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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Wichita, Kansas, July 15, 2025

Tuesday, 09:00 AM

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

Staff Members Present: Robert Layton, City Manager, Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, and Paul Leeker, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

[Approve the minutes of regular meeting July 8, 2025](#)

Motion:

Vice Mayor Johnston moved to approve the minutes of regular meeting July 8, 2025

Motion carried 6 to 0

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations:

- 1.) [Park and Recreation Month](#)
- 2.) [ASEZ WAO Wichita Month of Service](#)
- 3.) [The Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act](#)
- I) [PUBLIC AGENDA](#)
 - 1.) [Lisa Vayda - On behalf of the Wichita Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board with regards to a letter we sent to Wichita and Sedgwick County leadership](#)

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Lisa Vayda addressed the City Council and stated I don't have to get out of my scooter. This is great. First of all I want to say thank you for your Community leadership. My name is Lisa Veda. I am representing the Wichita Sedgwick County. I reside at 14400 E Sporting Kings Wichita, KS in District 2 Councilmember Tuttle's District. I did send you all e-mail copies and I hope that you were. Our letter is a response to The Wichita Eagle April 15th article involving the \$4. 9 million project that is intended to make the downtown area of Wichita more walkable. However, our response actually extends to all projects in the city and the county that involve transportation, roads and walkways, buildings, events and meetings such as this, I will say thank you because last week I presented to the Sedgwick County Commission and I could not even get to the podium because it was not an accessible building. So thank you for allowing this meeting site to be accessible. This includes not only our issues include not just the audible pedestrian signal and consistent curb cutouts that we address in our letter, but also entrances and exits, signage and most importantly, communication for everyone, including the group of people, including the group of people with disabilities.

Remember that anyone can become a member of this wonderful group at any time in their lives, in just a matter of seconds. Also keep in mind that as we all age, we're gonna have impairments to our mobility, our vision, our hearing, and our cognitive function. So yippee.

We hope that you understand. We're probably not intentional limiting the safe access conveys a sense that certain groups of people are not wanted, needed, or valued in our community. So if we ensure that our city and county are accessible, it's going to ensure that our city and county continue to grow and thrive. Local author Sarah Smarsh grew up here in Wichita for part of her childhood. And in recent years wrote in her book, *Bone of the Bone*, that the division in America today is not political. It's not red or blue. It's between what is discussed in the powerful rooms such as this, and what is understood by those of us in the field, and I will tell you that just getting here today is a challenge between walkways going through security.

Getting in and out. Out of seats it is. It is a challenge for each of us. But as Lin Manuel Miranda says in Hamilton, I want to be in the room where it happens.

So I'm making two requests. One is that you each look at the Wichita Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board list of appointees. And you make sure none. I guess not even for our board, but for all your boards that all the positions are filled and that there are no vacancies right now, we have 7 vacancies on. Our. I also ask, on behalf of our advisory group, that you read our minutes communicate with your appointees and consider our input when making decisions to make our wonderful community more accessible. And please do this sooner rather than later. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Lisa. Appreciate it. I appreciate the reminder about getting old too and needing services, Mr. Clark responding speaker. Oh, excuse me. We have several speakers. Councilman Glasscock.

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Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Vice Mayor, to the manager real fast. I know that a lot of started being included in our consent packet. I don't remember seeing the Access Advisory Board ones. They could, but I know some of our other boards and commissions.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Council Member, let me take a look at that. It may be because of the confusion, because it reports both to the Council and we'll go ahead and make sure that if haven't been going out regularly, that they will.

Vice Mayor if it's OK, I would like to deviate from our normal process a little bit.

I thought it was appropriate to have a response. I think it was. We really appreciated Lisa sending it her correspondence from the Access Advisory Board early and I do think this is an important enough issue that if we could just do a quick staff response, it'll let you know the direction we like to go. In some of the concerns.

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities Department, stated Vice Mayor and Council Members Gary Jansen, Public Works and Utilities. I just want to start by saying how much we value our relationship with the Advisory Board and the disabled community and how we move forward. We've accomplished a lot over the last 20 years when it comes to accessibility related to public infrastructure. We've done a lot as far as from an investment perspective. Working with the Advisory Board, working with the disabled community, but I, but we always know we. We know that we can always do better.

I think we've seen recently with some of the communication from the board, some of the discussions in the Community, in the media. You know there's some changes at times. Lisa talked about some vacancies on the one of the things we're always trying to help with is to make. Sure that there are good appointments to that board. Try to keep positions filled. There's been some changes there. We've seen some transitions in our staff over the years across the variety of departments. And I think probably at some point in time, we may have created a little bit of a disconnect. So this is a great opportunity for a fresh start. And tucked in and the opportunity to talk about what we might do going forward, I thought I might hit on a few specifics. Just so you know. And about some upcoming discussions we're gonna have with the Access Advisory Board and a few specifics that recently came out of some of this information. So what we'd like to do specific to the downtown street conversions is where a lot of this conversation started. But as Lisa said too, it's all projects and I'll talk about that in just a moment. We want to spend some time. We're gonna go downtown with a committee from the Advisory Board. Our staff have some further discussion of accessibility. And necessary improvements. I think we've got a pretty good idea of what we need to do, but it would be good to hear from them what they're seeing. Very specifically so that we can make sure that we're headed in the right on the right path. I think future projects will accommodate most of the requests. I've started spending some time with staff these last few months. Last month, last few weeks. Reevaluating where we're at with our projects, some of the things we are doing. But this onsite evaluation with the with the board to look at their including discussion of technical and resource limitations will be helpful. We do need to look at optimizing what our finite resources. There are some technical challenge when you work downtown in the core area. Challenges are, you know, even when you've got federal

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regulations and guidelines, something we're all cognizant of, we're all aware of this still always be, is and will be an adaptive discussion and approach to trying to make this work for everybody. So Lisa mentioned this part. We want to make sure that all major projects multimodal. As well as anything that impacts road or sidewalk closures and community those projects, those types of things that are happening be presented to and we'll summarize specific ADA improvements in implement in the past. I think we kind of strayed from that a little bit. I think we kind of didn't always have. I think the best approach didn't have the best communication. It's and that might have gone a little bit by the wayside. So we'll get back to focusing on that. But it makes sense. It helps us understand what the concerns and what the values are moving forward. Couple more quick things. I wanted to talk about. It's been a lot of talk about accessible pedestrian signals and. And talk about a lot of details here, but it's something that going forward with all new projects anytime we put. A significant upgrade to a traffic signal. We will be installing accessible pedestrian signals. What we'd like to do on existing intersections existing signals is an evaluation of them. Now what we'd like to talk about the challenges. Make sure this is strategic approach to what we do going forward. We don't want this to be a barrier for making sure. These upgrades are costly to make. They're they're hard to maintain. We've seen over time that the technology is not reliable. Some communities have stepped away because of that very reason. We want to find a way to overcome that. In the past, we got Envision engaged. We're going to try to see if we can do the area they work specifically with clients in the the part of the blind and visually impaired community, they've been able to advise us where it makes the most sense strategically for deployment of accessible pedestrian signal. So we're going to talk to them about that too and try. All of this stuff I've talked about with our recommended plan will be sent into the board at the next meeting on July 3rd. We'll take off from there, see if we can figure out what to do next with some on site meet. This is not new territory to us. I'm confident that we can forge a path forward, a collaborative path forward and make sure we get back on track. But I just kind of want to let you know what we're looking at where we're going. And we're excited to, like I said, to kind of have a fresh start here and be able to. Future projects. So I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Council Member Hoheisel stated Vice Mayor not nothing for you, Gary. I just want to thank Mrs. Veda for coming up. Holding us accountable is definitely part of the kind of the job description of the residents of the city who's paying the taxes that pay for us to do things. I would also like to mention that in the Parks Master Plan we will be emphasizing. That's something that we have the master plan coming up here in the next year or so and we want to make sure that every child and every resident who wants to come out and enjoy our parks and playgrounds has the ability to do so as well. So I. Just wanted to bring that to people's attention as well, that we're listening and we can always do better, but we are going to keep moving forward and improving our services for all of Wichita. Thank you.

2.) [Page Ragatz - Propose repeal of 5.70.10 Restroom Ordinance](#)

Page Ragatz was not present at the City Council meeting.

3.) [Jim Underwood - West Maple Street Replacement](#)

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Jim Underwood addressed the City Council and stated Jim Underwood 142 S. St. Paul, Vice Mayor, members of council. Thank you for letting me speak today. I attended a DAB meeting. There was a presentation I have exceptions to what was presented. I wanted to express those opinions. The project is 2 miles of City/County road, which is gonna become all city. It's bordered by two drainage ditches on each side. Two to three feet deep, near 151st, up to 10 foot deep on. It was stated there'd be minimal dirt work. Having been in construction for many years, I can tell you this means there's going to be tremendous dirt work. The ditches are sealed. Will have to be moved a minimum of 18 feet each. Or tubed. Or boxed put in the ground. That's a lot of expense. Boxed means CBC concrete box culvert. It was also stated, excuse me. Questioned by a lady in the audience about the intersection at 151st. It was stated it's going to be a traffic circle and that it was essentially the same size as a right angle intersection. I took exception to this. You'll find that the diameters of traffic circles are set by the code of federal regulations CFRS. Which all federal money is expended under, and it determines their diameter and therefore circumference by the incoming and outgoing speeds. It has nothing to do with the desire for how big it is. It is required to be at minimum size. Excuse me. It was also stated by the Lady in the audience that 151st north of Maple is all dirt. If it ever got paved, traffic would increase tremendously. The statistics given for traffic flows and counts we were not given when they were taken on a dirt Rd. There are five factors that affect traffic. Snow, ice, rain, drought and the human factor of how well it's maintained. When a road is paved, those basically go away except for snow removal. And periodic maintenance. The further stated that there were going to be two sidewalks, 16 foot 110 foot adjacent to the roadway, referring back to the CFRS. Once a traffic way reaches a certain speed, sidewalks cannot be adjacent to the trafficway. They have to be separated. This is a arterial St. it's open to all traffic. It's open at a speed greater than 40 miles an hour. And you have a semi going down the road. It's easy to catch a curb and pop the truck up over the curb. The primary users of these sidewalks are Goddard school children being dropped off by their school buses. Putting them next to a traffic way with no separation is not a good point. The. I apologize. Standing is a little difficult today. I'm fine. Daunted, I'm fine.

