

**CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

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

Wichita, Kansas, September 9, 2025

Tuesday, 09:00 AM

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

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

[Approve the minutes of regular meeting September 2, 2025](#)

***Motion:***

***Mayor Wu moved to*** approve the minutes of regular meeting September 2, 2025

Motion carried 7 to 0

**AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**Proclamations:**

Recovery Month - Wichita Recovery Coalition

[National Literacy Month - Storytime Village](#)

Opioid Abuse and National Suicide Prevention Mental Health Awareness Month - AGC of Kansas

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Samantha Anaya-Rader stated Good morning. Grand rising. Citizens, civil servants, please look alive while Miss Sunshine herself, two-time Kansas State Fair Sunflower Ribbon winner, four-time grand champion of Sedgwick County Market Wheat Show, Lady (Samantha Anaya) of 2030 South Lulu District 3 presents Camp Sam. Can you picture abundance meeting private interests? Soon accoladed, applauded, may we be. Camp Sam's sites are set on transforming more than 650 acres of prime parks into the personal playground for Kansas abstentiously charitable honchos. My vision is an invite-only quasi-exclusive camp where pay-to-play is key. A place where one may realize our little house on the prairie. Come on, come all, come as you are, build it and they will come. I plan to purchase the parks at a sweetheart rate. Won't you pretty please sell me the Northwest Sedgwick County Park for a dollar an acre? And I plan to, you know, count them out for you. But this time I'm counting a dollar an acre. You've done it before. I promise to care for it not sell it for more. This camp will be grand. I'll start by breaking ground, planting a stand of sunflowers for the great Lake Luke. next, I'll fashion a grand guild defense to keep my heritage herd bison and assorted creatures. Camp Sam of a center for health and wealth, I call on your benefactors to invest in me too. City, I need a small loan of a million dollars in exchange for your trust and one buck donation. I owe you a favor. Try your luck. Camp Sam for you. And I originally intended to do a - a whole campy thing. It's kind of an art thing and, yeah. So it's just an inspired writing, and thank you for allowing me to speak. but I intend to have pancakes in the park at - at noon next Tuesday in Linwood Park. and I'll personally invite all of you there. And I hope to see you next Tuesday at noon. And I also will have a raffle for some Sandwicher prizes, to win a 3-month print subscription to Sampress, my little newsletter I want to write. and my award-winning spaghetti squash. I got a ribbon

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at the Cheney Fair. I'll have two that I can give. and I'd like to invite Mr. Hoheisel, Parks and Rec, City Manager Layton, a few friends of mine, art friends, music friends as well. Mr. Arthur Stokes, I'd like to - him to be there. I'd like to invite a family friend named (Roberto). He is a counselor. So, others may benefit from seeing him and, you know, he's - he's good - good people. I'd like to invite Mayor (Wilburn), Mayor Wu. I'd like to invite, my - my DJ friend, her name is (Sadie). I have another friend named (Kaya), (Kaya Papaya) is an amazing singer, and I'd love her to perform there. I have a saxophone friend named (Sage). my lab partner of ecology, (Jacob Stewart), and a few others. So I hope to see you again next Tuesday and for Pancakes in the Park, at Linwood Park. And thank you for allowing to me to camp it up. And, yeah, this - it's been fun. So thank you and I hope to, be a community partner with y'all. I was - excuse me, I was the Wellness Coordinator of the Health Department, before I was laid off there. I wrote the Wellness Operational Plan and I, hm, I believe that we can all work together to - it doesn't have to be called Camp Sam, but just a health and we- health and wealth, a wellness center. And I think we can all work together with it. so I intended to sing Home on the Range for y'all but, my voice is failing me. I've - I was exposed to black mold at Johnson Controls and, my - I need help with getting my lungs back. So, yeah. Home on the Range, so, thank you.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. did you say the pancakes was Tuesday or Saturday?

Samantha Anaya-Rader stated Tuesday. Oh Saturday can be, the District 3 breakfast.

Council Member Hoheisel stated District 3, we're not having one this month. We have one next month.

Samantha Anaya-Rader stated okay. let's see Saturday. I can do Saturday.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. I just - I just Tuesday is fine. I just wanted some clarification.

Samantha Anaya-Rader stated Saturday more people can come. yeah, Saturday noon. Saturday at noon.

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Mayor Wu stated thank you, Council Member Hoheisel. And just a quick note, Sedgwick County owns Sedgwick County Park.

II) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 16

***Motion:***

**Mayor Wu moved to** approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 16.

Motion carried 7 to 0

COUNCIL BUSINESS

III) BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS

1.) Board of Bids and Contracts dated September 8, 2025.

Attachment: [09-08-2025 Board of Bids.pdf](#)

Josh Lauber, Finance Department, reviewed the item.

Mayor Wu stated I have a couple of questions. Can we go back to number six? Can you talk about this?

Josh Lauber, Finance Department, stated sure. the bid exceeded the engineer's estimate requiring us to change the material deviation of the scope, so we can hopefully re-solicit the project and then get bids within the engineer's estimate.

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Mayor Wu stated and then nine. I've attended several grand re-openings of libraries, and I'm very appreciative. This was in Council Member Glasscock's district, Westlink Library. And all these improvements are great. , I had the opportunity to see Council Member, Tuttle's, where she holds her District Advisory Board meetings at Rockwell. Can you address or can someone address, since we've made all these investments, can we make sure that the structures are structurally sound? This should have been item number one prior to renovating inside. , I think this was a leak. Is that correct? Sorry, I apologize. I'm now thinking about yours. But it's still the same question. How can we make sure that we first focus on the structural buildings before we - I guess we've already done it though, which is the insides of these libraries.

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated thank you, Mayor and Council Members. Gary Janzen, Public Works and Utilities. There was a kind of a special set of circumstances related to this issue that you - you point well received. I get it. You're right. And we certainly as we go through these projects, we're trying to evaluate as many issues as we can. , the focus here was on a lot of what happens with the interior use and the space. there, again, there were some circumstances that led to this not being a part of the project. But I think it gives us the opportunity to re-evaluate how we approach these in the future. So I appreciate the comment. And we do want to be as thorough as we can up front with these projects.

Mayor Wu stated do you have any updates regarding the Alford then?

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated we I can get you I don't have specific updates with me. , we do have funding for roof replacement, additional window replacement and then we're also looking ahead at funding that's in the CIP for, some of the facade removal and replacement to - to hopefully address the issues we're having with the leaks. same thing there. When those repairs were originally made some of what has happened since that point in time we were not aware of. , and it had nothing to do with repairs that were already made. , but we do have a funding program to be able to move forward. So I can get you specifics on that because we've got multiple things getting ready to happen there too.

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Mayor Wu stated thank you, Gary. And I know that we have seven libraries and a majority of them had major improvements, so I just want to make sure that people understand that we are making those major investments not just inside but also structurally so that it is a sound building. Thank you, Gary.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. Josh, can you go back to I think it's six maybe? This is probably a question for Gary. Sorry, Gary. Is this the drains in Old Town, like in the center that I'm always harassing? Well...

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities, stated yes. Yes, the - the drains that are at the center of the street. The ones that we've been talking about. We've had the temporary plates on them. A unique situation. When these were designed years ago they - they lasted. They - they served us well but to try to get in and make repairs has been more challenging than we thought. So we're trying to take a different approach to make sure these last longer next time. Being fairly unique and some of the materials being used, resulted in a higher cost than we expected. We're going to take one more look and maybe find a different way to approach this. But hopefully we can get back to bidding soon and get the permanent repairs done. I don't know what that timeline looks like just yet, but I'll let you know as soon as we know.

Council Member Ballard stated that was my next question.

Mayor Wu stated lastly, Josh, it's Slides 10 and 15 so maybe it's a Chief Snow question. \$93,000 and then I think what was, 15? 909. Major, investments into the fire departments. Can Chief Snow maybe just address the needs for this and how this will help with safety for our firefighters as well?

Elizabeth Snow, Fire Department, stated good morning, Mayor, City Council members. Fire Chief Tammy Snow. yes, both of these are part of a larger package for our station alerting. It will upgrade our station alerting, and allow us to receive and transmit signals. It's all part of a big package. These are two components of it. the current station

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alerting, it's currently out for, well, we have RFPs, and we are currently interviewing, the potential bid packages currently. Some of the specifications on it or are to change the way we currently alert our firefighters. Currently, there's a loud blast whenever an emergency call comes in waking the entire station or notifying the entire station. in the current, vendors that we're interviewing at this particular time we've changed that to cardiac alerting. Which means it's more heart friendly. If a firefighter is asleep at night, and the tones ramp up it goes from very soft to loud. The packages also have the amenity or the luxury or another feature of being able to, if we have multiple units in a station we can alert just those that are assigned to that particular station. So allowing the rest of the members to continue to sleep. So, again, it's more health friendly and moving forward. And this is - like I said, these are just two components of it.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Chief. So, nearly a million dollars, and it is going to help with really the safety and health of firefighters as well as communication?

