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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Wichita, Kansas, August 7, 2025

Thursday, 06:00 PM

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, Law Department, and Shinita Rice, Deputy City Clerk.

[Meeting was Called to Order at 6:02 P.M.](#)

[Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 22, 2025.](#)

Motion;

Mayor.Wu.moved.to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 22, 2025.

Motion carried 7 to 0

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations:

[Young Professionals Week National Health Center Week](#)

Awards:

[Operation Care Connect Recognition](#)

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Mary Dean stated Good evening. My name is Mary Dean. I've been here before many times. In May 2025, the City of Wichita's own Diversity Inclusion Voted decisively to advance the Reparations Ordinance to the City Council for public discussion and full and vote, and yet today black residents remain in limbo. No agenda, no response, no vote. City leadership has chosen silence. City government has offered no clarity on when this measure designed to address the systemic harm endured by black residents will be brought forward. What we have heard, though quietly and cautiously, is that political fear now guides public decisions. City officials are afraid. Afraid of losing federal and state funding under mounting pressure from the Trump administration, which is aggressively pushing to eliminate any connections to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. This fear now overrides justice and it worked. Because the Mayor and three other Council members voted to eliminate the City's DICAB board. business deals have been struck with just a handshake. Hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars continue to be spent on corporate ventures, some of which have failed to deliver promised results or community benefit. Projects aligned with developer interests Face no delays. But proposals centered on racial equity repair and truth are shelved. Grassroots organizations doing real work on the ground or overlooked, While politically connected entities, those with long standing relationships, and access are reportedly awarded City, State and federal grants. This is not equity. This is an exclusion. The Reparations Ordinance calls for the creation of a formal committee. To study the long standing documented harms of systemic racism in Wichita, including racial wealth gaps and economic marginalization, discrimination in housing and employment, environmental injustice targeting black communities education inequalities within USD 259, structural disparities in healthcare access, and outcomes. This is not a race radical request. It is a civic necessity. The cities continue into action signals that political self preservation now takes presidents over accountability. As President of Kansas Justice Advocate Inc, I demand that Mayor Lilly Wu, the City Council City Manager Robert Layton and City attorney Jennifer Maglen answer a question that can no longer be ignored. When will this ordinance, endorsed by your own Advisory Board and vetted by the City Attorney's office, be placed on the agenda? Delay is a decision. Silence is complicity. Justice for Black Wichita cannot hinge on campaign seasons, leadership transitions or the political purposes of distant administrations. Put the ordinance on the agenda. Let the public speak. Let the truth be heard. Wichita's legacy will be defined not by what is avoids, but by what it is willing to confront. That's my statement. Any questions? Any comments? No questions. No comments. So just let me say this. I have jumped loops and hoops and everything else to comply with what I was supposed to do when it came to this ordinance. I've talked to the City Manager. Am I not right? I've talked to council people, am I not right? I've talked to senators and representatives. Held Town halls, did Podcasts and and everything under the sun. Talk to the

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governor visited other states that are more progressive than Wichita. Just had a visit with Tulsa OK's Mayor. Very progressive and very supportive of reparations. Kansas City, MO. Another these are just two states that surrounds our neighbors. So you leave me no choice. My next steps, because it doesn't appear that you're interested when it comes to the harms that have been subjected to black people in this City for decades is to file a complaint with the UN Human Rights Commission for the harms that have been subjected by black people in this City. So.

Mayor Wu stated Miss Dean, your 5 minutes is up.

Mary Dean stated The next people you will be here from will be them. And I have a letter of support from chums Youth that supports this.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Miss Dean. Miss Dean, you have 5 minutes.

Mary Dean stated yes, I understand, ma'am. That's on your time. But you have taken a lot of my time for two years and not done anything. Two years you have delayed. Two Years you have delayed, distracted.

Mayor Wu stated Miss. Miss Dean, it's out of respect for everyone else also.

Mary Dean stated I am respecting everybody.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Miss Dean.

Mary Dean stated I have a letter of support.

Mayor Wu stated Miss Dean, Miss Dean, can you please take a seat?

Mary Dean stated I have a letter of support. For what we're trying to do, when it comes to the Reparations Ordinance in Wichita from the youth of the College Hill United Methodist Church.

Mayor Wu stated on behalf of this Community, please be respectful of everyone's time.

Mary Dean stated I'm speaking for. I'm speaking for the community. Yes, ma'am.

Mayor Wu stated ma'am, can you please have a seat?

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Mary Dean stated I'm speaking for the community.

Mayor Wu stated there's a Council member that would like to speak, but you have to sit down in order for a Council member to speak.

Mary Dean stated thank you. Now I'm gonna stand. I'm gonna stand right here. 'cause. I'd like to hear what the Council person has to say.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. I was just going to say I appreciate your continued fight for this issue. It's one that's important. It's one that I support and it's one that I think should be addressed. Given some decisions that have been made that probably won't be something that's considered by this body at least through December 31st. But it is something that I think is should be supported. If we look at the history of the our City, third most Red Line City in America. What that meant and the impact that it's had, it's a worthy thing to do. So I just wanted to say I appreciate you continuing to fight for it.

Mary Dean stated I appreciate those words, Councilman, because it would appear that some of the members on this Council, including the Mayor, does not take in account on what and who paid the way for you. To sit where you are right now.

Mayor Wu stated ma'am, can you please sit?

Mary Dean stated I'm gonna sit. You wanna if you want me to sit, please have somebody escort me out. I don't care. 'Cause I feel like. I I feel like I have. I feel like I have been delayed for a long time when it comes to what I was supposed to do in making sure that this reparation issue is before this City.

Mayor Wu stated City Manager, can you please address that?

Mary Dean stated and you chose to delay it. Why you mandated this? Council mandated me to go to the diversity, inclusion and the civil rights Advisory Board. I did everything that I was supposed to do.

Mayor Wu stated City Manager can address that.

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City Manager Robert Layton stated thank you, Mayor. No doubt this has been we've worked with Miss Dean for a period of time on this. I don't think it's news to anyone that things have changed in Washington in terms of the federal rules, regulations and laws became even more clear last week when we received notice from the US Attorney General's office that using race, sex or other protected characteristics for program participation, resource allocation or similar activities, opportunities or benefits is unlawful. It's never been made that clear to us by the administration. We were dealing with a lot of gray area previously. Right now, that is clear that this Council would, if they were to do something with the reparation ordinance, as that would be in conflict with federal law.

Mary Dean stated you know, it's really kind of funny how you try to use that as a way to continue to distract and delay this ordinance because you have a you have attorney, you have attorneys on the City. What? What do they fight? What are they fighting?

Mayor Wu stated I'll ask the City attorney to address this situation right here.

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated as far as the speaker and the time there is an ordinance that provides 5 minutes per speaker, and it's to be enforced consistently.

Mayor Wu stated thank you very much, City attorney. Miss Dean will ask you to please have a seat.

Mary Dean stated she didn't. She didn't address anything that I asked, City Attorney Jennifer, what is your job? What do you fight for? You're not fighting for the citizens of Wichita.

Mayor Wu stated Miss, Miss Dean, out of respect for everyone who is here in this room, may I please ask security to assist with the situation.

Mary Dean stated call security. I don't care. I really don't because you have violated my rights when I filed a complaint against you, Mayor Wu.

Mayor Wu stated security's here. Thank you Miss Dean.

Mary Dean stated No, thank me. Thank the people who are more progressive around the country that's doing the the best thing in the in the right thing for the people in their cities. Okay. Who do I give this to? Mayor Wu.

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Mayor Wu stated you may provide that to the City clerk.

Mary Dean stated the who? Thank you. Here you go. Thank you for your time your wasted time, my wasted time for coming to this body for over 2 years to do the right thing for the citizens of Wichita, especially the black residents of Wichita, KS.

2.) [Michael Austin - Citizen-Led Review of Wichita's Budget and Efficiency Opportunities](#)

Michael Austin stated my name is Michael Austin. I'm a resident of Lawrence KS and I am here on behalf of the Wichita Government efficiency exchange or simply known as the exchange. We're a group of citizens, accountants, business owners, public figures, policy analysts and more who have come together unpaid because we deeply care about this City and we want to help Wichita succeed. Tonight we share with you our final report called finding a better way a citizen LED review of Wichita's budget and efficiency opportunities. It's the result of months of analysis, interviews, public record interviews. We also conducted a Citywide survey.

Wichita Residents survey on City. Which received roughly 300 responses from residents representing every City district, the core of our report is built on a triple track review, one an economic pier benchmarking review where we compare Wichita. To highlight potential areas of efficiency 2A vendor snapshot audit where we scan vendor payments and contracts for either inconsistency, duplications or potential savings. And three, an economic development and contract over oversight review where we look at the City's incentives development deals, including those that we think. Fall short of performance standards. But we didn't just crunch numbers. We also asked residents for their input as well. About 300 Wichitans participated in our survey and the first three questions we thought were very telling. We asked where should the City look to find efficiencies to show up the general fund shortfall, most said consultant contracts, feasibility studies or administrative overhead. We asked that the City's automatic 2% annual increase to to arts funding continue if the City faces a shortfall, over 60% said it should either be eliminated, reduced or temporarily paused. We asked should Wichita solve its budget shortfall by raising over 88% said efficiency measures should come first or concurrent with any tax increases. We don't believe that's ideology. We think residents are generally open to reform, just not at the expense of higher taxes from arts funding to vendor oversight to economic development and downtown priorities. We learned a lot about what Wichita values and what it's ready to reevaluate. So what can we do? Well, the last section of our report outlines 9 specific recommendations from eliminating duplicate services to auditing vendor contracts to just rethinking incentive structures and prioritizing core City services. You'll find nowhere in our list of recommendations an advocate for cutting jobs or cutting programs. All of our recommendations are either a change in the processes or an enforcement of current processes, and we know that some of these ideas may spark debate. But that's the point. We hope that this effort inspires conversations and constructive conversations

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between City leaders and the people that they serve. In a moment, Celeste Racette will come behind me and she'll talk through the findings on economic development projects, including missed collections, incentive deals gone sideways, and areas where the City has taken on unnecessary risk. We will also, if we're willing, go through our vendor analysis and share why better contract enforcement and procurement practices could save the City millions. And we'll of course talk about how these reforms could avoid future tax hikes. We love Wichita. And that's exactly why we did this. We're not asking the City to do everything, but we are asking the City to do what it can so that we can never again have to choose between broken budgets and broken promises. Thank you so much for this time. Thank you so much for your service to the City and I would love to leave my remaining time and any other time you would allow for questions.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Michael. And I know that that there are several individuals that are going to speak regarding your findings, and again, this was not paid for by the City of Wichita. These are volunteers who decided that they wanted to help out with seeing some efficiencies in this. And the Community Wide Survey was publicized on your social media outlets as well as through other individuals. Is that correct?

Michael Austin stated that's correct. We, since we're all diverse group of individuals, some are Democrat, some are Republicans, some are progressive, some are conservative. We all work through our own respective networks to get as many folks as we could to respond on this survey. If there is any selection bias, I would probably guess that the selection bias is that we have a lot of people who care about Wichita. Because you'll see from the reports in our conversations there are a lot of passionate opinions out there. And then, yes, Madam Mayor, you are exactly right. We are sadly unpaid.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Appreciate you, Mr. Austin. Just a quick question, just so everyone else who may not have seen the report knows how many people took that survey.

Michael Austin stated we had roughly 300 respondents.

Council Member Johnson stated okay. And then the one question I asked you 'cause, I've had it asked me a couple times. So you've already told me the answer, but can someone take that survey maybe like 70 times or so?