Council Member Glasscock stated, Jim do you need the remote mic? You are more than welcome sit down.

Jim Underwood stated I'll finish up here quickly. Also, it was not stated that any of the other stakeholders in this area were consulted. I hope they were. But you're looking at the county Commission, County Road and bridge. County Fire County law enforcement EMS Goddard School District and Goddard School bus drivers. They should all be consulted. They will have opinions that count heavily for the safety of their children. And the safety of the children out there? Bear in mind a good portion of this road will remain in the county until the future and therefore is subject to county enforcement. I would also like to point out that the traffic circle does not have pedestrian cross walks like a city intersection does. This is a detriment for people wanting to cross that. Granted, there's not a whole lot of foot traffic. Traffic out there right now. But you still have your school children, and they're going to use those sidewalks. It would be better if 151st and Maple was a right angle intersection with full traffic control. Thank you for your time this morning.

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Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Vice Mayor. Jim, thank you for getting involved and thank you for coming to most of my District Advisory Board meetings. Also, thank you for being my appointee to The Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board. I'd like to address a few of the things I have been in consultation with. Last week about the project, I've also reached out to the school district and in communication with them as well, and that'll continue as this is a joint project to connect both the parcels that's county owned and then also city owned. This weekend, I attended the Myers Windows HOA as well as the Auburn Hills HOA. I hosted a town hall with at about 80 a month ago. And so I know that staff and staff was present at both of those. Lot of the concerns that you address have been brought up at previous meetings and staff is aware of them and is working at addressing those in the larger plan. This is just the start. I know that one of the staffers this weekend that was present at the neighborhood or at the HOA meeting actually was taking a Saturday to go to a couple that homes along the route to talk to individual owners about what this is for their property and to bring in, to get them involved in the process early to try to mitigate, maybe a lot of those challenges and so. I just wanted to maybe ease some of those concerns. Thank you for speaking today and continue to engage.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated I've seen a lot of plans and the sidewalks will be off of the street, not on the street. They will also, there is also pedestrian crossings at the roundabout. They're moved out a bit to be safer so that there is that too. And now I think the county does begin at 167th, so it is in the city. So but thank you for coming. Thank you for speaking.

4.) [Emily Coello - City Council duties](#)

Emily Coello addressed the City Council and stated good morning. I'm Emily Coeo and in District II. The Ethics Board recently validated a claim from a small group of people in the community who had said that their feelings were hurt by Mayor Wu. And isn't it amazing in today's world that the people who complain that their feelings are being hurt are the real bullies of our society? Has anyone noticed that? And how unserious are we as a community that such a claim wasn't laughed at and dismissed immediately, but was investigated for weeks? What a colossal waste of time. Mayor Wu had been accused of discrimination. But the ethics board had concluded that quote "She didn't fulfill her duties by not working in cooperation with other officials", and because she declined to read a piece of paper out loud at a meeting. And I can assure you that most voters do not reading or signing proclamations and all of the staff work that accompanies as the City Council's important duties. You've actually been hired for a very serious job, which is to operate our city budget, to fill potholes to fund. The infrastructure to pay the first responders to keep our crime low. The pressing needs that benefit all residents. Today, I'm asking the City Council to consider ending the practice of proclamations so you can focus on the full time job, you were elected to do, which is to operate our city budget and sustain our infrastructure. And lastly, on an incredibly serious note, I'm asking for prayers for those people in our community who are confused and unsatisfied with their bodies. To their friends and family, validating their identity claims is not an act of love. In fact, it's cruel. Confronting their mental health of your loved ones might be very difficult in the short term, but I'm telling you, your loved one needs the truth. And they need for you to tell them, and it's the only way. Thank you.

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Andrew Crane addressed the City Council and stated good Morning, City Council. And City Manager. I just wanted to say thank you. And I have a challenge for you. Take a time out of your day to walk downtown Wichita. And. Seeing the. The the two way conversions that that you guys. Did and I I I challenge you guys to walk. Walk that. Because it's it's a little bit of a problem for the disability community and for the blind community. And I am you know really excited that you know the city is moving in a good, solid, good way. But we need to work a lot more. We need you guys to work a lot more and I challenge you to walk this city. On an afternoon, because I do I walk these cities. I walk the the sidewalk. And now that I have my third guide dog, I'll be walking the city a little bit more. And I want it accessible for all. And it's time we we do that. And so my challenge for you once again is to walk. Not not take your cars, but actually walk and take the bus. And you will see some of the problems that we need to to do. In the city of Wichita. And other cities are doing it. You know, it's time. It's the 21st century. We're we're a big city. We need to start acting like a big city. Thank you.

Council Member Johnson stated thank you, Vice Mayor. This isn't to the last speaker, just something that was sitting on my heart. I believe that every individual, as a man of faith, needs prayer. but I just have to continue to challenge people's identity, who they are, is not a mental health condition. It's not something that needs additional prayer. People are who they are. You are who you are. And I think some of the challenges we continue to face in society is when we other folks who are not others. We're all humans. We are who we are, and when we, I believe, engage in that type of dialogue, it begins to minimize other folks and I just always want to highlight we should respect people for who they are.

In regard to the first comment, our jobs are vast, as Council members were also governed by codes and ordinances. As someone who's also been found in violation of the ethics policy that I helped create. There are things that you are supposed to do in certain ways, and the ethics board had their own finding for one of us, as they did with me. I encourage people to read all the municipal codes, especially people who want to run for these seats, to understand what that is, our responsibilities. It's not about beliefs, but there are things that it says that we shall do and shall not do can do, may do all of those words are important. So I encourage people to read all the reports. Also mine. Again, they had a finding on me. And I own that. But we helped craft the ethics policy for a specific reason to ensure. Sure, things that were happening or assumed to be happening before would not happen and all of that was talked about in the public setting at this bench voted on, discussed in the public. So I just want to encourage people to go to the site, read all those reports being and also as we talk about praying for others and showing the love of Jesus, let's love everyone. We are who we are as humans.

II) [CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17](#)

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Motion:

Vice Mayor Johnston moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 17

Motion carried 6 to 0

COUNCIL BUSINESS

III) BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS

1.) [Board of Bids and Contracts dated July 7, 2025.](#)

Attachment: [07-14-2025 Board of Bids.pdf](#)

Josh Lauber, Department of Finance, presented the Item.

Motion:

Vice Mayor Johnston moved to receive and file report, approve the contracts and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 6 to 0

IV) PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS - NONE

V) UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

VI) NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

1.) [Resolution Authorizing the City Manager Authority to Take Administrative Action to Ensure Compliance with Federal Grants Requirements](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-322 Compliance with Federal Grant Requirments.doc](#)

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Attachment: [Resolution - 2025 V5 Agenda Report Manager 2025 V5 7-10-25 4.docx](#)

Steven Smart, Department of Law, Presented the Item.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. Thank you, Mr. Smart. City manager Layton, \$100 million potentially is at risk for the city?

City Manager Robert Layton stated that is, that's a total of our annual federal assistance.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. Could you maybe highlight a few of the departments that receive?

City Manager Robert Layton stated there are two departments that we have that are highly reliant on federal funds, Housing & Community Services, as well as our Transit Department. The majority of their operations are funded federally.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you. Also note that Mayor Wu is joining us virtually, so Councilman Glasscock?

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Vice Mayor. A few questions. I'll probably go back and forth here. First, what happens January 1st, 2026, If we don't have more federal guidance, does it rescinds back to, let's say, status quo currently. Are we at risk of losing federal funds beginning immediately January 1st, or will we reevaluate?

Steve Smart, Department of Law, stated I think we will be reevaluating this from today. As I mentioned, this is a continuum. A new guidance is continuing to be published. I would think our risk would be lower as we would have taken any administrative actions that regulators bring up after they have authorized the funding. That would probably be the greatest time of risk as as fiscal 25 comes to an end in September.

Council Member Glasscock stated okay, thank you. This would be a question for the City Manager. This is coming to this body because a lot of these are greater than your statutory duty. You have to bring this because some of these funds are so large that that's why this body has to vote on that. You can't unilaterally implement a lot of these changes?

City Manager Robert Layton stated Council Member yes and no. You're right about the almost all of our

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grants are either Council or signs on behalf of the Council received funds. So that's one aspect of it, but there are also a number of rules, regulations, procedures that will require some adjustment. It doesn't pertain just to the programs that are receiving federal funds, but all of our activities across the organization and that's what we're certifying when we sign the grant assurances.

Council Member Glasscock stated Ordinances that have been passed by this body?

City Manager Robert Layton stated so what what this resolution allows to do is temporarily suspend the enforcement order of ordinances when they're deemed to be in conflict with federal regulations.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Vice Mayor. Bob, have we been threatened with any suspension of grants so far?

City Manager Robert Layton stated Council Member, not specifically. But, we've received very strongly worded guidance from the Department of Transportation that maybe Steve could address.

