what we can to protect them. That's all.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks Mayor. Appreciate that message Council Member Hoheisel. Um, I just had three thing - four things. One, I took a picture of this. It's been open for a while but progress being made in the Food Desert in District 1. The Dollar General Market on 21st and Piatt does have fresh meat and fresh produce. I went in there and looked at it myself, looks pretty good. So I want to encourage everybody in Northeast Miller and Matlock Heights, Power neighborhood, anywhere in that area to go use the store. It's a resource that I know for years they told me personally no, and now I see it there. So since it's there we got to use it, so hopefully we can get people there. Vice Mayor Johnston talked about Westlink. Maya Angelou Branch Library is reopened. It has new hours so hopefully we can get, uh, more folks there. Rockwell is closed right now for construction so everybody go to Maya Angelou. New hours are Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm so great place to go check out. The expansion looks great. All the vibrant colors are in there. Not everything is done just yet but it is open. But when you go in there you'll see it looks completely different than it used to, so hopefully folks will go in there. Get your library card or get your newly designed library card and check it out. And then I always want to push WARP. I still get people reaching out to me about suspended driver's license, so want to encourage people to check out the WARP program here at the City of Wichita. If you or someone you know has a suspended driver's license reach out. Our team here is awesome. They will

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help you. And if you go back and look at one of our District 1 breakfasts we did have Nate come out and give a wonderful presentation about how that program works and invite people in there. So those three things and also in the pool I was 10:45, so if somebody else gets on the board and talks for about 10 minutes I'm - I'm win.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you. I have two last ques- or two last comments and they're just going to be very quick so don't worry about it. Regarding solar regulations the County's been expressing where we are in that. Do we have an update or is it fully on the County to answer where we are with the UGA?

City Manager Robert Layton stated it's fully in the Count at this point. The Mayor signed a letter. We passed it on. They acknowledged receipt of the letter so they should be working with Planning staff to bring an item forward for - there to review.

Council Member Glasscock stated okay. I will be reaching out to our counterparts at the County. Also, just have a brief comment regarding processes, for proclamations. I'd be interested in maybe a workshop in the future regarding how we handle proclamations. Often, we get them via email and once they get four votes we quit talking about them. We usually don't get reminder emails after four votes. I think we should probably have a conversation about how we vote on those from this body to make sure that they're public record, and if we have questions to edit proclamations as well. I just would be interested in that in the future, so maybe we look at a workshop of how we can handle those, have those on the record but also make sure the process is streamlined as well.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks Mayor. Definitely supportive of talking about that. I - I do have concerns about us editing proclamations that the public might submit, so maybe it's just us providing feedback but definitely having a conversation.

Mayor Wu stated Thank you. Council Member - oh, Council Member Hoheisel. I - I will just close out by saying thank you to the City of Wichita staff and all the individuals who came out to the State of the City address. It was my first since taking office last year on January 8, 2024. I'm very appreciative that as a community we were able to hear some of the wins and challenges in the City of Wichita, learn more about local government but also talk about the priorities which again are crime, streets, economic development and homelessness. I also wanted to say thank you to Senior Services. Council Member Tuttle went out and served for Meals on Wheels this morning as well as I, and I'm very appreciative of the work that Senior Services provides for our community. They're funded in part by donors but also by Sedgwick County so wanted to let people know that you can still volunteer. They need volunteers for Meals on Wheels and they also need, uh, more individuals to know that that, uh, resource is available for -

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for Senior Services. And last but not least, um, I also wanted to say thank you actually to Sedgwick County Investigations. I'm part of the EMCU, Exploited Missing Children's Unit, board and today I had an opportunity to go over to Sedgwick County, um, and look at investigations. And I know that one of the topics we did talk about was, um, the unfortunate incidents regarding children having access to guns and not having a proper, uh, box or proper methods to safeguard those weapons. So, I'm hopeful that - Chief Sullivan I know is, working hard, in trying to address this, back to education. And really this is last I promise. I just wanted to welcome all the individuals who will be coming to Wichita for the NCAA first and second rounds. This is a welcoming and respectful community, and I am so grateful that our community will put its best foot forward for the guests that are coming from all around the country for the NCAA basketball tournament, and again good luck to all the college athletes and the team. Council Member Johnson.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks Mayor. I - I also would like to welcome everyone who goes to INTRUST Bank Arena to District 1 here in Wichita.

ADJOURNMENT***Motion:******Mayor Wu moved to adjourn***

Motion carried 6 to 1 (Nay: Brandon Johnson).