Elizabeth Snow, Fire Department stated yes.

***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: [Northwest HS Addn.pdf](#)

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Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-417 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Northwest High School Addition SS 024053.docx](#)

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

***Motion:***

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

Motion carried 7 to 0

V) UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

VI) NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

1.) [Ordinances Relating to Sections 5.68.218 and 5.05.030 of the Code of the City of Wichita Relating to Mapping Restrictions](#)

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

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-807 Offenses Within Old Town Entertainment District.docx](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-808 Failure to Comply with Mapping Restrictions.docx](#)

Attachment: [5.05.030 Offenses within Old Town Entertainment District DELINEATED 8.13.2025.docx](#)

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Attachment: [5.68.218 Fail to comply with mapping restrictions DELINEATED 8.13.2025.docx](#)

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, reviewed the item.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I know we had discussed and Sharon, thank you for answering all my questions earlier this week. But I'll just reiterate them now so they're in the public a little bit too the what-ifs regarding this. What if someone is driving through transit in here? What if someone is going to work? If they're going to the farmer's market, they have a family event, what are the exceptions? Do the judge make those exceptions as they travel through?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated the judge may make exceptions. PD is only going to have contact with people quite candidly if there's a problem. one of the other questions that a council member asked me yesterday was how - how - how do we know about these restrictions. And there is an order that's filed with the court, copy is sent to (SPDR). so then when an officer would make contact with a person, they would know that they're on that anti-prostitution or mapping restriction. So if I am passing through Old Town we're never going to stop you. If you're at a farmer's market, and you are mapped out that could be a violation, but if you ask the court for exceptions the court would then determine whether or not an exception was appropriate.

Council Member Glasscock stated and so this is less about enforcement, more about helping in prosecution in the future?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated right, yes.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Thank you for the presentation. just a couple of questions. So are there any time restrictions on this or would that be something someone have to ask a judge for exception-wise?

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Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated you mean as far as time of day or?

Council Member Johnson stated yes.

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated you can ask for exceptions. I mean, if I work in the area, frankly, the exceptions that we could ask for if we work in the area they were using work vehicles when they were committing the crime. So those were not granted, but the period of any kind of restriction is for a period of the probation or the diversion agreement which is generally 1 year.

Council Member Johnson stated okay. But it's a - it's a 24-7 restriction?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated unless there's some exception authorized by the court or the diversion agreement.

Council Member Johnson stated okay. If there is a situation where maybe this is wanted, but the person resides in Old Town, how would that work?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated would be up to the court as to whether or not it was appropriate for that person to continue to reside in Old Town for that year period of time. I have never seen it applied to someone who lived in Old Town and required them to move.

Council Member Ballard stated Thank you, Mayor. Sharon, thank you for the presentation and for answering my questions, yesterday, I guess. Can you talk a little bit about the successes of this and is that why we are expanding it into Old Town? Or did legal bring this up?

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Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated yeah. Legal brought this up. We don't file a lot of violations of the mapping restrictions. And that could be that they're either successful or, they're just not going to back to those areas for that period of time. It became an issue when we were wanting to have these restrictions on people who were on the diversion agreement for the period of agreement. And the court did not feel comfortable ordering those because the ordinance talked about condition of probation or conviction. So we just wanted to include language to allow that as a sentencing tool and a tool for our office to use as regarding diversion conditions.

Mayor Wu stated Sharon so these types of offenses, again, are - I'm looking at Page two of the ordinance. So urinating in public, defecating in public, public nudity, these are all items that if an individual has been charged with these items then would not be allowed to be in the area?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated you have to be convicted or you have to be placed on diversion. and we are asking for a slight expansion into those, to include the offenses that you just listed. Right now they are related to the person crimes, the battery crimes, the assault crimes. but we are asking for a slight, expansion of those in the old town area to include some of the public nudity type offenses that we are seeing.

Mayor Wu stated how often are we seeing those types of offenses?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated I do not have that data with me but I could get that for you.

Mayor Wu stated has that been increasing, decreasing or staying the same?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated I'm going to look to see if Captain Moses has any data or idea.