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Michael Austin stated technically, yes. So one thing that we did was we looked at IP addresses of respondents. IP addresses, while they are specific, they're not necessarily individual to a person, they are individual to a network. So our thought process was we would allow two IP addresses thinking that it could be a husband and wife on their Wi-Fi. But if there was, if but if it was over two IP addresses and we saw that maybe they only took 30 seconds to fill out this five minute quiz, then we removed it because we expected that that that was spurious. So we did what we can to try to make it as unique, individuals responding to the survey as possible.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. Michael, thank you for your work on this. I know that I had asked the public and to invite Community members to engage in our budget process. Often we have very little engagement and I'm glad a group of citizens independent from me selected themselves organized this group in a bipartisan way, and I'm very thankful for your report. If even 1% of your recommendations are true, this could save the City \$720,000 annually or \$720,000 even if 1% of your report is true. So I'm thankful for the work that you did and the bipartisan group did as well, and I specifically did not involve myself in this process because I want to be held accountable from this group and this organization as well. So thank you for caring about our community. I want to just highlight two different things in the report that as you can tell I have plenty of sticky notes. That have been tried to engage and if anybody in the community wants an update of PDF version that had just been sent out that I'd be happy to share as well. There's a quote on page 26 that I think is very important. "Wichita residents expect transparency and measurable efficiency improvements before any increase in the financial burden on taxpayers is considered." And I appreciate this line "for policy makers this provides both a mandate and a road map for form, first, justify second", and I'm thankful for the none of your recommendations were cut of services to our community because we have a lot of things that are offered in our community. I also want to go to page 30, so when people look at this later. These are some of the recommendations offered by the group that I don't think are controversial and I don't think are political and there may be some debate about which reforms should be made, and what shouldn't, but some that I want to highlight and include. Implement centralized purchasing, accounts payable and receivable controls through the finance department. I met with the Manager earlier today and because of the budget savings that we did from this bench last year, we're going to be looking at proposals of that in the near future as well. Require competitive bidding for purchases over \$50,000, no exceptions. I don't think that's controversial. Consolidate keycard and one time vendors in a formal contract for duplication. I don't think that's controversial. Conduct quarterly reviews of contract utilization and to flag over budgeting or under use. I don't think that's controversial and these are things we can debate from the bench, one-on-one, in the future as well. Enforce clawbacks within six months for underperforming developers. I think every single one of us from the bench has said that we need more clawbacks for underperforming developers. Require developer debts over 50,000 be disclosed in public finance reports. Prohibit deals with vendors or developers who are in litigation with the City. Publish an annual efficiency audit highlighting contract utilization, clawback

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enforcement or compliance. I can continue to go on, but I'm thankful for those recommendations that I don't think are controversial to a public, and I appreciate your time and your effort in this and I look forward to hearing from a couple other members of the committee as well. Thank you.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. I too am always appreciative when folks get together to into things for the City, whether it's budget or programs, whatever it might be. But I also want to highlight. While these were some, some of these were some really good suggestions. We also were already doing some of this work as well and I won't go down that list, but I will say centralizing some of the finance work is something that the Manager proposed two years ago. So as, it's good that this is happening and it's good that people have made recommendations, but also have been talking about some of these things as well. It's great to see when those things align with groups that are doing that, but some of these things were also already being worked on by this body. It's good to highlight all of that and not just it being led by this 'cause his has been talked about some of these things for some time now.

Michael Austin stated thank you, Councilman Johnson. That was our thought process as well and having conversations with the finance department, we wanted to , we want to provide either guideposts or recommendations that hopefully we thought were not going to be political or controversial. Now, of course, we can't affect every opinion. You know, that's not necessarily our job. Our job is to, and hopefully you take something from it and can can act on it. But our thought process was what are certain process changes can we make that you guys could politically, easily adopt. So we wanted to keep that in mind. We didn't want to make it necessarily difficult for you. We wanted to give you low hanging fruit, and fortunately, the budget, the General Fund shortfall, while of course it is present, it is manageable that I think with these process changes you can shore it up.

Mayor Wu stated again, Michael, thank you very much and I know that this PDF can be available to anyone who like to see.

Is that correct?

Michael Austin stated Yes, yes. And we have physical copies here, after, after I head back to my seat, I'll be back. And if anyone wants a physical copy, just find me and hopefully I'll have some left.

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Mayor Wu stated and again, thank you, Michael. I know that when people come to public agenda, often times they have one specific thing that they want to talk about and these are multiple recommendations and so it would take again multiple conversations to get to some sort of conclusion or a step forward. But I appreciate again that a group of volunteers decided to spend time, look at our budget and see what else could be improved, so that it could be a more efficient government and that's exactly what I see here in this room. More people attending a City Council meeting, being engaged and caring. So thank you again for caring along with the other volunteers.

3.) [Celeste Racette - Wichita 2026 Budget Savings - Efficiency Study](#)

Celeste Racette stated good evening, Mayor Wu and City Council members, Celeste Racette. Thank you, Councilman Glasscock, for initiating this citizen-led review of Wichita's budget. I'm actually very proud of the work this bipartisan Democrats Republicans did. My focus in particular was on economic development, which is part six of the report. The hardest part of evaluating finances is lack of transparency. I have a bachelor's of science in accounting, was an FDIC bank examiner, and won awards for my fraud investigations, but getting answers from the City tested my ability. It is really hard drilling down on City finances. When I found a \$23,000 past due water bill for the Stryker Sports Complex, I tried to search on the City's website for the signed contract but couldn't find it. I called economic development staff who told me to search on Google, but we couldn't find the signed contract there either. I had to file a KORA. A Kansas Open Records Act and pay a fee to get a copy of the signed agreement. Contract documents should be searchable on the City's website and when a problem is found, instead of cooperation, sometimes pushback occurs. When I discovered these past due water bills for the Stryker Sports Complex, no one in City Hall checked to see if there were more. I had to file more KORAs and pay more KORA fees to find six years of water bills that had been erroneously paid for by the Parks Department. Tax increment financing districts, TIFs, have been misused. Kenmar Developers received \$2.5 million in taxpayer loans. When the loans became past due in 2020, seven more taxpayer funded projects were approved for these men, including the Riverside TIF, which gave \$700,000 in tax payer funds for a luxury patio home development. These developers, Dave Wells and Dave Burke, were also involved in the ball stadium deals. Please continue the lawsuit to recover 1.9 million and don't renew the Old Town Wichita Police Department lease. Community Improvement Districts, CID's are also a mess. Spot checks in June's revealed missing CID tax notices and uncollected taxes in multiple areas. Delano Catalyst, Downtown Wichita, K96 and Greenwich, K96 STAR, and Spaghetti Works CID, indicating a weak revenue management system. Some retailers are collecting the tax, some are not. Some post the required CID tax notice. Some don't. There is no accountability. Economic Development website should post the CID revenue collected for each site on their website. There's a potential for probably \$800,000 in missed sales tax revenue. Private management of public property is another area of lost revenue. Stryker Sports Complex is privately managed by the

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Wichita Sports Forum. Collect for those utility bills that were erroneously paid for by the Parks Department. Wichita Ice Rink Center was privately managed by Genesis gyms, Rodney Stephen. The City collected only one payment on a 10 year loan. Please continue fighting the lawsuit to recover \$1 million. Tourism business needs to be competitively bid and offices moved into a public building. Tighten up funding to realize 2 million in potential savings. Visit Wichita Chairman Jim Corick was given taxpayer funding for his Fairfield Inn hotel. This debt was erroneously labeled as storm water utility and debt payments were falsely labeled as being for Convention Center Project. Pay this callable debt early and save \$640,000 in interest. Taxpayers lost 13 million Old Town parking garage revenue. Continue this contract review by internal audit. They're doing a great job. Taxpayers cannot afford upkeep for no City park for developer Jay Russell. He should pick up the tab for the planned \$9.5 million Crystal Prairie Lake Park as part of his own housing subdivision costs. When irrigation is turned off in our downtown park, A. Price Woodard and flowerbeds are overrun with weeds, then it is apparent parks resources are stretched too thin. We cannot afford a \$9 million new park on the northwest side of Wichita. Weak oversight has allowed developers to profit without repayment of debt. Public resources have been diverted in no bid private management agreement leaving taxpayers with infrastructure burdens. You can save 2 million next year just by ensuring compliance with agreements. You can save another 2 million by bidding out tourism service offices in a public building. If lawsuits are successful another 4 million will be realized. Thank you for initiating this effort to improve City operations. This is a step in the right direction to restore trust in City Hall. I hope our hard work will inspire you to speak up and take action to implement best practices in the City. Thank you again. I loved working with this group.

Mayor Wu stated thank you again, Celeste, and again thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this report.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Celeste. I know there's a lot in this, so I'm not going to go over everything. There's one in particular that stands out that I have a quick question about processes for the Manager. Regarding CID tax compliance, compliance is handled by the state, correct?

City Manager Robert Layton stated that is correct.

Council Member Glasscock stated what happens if we are aware of somebody being out of compliance. For example, I was out of business today that I know is out of compliance. How can citizens or how to staff let the state know that we're out of compliance?

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City Manager Robert Layton stated we have to report it to the Department of Revenue and they indicated to us they will do a follow up with the business then.

Council Member Glasscock stated do we have somebody on staff that makes sure that individuals are in compliance or is that just if somebody approaches us then we go and report to the state or can individuals also report to the state if they see out of compliance?

City Manager Robert Layton stated at one point we had a person who did occasional checks. That person is no longer with us, and we are training a new person to be able to do that. Signage is the first thing to look at. More difficult part is collection and again we have to rely on the Department of Revenue to get someone to actually collect.

Celeste Racette stated there is a monthly report that the Finance department receives that has a list of all retailers. It wouldn't be that hard to compare the retailers that we are collecting tax from and the retailers in a CID and have someone on your internal audit staff go after them and work with the State Department to start collecting.

City Manager Robert Layton stated I'll need to visit with staff. I'm not quite sure the level of information that the Department of Revenue shares with us, but we'll work on that.

Council Member Glasscock stated well, thank you, Celeste. Thank you for the time that you spent on this. I know we met for an hour and a half or two hours talking about this report. I do want to particularly thank staff and the staff that have corresponded with community members and sent them information and sent them requests, and I also want to give a special shout out to our auditor for the City, Kristina Rose, who's doing an amazing job and I'm very thankful for her work. So thank you. I know this is the start of the conversation. Do you know if the group has sent the recommendations to the Manager, the Assistant City Manager, Finance? Have you received all the recommendations yet?

City Manager Robert Layton stated I didn't receive them directly, but council members have sent me the most recent version, which I think came out yesterday maybe if I remember correctly.

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Council Member Glasscock stated thank you. And I, I know that we'll be working with staff on a lot of the recommendations, maybe getting some more information about particular items and doing a deeper dive.

Celeste Racette stated We'd love to share information at any time with staff. We're, it's been a very collaborative effort and that's the first time I've seen this so I'm very excited about this effort.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you Mayor. Just a quick question for Bob. Many people in the community probably don't know what CID is, or certainly what areas of town might have those. So besides a tiny sticker that they might not see, is there any, without going to the Wichita website, you know I mean, how, how would someone know to turn it in? Unless you're Celeste and know where they are or something like that, I mean.

City Manager Robert Layton stated there is in the ordinance there's a requirement that it be posted that notice be posted, I believe by the cash register and or it can be at the doorway one or the other. So that's probably the simplest way for someone to learn. You said not going to our website, but our website does include information on all the districts.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Celeste. Thank you guys for coming up here today. I hear you when you guys talk about a lot of deals that have gone wrong in the past. The last couple of years, at least as long as I've been on Council, we have been giving more scrutiny to it. We have hired an internal auditor. We've pivoted away from taking on debt, making sure a lot more of these incentives are pay as you go. So we're going to continue to look at this, continue to look at ways to guard the taxpayers in the future. So I do appreciate that and yeah. Just what we're going to keep working.

Mayor Wu stated I have a couple questions for the City Manager. A couple of things were specifically pointed out. Can you address the Stryker \$23,000 past due Bill?