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Leeker, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1 - CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14II) **CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**1) **Applications for Licenses for Cereal Malt Beverages:**

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

Attachment: [CMBS for March 4, 2025.docx](#)

- 2) Preliminary Estimates:

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Attachment: [PEsforCC_03-18-25.pdf](#)

- b.) Preliminary Estimates for water improvements to serve Meridian 53 Second Addition, Phase 1 (District VI)

Attachment: [E4126 WDS Meridian 53 Second Addn Ph 1 NTBA Coversheet Template.doc](#)

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- c.) Preliminary Estimates for drainage improvements to serve Meridian 53 Second Addition, Phase 1 (District VI)

Attachment: [E4125 SWD #796 Meridian 53 Second Addn Ph 1 NTBA Coversheet Template.doc](#)

Attachment: [E4125 SWD Meridian 53 Second Addn Ph 1 NTBA.doc](#)

- d.) Preliminary Estimates for sewer improvements to serve Meridian 53 Second Addition, Phase 1 (District VI)

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Attachment: [E4127 SS Meridian 53 Second Addn Ph 1 NTBA Coversheet Template.doc](#)

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e.) Preliminary Estimates for water improvements to serve Falcon Falls 7th Addition (District I)

Attachment: [E4056 WDS Falcon Falls 7th NTBA Coversheet Template.doc](#)

Attachment: [E4056 WDS Flacon Falls 7th NTBA.doc](#)

f.) Preliminary Estimates for drainage improvements to serve Falcon Falls 7th Addition (District I)

Attachment: [E4055 SWD #520 Falcon Falls 7th NTBA Coversheet Template.doc](#)

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g.) Preliminary Estimates for sewer improvements to serve Falcon Falls 7th Addition (District I)

Attachment: [E4054 SS Falcon Falls 7th NTBA Coversheet Template.doc](#)

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3) Agreements/Contracts:

a.) 2024 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Grant and Agreement

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Attachment: [2024 ICAC Grant Agreement with Attachments.pdf](#)

b.) 2022 Project Safe Neighborhood Grant - WSU Agreement

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-3b.docx](#)

Attachment: [C02207 Subaward V6 \(IDP\).docx](#)

Attachment: [FY22 PSN_WPD SUBRECIPIENT COMMITMENT FORM V2.pdf](#)

c.) Developer's Agreement for Schulte-Johnson Addition, Phase 3 (District IV)

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-3c.doc](#)

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

d.) Wholesale Water Service Agreement with the City of Park City

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-3d.doc](#)

Attachment: [Park City Agreement.pdf](#)

e.) Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Dirt Street Paving on Del Sienno (District VI)

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Attachment: [SA#1_OC_DirtSts_DelSiennaDougherty_Signed.pdf](#)

4) Design Services Agreements:

- a.) Supplemental Design Agreement No. 2 for Sanitary Sewer Improvements for Cottonwood Creek Estates (District IV)

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-4a.docx](#)

Attachment: [SA#2_CottonwoodCrkEst_ColtMeadows_SSM_Signed.pdf](#)

Uncategorized Items:

5.) Nuisance Abatement Assessment, Cutting Weeds

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-5.docx](#)

Attachment: [3-18 Supporting Documents.docx](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-635 Cutting Weeds Special Assessment.docx](#)

6.) Community Event with Alcohol Consumption – The Workroom’s Artisan Market (District I)

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-6.docx](#)

Attachment: [The Workroom TED Map.pdf](#)

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Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-120 Alcohol Consumption Workroom's Artisan Market.docx](#)

7.) Community Event with Alcohol Consumption – ESPN Fan Zone Front (District I)

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Attachment: [ESPN Fan Zone at Union Station Site Plan.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-121 Alcohol Consumption ESPN Fan Zone at Union Station.docx](#)

8.) ARPA Revenue Replacement Budget Adjustment; HumanKind Ministries, Inc. Winter Shelter

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-8.docx](#)

9) Second Reading Ordinances:

a.) ORDINANCE NO. 52-632 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, AMENDING SECTION 17.12.090 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, PERTAINING TO THE SCHEDULES OF FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES FOR THE WATER UTILITIES, AND REPEALING THE PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF SUCH SECTION An ordinance to reestablishing late fees.

Attachment: [List_of_Second_Read_Ordinances_March_18_2025.docx](#)

II) CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA ITEMS

10.) VAC2024-00063 – Request in the City to Vacate an Unimproved Platted Right-of-Way; Generally Located on the West Side of South Hydraulic Avenue and Within One-Half Mile North of East 63rd Street South (6005 South Hydraulic Avenue). (District III)

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Attachment: [VAC2024-00063 WCC Supporting Documents.docx](#)

Attachment: [VAC2024-00063 Excerpt Minutes.docx](#)

Attachment: [VAC2024-00063 VACATION ORDER.docx](#)

- 11.) VAC2024-00057 – Request in the City to Vacate a Portion of Unimproved McLean Boulevard Right-of-Way; Generally Located on the South Side of West 47th Street South and Within One-Half Mile East of South Seneca Street. (District IV)

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Attachment: [VAC2024-00057 WCC Supporting Documents.docx](#)

Attachment: [VAC2024-00057 MAPC Excerpt Minutes.docx](#)

Attachment: [03-2025 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting Minutes - VAC2024-00057_OJ Watson to Haysville Bike Path.docx](#)

Attachment: [VAC2024-00057 VACATION ORDER.docx](#)

II) CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA ITEMS

- 12.) Sale of 2402 North Prince Street (District I)

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Attachment: [Agenda Report II-12.doc](#)

Attachment: [Real estate agreement 2402 N Prince St.pdf](#)

13.) Sale of 2701 North Volutsia (District I)

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Attachment: [Real estate agreement - 2701 N Volutsia.pdf](#)

14.) Sale of 3243 South Wichita (District III)

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Attachment: [Real estate agreement 3243 S Wichita.pdf](#)

II) CONSENT AIRPORT AGENDA ITEMS - NONE