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Captain Aaron Moses, Police Department, stated I don't have specific data on those specific incidents. but obviously crime in Old Town or - or Downtown is of high priority to everyone in our community. It's something we hear a lot about. , certainly the perception of crime in - in the Old Town and Downtown area is something we hear a lot about. So it is something that we track. , just not these specific crimes. But I can certainly have those pulled and get those to you at a later date if you'd like.

Mayor Wu stated you don't need to. I don't want to add one more layer of, information. This is more of the question that I wanted to know which is how often has this been an issue in particular that this obviously law believed that this was an issue to bring it to an ordinance change. But how often has this really been an issue in the Old Town area?

Captain Aaron Moses, Police Department, stated I'll let Sharon talk about the issue with the diversion versus probation. But what I can touch on is we all saw incidents in the last 6 months that draw extreme public attention to the Old Town area. , and - and we certainly feel that any additional restriction we can place to help people feel safe in that area is important. I'm speaking specifically about the case where a female was battered in the Old Town area that draw a lot of - that drew a lot of public attention. , so from the police department's perspective having another tool and tool belt to try to keep problem people out of the area while they work on changing their behavior is beneficial.

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated I don't have anything to add other than what Captain Moses said. It's just really to give our office another tool, and the police department another tool should these people come back, into an area that - that they shouldn't be for that limited period of time.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Sharon and Captain Moses. I see no further questions. We'll open it up for public comment. I see none. We'll bring it back to the bench.

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***Motion:***

**Mayor Wu moved to** adopt the proposed ordinances and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

2.) [Amendments to Chapter 5.44 Related to Illegal Dumping](#)

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

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-809 Illegal Dumping.docx](#)

Attachment: [5.44 Illegal dumping-littering DELINEATED 8.15.2025.docx](#)

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, reviewed the item.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Sharon and the entire team that has been working for 18 months towards this solution. , I really appreciate it.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Sharon. Thank you everybody else. Chris, everybody. (Daniel) all of you who's been working on this. this is quite an issue in my district as we saw by the heat map. I know we've had a couple of different pilots over the years. it's been a touch and go. we've learned some things with some of these pilots. I think what you're talking about as far as the - the prosecution of the people who have the vehicles, own the vehicles is a big one because that's always been a barrier to successfully prosecuting. So I do appreciate all your work. a couple of quick questions. in here you talk about rummaging. , people who rummage through it and kind of spread the mess even more. Can you just touch base on that for a little bit for us?

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Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated we are adding or it's proposed to add an offense that if you rummage and leave through a mess, so if I go to Goodwill and they have some boxes sitting out or they have a dumpster for Goodwill and I go in and I take things out and I spew them all about, the spewing about of those items, would also violate this particular ordinance.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. Is there, like, how do we prosecute that? Like what would define spewing about?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated it would be the same process to - to prosecute any illegal going to. we would need to see the person there. a lot of the Goodwill agencies I know of, do have cameras just because they're tired of getting illegal things dumped. so we would use the same type of mechanisms to try to enforce that violation as we would the other violations.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay, thank you for that. we talked about an additional, MABCD inspector position. Is that a new one or is that moving about from the current employment?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated the current 6 month pilot is to utilize existing staff. the task force can't implement extra people. we can recommend that. the abbreviated final recommendation was to utilize current staff, have a 6-month pilot program that they would have more dedicated to illegal going to. and then at the end of that 6 month determine whether financially a new position would be warranted. And I'm going to look for Chris or (Daniel) if you want to add anything to that.

Chris Labrum, MABCD, stated good morning Mayor, Council. Chris Labrum, MABCD for the record. And thank you for that, sir. , thank you Sharon for the presentation as well. And so yes our my vision of this if you will is, again the change in the ordinances are a big game changer for us and the ability to try to prosecute, get the - the information to Sharon and her prosecutors that they would need. We often get video, maybe we get pictures. We've had

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everything from individuals wearing a hat that said, I don't think that was me. They didn't even flat out deny it was. They said I think it - I don't think it was or the video is a little grainy. And therefore we are not allowed to prosecute. So being able to pull the vehicle in and that gives us a lot more ability to tie that evidence together. So what I would foresee with this is if we can get some payback through fines, some cost recovery through fines through the, reimbursement of dump site cleanups that will help. But mainly if we can start to deter illegal going to then we'll be back here next spring with part of our budget process hopefully to say that we can take a good portion of the \$300,000 a year that we're spending right now to clean up sites and divert that towards resources such as an inspector vehicle equipment that we would need to continue to de- deter and prevent the illegal going to. So if we can be successful with the implementation and , with this that that will be our long-range plan.