Steve Smart, Department of Law, stated yes, sir. The Department of Transportation is the secretary issued a memorandum to all grant recipients in April, April 24th of 2025. And what was striking about it was its tone and language in that memorandum that suggest that any organization that has a DEI program, and and no further guidance on what that is, is presumptively illegal and that certifications made for the purpose of receiving Department of Transportation could result in a False Claims Act case against the recipient. So what was striking about that is the tone and the letter. So so no direct. Issues with the city of Wichita that was in general to all DOT grant recipients, but that that has what has sparked a lot of the impetus for the resolution that's before you.

Council Member Hoheisel stated have they given any guidance or descriptions of DEI programs at all on under that?

Steve Smart, Department of Law, stated no, sir. They they use the word illegal DEI. What is an illegal DEI program? Mr. Fessinger can certainly give you a a breakdown of illegal versus legal DEI, but the memorandum itself does not further define that, nor does any other addition, in fact, that is the subject of litigation in in several areas of. Mike can give you some more information.

Mike Fessinger, Department of Law, stated good morning, Council, Mike Fessinger, I'm your labor relation attorney. DEI, as we all know, stands for diversity, equity and inclusion. It's often viewed as a workplace strategy that attempts to promote employees, generally with an emphasis on groups that have been the subject of historical underrepresentation, perhaps discrimination. Before I go on and talk about this, I'll just note that the area of this area of the law right now is fluid. It's in flux. There's modern case

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law that discusses the differences between DEI and what amounts to discrimination. But from our perspective today, and I think the perspective of the federal administration is that the key distinction is whether the program grants a preferential treatment to people based on their membership in a protected class versus whether the program seeks instead just to remove systemic barriers that have caused under representation in the past. So legal efforts at DEI again attempt to remove barriers. Illegal efforts at DEI grant a preferential treatment to people based upon their gender or skin color. The line between the two is unclear. It is in flux and it's an all candor. It's probably for attorneys today to argue about in court. Part of the reason we're advocating for this conservative course of action today is because. Because the answer is unclear as to where that line is and we we would prefer the city to have time to see how this all shakes out over the coming months.

Mayor Wu stated good morning, City Council. Questions directed to the City Manager Layton. The questions are in regards to whether there were residents who raised concerns. And, if so, who are they?

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, I'm only aware of one resident who has raised a concern consistently. And that person, I don't, I don't know if it's appropriate to mention who that is, but the person has filed comments with the Mayor and Council as well as staff.

Mayor Wu stated I apologize. There's a one minute delay. I just wanted the risks of costly lawsuits for the City.

City Manager Robert Layton stated it can be significant I an answer to a previous question. We indicated that there's about \$100 million that we receive from the federal government. So there is the possibility that that could be a portion of that could be suspended or put in and then that would force us to respond to any. Complaints or claims filed by the federal government. I think Steve also mentioned the possibility o being sued for false representation regarding our policies and that would require litigation as well, some that we could probably handle with our own staff, but some that we probably have to have to hire outside counsel given the nature and severity of the issues.

Vice Mayor Johnston invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor or Vice Mayor, just wanted to share a few thoughts before the vote. Fascism is a far right, authoritarian and ultra nationalist political ideology defined by dictatorial leader or strong central government. The suppression of opposition and an emphasis on national unity and militarism. It fundamentally opposes democracy, liberalism and socialism. Often demanding unity behind its own ideas and leadership, without elaborating whether you agree with my inference or not, you undoubtedly know exactly what and whom I'm referring to. That alone speaks volumes. The executive branch of the United States government continues to push the boundaries of settled law and the infringing upon our God-given rights, simply because the current occupant disagrees. A nation founded on three co-

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equal branches and checks and balances is seeing that very fabric stretched to a near breaking. These are dark and trying times. The congressional body, which should willpower from the People's House, often yields to executive overreach, paralyzed by political fear and often shared political affiliations. Meanwhile, the judiciary, with a handpicked majority, has granted the executive branch blanket, consistently delivering victories to the executive and losses to the people. The principles we learned in school are being eroded. Promises rescinded. Power's increased, families torn apart, and lives changed forever. Americans are being heavily influenced by a constant barrage of misinformation from sources and institutions that should be trustworthy. While I could continue to elaborate for a long time on that, this nothing new to those who study history. Doctor King famously demanded that America simply be true to what is, yet ironically, even in our founding, some were even considered only 3/5 of a person due to. Their race some were. Some were not even recognized due to their gender, and if you didn't have the fortune to own property you too weren't recognized. Today, this governing body faces consequences forced upon us by the current failure of our system of checks and balance. Our efforts to be more equitable, more inclusive and improve our local government and community are in jeopardy due to the misguided sense of loss many felt and feel to this day because more Americans were being seen, heard, and respected while the executive branch and many others would pre. To whitewash America, doing so is a direct threat and slap in the face to what truly makes Nets our diversity. Though today's situation is the unfortunate result of our democracy being infected. We know that the moral arc of the universe is long, and it still bends toward justice. I'm prayerful today that my no vote bends it ever so slightly more toward justice. I will be voting no today.

Council Member Ballard stated I would just say that the DICRAB is not a DEI program, it's a Citizen Advisory Board to inform Council and keep our policies inclusive for all residents of Wichita and make sure we are aware of all aspects of our Community and focus on civil rights. I think it's important we don't lose that perspective on the Council because we can't personally represent every demographic in Wichita and they help us to hear from more folks on. So for that I'll be voting no.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Vice Mayor. I don't have anything prepared quite like my two esteemed colleagues here, but I do want to say, like most Americans, I have a political leaning. But like most Americans, there's a lot of grey area. We're all pretty much zebras. We have different stripes with different thoughts on different issues, and one that's always made sense to me and it's allowing local municipalities and local government to have a little more say because they're the ones with their boots on the ground. We're the ones who see the impact in our communities. We're the ones that see what we need to do in our communities in order to move forward, to make sure that everybody has a place at the table. So when I see something like this come down that really meshes or it really conflicts with my my thoughts on local government. So for that reason, I will be voting no.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you. I do have one quick question for the Manager. A no vote today if this were to fail, would jeopardize \$100 million of investment.

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City Manager Robert Layton stated that's a fair assessment of the out of revenue we receive, but we'll we probably will be challenged regarding our compliance with federal guidelines, rules, regulations and laws as it are interpreted. And so there is some jeopardy to some or all of the funding if we're found to be non non compliance.

Council Member Glasscock stated and a majority of that is transportation and housing that serve some of the most vulnerable in our Community, correct?

City Manager Robert Layton stated a significant amount of money also comes for capital projects.

Mayor Wu stated this is a very difficult subject. And I appreciate Council Members Johnson and Ballard speaking on why you are voting no. However, what I look at is this risk and weighing risk is real. This risk is the \$100 million that the City receives from the federal government specifically, and in large part, for Housing and Transit.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. Seeing no comments, I'd like to just make a comment. I agree. So we have to adjust to each administration what their agenda is and I think that's the case here. May not agree with it, but I don't want to put risk to transportation and housing because that affects the the poorest in our society. So I will be voting yes. Are there any more comments from council members?

Council Member Glasscock stated Mr. Vice Mayor, I don't think there is a motion to do.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated to approve the resolution. And authorized the mayor to sign, yes.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated h, yes, yes, so well. Seeing none then. Thank you. I. I will while we make the motion to receive and file the report, approve the contracts. Thank you. We're struggling here. I would like to make a motion authorizing the city manager authority to take administrative action to ensure compliance with federal grant requirements.

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated if I may, vice Mayor, may I just clarify, the motion is to approve the resolution and authorize the mayor to sign.

Motion:

Vice Mayor Johnston moved to adopt the proposed resolution.

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

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- 2.) [Public Hearing and Request by Wichita Maple LLC, for Approval of a Letter of Intent to Issue Industrial Revenue Bonds \(District IV\)](#)

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-315 Determining the Advisability of Issuing Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds.docx](#)

Attachment: [Letter of Intent Taxable IRBs.docx](#)

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, presented the Item.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Vice Mayor. Just one real quick question, I drove by the other day. They're already at work. I'm doing some signage facade improvement. This CID will just be from this point forward.

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, stated so no CID, but yes, the industrial revenue bonds for this, that's OK.

Council Member Hoheisel stated IRB, I'm sorry.

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, stated that's okay. I just want to make sure that we were saying the same thing. IRB for the sales tax exemption. Yes, they can't achieve the sales tax exemption until the letter of intent is approved and we obtain a sales tax exemption certificate. They can then use that sales tax exemption certificate on in our future purchases was right to obtain that sales tax exemption.

Regarding the question, we've received a question around improvements that are made now and the implication of the tax increment financing. There are some allowances for what we kind of call in that a look back period, right. So there may be expenses that are eligible that are necessary today that once a tax increment financing is established that you can sort of look back and achieve the benefits from the tax increment financing district based on expenses that were incurred prior to the approval.

Council Member Glasscock stated I meant to remove my name, but thank you for the transparency about what request we made later. So thank you for including that in the agenda packet.

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, stated you bet.

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Vice Mayor Johnston invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mr. Vice mayor. I want to again thank the applicant for making a significant our community. I think cant wait for this project come to fruition and to see the success they've had in other communities. Well, so with that seeing nobody else on the board, I would move that, the City Council close the public hearing adopt the resolution and authorize the.