City Manager Robert Layton stated yes, Mayor, the. Actually, that's not a correct number. There was a delinquency. There was concerns about whether there was a leak in the system and so the current, excuse me, the operator of the facility, Wichita Sports Forum, delayed payment until we could check the system. Make sure it operated appropriately. The that is there that was been paid

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and they are current on their account. There was an issue. There has been there have been long standing issues with the irrigation system that was installed in 2020, I believe 2019-2020. During the period of time when we were working to get the issues resolved with the contractor, we did take the bills because it was unfair to turn over a system to the provider that wasn't fully operational that we were having problems with. Same time we switched the turf from fescue to warm water, warm weather, turf and during that process, that was our decision and we paid for those expenses. Once that was done and we turn the system over to them, the one thing that Celeste talked about that is accurate is that they we were delayed in getting the billings to the operator for the period of time. There was a one about a one year period of time. Time there's about \$8500 in expenses that they will owe us as a result of that.

Mayor Wu stated and now they are current.

City Manager Robert Layton stated current, yes.

Mayor Wu stated when was the last payment then?

City Manager Robert Layton stated I think we they resolved it last 30 or 60 days if I remember correctly.

Mayor Wu stated so I want to just point out. Thank you, Celeste. She did point that out to us about 30 days ago and we started asking questions and I wanted to make sure that there was a resolution. Again, this is how the community knows about issues. Council members can point them out. Community members can point it out, and then the City Manager usually is the one that we funnel those questions to and he gets to the bottom of it. So thank you, City Manager for that. One last one that I wanted to also address is the Old Town police lease can you please address where we're at with that lease and also where we're headed.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, you and I've had multiple discussions about this. Technically, the lease is still in effect for about another year until next summer if I remember correctly. However, we have put the landlord on notice that we wish to move from that facility and do it before the end of the lease period and we're working on making that happen. Now that we have control of the building that our Traffic Bureau's in, we have space for those employees. That's not meant to be a storefront location, as we used to have when they were located in the Old Town parking garage space. Now it's really just an office and we can locate that almost anywhere downtown. And so we are in the process of working with landlord, get out of the lease hub location.

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Mayor Wu stated thank you again, City Manager and again, Celeste brought this up to us multiple times and we did follow through and asked. This body actually decided to move forward with buying the central building, Central Police station building. And so now there is space. So those individuals will now move from Old Town to the space that has been bought by the City of Wichita. So thank you again. We appreciate again when you bring up issues, we want to follow through and provide resolutions.

Denise Morowski stated good Evening, honorable Mayor Lily Wu, members of Wichita City Council and citizens of Wichita. I'm Denise Morowski of Southeast Wichita, and I'm speaking on behalf of Deb and Pat Lucia, who also worked on the Wichita budget team. Pat Lucia spent over 30 years in the chemical industry. 15 of them leading lean manufacturing initiatives. Deb Lucia spent 22 years working for the automotive industry as an industrial engineer, focusing on process improvement and lean manufacturing. The key to excellence in manufacturing in the industry or government is standard processes, parts, procedures and best practices. You've already heard from Michael Austin, who covered the overall report, and from Celeste Racette. Pat and Deb's focus was on vendor data. The City of Wichita's website lists 21 different departments. Multiple departments have additional divisions within them. When we looked at vendor data for the City of Wichita, we found there are no standardized procedures. There is no standardized sequence of events to follow for completion of projects. For example, departments have their own accounts payable, which could be in could be a part-time or full time role. And how invoices are handled varies by department. We could not find a consistent project management process. There are projects with change order after change order and these requests are just accepted by the City and we pay the additional costs. We could not identify who is responsible for making sure projects stayed within the awarded amount or pushed vendors to stay within the quote. Projects running over estimated bids in a significant part of the City's expenses. There is consistent overspending in the millions on awarded projects. Additionally, the City spent over 13.5 million on keycards, employee credit cards for small or last minute expenses. Some of these expenses should have been purchased through current bundled contracts at lower cost. Government should always be looking to be better, be more efficient and more effective to improve the quality of life for Wichitans. We believe the City of Wichita needs standardization. Standardization is the basis for continuous improvement. Standardization of processes eliminates redundant work and makes identifying refinement opportunities much easier and makes it easy to see when things are out of order or lying. We do not mean eliminating redundancy and efficient inefficiencies equates to eliminating people. People resources can be trained or moved to address other immediate issues, such as ensuring projects are delivering promised results. Costs are managed and contained and vendors are held accountable for providing acceptable service on time and within budget. While standardization and reallocating resources requires change, that can be challenging. Doing so would address shortfalls uncovered by our study. The City also needs to hold vendors and employees accountable.

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Someone has to be responsible and accountable for watching the processes and financial outlays to make sure our tax dollars are being spent wisely and on the services we need and expect. Implementing standardization will address contract inefficiencies, procurement inconsistencies, vendor consolidation opportunities, and areas lacking competitive bidding. Finally, providing the much needed accountability and oversight. We are optimistic that the City of Wichita can improve its processes and we believe Wichita can be a leader in the state at becoming an efficient and effective City government that others will want to emulate. Thank you, Deb and Pat Lucia.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. Specifically to Councilman Johnson's point, just a quick question for the Manager. Can you talk about the Council receivable accounts payable, what we did last year to set ourselves up for trying to centralize those services?

City Manager Robert Layton stated yes, thank you, Council member. We recognize that we had an opportunity to tighten up our procedures and also put potentially save money by consolidating or centralizing our accounts payable and accounts receivable. I think we'll be in a better position when that is taken, when we implement that new process. The Council had us look at that last year at the end of the after the budget process is over, we did that work over the winter and made that recommendation to the Council. And in fact next week we'll bring to the Council a contract for assistance in having us implement that in terms of what the reorganization will look like, not just in finance, but throughout our organization makes proper financial oversight in every department. And so you'll see that next week.

Mayor Wu stated City Manager in this recommendations portion, it's specific to procurement and vendor oversight. One of those areas that was mentioned was require competitive bidding for all purchases over \$50,000. No exceptions. Can you address that?

City Manager Robert Layton stated actually, I'm gonna ask Mark Manning to talk about that.

Mark Manning, Finance Department, stated Mayor members of City Council. Mark Manning, the department of finance. Our City code right now, Section 2.64 I believe, does basically require competitive processes for any purchase over \$50,000. Now, there are exceptions in City code in certain areas. For example, if it's a sole source provider, if it's a security concern. So a few exceptions. But generally speaking, procurement in the City of Wichita over \$50,000 is competitive. And it's competitive under 50,000 for that matter. It's just a slightly different process.

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City Manager Robert Layton stated I will note that those exceptions that Mark's referencing that has to go through an approval process. A department cannot unilaterally say that they have an exception and follow a process that's not competitive. That has to be approved by at least by the finance department.

John Whitmer stated good evening, John Whitmer. I live in district four. Councilman Glasscock is my council member. I know a number of you. I've disagreed over the years with a number of you. Surprisingly, I've disagreed with a number of the people on this very committee. I'm a registered Republican. I'm the chairman of the Sedgwick County Republican Party and a conservative talk radio host. And yet, Henry Helgersen, who's a Democrat, and Celeste, who's a Democrat, and I came to common ground on many issues on this report and I'll tell you why. When we look to build this report, we came to a consensus and it came from interesting that we found. Since 1997, property tax revenue has increased by two City Wichita property tax revenue has increased by 228%. That's more than double the combined rate of inflation and population growth. Just since 2019, property tax collections are up 41%, or nearly \$48 million. And so when we came together to kind of present this to you, we wanted you, and I know you all know this. I know everyone up here has knocked doors like I have. You know people are suffering. You know people are struggling to make ends meet. We just wanted to provide you a resource. I've been an elected official. I know it's hard sometimes to find cuts and so we wanted to try and provide you some cuts. Some of these are hard. Some of these I wouldn't make. And you know, I would make a lot of cuts. There's some here that I probably wouldn't even do. You don't have to do them all, but there are some that are low hanging fruit. There are some that might be easy. There are opportunities here that you could find that we hope you might be able to find to make cuts to the budget so that you don't have to raise taxes again. And I think that was our goal in all of this was to provide you a resource, something that you could look at and say, hey. Here are some ways that we can cut our budget and cut our spending and not have to go back to the Wichita taxpayers who are frankly taxed enough already, and that was our goal. That was the only thing we were hoping to do. We wanted to present this to you as a resource. Whether or not, and I love what Dalton said earlier, even if 1% of this is accurate, then that's \$720,000 that you can find in cuts. I hope we've been able to provide you a little bit of resource information. For that I'll stand for questions. Michael's the expert here. I'm more of a policy guy, but thank you for your time and that's the other thing I wanted to tell you. I wasn't able to sit down with a few of you, but I want to thank the staff for their willingness to work with us and for every one of you for willing, being able to sit down and work with every one us. We appreciate that. Thank you very much.

Mayor Wu stated Thank you, John. I see no further comments. I'll just close out by simply saying thank you again to people who care. People who care about our community. People who donated their time to research. People who donated their time to put together a report and donated their

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time to come here today and make a decision to speak during the 5 minutes and then have Council members ask questions of you. We appreciate that. That is what public agenda can be used for, and we appreciate again the volunteerism that people in our community choose to make, and it's really to invest in our community and make sure that we are a great community and a local government that can be held accountable and is transparent. And so I do encourage people to look at the Wichita.gov website. On multiple departments you can see a tab that talks about transparency, whether it's the Wichita Police Department's transparency portal, to even the City Council and the transparency of our travel. There are more transparent ways that we're trying to communicate with the Community about what, how government works. And again, we work for you, the people. And so we appreciate when the people bring suggestions and recommendations. And I'm really grateful that Council member Glasscock just called out individuals and said who would like to create something and he just put it out to the community and to see the individuals come together as you have mentioned from that microphone bipartisan. Really grateful that you wanted to just look at the numbers and provide some recommendations. So again, thank you for your volunteerism.

4.) Deb Lucia - Finding a Better Way: A Citizen led Review of Wichita's Budget and Efficiency Opportunities

5.) Pat Lucia - Finding a Better Way: A Citizen led Review of Wichita's Budget and Efficiency Opportunities

II) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. I'd like to pull item II-4B and delay that until the August 19th regular meeting. I just want to make sure that all Council members have time to get all pertinent information regarding this item.

Mayor Wu stated Item number II-4B. To be delayed with comment or no comment. I know there are several individuals here that wanted to speak on that item. We'll ask City attorney Magana if we pull an item for delay, do we just pull the item without public comment?

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated if the intent is to defer it to a later meeting, it needs to be voted on as a deferral. If that was the intent.

Mayor Wu stated is that your intent?

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Council Member Hoheisel stated to delay it till the 19th. Yeah, that's fine.

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated we'll need a motion.

Motion:

Council Member Hoheisel moved to defer item II-4b to 8/19.

Council member Glasscock stated point of clarification, are we still opening it up to public comment or are we just motioning to defer from the start?

Mayor Wu stated it looks like the intention was just to delay it, so no public comment.

Council Member Glasscock stated quick question for the attorney. If I were to vote no, just because there could be public comment on this motion and if somebody's here in an evening meeting, I'm interested in hearing what they have to say. Would that fail? So if it comes back, would we have to take it up or down vote on it this evening, or could there be a motion to table after that, subsequently.

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated let me make sure I understand. If it fails to get enough votes to be deferred.

Council Member Glasscock stated correct. And so if it fails to get enough votes to be deferred, we open it to public comment. Would we have to vote on it tonight or would we be motion to defer following public comment?

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated no, I think you've already made that motion and it's failed. So I think it has to be voted on tonight.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. Legal, Jennifer, could we if we vote on this, could we make another motion to allow public comment after it is delayed? Public comment tonight.

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated if it's not an agenda item for you there won't public comment? That's not really provided for in the ordinance. If you're not taking it up for consideration tonight.