Council Member Hoheisel stated all right, I appreciate that. And thanks again you, WPD, everybody who's been working on this. if you guys need any suggestions for any of the pilot sites I have one or five or six that I could give you, so, but thank you again for all your guys' work on this.

Mayor Wu stated Chris, a follow-up question. What's the salary of a typical MABCD inspector position?

Chris Labrum, MABCD, stated they're about \$60,000 to \$70,000 depending on range. Top out around \$75,000. So with benefits and that's what I look at with benefits, salary and a vehicle, about \$150,000 so about half of the current illegal going to budget.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Thanks, Chris, Sharon, team. I guess my thought process even to your point, Chris, is, I kind of think the initial fine should be higher than \$500. And happy to have that conversation. But just, the ugly act of illegal going to is an intentional act and I just believe that \$500 is a little low. I think it should be double that at \$1000. And maybe a language change in the ordinance instead of saying not less than \$500 just saying it's \$1000 on the first conviction. looking at the ramp up on I think Page 8, not less than \$1000 I would say not less than \$1500 no more than \$2000. But I would ramp that up just because of what we've seen just like Council Member Hoheisel

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who had several neighborhood people send videos. Chris, you know that I've sent them to you too. And people are just really frustrated. And I think a \$1000 minim is a really good deterrent hopefully to stop people from doing that. But I just wanted to add that in. I agree with, ramping this up, adding tools to the tool belt. You all work really hard and adding more tools to make sure we can address these issues I think is a good thing. Thank you.

Council Member Ballard stepped away briefly.

Mayor Wu stated I am going to second what Council Member Johnson has just said. I actually was looking at the violations for fireworks ordinances. And first time violations will result in a \$1000 fine or 100 community service hours. So, again, there's always that option for community service. However, the fine for fireworks is \$1000. Illegal going to, if we just look at the numbers that were provided to us \$1.5 million was spent between now and 2018 to remediate these sites from illegal going to. And the only fines we were able to get back to recover the \$1.5 million was \$4000. So we need to send a stronger message that our city doesn't tolerate actions that hurt others especially in neighborhoods. , these illegal going to sites they've become a safety hazard for people in our community and so I am for a stronger fine or a higher fine of \$1000 as well.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I would support the strictest enforcement we could have on legal going to as well, in particular areas. And try to give you as many tools to be successful in prosecuting them. regarding - this is my question last time to Sharon, but it's a question you could answer as well. in some ways this is probably less about enforcement but more of prosecution for individuals, correct? This would give us more tools to prosecute?

Chris Labrum, MABCD, stated correct. , for successful prosecution, yes, sir.

Council Member Glasscock stated so one thing I was looking, on the analysis, Item 1B said that this will strengthen so this might be more of a Sharon question. Provide court to the ability to impose restitution fees on offenders to cover clean up costs. So I was trying

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to look through the actual language of the ordinance and I probably just skipped past it, you know, when you read something like four times and I couldn't find it. But where does it specifically say the restitution side? I saw where it said the fine.

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated oh, I'm sorry, on Page 8J the court may require in addition to the fine and as a condition of probation the person convicted remove - or pay the cost of removing any waste matter which the person dumped or caused to be dumped on public or private property.

Council Member Glasscock stated yeah. And again I just want to make sure that that language was in there. And then regarding the background, on the sheet that we are provided, less than 4000 fines have been collected by the municipal court. So previously up to this we weren't doing restitution on top of fines, it was just the fine?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated it was just the fine. And I might just add procedurally, if it is the will of the council to change those amounts as far as the minimum and maximum that could be done as part of the motion. And then it would just be cleaned up and you would be provided a cleaned up version on second reading. And if I was following Councilperson Johnson that would be Sections H on Page 7. And then over on Page 8 would be the same change for the minim for a second offense to the maxim of \$2500 is generally what we have jurisdiction over in municipal court.

Council Member Ballard stated sorry. , thank you, Mayor. I have a quick question for Bob. sorry if I'm out of order but I was just thinking, do you know offhand how much our budget is for the neighborhood cleanups? I'm just curious how much we spend on that. And then obviously there's just a situation with a lot of trash and that's why it gets dumped. I'm just curious how much money we're spending. I know it's just off the cuff but sorry, it's just I'm just curious.