Motion:

Council Member Glasscock moved to close the public hearing, adopt the resolution and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 6 to 0

- 3.) [Request to Set Public Hearings to Create a Community Improvement District \(CID\) and Adopt a Redevelopment Project Plan for a Full-Service Hotel Located at 229 East William \(District I\)](#)

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-320 Consideration of Redevelopment Project-- Center City South Redevelopment District.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-321 Hotel Indigo CID.docx](#)

Attachment: [MAPC RESOLUTION.docx](#)

Attachment: [PROJECT PLAN.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CID Petition Signed.pdf](#)

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, presented the Item.

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Vice Mayor Johnston invited public comment. No one came forward.

Motion:

Council Member Johnson moved to accept the CID petition and adopt the resolutions setting public hearings.

Motion carried 6 to 0

4.) [2026 Annual Operating Budget and 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Program](#)

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

Attachment: [Notice of Budget Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate City of Wichita](#)

Attachment: [Notice of Budget Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate Downtown Wichita Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District](#)

Attachment: [Notice of Budget Hearing Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures](#)

Attachment: [Notice of Budget Hearing Recertification of 2025 Budget Expenditures](#)

Attachment: [Notice of Budget Hearing Proposed Budget 2026 Tax Increment Financing Funds \(TIF\)](#)

Attachment: [Notice of Budget Hearing Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures Downtown Wichita Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District](#)

Attachment: [Indication of Revenue Neutral Rate City of Wichita](#)

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Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-767 Fixing General Tax Levy.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-768 Fixing General Tax Levy Downtown Wichita SSMID.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-769 East Bank Redevelopment TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-770 Ken Mar Redevelopment TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-771 Douglas and Hillside Redevelopment TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-772 Union Station Redevelopment TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-773 South Fork Redevelopment TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-774 West Bank Redevelopment TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-775 Riverside TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-776 ICT21 TIF.docx](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-777 Center City South TIF.doc](#)

City Manager Robert Layton presented the Item

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Vice Mayor. A couple of questions here. One, I did have some people reaching out asking about the fire budget, the field medical training officer, we have three positions listed on there. Has that position been filled over the last couple of years?

City Manager Robert Layton stated I'm sorry I don't have that. I can get information on that for you, yes.

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Council Member Hoheisel stated I appreciate that. And then also questions about the 4th Battalion Chief position. If those have been added to the budget or not. OK. Second thing is so this if we approve this today that caps that locks in the mill levy reduction at a half a mil.

City Manager Robert Layton stated it does, yes it does.

Council Member Hoheisel stated I'm not sure that that one's been necessarily discussed fully on Council here, the implications of that one. So I'm curious if we continue that discussion later. It doesn't mean that we necessarily won't lower the mill levy. I just don't want it locked in yet, so I'm just bringing that up.

City Manager Robert Layton stated if I could clarify, the only way that happens is if you the rate that is in existence today. I think then they would have the ability to drop that in the future, is that right or they are they? The total, but if they were to lock in at a higher total, they could still have the ability to drop that, which would include the rate. All right. That's the only way that you could get that done. So either a significant discussion today or you'd have to, you'd have to go back to the existing rate.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay, and the other part of that is I brought it up before, I would like to see more discussion on the homestead tax rebate that's targeted towards senior citizens, disabled veterans and people who are in low income brackets, property tax relief for them. I think that's a lot bigger bang for the buck than lowering the middle 1/2 a mill. So I guess we can chat about that a little more later.

City Manager Robert Layton stated depending on what action you take today, miss probably a good time to talk about it. One thing you asked a number of questions and one that I expected you to ask one question that you didn't and I forgot to mention it. I have seen a lot of social media chatter regarding tree planting. I want you to know at the Council direction at our last workshop, we put that money back into the operating budget. So there is full funding as there had been previously for tree planting.

Council Member Hoheisel stated I appreciate that. Yeah, Maggie's the tree lady.

Council Member Hoheisel stated I usually rely on her to pass those hard hitting questions. All right. Thank you, Bob.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Vice Mayor. Bob, just one technical question about the recommended action. One of the pieces is to set a maximum amount of taxes levied for the city of Wichita, \$175 million or so is that based upon the 32.316 mils?

City Manager Robert Layton stated yes.

Council Member Johnson stated yeah. I see Mark shaking his head. OK, so if the Council did say, want to maintain at 32.816. With that number change, would that have to be mentioned today in the motion or could staff like adjust to that since it's not in the motion?

City Manager Robert Layton stated I believe you have to make the motion. You'd have to put that in the motion.

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Council Member Johnson stated So, then well, what is that number then?

City Manager Robert Layton stated we will get that number for you.

Vice Mayor Johnston invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. I just wanna, I want to thank Bob so much. I'm glad you're 41st budget is going to be your best. I think that this is my 6th or 7th. I've been doing it since 2019 and been the most robust process we've had. I'm so glad to always have your input and your expert also want to thank our friends in finance. I know that the labor of love every year it's coming to fruition. So thank you. I also want to thank the departments and sometimes we fail to remember how much time and energy goes into this process. I like the new process how we developed it. I think it gave everybody an opportunity to just take a pause back and think about our mission. Think about it in different ways, and all the ways that probably every department contributes. So I I was really impressed with that process. I also want to thank communication. But you know when it's going to be at our District Advisory Board, so to our friends in communications, we probably don't. Thank you enough. And then I always want to thank the Community who came to our district Advisory Board meetings. Who to the community? All the folks who have given us feedback and input, it really does matter. It helps us shape our budget and so, but we wouldn't have the product that we have today. I have said every year since 2019. Where you allocate your treasure is a reflection. That I make every year. So I'm anticipating coming to the finish line here with. We can all be proud of. So thank you so much.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Vice Mayor. I have a technical question for Mark. That question is. You gave me the approximate number of \$2. 7 million would be added to the \$175 million if we maintained if you added one more to that. How much would that be?

Mark Manning, Department of Finance, stated one more million to that. Approximately \$5. 4 million, probably.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you. I would like to ask the City Manager and in the future budgets CIP budgets. We just opened the second phase of Pracht wetlands. Fabulous. Absolutely Fabulous. I recommend everyone go out there and see it, but when you go out there and see it, you want the two paths to connect, which is Phase 3. So if we could find room in the budget in the future, maybe 2829. To put that in the CIP, I would appreciate that. Appreciate the discussion on that. Any more comments from the bench? Councilman Johnson.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Vice mayor. Before I say what I think about this, I do want to thank staff for all the work that you have done to address what you've heard from us on the Council and come up with a budget that reflects what you were hearing specifically around reducing the mill half a mill. I am not supportive of that. I've given a lot of reasons publicly, but. I believe it is performative. I think one of us said symbolic to give a \$14 benefit to the average resident, and it I don't believe the \$14 annually is worth the impact to local government. With the services that we provide, the demands that we're hearing and the quality of life initiatives that we have. My joke is always we haven't increased the mill levy since the greatest performer ever performed in the Super Bowl-And be Michael Jackson back in the early 90s. And now we are looking at reducing it. I understand some of the public conversation about

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property taxes, but if the world has changed as much as it has in this time and we haven't increased it, better services and more resource residents, to me it just doesn't make sense to reduce it. And again, for symbolic \$14 that you'll eat up with a few gallons of gas, or one pizza or a few. One who goes to Starbucks. Usually one of their drinks is like \$28. So I think that something performative like that is not worth doing today. I do believe strongly that we need to either increase the mill levy or at least maintain to help this Council. Future councils have an easier time serving our citizens in the future. Just like councils in the past have taken revenues and put it into the rainy day fund. Which is helping us now. If we choose to again symbolically do the \$14 for a \$2.3 or \$2.7 million impact to the budget. That likely is not going to change in the future, even as we've talked about a proposed sales tax. That is up to you. All the voters to say yes or no to, we just put it on the ballot. If that doesn't happen, we again jeopardize a lot of the services with the city and with so much of our budget going to salaries when those folks who are emailing us, telling us the cut that means that we will be letting people go at some point. I don't think that is what citizens really want. There may be a few, but overall I think the majority of Wichitans want the investments in this. So I asked for some specific numbers because I wanted to move that the City Council. Raise the mill levy, not cut the mill levy.

Motion:

Council Member Johnson moved to set the public hearing on the revenue neutral rate and proposed 2026 budget, including the tax increment, finance districts and Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District and the recertification for the Ice Rink Century 2, Sewer and Affordable Housing Funds August 26, 2025; authorize the publication of the formal public hearing notices; approve the first reading of the ordinances on the general tax levy for the City of Wichita, TIF Districts, and SSMID, authorize the staff to make any technical adjustments required to comply with the statute, set a maximum amount of taxes levied for the City of Wichita at \$175,601,326, based on an anticipated mill levy of 33.816 and an estimated assessed evaluation of \$5,433,881,828; set the maximum amount of estimate taxes levied for the Self-Supportive Municipal Improvement District at \$1,396,024, based on an estimated levy of 10.000 mills and an estimated assessed valuation of \$139,602,418; authorize staff to notify the Sedgwick County Clerk of the intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate for the taxing funds and the SSMID taxing fund; and receive and file the 2026-2035 Proposed Capital Improvement Program.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. Could you repeat that? No, just. And and I guess this is a question for Council Member Johnson. Or excuse me for legal and I understand we're waiting on a second. But can you just synthesize what your motion was? I'm sorry, I was trying to pay attention, but I'm I'm a I'm not an audio learner. So what exactly are you proposing?

Council Member Johnson stated in short, my motion was to raise the mill level 1.00.

Council Member Tuttle stated so not follow the proposed manager's budget?

Council Member Johnson stated yes, it was to not follow the budget that came in with the half mil drop, but to not only keep where we are but add 1.00. So what I suggested I guess would be a mill over what has been proposed.