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Motion;

Vice Mayor Johnston moved to allow public comment on 4b.

Motion carried 7 to 0

Council Member Johnson stated yeah, just a point of clarification. So the motion is to defer, but the substitute motion is to allow public comment, to defer and allow public comment, OK.

4b

Mayor Wu opened up public comment. Nobody came forward.

Motion;

Council Member Hoheisel moved to Defer 4b to 8/19

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion;

Mayor Wu moved to approve consent agenda items 1 through 14, except 4b.

Motion carried 7 to 0

COUNCIL BUSINESS

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

1.) [Board of Bids and Contracts dated August 4, 2025.](#)

Attachment: [08-04-2025 Board of Bids.pdf](#)

Attachment: [08-04-2025 WAA Board of Bids.pdf](#)

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Josh Lauber, Finance Department, reviewed the item.

Motion:

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

Motion carried 7 to 0

IV) PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

1.) Petitions for Public Improvements

Attachment: [PFPI.docx](#)

Attachment: [New Schulte-Johnson 2nd Ph 4.pdf](#)

Attachment: [RV Schulte-Johnson 2nd Ph 4.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Turkey Creek 3rd and 4th.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-336 Phase 6 Water Improvements Turkey Creek 3rd Addition And Turkey Creek 4th Addition WDS 017385.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-335 Phase 5 Water Improvements Turkey Creek 4th Addition WDS 017384.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-337 Phase 5 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Turkey Creek 4th Addition SS 017386.docx](#)

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Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-338 Phase 6 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Turkey Creek 3rd Addition And Turkey Creek 4th Addition SS 017387.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-339 Phase 5 Paving Improvements Turkey Creek 4th Addition PV 086164.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-340 Phase 6 Paving Improvements Turkey Creek 3rd Addition And Turkey Creek 4th Addition PV 086165.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-341 Phase 4 Storm Water Drain No. 821 Schulte Johnson 2nd Addition SWD 821 085622 ACQ.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-342 Phase 3 Water Improvements Schulte Johnson 2nd Addition WDS 009463.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-343 Phase 4 Water Improvements Schulte Johnson 2nd Addition WDS 009465.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-344 Phase 3 Storm Water Sewer No. 812 Schulte Johnson 2nd Addition SWS #812 085603.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-345 Phase 3 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Schulte Johnson 2nd Addition SS 009470.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-346 Phase 4 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Schulte Johnson 2nd Addition SS 009471.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-347 Phase 3 Paving Improvements Schulte Johnson 2nd Addition PV 085547.docx](#)

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Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-348 Phase 4 Paving Improvements Schulte Johnson 2nd Addition PV 085548.docx](#)

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works & Utilities, reviewed the item.

Motion:

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

Motion carried 7 to 0

V) UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

VI) NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

1.) [Contract for Executive Search Services for City Manager](#)

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

Attachment: [CPS Exec Contract City Manager.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit C.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit D.pdf](#)

Pam Pennington, Human Resources, reviewed the item.

Jennifer McDonald, Chair for SAC, reviewed the item.

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Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. Pam, I just have a few quick questions for you. I'm going to be supportive of this and I wanted to thank Jennifer, I want to thank you and congratulations on your leadership role now. And appreciate all the work that you've done. I've spoken with my appointee about this, Josh Shorter, and he was also very much in favor of this. There was one quick contractual question I had. Our green sheet said that they have the ability to meet this by the December 1st deadline. I went back just on the document on page 19 of the proposal. It lists like month one, Month two-month three and four, and it lists the appointment at the end of month 4, which would be November. And we're already, what, seven days into August? And so are you still confident about the timeline of December 1st be met or should that be revised?

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated so far, they are confident we will meet with them. Hopefully if this goes well this evening to confirm that. But they are very confident.

Council Member Glasscock stated okay and then okay. So continuation of that question too. On page two of the contract, it talks about the terms as the term effective in the execution of the agreement for one year. And the green sheet, it also talked about that, if for some reason, a candidate had to resign in the first year, then they would still be on call. Does that term length cover it beginning on December 1st, 2025 when they select a candidate or does it begin on August when they started the process? When does that one year term of this contract begin?

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated from date of hire.

Council Member Glasscock stated so August 1st so through August 1st next year.

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated no, it would be the date the candidate is hired, yes.

Council Member Glasscock stated oh, the day the candidate's hired. So through December. Whatever. OK. I think there's one small thing I just had to and your answered all my questions. Thank you for that. On page 20, they had listed a \$5000 budget for reimbursement for candidate travel. I know on the first page we had talked about list as an estimated 2500 per candidate, but in the proposal it said that we want them to give us 6-10 candidates, so can you please explain that?

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated sure, six to 10 candidates for the first semifinalist group and then we would select those that would come on site from the six to 10, correct?

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Council Member Glasscock stated so you're probably looking 2-3 theoretically?

Pam Pennington, Human Resources, stated so in in our proposal it was we pay for the travel, we would not ask the firm to do it, that's a little steeper than what we would usually do. So we've estimated 4. That at the high end it would be 4 candidates that would come on site just from an estimate.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Pam.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, if I could just a second, I think if you push on the floor on your panel, that'll get you back to where you need to be.

Council Member Hoheisel stated that's not up at this time.

Council Member Tuttle stated I don't have it.

City Manager Robert Layton stated you don't have that on yours, OK?

Council Member Hoheisel stated no, it just says voting in progress.

City Manager Robert Layton stated okay, sorry.

Council Member Hoheisel stated just one quick question more. It's on process under the scope of services. Interview, participation ,public forum. At what point will we be giving kind of our desires? I know we want robust public engagement, especially with neighborhood and people who have vested interest in seeing, you know, the Access Advisory Board or people like that as well. But what point in the process will we be getting that or having that input?

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated Sure. So the first meeting we will have with them, they will go through all of that with us, and I think the first call is to meet with all of you.

Council Member Hoheisel stated Okay. And then does that have to be a majority of Council in order to direct for a certain amount of public meetings or certain designated group that we want to we wanna necessarily attract to those meetings?

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated I think what the vendor will do is give us

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multiple options, because they have multiple ways of doing citizen engagement. And we can identify which way we want to go for certain groups or how we want to do that as a whole, whether it is a public forum, Survey, stakeholder meetings. However, we want to do it to. We get to decide But they're going to tell us their best practice and what works the best, and we can decide what works best for us.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. Thank you, Pam, for your work on this. I really appreciate it. I also want to thank Jennifer so much for being my appointment. You served on my DAB. I knew you were a fantastic Representative, so appointed to this and now you are Chair. So congratulations. I also just want to thank the committee in advance. I know we have a timeline that we have to meet, right. That we have to be to be able to have someone hired by the end of the year. So I wish you all the best and looking forward to being involved in the process. So congratulations, Jennifer.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. I just have a few questions that you said 95% retention rate. What period of time is that 95%?

Council Member Hoheisel stepped away briefly.

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated I believe it was over a two to three-year period.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated 2-3 year.

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated so far, they've got 95% retention.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated okay. To follow up on Councilman Glasscock's question, you stated that was the date of hire. I presume if it's a sitting City Manager, they'll have to give X number of days notice. So would it be the date of hire or the start date that the year would begin?

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated those are the same thing for us.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated same thing, OK.

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Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated yes, yes, the day that they are sitting in the office chair.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated In the office. OK, not the date that you we announce it.

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated No, not that we presented a contract. No, it would be actual date they're here.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated actually start the hire, Okay. Thank you. And last question is you said if the candidate resigns within the first year. I don't think it'll happen, but what if the Council doesn't want the services of that person within the first year? Does that count too?

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated yes, one year guarantee.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated OK, when you're guaranteed on both sides. OK. Thank you.

Pam Pennington Human Resources Department, stated that was another benefit.

Mayor Wu stated I have one question for Jennifer. Again Congratulations on the spokesperson and chair of this committee. Can you give us a little insight in in regards to the interviews, but more specifically the question would be, this firm obviously got unanimous approval by the committee and one of the things I looked at on pages five and six are the roles that they have helped hire. They have helped with the two assistant City Managers of Oklahoma City, OK. And one of the reasons why you mentioned this firm was selected among the five reasons was their familiarity with the region, meaning the Midwest heartland. Can you address maybe some of those questions that were asked during that process that helped them become the actual recommendation.

Jennifer McDonald, Chair of SAC, stated Yeah, absolutely. So we did ask about their experience working with cities our size and within our region. So they actually helped fill the Arvato Colorado City Manager position which we thought was impactful. A little bit farther to our west with Sacramento. But that was going to be somewhat similar size or a little bit bigger than Wichita, but they felt like they had ties to the Kansas and Wichita, kind of community and were familiar with the culture and the values that we have as a City. So they felt really good about finding a candidate that aligns to those values.

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Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, reviewed the item.

Council Member Hoheisel stepped away briefly.

Mayor Wu opened public comment, nobody came forward.

Motion:

Mayor.Wu.moved.to approve the contract with CPS HR Consulting for executive search services for the City Manager position and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

2.) [Osage Park Improvements \(District IV\)](#)

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

Attachment: [NFC Purchase Order Terms and Conditions](#)

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, reviewed the item.

Vice Mayor Johnston stepped away briefly.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you. Only a few questions, Reggie. Thank you for this presentation. Starting the Pawnee Prairie budget, it was 800,000 to start, correct.

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated that is correct.

Council Member Glasscock stated for security enhancements and we've been under budget on projects, which is demolition of the pavilion. Do you remember how much that was?

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Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated Sure. So we initiated \$400,000 that was in the budget for 2024 and it's currently \$300,000 that's leftover from that particular budget. And that's portion of the \$134,000. This particular project will come from that. Which will leave an additional \$170,000 in that budget and then additional \$400,000 will be initiated for the upcoming, this current year that will be available as well.

Council Member Glasscock stated and then additional funds we use to repair the flooring at the Osage Center as well.

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated that is correct. So part of the funding that was initiated in 2024 was used for a flooring project at Osage Rec Center because it was in disrepair and a safety concern. And then the demolition cost was the other cost that we're using as part of that funding source.

Council Member Glasscock stated well, thank you for being a good steward of the dollars. And now, because of enhancements we made-up on Pawnee Prairie, we're able to make enhancements to parks in south Wichita as well. Specifically, I know Councilman Hoheisel's on the board as well, but given that this is a former Recreation Center, I think this is another amenity in the South side and I know I was at the opening with Council Member Ballard of the Pat Garcia Park and it's been, today I drove by and there are people using it today and I've driven by multiple times and every time I drive by somebody's using so I think it's a needed amenity in this area, especially with the aging population in the neighborhood. So thank you for the time on this and thank you for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas for also stepping up to help and partner with this.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Reggie. Just a quick couple quick questions. First, I love Osage park. It's a, I used to go swimming there all the time. Play baseball there all the time. So I'm really happy to see this going in over there. Another amenity down there. Has there been any issues as far as equipment maintenance or anything at the Pat Garcia Park over the last year or so?

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated we actually looked into that. It was part of one of the requests that the Mayor had previously as well. And we had two incidents that was there. One was graffiti that we addressed and then the other one was of equipment and we found that it

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was their own site and was reinstall. So the location has been really well used the it exceeds the national average of number of participants that are there on a daily basis. It goes at 500 is the national average, and we're at 630, so we're exceeding what the average is for us is at that particular location.

Council Member Hoheisel stated all right. Sounds good. And if you guys need a name, I'm obviously the picture of fitness. So Michael Hoheisel fitness center would be fine as well. Thank you, Reggie.

Mayor Wu stated Reggie, I actually asked those questions regarding the number of visitors and you just answered that. Can you also address the two questions I asked, which were what was the cost of investment by the nonprofit versus the City of Wichita regarding Pat Garcia?