City Manager Robert Layton stated I don't know that I remember. I know I remember the transfer - I'm going to I think it's around \$100,000 if I remember correctly.

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Council Member Ballard stated for the cleanups.

City Manager Robert Layton stated but don't quote me on that. It's \$300,000.

Council Member Ballard stated So that - so it's that - those organized cleanups in addition to the million dollars that we're spending on the illegal going to.

City Manager Robert Layton stated that's correct.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Sharon, one question I forgot to ask you that came in my email and then a second one I thought of. I'll start - this is probably the harder one. Some of the illegal going to that's happened in District 1 over the years, inspectors have told me to stop doing this, but I would go look through the pile and see addresses that were not attached to where it was dumped with the individual's name that's found and that be prosecuted or if we were able to identify who actually dumped it and it was a different person, would they be prosecuted?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated that's in here. Page 6 D as in dog.

Council Member Johnson stated did I miss that?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated if there's evidence of three or more items in the waste manor...there can be a presumption. And it's a presumption. Because I think in a lot of the situations that you're talking about, right or wrong, I may have paid my nephew (Billy) to go take my trash to the dump. And instead he dumped it there and kept my \$25. I mean, so we - we as prosecutors and the inspectors look at all the facts. But there's a presumption. And - and then it would be up to the individual who paid her nephew or whoever or Bob's Trash Service or whatever to come back and say, no, I in fact paid him to do this.

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Council Member Johnson stated okay. the question in my email is, what would be done for illegal going to at a business? So this person works at a business and said that trash companies find them for cleaning up illegal going to when people go dump furniture, mattresses, tires, paint and all that other stuff in front of their trash receptacles. Is that something they would just share that video with us to prosecute who did it?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated yes.

Council Member Johnson stated okay. Would the would the judge be able to look at the fines that maybe this business receives and add that as a condition of I guess the result of court or are they kind of on their own for that and that's a civil matter that they would have to sue this individual?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated okay, so okay, let me make sure I got the facts right. So I own XY business and maybe CD comes and tags me because I have junk out there. I then come back with a video that shows that ABC, my neighbor, dumped the junk there?

Council Member Johnson stated they're saying that the hauler was, so if Waste Connections is your hauler and somebody dumps there Waste Connections cleans it up but they fine them. So is that a civil matter?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated yeah I have to pay for an extra mattress or oversized item or whatever. I mean, I - I think you could ask the court as a matter of restitution. I mean, that was something that the property owner had to pay or expend to get those items removed. So I think that would be an appropriate ask if we have enough information across all the lines and dot all the Ts to get over to who - who did the going to. And that's always been the problem in this case is who dumped it.

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Mayor Wu stated Sharon you mentioned an example a little bit earlier ago where you said say for instance, two sofas, I'll make it two mattresses and three fridges that's five violations?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated yes.

Mayor Wu stated and just so that people kind of have an understanding of what those costs are, if they would have gone to Brooks Landfill, the mattresses per mattress is \$20 each so that's \$40. And then the three fridges, any items with freon is \$50 each so, \$150. So nearly 200 bucks, and - that they could have taken it to Brooks Landfill instead they - they would get five violations. If we went with the \$1000 fine, how would that work?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated on the - on the big stuff it's a bigger fine. On Page 10, if you dump big items it's \$1500 per violation. So if you're talking the five big things, if my math is right, the fine should be \$7500 so it's \$1500 per big thing.

Mayor Wu stated So they could save themselves that fine.

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated \$7000.

Mayor Wu stated they would go to Brooks Landfill and simply go and dump it there instead of illegally going to in our community?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated plus any restitution costs.