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Council Member Tuttle stated and legal. Correct me, we have a motion and we're anticipating a second.

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated we have a motion. I have not heard a second.

Council Member Tuttle stated that's what I mean. We haven't heard a second, OK. Thank you.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Vice Mayor. I agree with much of what Council Member Johnson has said. I don't feel that is necessarily the time to raise taxes in the middle of you. So I'm sorry you had to burn off all those calories with that long, long motion there, but yeah, I just want to just make a note. I can't support any tax increases at this time.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Vice Mayor. Just for clarification, before I continue, Jennifer, that motion did die for lack of a second, correct?

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated that's correct.

Motion:

Council Member Johnson moved to set the public hearing on the revenue neutral rate and proposed 2026 budget, including the tax increment, finance districts and Self- Supporting Municipal Improvement District and the recertification for the Ice Rink Century 2, Sewer and Affordable Housing Funds August 26, 2025; authorize the publication of the formal public hearing notices; approve the first reading of the ordinances on the general tax levy for the City of Wichita, TIF Districts, and SSMID, authorize the staff to make any technical adjustments required to comply with the statute, set a maximum amount of taxes levied for the City of Wichita at \$175,601,326, based on an anticipated mill levy of 32.816 and an estimated assessed evaluation of \$5,433,881,828; set the maximum amount of estimate taxes levied for the Self-Supportive Municipal Improvement District at \$1,396,024, based on an estimated levy of 10.000 mills and an estimated assessed valuation of \$139,602,418; authorize staff to notify the Sedgwick County Clerk of the intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate for the taxing funds and the SSMID taxing fund; and receive and file the 2026-2035 Proposed Capital Improvement Program.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated Now that the first motion has died, that would be the motion?

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated that is correct.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated I would like to make a substitute motion.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Vice Mayor, just so I can make sure we're clear. Councilmember, what number did you use as the maximum amount of tax taxes levied?

Council Member Johnson stated maximum amount was \$178,301,326 based on a mill levy that maintains where we are at.

City Manager Robert Layton stated so it may not make a difference. It's actually if you would, it's \$178,318,266.

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Council Member Johnson stated I would like to make that change to my motion.

Council Member Glasscock stated Vice Mayor, point of clarification. If this motion were to fail, then we would be allowed to offer a different motion entirely correct? Thank you.

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated that's correct.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated am I allowed to make a substitute motion?

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated I've not heard a second.

Council Member Ballard stated I seconded.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated I would like to make a substitute motion.

Motion:

JV Johnston moved to set the public hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate and the Proposed 2026 Budget (including the Tax Increment Financing Districts and the Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District), and the Recertification for the Ice Rink, Century II, Sewer, and Affordable Housing funds August 26, 2025; authorize publication of the formal public hearing notices; approve first reading of the ordinances for the general tax levy for the City of Wichita, TIF districts, and SSMID; authorize staff to make any technical adjustments required to comply with state statute; set a maximum amount of taxes levied for the City of Wichita at \$175,601,326, based on an anticipated mill levy of 32.316 mills and an estimated assessed valuation of \$5,433,881,828; set the maximum amount of taxes levied for the Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District at \$1,396,024, based on an estimated levy of 10.000 mills and an estimated assessed valuation of \$139,602,418; authorize staff to notify the Sedgwick County Clerk of the intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate for the City of Wichita taxing funds and the SSMID taxing fund; and receive and file the 2026-2035 Proposed Capital Improvement Program.

Council Member Johnson stated my name has stayed there, but I will say. I am very supportive again of all the work that staff did in the programs and services we provide and all of the wonderful at the City of Wichita, who work day in and day out to make local government more responsive to the community, provide the services that are necessary. Today I cannot support this. I would be reluctant in supporting something that maintains because I've continually said that what I've seen over the years is we. To invest more in these services, but I cannot vote for a symbolic \$14 benefit to the average Wichitan that I know will put some strains on local government in the future. So I will unfortunately not be supporting this. It has nothing to do with our staff that are full of incredible people doing incredible things, but. The symbolic nature of this is just something that I cannot support.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Vice Mayor. Just a point of clarification from staff if this is

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deadlocked at 3:00, what happens to that motion? And then if the other motion is deadlocked at so on so forth?

City Manager Robert Layton stated so we have to have council authority by the 20th that right, we have to file with the county by the 20th. You'd have to have a special meeting. If you can't reach agreement today.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated I think we do have the Mayor online and and so we will have a a majority.

Council Member Tuttle stated I just want to clarify with legal because I've had a few people asking me what we had a substitute. This is me. We had a motion to decrease the mill. Then we had a motion to maintain, and that then was offered a substitute motion to have the proposed managers budget come to us, OK.

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated that's correct.

Council Member Tuttle stated I just want to make sure that everybody here, everybody who's watching online in their offices, in their homes because people are a little bit confused. This is an interesting situation that we haven't probably experienced in the past. So just wanted to make sure everybody's on the same page. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated just to clarify, the first motion Councilman Johnson made was to increase it by a mill. The second motion was to keep the full valuation of the assessment. The substitute motion I made was to make a half mill decrease. Thank you, Councilman Glasscock.

Council Member Glasscock stated Mr. Manager, just a quick question again. This would be the first time in nearly 40 years that the City Council would be reducing the mill levy?

City Manager Robert Layton stated in at least 30 years.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Vice Mayor. I was. The vice mayor would accept a friendly amendment to lower the mill levy by 1/4 of a mill instead of 1/2 of a mill. And again, this could also. Have further discussion. That doesn't mean we're locked in at reducing it. Just for discussion in the upcoming month.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated I appreciate that, but I'm going to stay with the that I made substitute motion that I made. Thank you though.

Motion carried 5 to 2 (Nay: Brandon Johnson, Maggie Ballard).

- 5.) [DER2025-00008 Proposed Amendment of the City of Wichita 2035 Urban Growth Areas Map and 2035 Future Growth Concept Map as an Element of the Community Investments Plan 2015-2035](#)

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

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-764 Amending the City of Wichita 2035 Urban Growth Area Map and 2035 Urban Growth Concept Map.doc](#)

Attachment: [Urban Growth Areas_Proposed Project Area_Tabloid_County.jpg](#)

Attachment: [Urban Growth Areas_Proposed Project Area_Tabloid_Zoom.jpg](#)

Attachment: [Wichita_2035FutureLandUse_Proposed Project Area_Tabloid_CountyWide.jpg](#)

Attachment: [Wichita_2035FutureLandUse_Proposed Project Area_Tabloid_Zoom.jpg](#)

Attachment: [xx DER2025-00008_Wichita UGA Map Amendment_Adv. Plans Minutes Excerpt.docx](#)

Attachment: [2025-06-26 MAPC DRAFT Minutes.docx](#)

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, presented the Item.

Vice Mayor Johnston invited public comment. No one came forward.

Motion:

Council Member Glasscock moved to adopt an ordinance approving a proposed amendment of the City of Wichita 2035 Urban Growth Areas Map and 2035 Future Growth Concept Map as an element of the Community Investments Plan 2015-2035, sign the ordinance, and authorize the ordinance to be published

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(requires 4 of 7 votes). Alternatives: 1) Make modifications to the language or other findings; 2) Override the MAPC recommendations (requires a two-thirds majority, or 5 of 7 votes); or 3) Return the proposed amendments to the MAPC for reconsideration and indicate the reason for the MAPC to consider the item (requires 4 of 7 votes).

Motion carried 6 to 0

6.) [DER2025-00011 College Hill Neighborhood Plan](#)

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

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-765 Adopting the College Hill Neighborhood Plan as an Amendment to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan.doc](#)

Attachment: [04a College Hill Neighborhood Plan_DRAFT 06-05-2025.pdf](#)

Attachment: [04b College Hill Community Kick Off_Roundtable Discussion Guide and Comments.pdf](#)

Attachment: [04c College Hill Community Kick Off_Board Engagement Comments.pdf](#)

Attachment: [04d College Hill Neighborhood Plan Survey Results \(PDF\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [04e College Hill Neighborhood Plan Survey Results_05.01.25.pdf](#)

Attachment: [04f Comment Card responses.pdf](#)

Justin Constantino, Planning Department, presented the Item.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Vice Mayor. Just a question about process. So if there's a property that's currently zoned one way, but then the College Hill Plan, or any neighborhood plan has it identified as it being inappropriate and wants to be zoned to something else, how does that process work out? Is it grandfathered in until the property changes or?

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Justin Constantino, Planning Department, stated so the future land use recommendations that are in the plan preference for staff for their staff report so instance where development is about to occur in the College Hill neighborhood. Obviously, staff would consult Unified Codes, but they would also consult the future land uses preferences within this plan as well. That information would go into the staff report and be presented to the MAPC.

Council Member Hoheisel stated so if a business decides to leave the shutter, they let's let's take like South Broadway for example, comes up for sale or any other possibilities like that. Does the rezoning automatically kick in or is that something that would have to go DAB and Council?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated if I could, Scott Wadle from the Planning department. So the future land use map is a guide for when zoning cases come forward and staff can use that as a tool to refer to about whether or not to recommend approval of that zoning case. It's not so much in this case a tool that we anticipate seeing a mass rezoning throughout the neighborhood, but rather something that's just a guide to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Hoheisel stated so it doesn't automatically kick in?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated correct. Yes, sir.

Council Member Glasscock stated quick question to that end though, because it's a guide and this that would influence the recommendation from staff for either approve based on that, correct.

Justin Constantino, Planning Department, stated that is correct, yes.