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated so with that particular project, the project is \$170,000 is what we're paying for the fitness court itself, 40,000 of it is coming to the funding that we're actually getting from Blue Cross Blue Shield, so it leaves a balance of about \$130,000 that we are paying towards the project.

Mayor Wu stated and for the Pat Garcia one.

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated the Pat Garcia one was \$155,000 for the fitness court itself and we actually got \$50,000 for towards that particular one for the previous project.

Mayor Wu stated thank you. And last question was, are there any future locations for a possible next fitness center? We now will have one in District 6 and this is a proposal for District 4. Are there any future plan?

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated so part of what we did with the National Fitness Council is look at other location throughout the City that we can look at in each of the districts. And we've identified some other areas that will be considered in the future from their research that they did. So in district one, we're looking at potentially at Dr. Glenn Dey Park as a location. District 2 is Harrison Park. District 3, Plainview Park or Herman Hill Park. District 4 South

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Lake as a potential second location. In District 5, Buffalo Park, Sunset Park, or Harvest Park. And then for a second location, potentially in District 6 would be municipal park or either at the Keeper of the Plains. So part of their analysis was looking at other locations that we can have throughout the City in each district.

Mayor Wu opened public comment, nobody came forward.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. Just to add a little food for thought for your question about other areas of town that might be looking at a fitness court. As soon as we opened up the Pat Garcia Park, McConnell Air Force Base had reached out to me and was interested. So I think they're having conversations with the National fitness group to potentially add some of the courts, at some of their facilities.

Motion:

Council Member Glasscock moved to approve the purchase agreement and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

3.) [2026 Annual Operating Budget and 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Program](#)

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

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-780 Ken Mar Redevelopment TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-781 Center City South TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-782 Douglas and Hillside Redevelopment TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-783 Union Station Redevelopment TIF.doc](#)

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Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-784 South Fork Redevelopment TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-785 Riverside TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-786 ICT21 TIF.docx](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-791 Repeal Ordinances 52-767 through 52-777.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-787 Fixing General Tax Levy.doc](#)

Attachment: [08-26-2025 52-788 Fixing General Tax Levy Downtown Wichita SSMID.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-789 East Bank Redevelopment TIF.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-790 West Bank Redevelopment TIF.doc](#)

Elizabeth Goltry, Finance Department, reviewed the item.

Council Member Ballard stepped away briefly.

Mayor Wu stepped away briefly.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Elizabeth. I ask this every time. I'm just always wanted to make sure. What's the projected assessment increases for our future budgets?

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Elizabeth Goltry, Finance Department, stated oh goodness I have. It's in the budget document. Someone I think it's a around. I think it the plan is for it to level off in the future. So you can find that on page 76 of the budget, if anyone were interested. For 2027, we're expecting 5.6% '28, 4.4 and then '29 4.9.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Thank you for the presentation. Will future presentations have pie charts or how we decided to remove those? Yeah.

Elizabeth Goltry, Finance Department, stated The pie charts? I my goal right now is just to get rid of the jumbled jumbling numbers.

Mayor Wu stated any further questions for staff? I have several. Can we go back to slide #70? Thank you. Can you, so that community members that may not have the booklet which by the way, you can also look at these documents on wichita.gov/budget and it is the printed or the PDF version of this print document. Can you talk about how much in property taxes is actually collected? Because it does not cover the entire general fund budget. Is that correct?

Elizabeth Goltry, Finance Department, stated yes. So if I if I may go back a slide. So property tax, it is the largest revenue source a in the general fund, but the general fund, all things being said is relatively diversified. So property tax is, about 38% of general fund revenue. So if you were to it's, you know about 132,000,000 for property tax and if you were look for example at the Fire Department property tax revenue is less than expenditures for the Police Department and that's our largest department. So we do receive other sources of revenue, such as sales tax, franchise fees, charges for services and what have you. And also if I may add the budgets available as a print at all of our library locations.

Mayor Wu stated Thank you, Elizabeth. And then can we go to slide #82, please? I just want to address the clean and safe program. I really am very appreciative of now retired airports employee Dean, who is part of this current pilot program for clean and safe. And it is a clean and safe program for the downtown Wichita area. This is an individual that connects with community members that may have questions, also helps clean up, collects trash. And so. I'm looking forward to this clean and safe program expanding beyond just Dean himself. And so I do support this in particular, but I wanted to highlight that Dean is the one is wearing a yellow vest and he's around downtown

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Wichita. I have one more question and that is the CIP didn't appear to have any dollars allocated for the renovation or the maintenance of the former Central Library. Can you address that?

Council Member Glasscock stepped away briefly.

Elizabeth Goltry, Finance Department, stated yes, so there are, there is some City facility projects that have general titles for City facilities maintenance. One of the one of the many things that's in my job is I do approve requisitions as they go through workflow. So for example, the roof that's at the library that's being repaired at this time, I think is being, that was charged to one of the City facility projects.

Mayor Wu stated are there any other dollars that will be allocated to the former Central Library?

Elizabeth Goltry, Finance Department, stated there's not. There's not an itemized Central Library project, but those that General City facilities project has been used for maintenance. They I think more not improvements but maintenance type activities.

Harold Schlechtweg stated Madam Mayor, members of the Wichita City Council, Mr. Manager, sometimes I think it is a it's a good thing to kind of step away from the nitty gritty and the details and kind of take a a longer perspective look at what's happening in our City and what we need. My name is Harold Schlechtweg and I live in the district in the Delano District at 351 N Fern St. I am the chairman of the Board of the directors of ICT Trees. We are dedicated to the preservation and expansion of Wichita's urban tree canopy. Our vision is a greener, healthier and more sustainable future for Wichita. I am here to encourage and to urge you to adopt a budget that initiates a vigorous program of tree planting, maintenance and removal on our streets and in our parks and public places. Wichita Shade trees are not an amenity. They are a necessity. They are not a want. They're in need. At a time of steadily rising temperatures that threaten the health and safety of citizens, the most cost effective solution is to plant trees. This can be done strategically, but the goal is to improve the tree canopy City wide. ICT trees is in its terrible two were founded in March 2023. Or to use another metaphor, perhaps more suitable for the air capital we are in the process of building the airplane while flying it. We have benefited during the process from the tremendous outpouring of support we've received from citizens. Their support has enabled our all volunteer organizations and to make substantial progress over the past two years. Our purpose is to educate citizens and policymakers as to plant trees and available spaces and to assist residential and other property owners to plant and maintain trees. To accomplish this purpose, we have sponsored educational Tree walks, distributed education, and weighed in on policy issues directly affecting the health of

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our tree canopy. With supportive grants and individual donors, we've sponsored free tree distribution events for homeowners, churches, and businesses distributing more than one hundred trees. This spring, we'll do it again and because of the need increase, the number of trees we distribute. These three tree distributions are strategically targeted to neighborhoods most at risk from rising temperatures. In 2023, the City of Wichita published a joint study with NASA identifying 12/17 census tracts most at risk from rising temperatures. These neighborhoods are located within or near what are called urban heat islands, Dense infrastructure, concrete roads and buildings cause temperature to be significantly higher in some neighborhoods than others. The outside temperatures, difference between neighborhoods with lots of trees and those that lack them can be as much as 10°. Wichita residents living in or near these heat islands face higher risk of heat related illnesses. These neighborhoods often lack tree cover and green spaces, compounding the heat stress and reducing residents ability to cool their homes affordably. Our temperatures, which are increasing and projected to increase over the next three decades and be daily deadly. We got a preview of this July 2024, when 115 people were treated for heat related illnesses at the McConnell Air Show. We need to act now to make sure our children and their children don't suffer from our short sightedness. ICT trees, its donors and volunteers will continue to do our part. We appreciate the support we've received so far from City government, but we can't do it alone. The City needs a vigorous urban forestry program addressing our street trees, parks and public property. It is a need, not a want. A necessity, not an amenity. Thank you. And if you have any questions.

Council Member Ballard stated Thank you, Mayor. Harold, I just want to say thank you for continuing to advocate for our community, and I think we're making the right, taking the right steps to try to repair some of our tree canopy. Appreciate you and Elizabeth and all the other members of ICT trees to help us make that possible, so I appreciate you continuing to come forward and make sure that we know it's still a priority to the Community as well.

Harold Schlechtweg stated and we've had excellent support from the City and we've heard good things from everybody in the community and the neighborhood. We very much appreciate that.

Elizabeth Bishop stated Madam Mayor, City Council members, my name is Elizabeth Bishop, and I also am with ICT trees. So this is a bit of a continuation of Harold's presentation, but I would kind of like to focus on the drought and the need for water and the health of trees. So I have a handout. I'll get my agenda back from you later, Councilmember Hoheisel. One of the things that is true in Wichita is that we're losing more trees than we're replacing. I believe that we are really beginning to wrap our arms around that fact and the fact that we need to do something about it. This in 2023 or 2024, 2024, we finally, the City's forestry division of the Park Department, along with a lot of volunteers planted more trees than we removed. First time in decades. This year it has been

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because of the drought, but very disappointing that as far as I know and if I'm wrong, please correct me. I would be delighted to be wrong. There have been no trees or shrubs planted in parks or public spaces, and there will not be for the rest of the year. We have another plan. Or, yeah, planting season coming up as the weather cools towards the end of September and on into well, it can go all the way through January is a good time to plant trees, so we would like to encourage the planting and tree. In that regard to focus on the City's approach in terms of being a model for private citizens, I'm going to talk about how you can water a tree effectively with water as much water conservation as we can get to with using a 5 gallon bucket. And address it to the tree twice. This is a 5 gallon bucket with a hole. Not in the bottom, but towards the bottom of the bucket. And if you take this bucket, fill it with water, or take it in place it where you want it and then fill it with water. Which is what I have to do or otherwise I would slosh it all out on my way to the tree. If you do that twice, once on either side of the tree, a young tree that's good for the next week. That's true even when the weather is hot. And that what many professionals will tell you is that more most people over water, a newly planted tree and will kill it from having too much water, because root rot sets in. We hope that maybe we can have some tree planting in the City in public spaces in 2025. We are a tree City, USA. We're very proud of that. We've had that distinction for 40 some years, and I hate to see one year when we do not plant a single tree. Thank you. If anybody has any questions, I'd be happy to hold forth some more.

Council Member Tuttle stated I was just gonna thank you for being here. Appreciate it. I know that on July 8th the City Manager sent an e-mail to some other constituents about planting, and I know you're talking about this year specifically, but City Manager, could you maybe address 26 and 27 regarding the budget? Yeah. Thank you.

City Manager Robert Layton stated yes, councilmember, good question. Actually, I'm gonna address 25, 26, 27. The original budget presented to the Council during workshops did not have funding for trees and based on feedback from the Council during workshops that money was restored. So there's about \$180,000, I think for the purchase of the trees in both of each of those years. In 2025, we had not anticipated that we would be out of the drought and that we'd be planting trees, however, not to give you too much of a preview, but on the 19th August 19, we're going to be bringing to you ordinance change related to permanent conservation measures. We also will have an estimate for you on when we think we will implement that and actually go back to stage 1. And that may mean that we will have a fall planting season. That will depend on how you talk about it and also on the input that you get from staff. So there is a possibility that we'll be planting some City trees in 2025 as well.

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Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor representative. I just want to say thank you for being here, thank you for your advocacy. I agree with you. We should be planting more trees. I'm encouraged by the hopeful news of the Manager and thankful for the budget recommendations moving forward that tree planting back in the budget.

Elizabeth Bishop stated I am so happy to know we will not have a zero planting year.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you. Bob, hat will those qualifications be? How will they decide if we are able to plant the trees that we have purchased already?