Mayor Wu stated So there's always a choice. In other words, there's a choice where you can do it appropriately. And there's a choice of just going to it in our neighborhoods which is illegal. So I appreciate, again. I wanted to give context to those numbers so that people understand there is an opportunity to do it correctly and then there's an opportunity to do it incorrectly. in addition, I had one more question. Council Member Ballard asked about

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neighborhood cleanup costs. So per year \$300,000. So neighborhoods have an opportunity. if you cannot afford going to Brooks Landfill, you can go to these neighborhood cleanups. I know Council Member Hoheisel, Ballard and many others, have them in their neighborhoods. So there is an opportunity for free, neighborhood cleanups. Is that correct?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated there - there is. I do not know the frequency of those cleanups. And - and I think that's the issue - I mean, the - the issue is always I'm getting ready to move, I have all this junk, what do I do? Do I leave it and then my landlord keeps my deposit? Do I leave it at the curb? Do I call my best cousin Billy? if - if I can't wait for that cleanup which would certainly be what we would want you to do, but just looking at what resources are out there rather than just leaving it at the curb and telling - telling citizens it's somebody else's problem is really what we're trying to address.

Mayor Wu stated So back to some personal responsibility?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated yes.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. So question for - I don't know if this is for my colleagues. But, so by increasing the fine which I agree with, my concern is if we only collected \$4000 in the past and we've spent a million dollars for the cleanups I just - it sounds great, you know, in theory to up the consequence, but we're already not collecting a lot. And so I'm just curious how you guys feel about that. I mean, I - I believe that there needs to come a consequence for - for legal going to. Sometimes the - the only way to get their attention is, you know, to hit them in the pocket. But if we're already, having a hard time collecting I just am curious your thoughts on what that might look like.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, if I could - and I'd like Sharon to address this. If all we were doing was just increasing fines I wouldn't disagree with you. But we're asking for significant changes in the ordinance in order to help us with prosecutions. And so I think we could see a substantial increase in revenue because now we have greater tools to be able to find someone guilty or to provide evidence to the , court to try to get guilty.

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Captain Aaron Moses, Police Department, stated if I may tag in, Manager. , Captain Moses again for the record. That's the exact conversation we had as part of the work group. , the - the work group kind of started around, you know, the lowest barrier change we can make is increase the fines. And we all said that's great. But what does that mean? And so that's when we started looking at how can we also increase the fine and fill the gaps in the prosecution. Because what we found is some of these barriers like not being able to hold the vehicle owner responsible. That - those were the types of things that really limited the ability of MABCD, law enforcement and the prosecutor's office to successfully prosecute a case. So that's why we did both of these together. We had the conversation about increasing the fine amount, candidly. , we anticipated some of this conversation from the bench. But we wanted that to be a discussion that you all were able to have and not something that staff imposed. , but we had some of those very similar conversations. But that's why this all kind of comes together in - in two different ways like the manager said.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. yeah, I - I agree and I support raising those fines 100%. , just a little background on the neighborhood cleanups. I believe we use CDBG funds for that, or some sort of federal funding, I believe, for it now. Rebecca, could you come up here and just give a little background about that? But also, another barrier that we see with the neighborhood cleanups is that, you essentially have to have a neighborhood association to run those cleanups. It might be worth a discussion moving forward about how to work our way around that a little better. Because there's a number of areas in all around the city that don't have neighborhood cleanups because they don't have an association going which I think is one of the requirements there.

Becca Johnson, Office of Community Services, stated yeah. we don't use CDBG funds. I don't have the full answer so I don't run that program. Becca Johnson from the Office of Community Services, for the record. I believe it is part of Public Works' budget for dumps, I think.

City Manager Robert Layton stated it's a transfer from the, our landfill fund.

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Becca Johnson, Community Services, stated yes, but we do have requirements about the neighborhoods that are allowed to have them that do they have to be low to moderate income neighborhoods.

Mayor Wu stated can you reiterate that, City Manager? Since I mentioned Brooks Landfill obviously people are asked to come and dump there appropriately with a fee. And so because of these fees then we're able to provide free neighborhood cleanup locations so that people who cannot afford paying the \$20 for a mattress dump that they can have - have it at a neighborhood location. Can you address that, that has been, this is the part of our method of trying to help individuals who are either low to moderate income individuals?

City Manager Robert Layton stated it has, Mayor. The money is transferred from the landfill fund into the cleanup program. it's something that we're reviewing right now because we are projecting some difficulties in that fund going forward. And so our ability to be able to fund the neighborhood cleanup to the level that we have in the past may come in jeopardy a little bit because of that. but that's under study right now. And we're doing some long-range projections to make sure that the landfill fund stays healthy. we - the Council also, if I remember correctly, modified the program a few years ago so that some neighborhoods could take advantage of it that aren't necessarily low or moderate income to make sure that, there are parts of the city where a group of neighbors could come together or a homeowner association sponsor a - a cleanup. But if I rem- it's just a handful, if I remember correctly, every year.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Just adding to the conversation, what Captain Moses said is why I think the increase in fines would be good. Adding those additional tools, I think, will result in better prosecutions. And I think a few people - and I continue to think about that red truck that was in that video. I think a few good examples of people being fined for all the waste that they are going to would make an impact. And hopefully in the future it's not happening as much. But I think initially having those additional tools will help out.