Vice Mayor Johnston invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Vice Mayor. I know there will probably be a motion coming. I think there's a lot of great things I've read through every page, but there are also some things that I that I think are overburdensome on property owners. So I hope a lot of these things can take place, but I don't support all of these and because that influences staff's recommendation before the City Council. I will not be supportive of this today.

Council Member Johnson stated hanks, Vice mayor. Before I make my motion, I just want to thank you, Justin. You did a great job, all your work and the team's work, and I was trying to be a a quiet watcher in the back and just saw how you worked with this group and I tuned in from time to time. I'm really happy to see how this came out to Council Member Glasscock's point; that was actually a good point or reason that this was formed was. Council had to continue to make these different decisions based upon coming in

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College Hill, in the neighborhood, working with the neighborhood, and it's good to have an idea of what the neighborhood as a whole is looking for in the engagement. The postcards that went out, the high attendance at all of it will help guide future Councils and staff on what the neighborhood to see happen in College Hill. So again, I'm proud of it. It turned out even better than I thought it would. And again, great job to you, the Planning Department. And the teams that we worked with, I think this is going to be really good and also provide some guidance and opportunities for other neighborhoods that might have plans. So you might be busy a lot in the next couple years. Hopefully so. With that, I am excited about this.

Motion:

Council Member Johnson moved to approve an ordinance adopting the College Hill Neighborhood Plan as an element of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan (requires 4 of 7 votes), authorize the necessary signatures, and authorize the ordinance to be published. Alternatives: 1) Override the MAPC and make modifications to the plan text (requires a two-thirds majority, or 5 of 7 votes); 2) Override the MAPC recommendation and do not adopt the plan (requires a two-thirds majority, or 5 of 7 votes; or 3) Return the Recommendations to the MAPC for reconsideration and indicate the reason for the MAPC to reconsider the item (requires 4 of 7 votes).

Motion carried 5 to 1 (Nay: Dalton Glasscock).

- 7.) [HPC2025-00045 Nomination for the Crown Uptown Theatre to the Wichita Register of Historic Places](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report VI-7.docx](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-766 Listing The Crown Uptown Theatre to the Wichita Register of Historic Places.doc](#)

Attachment: [HPC2025-00045 WHRP Nomination Crown Uptown_MAPC Application Packet.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Nomination_Crown Uptown_Wichita KS_Photos s.pdf](#)

Attachment: [HPB Minutes Excerpt - 2025-06-09.docx](#)

Attachment: [2025-06-26 MAPC DRAFT Minutes.docx](#)

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, presented the Item.

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Vice Mayor Johnston invited public comment.

Ann Garvey addressed the City Council and stated my name is Ann Garvey and I'm a community. I think I'm considered an arts activist referred to as a passionate preservationist. In a recent article. But and I am. And before I begin my remarks. I wanted to express my gratitude, my deep appreciation for the words that Mister Brandon Johnson spoke this morning, who has the courage of his conviction to express so eloquently his objection to our compliance with a new federal demands coming essentially from the executive order. But thank you for that and thank you for that too, Maggie. My own convictions have brought me here this morning.

It's my conviction that we must not see the destruction of one more extremely valuable building, the Crown Uptown Theatre. I'm here today, as I said, not as a passionate preservationist. Yes, it can be designated as historic. That will not keep it from being demolished. Triply designated historic buildings torn down and replaced with hideous structures here. Now what? I'm arguing as the bigger picture, the long term picture. How significant this place has been for nearly 100 years, until the last two years. I've tried to estimate how many events and experiences I've had at the crown since moving to Wichita, and here are some of the things I've been to there. The Tallgrass Film Festival, dozens of theatrical performances, plays, concerts. Dance recitals, your children's dance recital, book readings business, Christmas parties, political rallies, a funeral, a wedding, a class reunion. I've seen jazz, R&B, classic music concerts there. There have been art exhibits, anniversaries and celebratory galas there. In other words, the Crown is an extraordinarily valuable an extremely venue. We do not have many stages in Wichita. And this serves a perfect medium. 1/3 the size of a concert to a century, two concert hall, half the size of or of the Orpheum, larger than Mary Jane Thiel. There just aren't very many. For our enormous arts community. It's been a great use to Wichita until the current owner closed its doors pretty much to the Wichita community. Now, for those of you who believe that a privately owned property must not be tempered or interfered with by others, let me ask you this. If you knew of a child who was being neglected, abused or threatened, would you not feel compelled to act on that child's behalf? This is how I feel about this building. I feel morally obligated to stand here in front of you, beg that it not be demolished. It will never be returned. It can never be replicated. We cannot do this again. We will lose a very valuable place. I know it's been gone for two years. Haven't had it for two years, but look at the long term plan. If you had something of value, you must not see it go away forever. In perpetuity. Never have the opportunity to see and experience beautiful events there. Happy experiences. You know, art changes people's lives, and it saved my nephew when he restored, it claims that art saved his life. And he dedicated himself and spent a lot of money doing a lot of work within that building. Now, do you and do you all get the "The Shout", which is our art newsletter? It's free to you if you look at that, you can see how gigantic our art community and thereby how enormous our art, community and audiences. Now I'm just imploring you to don't take this away forever. If you, you know, it's a stopgap to put it on the historic register. But we must think in long term. I ask that you stop this continual demolition of beautiful buildings, important places. We need this. College Hill needs it. The whole City of Wichita needs it. Thank you so much for your attention this morning.

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Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. Ms. Garvey. I would like to say that you are not an arts advocate or an activist. You are the arts advocate, so thank you for being here today. I really appreciate your comments. It did spark a question for Scott. So Scott, if you could. So much. Thank you. Thank you, Scott. I appreciate you meeting with me last week. I think it was last week, right? This is a really hard one for me, so I want to ask some clarifying questions. Comments from the speaker and I know we had an opportunity for questions before, but this just came up. I I think it's timely. I hope my colleagues will be so today. The vote is whether or not. This building goes on the historic list.

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated that is correct.

Council Member Tuttle stated voting for it to go on the historic preservation doesn't mean that it can't be torn down?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated that is correct.

Council Member Tuttle stated we are not voting on whether or not the building can be torn down or not.

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated that that is correct in nature. I will explain though that there is a pending demolition permit that is currently being pursued that has a stay of 180 days which will expire at the end of August. If this property is not placed on the historic register my understanding is that there's no reason to deny issuing that demolition permit. And so the property owner will have the authority to demolish the site. It does not mean that it will be demolished, but it simply means that that permit will be issued.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you. Also question for Scott, even in this period where there's been a hold on the if the applicant, let's say, demolished the building yesterday, they'd only faced \$150 citation by the city, correct?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated I'm not sure that I can confirm or deny that one, so there would be penalties, but I'm not.

Chris Labrum, MABCD, stated Vice Mayor, Council Members Chris Labrum, MABCD. That came up last time. We didn't get very deeply into that. So to ensure we cover all of that, we would go if we noticed that the building was under demolition, we would go out and stop that. So if a contractor was to undertake that, the potential of their licensing accept insurance, some of those things may be in jeopardy. So that would be the that would really be kind of the enforcement arm. But as you pointed out in the last discussion, Sir, the our code is not oriented to stop someone from this action with their own building. So the penalty, for lack of a better term, for that would be an increased our normal fee for a demolition

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permit is \$50. That fee would increase to a \$150 once they had proper permissions in place to proceed with the demolition.

Council Member Glasscock stated so that was the only penalty the property owner faced.

Chris Labrum, MABCD, stated correct.

Council Member Glasscock stated Second question, I don't know if this would be for you, Scott. Probably Scott. What additional prohibitions would be placed on the building if this was placed on the registry?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated sure. So just one moment, I wanna make sure I get to the right code here. So what would happen is that work that would modify the exterior or work that would require a permit or some action on the part of the city would require a certificate of appropriateness first, and that depending on the scope of the work, either can be approved administratively. If it's something minor, we just saw some examples of those at the Wichita Historic Preservation Board yesterday where they were doing some AC work or something like that, or something major. Where, say they're replacing, they intend to replace windows. Or change the facade in some way the the minor ones can be approved administratively. The major ones require review by the Historic Preservation Board. The board then has the authority to deny a permit for one of those activities, and if the property owner disputes that or wants to continue, or suing, that they can always appeal that then to the City Council. So you've seen that in terms of demolition permits, but it would also apply to possibly. I don't know. Permits that would somehow affect the exterior.

Council Member Glasscock stated so there would be additional prohibitions placed on it that were not in place when the property owner purchased the property.

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated in a manner of speaking, yes, and processes that go with those. Yes, sir.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks Vice Mayor. Scott, real quick, if something was also listed on the historic register plate or Wichita Registrar of Historic Places, does that offer them the ability to get any additional like incentives to maybe get some dollars to help out with investment in the property?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated so not so much on the Wichita Register, however, if they can, if it can get listed on the national and state registers, then there are tax incentives that come with those. So federal and then state taxes. Likewise, it would make the property eligible, potentially for perhaps grants or something like that. However, I do want to indicate that I've not seen one of those. Come through for. In some time, so I don't want to get anyone's hopes up on those. But the the tax incentives are certainly available.