City Manager Robert Layton stated well, the first thing is to be able to get to a point where we can allow sufficient watering of the new trees other plant material and that's what we're going to talk about on the 19th. What we are comfortable with in terms of what moves us from stage two to stage one and again part of that will be you adopting an ordinance on every other day watering or three day a week watering.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. I I'm very excited that we will plant trees in Wichita next year. I appreciate it. I really excited about that, but also private citizens planting trees, i think it's a great thing. So very much as tree supporter. So thanks for your work.

Elizabeth Bishop stated when we give away trees everyone gets the bucket lecture.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor, and thank you, representative. My former representative. So always a pleasure to see you up here, Ma'am. What is the deadline to really get the trees in the ground? Is it mid November before it starts getting to where it's not a good idea for the year?

Someone in the audience stated any month with a R in it as a good month to plant.

Elizabeth Bishop stated I would like to thank, echo what Harold had to say and thank the Park Department, especially the Forestry division. They've just been marvelous. Thank you.

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Holly Danley stated I participate in the ICT trees and I got involved because I moved to a neighborhood that, Zip code, that is the heat island. And so I started receiving the trees, and I'm just so thrilled to be a part of it. And their hard work, Harold and Elizabeth and everyone involved. And I enjoyed my new trees and I want to play a part in beautifying Wichita. I think it's very important. I walk at the park every day. I walk my dogs and I look at the canopy. Of the park. Hi, Reggie, and. I just last night I was observing how beautiful the canopy of the tree is at this park. How widespread it is, and these are the older Elm streets on the street or in the neighborhoods that have seen their lifetime, you know? So I'm looking forward to helping be involved, beautifying City of Wichita. Thank you.

Diana Tedlock stated good evening, Diana Tedlock. The Community survey that was done last November/December is the matrix was showed earlier where it's the low and high priority items are shown in a matrix of four quadrants. I'm sure that many people and that is used repeatedly has been as the basis and justification for the direction of the Council. I'm sure many people don't realize that only 461 individuals actually answered that survey out of a population of over 400,000 individuals, so the input of 461 individuals has led the City council to determine animal welfare is a low priority to our City and community. The simulator is reflective and restrictive based on that community survey, it only allows increases and decreases to the high priority items. The low priority items, you can only make a decrease to the budget. So this purposely restricts constituents and makes it harder for their voice to be heard that they want to see an increase in those items because they have to come to a meeting, speak and or call or e-mail their representatives. Per the City goals for 2026 budget process, it was stated on the simulator wording that the process would continue to focus on the high priority quadrants. Therefore the City has made it known they really have no intention of addressing the needs and concerns at the Wichita Animal Shelter, which has become a high kill facility. In fact, at the June 24th meeting, a City Council meeting, it was stated there was not one tactic in the budget for animal control, Animal Services. And as a political ploy, the chief of police even suggested defunding both animal control and Animal Services. The City hired Emily Hurst and promised change. It is now time to see those promises be made a priority and included in the budget. We need additional budget for the marketing of animals volunteer program, a foster program, enrichment of the animals, outdoor area for the animals, new pressure washers and a washing area for blankets and toys. The 2025 revised budget had an increase of almost \$205,000 and the 2026 proposed budget had an increase \$339,207 dollars increase for Animal Services. All these increases were to accommodate wages and benefits with no increase to the equivalent full-time positions. There has been no increase in the full time equivalent position since 2023, and it continues to remain at 31. The Wichita Animal Shelter Management has reported to a captain in the Wichita Police Department, literally for years. That position was not previously reflected in the animal Control services budget. That has changed. They have now moved the captain position under the Animal Control Service budget while leaving the equivalent full time heads at 31, so effectively reducing heads by 1. The accomplishment of the shelter restructure, announced in

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October 2024, did not increase heads. In fact, again it actually reduced by 1 by the movement. All the restructure accomplished was an increase in and making the facility more top heavy. Don't be fooled by the appearance says into thanking the City is actually investing more in animal control services. They are not. They're just moving funding from one bucket to another. This is for appearances only and let it not be mistaken, even though the budget for the captain is now under animal control, he is not devoted full time to animal welfare. He has received training and is involved in the City's new drone project. And I'm not for sure what else he's doing. However, for any time spent that is not directly related to animal services and animal control. He should be loading into those departments for transparency and accountability as his wages plus benefits equate to approximately \$225,000 annually. So I guess that's my time, but any questions?

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor Diana, thank you for continuing to advocate for animal control. My question is for City Manager. Can you speak to any of the concerns about? I know Councilmember Hoheisel asked for more positions, I think last year and they were put in the budget and we know that those have not been filled. I know there was. They were moved to full time instead of part time. Do you have any updates or that you can share with that?

City Manager Robert Layton stated I do not see my police representative. I do so I don't have the exact details. Emily is in the one position that was created for management of the facility. I don't remember the clerical position and how that was handled.

Diana Tedlock stated animal control position was classified to the admin position and so the Lieutenant position basically became....

City Manager Robert Layton stated yeah, I think that's accurate, but I want to double check that.

Council Member Ballard stated yeah. If we could get that information, that'd be great. Thank you.

Diana Tedlock stated with equivalent head count still stayed at 31. It's been the same since 2020, so there was no increase in the equivalent head counts. They did take the kennel techs and transferred those from part time to full time, but the equivalent head count has remained at 31. And that now includes the captain, which it didn't before. So it's actually a reduction.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. So is that the kennel techs? Were they folded into the position or was that an animal Officer control officer into the clerical position?

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City Manager Robert Layton stated think it was an officer, if I remember correctly. It was one animal control officer that was reclassified as an administrative aide this year.

Council Member Hoheisel stated and it was a position that we hadn't been able to fill.

City Manager Robert Layton stated because it's it was vacant and had been, you know, consistently vacant. And again a reminder, when we did this reorganization, the idea was to get duties away from the kennel techs and the animal control officers so they could focus on their work. And also we could be more effective in getting back to residents with their complaint and we could process those quicker.

Margaret Mueller Shebazz stated If that happened. Good evening, Margaret Wheeler Shabazz, as I was going through the papers and listening to everything. First off, I would like to thank you Glasscock for initiating the volunteers of to audit through the finances. But I did have a few questions about why did it take the volunteers to uncover over half a million dollars of issues of the Stryker complex? Why weren't CID taxes, discrepancies caught or questioned sooner. Residents have raised these concerns for a while. I've been reading them in the newspaper for a couple of years now. Who approved paying the water bill for the facility within leak with leaks? Known leaks. My household had leaks and the City didn't pay my bill. I just got a discount. As you plan next year spending, how can we trust the process without public accountability when no one stood up and said anything until now?

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor, and thank you, Margaret, for coming up and expressing your concerns. One of the things I spoke about it earlier that we had done was hire at internal auditor to be able to go through and she has been finding a number of these issues with past contracts and whatnot. Also, I do believe that we do forgive a water bill at one time, one time forgiveness if there are water leaks. So I'm not sure if that's what your referencing. Was discounted OK. Yeah. Well, let's check into that.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you and City Manager I may ask you to address this just informally, but regarding Stryker it isn't a \$500,000 cost. The water they have paid their past water bill. There was a discrepancy of \$8500. They will be paying that in the future. The other part of that is there's some miss interpretation of sponsoring rights. So I'd be happy to sit down and reach out if you would like to reach out. and to anyone and to explain that there isn't \$500,000 potential savings from Stryker or City Manager, Would you like to add?

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City Manager Robert Layton stated I think I think without getting a lot of detail, you summarized it accurately.

Council Member Glasscock stated Shebazz, thank you for speaking. I know that we'll be going over a lot of the items presented. This was the first time it was released to the public today. And I think it shows that when we have community engagement, we'll listen. And when citizens bring something, we hear them and, you know, we'll investigate what's truth, and maybe what needs more research. And so I know that this is just the start of many other conversations.

Faith Martin stated Hello, Faith Martin, proud member of District 2. I'm gonna try to get through all of these. I have a lot of notes, but first I wanted to mention the simulator. I was actually really disappointed with our inability to select certain areas of what's important and what's not important. When I look at the general budget, there's like 14 different line items for budgeting for policing. So traffic enforcement, administrat... there's a lot of things we were not allowed to give any comment either, so I'd like to see the simulator either get some more robust public engagement when it's being developed next year, or just break it down a little further. It may take longer to take it, but I don't mind taking a long survey. The strategic plan. It's always nice to see a robust strategic plan. What I don't understand is why any of these goals given here are smart goals. I don't see any time bound on any great to have goals, but is it going to be completed Q4 of 2025? Is it 30 years from now? It's hard to understand in our strategic plan when there's no goals for no dates on any of these goals, benchmarks for the community to hold you accountable. I'd like to see that included because one of them is, you know, like infographics are under strategy 2.11. Well, is an infographic really a strategic measurement of that goal? I don't really think so. I'd like to see a little more thought put into those. The CIP, Honestly, I don't really find much wrong with the CIP. Really appreciate the 9 fire stations and the equipment. All of that is great. It's sorely needed. I'd like to make sure that that doesn't go away and get reallocated somewhere else that those fire equipment and those stations are really needed. I would also like the Council to relook at the art set aside for the CIP when we're in a budget downturn. It would be nice if there was flexibility for the Council to say, hey, maybe this year. If projects already in place. Keep that rolling, but since we're going to have a shortfall, we're going to pause that amount that we're going to put into our projects for a year or two. And then when we're back on our feet, then we put the funds back in there. I don't think it's that we don't love art. If we have to tighten belts, I think that that's a good place to look. At least putting the flexibility in that ordinance. Something to look into. The general budget. I made some comments or I made some calls today trying to think big thing of community policing. One of the reasons why I liked choosing the police chief that we have is 'cause, he said. Community policing was so very important to him. There's 20 community policing slots, but it looks like patrol north didn't patrol

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east had three and one rotating patrol south had three. Patrol west had four with one that rotates for there being a large City. The fact that we have 20 slots that aren't filled and they rotate out, I don't know how the community is supposed to build any relationships with these policing officers. My neighborhood has had four different people in the last year, and sometimes they don't come to meetings. They don't come to DAB meetings. I think we need to make sure that if we're budgeting for community, they need those resources. Let's give them the help they need to make community thing as robust as we say it is. My gosh, so many things. When I looked at the general budget on complaints, police services and crime prevention. All of those metrics have not met the standard and they have the standards listed in the budget, and yet I see that we keep raising the police budget. There's things that they need. They need equipment that needs shields. They need all of those things. But when the Jensen Hughes recommendations, we are two plus years past Jensen Hughes recommendations still not being implemented. And no updates given since the last time I came before this body in December, when this body gave them raises and bonuses. I think it would be good transparency for the Community to find out before we give more budget to policing. Have we met those Jensen Hughes recommendations from multiple years ago, multiple administrations ago? TIFs. So in the short term a TIF can seem like a good idea in the long term, we as taxpayers may have to take on additional taxes, or the City may have to take on additional debt when those projects aren't viable. And so I think when we look at the long term, the uncertainty of TIF performances creates too much risk if the projects aren't doing well. So I'd like the City to have a little more structure around when we give out tips because taxpayers already have exorbitant property taxes. We shouldn't have to also bear the brunt of projects that aren't working well. Speaking of property taxes, oh gosh, 12 seconds. So we all know that assessments have gone up. We know we have a housing shortage. I'm looking through the budget and I am sorely disappointed by over and over that homelessness and housing is a huge priority and we have almost nothing in the budget funded by this Community. We know HUD is going to potentially have a lot of issues. Federal funding is almost gone. This Community needs to do more than the Mac. We know we're 70,000 units short of housing and property taxes are going to continue to have higher appraisal rates and we're going to be priced out of our homes if we don't step up and figure out how to handle this housing shortage. I didn't get through all of my notes, but I just want to say thank you to all of you and thank you to staff for putting together such good documentation.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. Bob is there an opportunity to get any type of updates on Jensen Hughes in a public setting?

City Manager Robert Layton stated we surely can. I believe since Faith talked, she said since last December, I believe there have been updates to the dashboard because we've had we had a series of discussions with the Union to resolve some issues and I know when those were resolved that we changed the dashboard. So I'll need to go back and take a look at where we are, but a majority of

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those Jensen Hughes recommendations have been implemented. Be more than happy at some point to go through that with the Council, maybe in a Workshop. If that's who you'd like, and we could highlight everything that's been done and those actions that are still pending.

Council Member Ballard stated I think that would be beneficial for everybody just since it's been two years in the works. I think that would be beneficial at least I think so. The other thing I wanted to mention. Faith mentioned community policing officers. I can only speak to my conversations that I've had with the chief, and I know in some of the areas of District 6, the Community policing officers were absorbing 2 beats while we've been shorthanded with the officers, so I know that the current classes that have been graduating and the one that's working currently to become an officer, I believe about the first of the year, the chief said that we would be able to kind of divide those back out at least some so that they didn't all have two beats. It's probably very difficult to do one beat, let alone two. It's a pretty big area to try to cover and build relationships and one officer. So I do know that that's a priority, and I've talked to him about it several times, so I'm hopeful that after this next graduating class that we'll be able to get the community policing officers back to one beat. So thank you for asking. Thank you.

Mayor Wu stated Thank you, Councilmember Ballard. I do want to point out that on Wichitapolice.com if you click on transparency, there's also another button that talks about Jensen Hughes. There have been updates since December, including on in March, as well as in April of 2025. So according to this dashboard, 81% has been implemented of the Jensen Hughes report.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Yeah, just a couple points. I think we are serious about getting back filling. We do have a recruiting class around 40, so that's going to go a long way towards actually filling a lot of the vacant positions. I know some of my district actually got filled here after this last recruiting class. We'll continue to work on that one. As far as housing goes, I agree. I we are looking at some options in order to possibly look at some affordable housing funding so it's touch and go as we go. So we can't over promise and under deliver, but it is something that we are actively looking at the options that we have.

City Manager Robert Layton stated If I could just address two other issues that Faith brought up because I do think they are important. One has to do with measures and that's really the last piece of our work. You've approved a strategic plan that has goes all the way down to the tactic level. But what we're now doing is developing performance measures that you can have a dashboard and track what we're doing on the tactics, the strategies and the goals. So that's ongoing work and she's right that that's the most meaningful when you actually have outcomes, outcome measures. The

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other thing I do think is an important point to bring up and Council member Hoheisel made a reference to something similar earlier in the meeting regarding TIF's the Council's position on TIF's is very different than it was 10 years ago. Right now, I believe all if not a majority, if not all of our TIFs that we brought forward on are on the pay as you go basis. So we don't have that liability should there not be enough TIF generated or enough increment generated to support a project that falls on the backs of the developer not on the City. And so I think it's an important distinction to make, and it's been a marked departure or change in our economic development policy in the last few years.

Mayor Wu stated I will follow up with that very comment. You mentioned it's been a decade since those changes or because I think a lot of community members still remember some of the past and I don't believe anyone on this Council was in those conversations back then. My question then is, can we have either on the website those poor performing TIFs or TIFs that have, that didn't have this new criteria? For transparency purposes, we need to be transparent of what has happened in the past and that it is different now.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, our quarterly financial report has information on the financial performance of each TIF. And we do I believe those are posted online as well, so that and that's pretty good detail on each of the tips.

Mayor Wu stated Miss Margaret, you can, you can address that at a different point in time, but I think what the City Manager is saying is the information is available. However, I would like to see it be more accessible, not just within those quarterly financials. I think that it would be very helpful for Community to see again what has been previously done versus what it currently is. And how they are different. And then to just address one more point that Faith mentioned she was talking about the art set aside. Right now it's a 2% for arts. Can you address what would need to happen in order for this Council to have more flexibility in times when we do have a budget shortfall?

City Manager Robert Layton stated my recollection is it would take an ordinance change that measure or that action is not recommended in 26 it's shown in the 27 budget and that won't be finalized by this Council until next year. But it showed one path to get to a balanced budget for 27.

Mayor Wu stated what would be required if we wanted to move it up to 2026?

City Manager Robert Layton stated an ordinance change this year?

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Mayor Wu stated so this I'm just speaking on my behalf. I would like to see a proposal that shows how much would be saved if we did implement that in 26 versus in 27.

Julie Robinson stated hi, I'm Julie Robinson. Hello, Mayor and Council member, City Manager. So I'm relatively new to Wichita. I'm just looked up. I'm in District 1. And so I'm very anxious about being up here. My first meeting and so I'm not as familiar with all the budgeting and all the terms y'all are tossing around, but part of why I moved here and I've chosen to stay here is the arts and the things that happen here in the community. I have season tickets to a number of different things. I participate in museum, art council, festivals, music, theater. And it's part of what has drawn me here and keeps me here and I would be saddened if that was less of a priority. I know it's not a huge portion of the budget, but I would hate to see it go anywhere but up. Thank you.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks Mayor. Julie, welcome to City Hall and glad to see you so representing District 1. I'm glad to have you here and also glad to hear your support of the arts. I'm definitely supportive as well. I wouldn't be supportive of changing the ordinance because I think the arts are important. While some see flexibility and that I see it as a number of things, that is opportunity for young people, adults, folks who just continue to make our community better and you know that's a big part of crime prevention as well, providing those opportunities. So welcome. Glad to see you here, and I'm definitely very supportive of arts.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor Julie. I don't know. Do you have tickets to music, theater, Wichita? You should. This year is amazing. The cast is absolutely amazing. All three shows have been absolutely fantastic, so I recommend you go. Just a couple more left buy some tickets and go. And all of Wichita's board it. It's a really, really outstanding cast, director and everything. So highly recommended.

Mayor Wu stated thank you. I will just ask City Manager to just address what is the 2% for art. This is not for all cultural arts. It is a specific set aside. Can you explain the 2% for art?

Mark Manning, Finance Department, stated yes, Madam Mayor, based on City code, we allocate 2% of local funding sources in the CIP for art, and then each year we meet with the Design Council and they make recommendations on which projects to allocate that to. And that total somewhere in the

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neighborhood varies obviously each year, but somewhere in neighborhood of \$1.8 million. Again, this is the capital improvement side of our cultural arts program.

Mayor Wu stated again, this is not from the general budget, but the CIP itself. So new projects. A good example would be the water treatment plant. Can you address how much the water treatment plant received in the 2% for art? And again, this was something that was for a new build.

Mark Manning stated the water treatment plan, I believe was in excess of a million, but that actually did not come out of the 2% for arts. Arts is generally, I think, more police stations, fire stations, the bridges, Manisa Bridge that we've done art work on, the Brewer center. That's typically what that money is used on.

Mayor Wu stated so the water treatment plant didn't any 2% for art funding?

Mark Manning, Finance Department, stated it had arts funding, but that part of the funding was incorporated into the cost of the treatment plant.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Mark. Sorry. Yeah, so for the 2% for the arts, is that cash or is that bonded out?

Mark Manning, Finance Department, stated we have the authority to do either. It kind of depends if it's incorporated with a total project it's not uncommon for us to bond that, but if it's a standalone, we typically would cash fund it. We have flexibility either way.

Council Member Hoheisel stated so if it's bonded out it's not savings that we would immediately realize. It's the savings from future debt, essentially.

Mark Manning, Finance Department, stated probably the most efficient way to produce savings initially would be, there are projects in the 2026 CIP that are recommendations from the Design Council for art on particular projects. Those some of those have not been initiated yet. That would probably be the route to reduce arts funding in 26 if that was the objective.

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Council Member Hoheisel stated so whatever we have cash or whatever we haven't allocated yet. And would be paying for in cash.

Mark Manning, Finance Department, stated probably, yes sir.

Lawanda Deshazer stated good evening. Lawanda Deshazer, District 1. Just a quick question. We went over the budget, there was some CIP items listed but not like year or dollar amount and I was interested in the Doctor Glen Dey Sports Complex. Like when is that supposed to happen and what is the price tag for that project? Thank you.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. The price tag for phase one and two is about \$38 million for all outdoor football fields and indoor track, and that project would initiate next year upon having all of the funds collected.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Councilmember Johnson City Manager Layton a follow up question to that is how much of City dollars will be spent on the Dr. Glen Dey complex?

City Manager Robert Layton stated right now it anticipates \$500,000 of City money for the line of the facility, and the CIP shows all private funding at this point for, in 2029 for the Sports Complex.

Mayor Wu stated Thank you. We'll continue with public comment. Sorry, you've already spoken once. It's the budget. Anyone else in the audience who would like to speak regarding the budget? I see none. We'll bring it back to the bench and thank all 8 individuals who spoke during public comment.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I want to thank staff for working on the budget. I think there's a lot of great things. With the reduction of the mill levy, we're moving in the right direction to support the community. We've talked about this at a previous workshop and I wanted to bring it for consideration. And see what the process would be for staff to look at it. Could we go to the budget presentation item number seven or page 72? Is that possible. OK. Yeah, this is the page I was looking at. It's, I know that this might be hard to read, but when we're looking in the future, we are still looking at projected deficits, obviously that changes. We have higher interest earnings, there are ways that that can consolidate as a whole. When we had a previous workshop regarding some of the upcoming deficits. One of the considerations that the Manager had discussed was the creation of a Wichita local sales tax. I'd like to continue that conversation. We had an executive summary posted on May 27th, 2025 and I just want to highlight a few of the City of

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Wichita is one of only two first class cities in Kansas without a sales tax. The other one would be Newton if I remember correctly, and they actually get a higher amount of their county's sales tax. They do have more revenue coming in from we do as a municipality. Part of that executive summary continues, and largely that Wichita's portfolio is largely dependent on property taxes because of a lack of a City sales tax. It continues by saying that the general Fund revenues have greater annual variation because of a lack of a City sales tax. Some other points that I have on page three of that document it says that this makes a sales tax well-suited for capital expenses and there is a in this presentation and in the suggestion one of the aspects and this is on page 7 is that one half a percent of a sales tax over the course of five years would bring in \$303.2 million to the City's revenue. If you will look and break that down by 2027, 2028, 2029,'30. We start with an estimated mill levy reduction. If we tie that sales tax to the mill levy reduction by 4.8 mils that increases by 2023 to 6.9 mils. To break that down in terms of monetary value, that would allow cash funding of infrastructure projects at 22 nine million in 2027. It would allow for the stabilization of current service delivery, which I think is incredibly important in this as well at 5.9 million and by 2028 or by 2031, that balloons out to 6.3 million and that gives us some leverage of being able to stabilize the reserves. And then the most important is that it the reduction in the taxes levied in property taxes is \$28.9 million. Think every single one of us hears from citizens about the burden of property taxes, but we also heard today that we want continuation of services and we want to make sure that our budget is stabilized in the future. I am supportive of this proposal. This would also, if this were to move forward, it would take a vote of the citizens, which I think is also important when we're moving forward with this consideration. So quick question for the Manager. Let's say we have a few months to investigate this to see if this makes sense for the body as a whole. If we were to, let's say that bring this up in October or November regarding us voting on putting this on the ballot, could that be on the ballot by spring of 2026 which would allow us to have capture by the time we face maybe any challenges allow stabilization and be able to reduce the mill levy for citizens?

City Manager Robert Layton stated I believe that's the case based on our preliminary understanding of the current state law and special elections can be called.