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Mike Brown, owner of Crown Uptown, addressed the City Council and stated Good morning, guys. Mike Brown with the Crown. I think we all know why we're here. We we bought this property and found out. Publicly by folks on your Council that we knew what we were buying. The the piece of code that you guys are using. Is 42 pages long. It has over 700 properties on it. I wonder how many people in Wichita that own those 700 properties know that their properties on this list and what the possibility of control is that the Council can put on them to do with their private property. I don't know how many of you have read the Constitution, but in the 5th Amendment, a regulatory takings. It talks about eminent domain or someone takes private property for public use and that owner is compensated. In my opinion, and I think that the Supreme Court has looked at it in some levels that this is a regular by the City Council, you're putting restrictions on a private property that were not there at the time it was purchased. They do not show up in title work. They were not present at all. I've been, you know, in the middle of a of litigation with Uber, overuse of our building and that's here nor there. But I've had communication from them in an e-mail that the only reason this was brought to light was because I underestimated them. Now, whether that's true or not, it doesn't matter. The problem is, is that you've got private property being controlled or an effort to be controlled with no compensation. To me now, there was someone that spoke up earlier that the venue's been closed for two years. That's clearly not true. We've had Clint Black, Terry Clark, Pauly Shore, multiple artists through that deal. We hosted the Panda Awards where we gifted back 1200 dollars of their ownership in perpetuity. That we'll do as long. So for for you guys to come in and restrict the use of this building for it's been owned by multiple people that have lost quarter of \$1,000,000 a year and great that they had all of these things that people enjoy going to. But this is a. Business this isn't a museum. It's not a publicly owned building. It's not subsidized by the city. You guys just admitted that by placing this on your register. To agree to this. Look, if can we go back and look at the photos that that were from the history. Is that an option? Can we see that? Who's in control of that? Can we do that? I mean, there's and the reason we're here is because of a capacity issue, right? Can we go to the interior? Photo from 1928 keep going. Thank you for this. There we go. So that's what that building looked like in 1928. People in seats there with no voice actuated fire alarms, no strobe lights. The building is built out of non combustible material. Now. I don't see why other than just a few people that are complaining about us moving forward with the capacity we need, you guys have the ability to save this building. It's not economically feasible to operate it at the capacity that it's at.

We've hired engineers, architects that have expressed that the code says that it'll support what we've asked. We've had drones in the air that have reflected what the parking was like when we had 860 people in there. You could still park on Douglas at 8:00. We have a property owner across the street that controls 160 parking spaces private property they can do with it what they want, but after six O clock, no one's allowed to park there. None of their tenants are open after six. Again, private property, their rights, just like my rights with our property, we should be allowed to do with it what we see fit as an investment, not what a group of people that don't own it want to tell us what to do. There's no public use involved here. There's no public compensation. If the city would like to do something with it, buy it.

It's all I have to say. I think it's a taking. I think it's a a forceful control of real estate. It impacts our ability to develop it. I've had multiple people that have looked at it to buy it. However, with a historic designation and restriction on that in that market, it's not viable. So I ask you to do what's right and follow

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the Constitution and do what you're elected to do and support the people of Wichita and property owners. Thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you. I have a question for you, Mr. Brown. You asked for a permit to allow 2000 people and you said there was 1500 at that time. Would you be open to negotiations number less than 2000 closure to 1500? That makes sense.

Mike Brown stated so is that something that you guys can make that decision today? Can you enter into a motion?

Vice Mayor Johnston stated no. It would be something between you and the neighborhood.

Mike Brown stated the neighborhood doesn't vote on this, and and I've I've you know, there's 810 people that have been out active trying to unhook our parking agreements from property owners. So I've I've, you know, I've met with enough property folks in that area. I've made every effort we've presented every piece of evidence to support what we want to do. It's just not economically viable and I and from everyone we've talked to, there's no real parking issue. So I'm willing to listen, but so far nobody's come to the table other than to try to tell us what to do.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mr. Manager. Regardless of this passes or fail, what could be the next steps for the property owner to either bring another application before this body? I know that we can't vote on an application today. What would be the next steps? What's the timeline regardless of whether it's a yes or no?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated yes, sir. This property is a little bit unique. Zoning, the custom zoning it was created for this property. It's what restricts the occupancy. As well as fire codes and building codes. But it's unique that the zone. Because the application was considered and failed to increase it, they have a 12 month basic cooling off period before they can submit another application if it is substantially different than they can submit it in six months. Ultimately, if there's any questions about whether or not it's a substantial difference, it will be referred to the Planning Commission for them to determine.

Council Member Glasscock stated how close are are they to the six months or 12 months?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated I believe my notes indicated it was February of this year when that was decided so they would have 12 months from that date.

Council Member Glasscock stated so August?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated actually, I beg to differ, maybe from the Council date or maybe from the MAPC date. OK, one of those two. So it would be within a range of a couple months of that.

Council Member Glasscock stated so you're looking at the applicant could come back around August or September if it's a substantially different application?

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Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated if found to be substantially different. Yes, sir. In that six month period of time.

Council Member Glasscock stated and if it's not substantially different, they would have to wait till February?

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated that's correct, sir.

Mike Brown stated question for Scott. Is that an option?

Vice Mayor Johnston stated no. Thank you, though.

Connie Stanley addressed the City Council and stated my name is Connie Staley. I've been a educator in Kansas for close to 30 years. Recently moved to the Wichita area by Garden Plain and I've brought so many students administration parents to the Crown Center from rural areas to where those students didn't get that chance in those areas. And I would hate for anything to happen to the crown. I've never done this before, so I don't know

Arthur Allen addressed the City Council and stated Arthur Allen, concerned citizen neighbor. I've spoken with all of you before. One thing I would ask is the Vice Mayor allow the presentation that was prepared by the architecture firm that I witnessed at the Historical Preservation Board meeting, as well as the MAPC, which no one else spoke of and the owner and none of his representatives respected either of those bodies enough to be present. So I would like it, because I don't know whether you actually looked at this presentation the we as taxpayers and you asked to have put together. Together, she's here. You have the information, but it's really important that we look at beyond the property rights situation and the greater whole. I'm sorry, Mike. Sorry, I didn't laugh at you. Thank you very much.

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated sir, if I if I may, there were questions about the scope of what. I was able to find the citation in the code and I just want to make sure that you understand that a certificate of appropriateness is required as I described, but that a certificate of appropriateness does extend to projects that do not require a permit. Which proposed to alter features which have been defined in the district's preservation guidelines as requiring protection. And so I just want you to understand that not only is it things that the city does issue a permit for, which I'm very familiar with. But it would also extend to the features that do not require a permit, but do make this a distinct and historic structure. So I want you to, I just want to make sure that I convey to you the full breadth and scope of that requirement.

Council Member Tuttle stated Scott, don't go too far. Thank you. I'm sorry and I'm working you today. I I just want to make sure that I completely understand. Everybody completely understands this is the I've been through this process and my time on the Council, so this to pass today would mean it would on the Wichita Register of Historic Places.

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated correct, yes.

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Council Member Tuttle stated and that would require five of six votes, because there's only six of us here today.

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated correct. It requires 5 votes.

Council Member Tuttle stated so if it went on the Wichita Register of Historic Places, the owner could still demolish the building if his permit were approved.

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, stated that is correct, yes.

Council Member Tuttle stated I just wanna go on record. This is a very hard vote for me as someone who is credibly supportive of arts culture of our community, historic. I see, I see that. But then I see the other side too. I also would like to just state for the record that I know many of my colleagues met with Mr. Brown and took a tour. I have had no ex parte communication with with the owner applicant at this point, so thank you for answering all my questions.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you. Are there any other comments from the bench? Seeing none, I do have one. Ted Morris owned that building for a long time. I went to a lot of plays. I could have plays, went to a lot of plays, had Christmas parties from the clothing store there. It's a great building. But there is the issue of property rights and I do value that. It would be my hope that Mr. Brown would engage in another process of bringing it back to the bench. To MAPC, to the bench to preserve that building and use it for a betterment. Councilman Glasscock.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mr. Vice mayor. Mr. Brown, I've said this multiple times from this bench. I hope that we save this building. I hope that we choose to be good neighbors in this community. This building means a lot to people in this room means a lot to me. I have a lot of memories there as well. I think value can be subjective, but property rights are not and I hope that somebody from this bench would stand up for my property rights if someone was trying to my property. Without my consent as well. And so that's why I will not be supportive of adding this to the Wichita Historic Register. I hope that as a Community we can find a solution to save this building, because I do believe it has significance to our Community and that is why I'll not be adding to the registry.

Council Member Johnson stated hank you, Vice Mayor. Today's action is about the register of historic places. I won't relitigate the original application, but I will highlight just for this body and others that the concerns were not necessarily best parking. There was a huge public safety concern and if you go back to the MAPC meeting and look at some of the questions and conversation capacity also had to do with building code and fire code. And so some of the numbers being requested weren't realistic anyway, but the concerns of safety were a big part of the earlier piece. Aside from that, I am supportive of this, so I would move that the City Council enact by ordinance, putting the property on the Wichita Register of Historic Places. Sign the ordinance and authorize the ordinance to be published.

Council Member Johnson stated hanks, Vice mayor. With that motion failing, I would move to fur this item. To the July or the August 5th evening meeting.

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Vice Mayor Johnston stated the motion we just voted on?

Council Member Johnson stated yes, it failed. It did not pass. It did not fail, so I would like to move it there, where we will have a full body.

Council Member Tuttle stated I would ask legal, it would take the prevailing party to move?

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated hat's correct, Mr. Vice Mayor, that's correct, Councilmember Tuttle. The motions failed. I don't believe the motion that the action can be deferred at this time.

Council Member Johnson stated o previously when that had happened, if there was a substantially different motion. And that is substantially different because it would just hear this item.

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated it would have to be at this meeting.

Council Member Johnson stated I wish we had another member on the phone.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated with that said, lunch? You wanna keep going, just a couple more? Okay, let's keep going.

Motion:

Council Member Johnson moved to enact by ordinance the property to the Wichita Register of Historic Places, sign the ordinance, and authorize the ordinance to be published.