Council Member Glasscock stated another quick question. I know when we had originally talked about a 30% of estimated revenue from sales reduction come from outside our community, correct. So that means right now, citizens outside of our Community are using Wichita services when they're driving on our infrastructure. They're using a lot of the amenities in the City and they're not paying anything for it. Meanwhile, I could go to Goddard, could go to Andover, could go to Maize, I'm gonna pay in a sales tax and those communities, but if they come to Wichita, they're not paying a sales tax. I think this would help reduce the burden on Wichita taxpayers, be able to help encourage us to be able to stabilize our reserves. So I'm supportive of looking at this. And I want to hear from my colleagues if they would be interested. I think this is a win for challenges. We're facing

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the future. Reduce property taxes for individuals and also make sure that we maintain current service levels and be able to preserve that moving forward.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. I would definitely support that. Also either half percent or 1%. It would allow us to reduce property taxes, but also cash fund public safety, police stations, fire stations. Everyone knows if you pay cash for a house, you don't have that debt over a period of 20-30 years and that would also help our budget in future years, so very much in favor of it. And I do want to reiterate that up to 30% of that comes from outside of Wichita. All the bedroom communities around Wichita are using our streets, our facilities, they drive in here. If they have a wreck, our Police Department responds to it. Our fire department responds to it, and they're not, they're not paying for that. So I think it would be more equitable and it would reduce the burden for Wichita taxpayers.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks Mayor, I am supportive of keeping the conversation going. Of course I would prefer to see investments in quality of life. Also, everyone who comes to Sedgwick County does pay an extra 1% tax and we get half of that for roads and bridges. So that that part is covered, but the other things I think. That would be good, but happy to have the conversation. More interested in quality of life things than other projects because the projects that we are talking about in regard to public safety already in the CIP. More investments and quality of life and one great example happened earlier today on the panel when we were talking. It was a few of us talking to Leadership Wichita and the Superintendent was there and he talked about how beneficial it was. ARPA were helped used to get the wow. Just forgot the name of it. Future Ready Center done quicker. So that was a five year plan that happened in one year and now you see that benefit. So when you make investments like that really quickly, you can really improve things for the community, and I think there's a lot of strategic investments we can make supportive of this, but again. Would love to have the conversation and add in some quality of life amenity as well as the sunset to the sales tax.

Council Member Hoheisel stated Thank you, Mayor. I agree with Council Member Johnson on a lot of his points. I'm interested in continuing the conversation, but you did, Council Member Glasscock, mention a lot of people are struggling right now. So I think a lot of that is dependent on whether or not we can get the food sales tax exempt in on the state level, that that's something. Avoid taxing the necessities. Avoid taxing the working people and the poor who are just barely making it as it is so. It's an interesting conversation we can continue, but that is something that I definitely would have problems with if again because. The state did eliminate their sales tax on food, but it still held us to it. So municipalities, all of ours, food is still being taxed at 1% sales tax.

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So let's see how that conversation goes with the state. They've never let us down before, right? All right.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you to Council member Hoheisel's point, I would support lobbying the State to make sure that food would be excluded from any tax.

Motion:

Mayor.Wu.moved.to receive public comment on the 2026 Proposed Budget and the 2026-2035 Proposed Capital Improvement Program repeal existing ordinances, and approve first reading of ordinances to implement the budget, with second reading set for August 26, 2025.

Motion carried 7 to 0

COUNCIL BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY CITY AUTHORITIES

PLANNING AGENDA

VII) NON-CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA - NONE

HOUSING AGENDA

VIII) NON-CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA - NONE

AIRPORT AGENDA

IX) NON-CONSENT AIPORT AGENDA - NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA

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- 1.) [Approve that pursuant to Section 2.04.090 Mayor Wu's travel expenses, as estimated on the Travel Authorization and Expense Form, to attend the League of Kansas Municipalities' Annual Conference in Overland Park, KS October 9 - 10, 2025 for the purpose of representing the City of Wichita, consistent with A.R. 3.1, be approved. Upon return from travel, actual expenses shall be reported to the Controller's Office.](#)

Mayor Wu stated this travel again is because I am a board member of the League of Kansas Municipalities, representing the largest City in the state of Kansas.

Motion:

Vice Mayor Johnston moved to approve that pursuant to Section 2.04.090 Mayor Wu's travel expenses, as estimated on the Travel Authorization and Expense Form, to attend the League of Kansas Municipalities' Annual Conference in Overland Park, KS October 9 - 10, 2025 for the purpose of representing the City of Wichita, consistent with A.R. 3.1, be approved. Upon return from travel, actual expenses shall be reported to the Controller's Office.

Motion carried 7 to 0

XI) COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Tuttle stated I would like to appoint Braden McCurdy to the Affordable Housing Review Board.

Mayor Wu stated I would also like to appoint Nick Staib with for the Design Council, and I would like to appoint Larry Burke Sr. to the Sedgwick County Community Board.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve appointments.

Motion carried 7 to 0

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Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Just a shout out to PD and their work with the working in collaboration with the Sheriff's Office and the federal officers as well some major bust a couple of days ago. We see it all the time on the streets. This is a major step forward to cutting off the flow of the specialty meth into our community. So thank you to the to WPD and everybody who worked on that. Second point we will be having a district breakfast this Saturday. The best breakfast in the City of Wichita, 9:30 in the morning at the Christian Faith Center. Special guest Gary Janzen. He will be talking about sewage treatment plant being our upgrades and odor control. So love to have a full house out there. Again, it's a great breakfast. 9:30. I'll be coming from a neighborhood cleanup right before that so. I'm sure I'll be bringing some of that odor with me, so.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Actually, this Saturday, the best breakfast is going to be in District 1 with Chief Snow and Deputy Chief Duff over at Atwater at 9:30, so that that'll be the best one. I also want to shout out neighborhood night out next week. I think District one will count and I think we have fourteen parties to go to. I will try to get there to all of them. We don't normally make all of them, but we'll get there. Eat as many hamburgers and hot dogs as possible, but looking forward to getting out to the community for that. And then also we're going to have a WPD town hall on August 19th at the center, which is like 11th and Minneapolis, that will be at 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Hope to see you at all of those.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. I'd like to ask see Manager if we could may possibly have a workshop, maybe September, October on second light and how it relates to housing and what's being done. All the way from actual what's being done to the marketing and media for it. I think the meeting this morning was very interesting and enlightening. I think that information be good for all Council members and the public.

Mayor Wu stated Just to tag on to that request by also asking for an updated regarding the ordinance on illegal camping and the amount of trash as well as orders that have been placed through the report an issue app. We need to see that data and I think it would be a good time to see that in full. I t was implemented earlier this year. I think we have at least half a year's information that could be shared during that workshop.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated just to tag on to that too. I don't think anybody wants to just sweep the streets and throw everybody into the Mac. There has to be a housing plan and this morning, great plans pilot plans on getting people directly to housing. Because everybody doesn't want to go to a shelter. So I think there's some good alternatives they're working on. Housing department's doing a great job. Sally and her team doing a great job. Seems to be successful, but we'll have to add more

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data on it, but I think an update on that would be really good too. It interfaces directly with enforcement, but we have to make sure we're ready for enforcement and we're just not throwing everybody in the into the Mac.

Mayor Wu stated I see no further comments. I am just going to say was national purple heart day. The veterans' memorial park had it's first commemoration at the park itself. Just a quick question I have for the City Manager. I know it's a partnership with veterans. Parks helps maintain this park as well. I have seen that it does still need some love, including graffiti removal on some of the plaques. I would really like to see the park, the Veteran's Memorial Park really taken care of. Especially when it comes to graffiti on the plaques.

ADJOURNMENT**Motion:**

Mayor.Wu.moved.to adjourn at 9:22 pm.

Motion carried 5 to 2 (Nay: JV Johnston, Brandon Johnson).

Respectfully submitted,

Shinita Rice, Deputy City Clerk

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ATTACHMENT 1 - CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14

II) CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Applications for Licenses:

1) Applications for Licenses for Cereal Malt Beverages:

a.) Applications for Licenses to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages

Attachment: [CMBs for August 7, 2025.docx](#)

2) Preliminary Estimates:

a.) Preliminary Estimates

Attachment: [PEsforCC_08-07-25.pdf](#)

3) Agreements/Contracts:

a.) Professional Services Contract for Wichita Water Works (WWW) Site Security

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

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Attachment: [25200068 Contract.pdf](#)

- b.) Contract Amendment No. 3 for Wastewater Treatment Plant 2 Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR)

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

Attachment: [Amendment No. 3.pdf](#)

- c.) Contract Approval for New Bus Wash System

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

Attachment: [250047_vendor signed.pdf](#)

- 4) Design Services Agreements:

- a.) Supplemental Design Agreement No. 3 to Serve Pegasus Addition (District II)

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

Attachment: [SDA No. 3 Pegasus Addn.pdf](#)

- b.) Design Contract for Planeview Community Center (District III)

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Attachment: [Planeview Design Contract - FINAL - SFS Executed.pdf](#)

5) Minutes of Advisory Boards/Commissions:

- a.) Wichita Public Library Board of Directors Meeting minutes June 17, 2025 Wichita Public Library Monthly Activity Report June 2025 Wichita Airport Advisory Board Minutes June 2, 2025 Wichita Food and Farm Council Minutes June 3, 2025 Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board Minutes May 28, 2025 Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Minutes June 9, 2025

Attachment: [WPL Board of Directors Meeting minutes June 21, 2025.pdf](#)

Attachment: [WPL Monthly Activity Report June 2025.pdf](#)

Attachment: [June WAAB Minutes.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2025_06_03 Food and Farm Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Attachment: [wscaab_minutes_05282025_final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board minutes June 9, 2025.pdf](#)

Uncategorized Items:

6.) Proclamation Votes

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- 7.) Funding and Change Order Limit Adjustment for Mt. Vernon, from Southeast Boulevard to Oliver (District III)

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-349 Mt. Vernon from Southeast Boulevard to Oliver 085862 LST PROTEST, 23-014, 24-010.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-350 Change Order Mt. Vernon from Southeast Boulevard to Oliver 085862 CO Limit.docx](#)

- 8.) Notice of Intent to Use Debt Financing Amendment - Airport Terminal Modifications - Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport.

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-351 Airport Terminal Modifications.docx](#)

II) CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.) PUD2025-00004 Zone Change Request in the City from LC Limited Commercial District to PUD #138 to Create the Falcon Crest PUD, Generally Located on the Northwest Corner of West Burton Avenue and South Meridian Avenue (District IV)

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

Attachment: [PUD2025-00004 WCC Supporting Docs.docx](#)

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Attachment: [PUD2025-00004 MAPC Minutes Excerpt.docx](#)

Attachment: [2025-07-07 DAB 4 Feedback on PUD2025-00004.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-778 PUD2025-00004.docx](#)

- 10.) VAC2025-00016 Request in the City to Vacate a Platted Street Setback; Generally Located One Block West of South Hillside Avenue and Two Blocks South of East Pawnee Avenue (3019 East Glen Oaks Drive). (District III)

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-10.docx](#)

Attachment: [VAC2025-00016 WCC Supporting Documents.docx](#)

Attachment: [VAC2025-00016 Excerpt Minutes.docx](#)

Attachment: [VAC2025-00016 Vacation Order.docx](#)

- 11.) VAC2025-00020 Request in the City to Vacate a Platted Private Drainage Easement; Generally Located on the North Side of East Shadybrook Street and Within 400 feet of North Woodlawn Boulevard (6210 East Shadybrook Street). (District I)

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

Attachment: [VAC2025-00020 WCC Supporting Documents.docx](#)

Attachment: [VAC2025-00020 Excerpt Minutes.docx](#)

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Attachment: [VAC2025-00020 Vacation Order.docx](#)

- 12.) ANX2025-00006 Kick N Development Corporation Requests the Annexation of Land; Generally Located on the South Side of West 21st Street North and on the East side of North 151st Street West. (District V)

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

Attachment: [A25-06 Map Sheet.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-779 A25-06.doc](#)

II) CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

II) CONSENT AIRPORT AGENDA ITEMS

- 13.) Airport Terminal Modifications - Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport.

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-13.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-352 Change Order Airport Terminal Modifications.docx](#)

Attachment: [ICT Terminal Mods CA Stantec SA1 part exec.pdf](#)