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

8.) [Approval of Insurance Brokerage Service Contract](#)

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

Attachment: [Contract.pdf](#)

Heather St. Pierre, Department of Finance, presented the Item.

Vice Mayor Johnston invited public comment. No one came forward.

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Motion:

Vice Mayor Johnston moved to approve the selection of and contract with IMA Financial Group

Motion carried 6 to 0

- 9.) [Design Concept, Supplemental Agreement No. 4 and Funding for 29th Street North and Broadway Intersection \(District VI\)](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report VI-9.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-319 Supplementing Resolution No. 24-050 to make Certain Public Improvements--29th Street North and Broadway Intersection.docx](#)

Attachment: [SA#4_29thBroadway_Signed.pdf](#)

Steve Degenheart, Public Works & Utilities Department, presented the Item.

Vice Mayor Johnston invited public comment. No one came forward.

Motion:

Council Member Ballard moved to approve the design concept, revised budget, Supplemental Design Agreement No. 4, adopt the amending resolution, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 6 to 0

COUNCIL BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY CITY AUTHORITIES

PLANNING AGENDA

VII) NON-CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA - NONE

HOUSING AGENDA

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VIII) NON-CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA

1.) Public Housing Recovery Agreement Status Report

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

Attachment: [list for monthly report - July 2025.pdf](#)

Sally Stang, Housing & Community Services Department, presented the Item.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Vice Mayor. Yeah, yeah. I think I'm at a minimum for speaking so far to that. Could you briefly touch on some of the the updates to reflect the Inspire language?

Sally Stang, Housing & Community Services Department, stated HUD has changed from housing quality standards and to the national standard for the physical and inspection of real estate. It is a new criteria. It covers very similar to the other standards, but they're devised more consistency across. So the Inspire voucher standard comes into play October 1st of this year, and the Inspire standard for public housing came into play. So they're moving forward with that.

Council Member Hoheisel stated I did sit in on a presentation a couple of months ago. I believe at the Housing Conference and it's pretty interesting how it works out and it's something maybe we should take a look at as far as adopting even in our own codes because it does give. A little flexibility. It tries to standardize it across the board. Some that way something looks one way to one inspector and it looks a different way to another inspector. So it be interesting how how they've pivoted to this. So yeah, I was just curious about that. And maybe do we have a presentation on it we can send to the other Council members as well?

Sally Stang, Housing & Community Services Department, stated sure, I can definitely forward. Shows what those criteria are. When we're inspecting a residential housing unit. Yep, you're welcome.

Council Member Hoheisel stated I appreciate that, thank you.

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Vice Mayor Johnston invited public comment. No one came forward.

Motion:

Vice Mayor Johnston moved to receive and file the HUD Recovery Agreement status update and Public Housing Disposition Update Report.

Motion carried 6 to 0

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Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. I know that we're at the end of a long meeting, but I just wanted to highlight happening on Saturday. That I'm quite proud of our child care licensing team along with Child Start and McConnell Air Force Base are offering a free CUE event for child care providers who participate from 9:00 to noon on Saturday at Child Start. They can get up to three free KDHE CEUs in childcare. And that's wonderful. But the true purpose of this event. There's a need that most of our servicemen and women across the nation or you know, our region when they come to McConnell for their trainings for the weekend, often times they have to bring their kiddos and they don't have access to child care. During the weekend hours and so it takes a special training, it takes special certification. It's quite a complicated process because you're working with our Child care license child start can provide the content expertise to help childcare providers who want to do this navigate. It's really asking our childcare providers to step up to help our United States so they can be so this is something that's very unique. Other military bases across the country questions about it, and we have 27 child care providers for Saturday to be able to learn more about this unique opportunity. Just a big thank to Child Start to again the city of Wichita Child care licensing team, McConnell Air Force Base and then also our communications team tomorrow at 10:30. We will have a just to let the Community know about this event. So thanks to all and wishes luck.

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Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Council Member Tuttle and thank you for the work on child care. We appreciate it. I would also like to thank Council Member Johnson and Tuttle for helping me get through this meeting again.

Council Member Johnson stated I just wanted to let Bob know that I I let you off easy. For your 41st budget and I was going to joke about having probably 41,000 pie charts and I was going to have 41 questions for you. But I'll let you off easy today.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated I'm going to thank you for that, too.

Motion:

Vice Mayor Johnston moved to adjourn

Motion carried 6 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Leeker, City Clerk

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Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 1 - CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17

II) CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1) Applications for Licenses for Cereal Malt Beverages:

a.) Applications for Licenses to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages

Attachment: [CMBs for July 15, 2025.docx](#)

2) Preliminary Estimates:

a.) Preliminary Estimates

Attachment: [PEsforCC_07-15-25.pdf](#)

3) Agreements/Contracts:

a.) Contracts for Demolition and Site Clearing Services: Vendors Bradburn Wrecking Corporation and HD Mills and Sons, Inc

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

Attachment: [25200062 Vendor Contract HD Mills.pdf](#)

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Attachment: [25200063 Vendor Contract Bradburn.pdf](#)

b.) Contract for Nuisance Mowing - High Visibility Areas: Vendor - JB Landscaping, LLC

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

Attachment: [25200067 - High Visibility Mowing JB Landscaping Vendor Signed Contract.pdf](#)

c.) Custodial Service Contract Amendments for Various City Facilities

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

Attachment: [24200051 amendment 4_vendor signed.pdf](#)

Attachment: [24200052 amendment 4_vendor signed.pdf](#)

Attachment: [24200053 amendment 3_vendor signed.pdf](#)

Attachment: [24200054 amendment 1_vendor signed.pdf](#)

Attachment: [24200061 amendment 2_vendor signed.pdf](#)

d.) Pracht Wetlands Park Playground Vendor Selection (District V)

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

Attachment: [Prach Final Agreement - CCC signed.pdf](#)

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Uncategorized Items:

4.) Proclamation Votes

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5.) Weapons Destruction

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

Attachment: [Exhibit A - Destruction.pdf](#)

6.) Community Event with Alcohol Consumption – Edge of Old Town (Districts I & VI)

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-316 Alcohol Consumption on Public Streets During the Edge of Old Town Community Event.docx](#)

Attachment: [Edge of Old Town TED Map - Green Area.pdf](#)

7.) Payment for Settlement of Claim

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-7.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-317 Bonding Resolution for Civil Litigation Settlement--Williams.docx](#)

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- 8.) Petition and Resolution for Storm Water Drain Improvements to serve Oak Tree Addition (District IV)

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-318 SWD #548 085610 Storm Water Drain No. 548 -- Oak Tree Addition.docx](#)

Attachment: [Oak Tree.pdf](#)

- 9.) Overestimate Bid for 17th Street North Sidewalk at Railroad Crossing between St. Francis and Santa Fe (District VI)

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-9.doc](#)

Attachment: [revised bid tab.pdf](#)

- 10) Second Reading Ordinances:

- a.) SECOND READING ORDINANCES FOR JULY 15, 2025 (FIRST READ JULY 8,2025)
ORDINANCE NO. 52-760 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 4.08.010, 4.08.020, 4.08.030, 4.08.040, 4.08.050 AND 4.08.090 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS RELATING TO COMMON CONSUMPTION AREAS. An ordinance allowing City Council to create a Common Consumption Area.

Attachment: [List of Second Read Ordinances July 15, 2025.docx](#)

II) CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA ITEMS

- 11.) ZON2025-00022 Zone Change Request in the City from SF-5 Single Family Residential District to TF-3 Two-Family Residential District for a Duplex Development; Generally Located on the

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Southwest Corner of West University Avenue and South All Hallows Avenue (401 South All Hallows Avenue). (District IV)

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-11.docx](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-761 ZON2025-00022.docx](#)

Attachment: [ZON2025-00022 WCC Supporting Docs.docx](#)

Attachment: [ZON2025-00022 MAPC Minutes Excerpt.docx](#)

Attachment: [2025-06-02 DAB 4 Feedback on ZON2025-00022.pdf](#)

- 12.) ZON2025-00023 Zone Change Request in the City from LC Limited Commercial District to GC General Commercial to Allow Vehicle Storage Yard, Generally Located on the Northwest Corner of South Seneca Street and West Carey Lane (3825 South Seneca Street). (District IV)

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- 13.) VAC2025-00017 Request in the City to Vacate a Portion of a Platted Drainage Easement on Property Zoned SF-5 Single-Family Residential District; Generally Located on the North Side of

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West Kenny Street and Within One-Quarter Mile East of North 119th Street West (11518 West Kenny Street). (District V)

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- 14.) VAC2025-00018 Request in the City to Vacate a Portion of a Platted Drainage and Utility Easement on Property Zoned SF-5 Single-Family Residential District; Generally Located on the West Side of East Laguna Circle and Within One-Half Mile West of South 143rd Street East. (District II)

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Attachment: [VAC2025-00018 WCC Supporting.docx](#)

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- 15.) A24-13 TCRS, LLC Requests the Annexation of Land; Generally Located on the Northeast Corner of West MacArthur Road and Highway K-42 (District IV).

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- 16.) Certificate of Petition for LSP2025-00005 - Plat of Farmington Square 3rd Addition Located 850 Feet South of West Central Avenue and Within a Half Mile East of North Ridge Road (District V).

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Attachment: [LSP2025-00005 Certificate of Petition.pdf](#)

- 17.) SUB2025-00019 - Plat of Dugan West Kellogg Commercial 5th Addition Located 600 Feet South of West Kellogg Drive and One Quarter Mile East of South 135th Street West (District IV).

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II) CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

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