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Chris Labrum, MABCD, stated if I may, Mayor thank you. Councilwoman Ballard has asked me if I could go down, go ahead and break down the case totals that we've had. So if you look at that those prosecution numbers since 2018 we have cleaned up 10,944 total dump sites. , of those, we were able to charge 72. we were able to get 17 of those into court. And we were able to get six convictions of those. So oh, actually, sorry, I take that back. So we had 17 no contest and six guilties. So of those we were - we were able to get about half of those, with a conviction. And that resulted in the \$3689.16 in fines that we were able to recover. So that's the complete breakdown of those numbers. And as the manager and others have said we would certainly hope that we would see a gross increase in that, be able to recover a great a great deal more. , another thing I will add is to the topic of the dump sites and by council district. So we track every dump site. , the decision was made several years ago that, we should not be making management decisions based on council district and the location of those sites. It should be based on the urgency of the site and what was in it. So that's why we had not ever retained or tracked that - that data by council district. , if that is valuable, especially with this new ordinance we can certainly begin doing that so that we have it going forward. That - does that answer all of your questions, ma'am?

Mayor Wu stated I have a follow-up question to that. so of those neighborhood cleanups, can I just understand the breadth of which districts? Is it the same three districts that there have been issues on the map? Oh, you have one. So can you just raise your hand if your district receives funds for neighborhood cleanups? So no council District 5 or no council District 2.

City Manager Robert Layton stated I believe there have been limited ones in 1 and 5 that's why the council changed the policy of several years ago but they're very limited. And I - I don't have that information. It would be probably one or two a year at the most, if I remember correctly. And it's a first-come, first-served basis. I know the council opened it up but I don't know that there have been many applications.

Council Member Tuttle stated for clarification, you said 1 and 5. Did you mean 2 and 5?

City Manager Robert Layton stated I'm sorry, I meant 2 and 5.

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Council Member Tuttle stated I'm not a- aware of any but that doesn't mean that it hasn't happened. But my - usually it's an HOA that comes together to do a cleanup in my district.

Mayor Wu stated thank you. So there are opportunities. Again, I just want to make it clear that that's why I really lean on the council members. They are very good at sharing when there's a neighborhood cleanup because that is your, quote, free opportunity to do it appropriately but also not get charged what you would get charged at the landfill. But it is being subsidized. So that is, I think, what I just gleaned from that information. And knowing that the fund is unstable can you address what are steps that we're taking to make it stable? So again, that there are opportunities for those that cannot pay still have these free opportunities.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, primarily what we're doing is looking at our fee structure. we think we've been undercharging at the landfill. and when we look at competition on the private side. And so we're trying to find the right spot not to discourage going to, yeah, by our - the vendors that use us but at the same time to get closer to cost recovery.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Two things. Chris, I do think it's important to track that by district just to have that data. two, the neighborhood cleanup piece is a little more complicated, than we are talking about. We don't publicly advertise, when those are happening citywide because of illegal going to. So if neighborhood A had a cleanup on Saturday, that neighborhood knows about it. The rest of the city does not just because people will bring stuff over there. And it's incumbent upon most of us work with those neighborhoods. But Council Member, CSR, neighborhood president, their group to door knock and let people know when that is, get the flyers out. Hopefully they get their belongings to the curb. And that happens once a year. We really need to do that more but we don't have the budget for that. and that's kind of where some of this comes from. That one time per year is great. People will get stuff out but in 4 or 5 months they may have something else that they need, and they don't have the funds to do that. And I think that's where some of this comes from. but, again, those are not fully advertised citywide. And in cases at least in District 1 where I've seen people put that on social media, one, time we

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had a bus from West Wichita not a bus, a boat from West Wichita show up at a neighborhood. And they tried to leave it there and speed off. But luckily, the neighborhood president, myself and the neighborhood officer were there to make sure that did not happen. But so most of the time, that's just advertised within the neighborhood to try to stop that from happening.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Council Members. Thank you, staff. I see no further questions right now. We will now open it up for public comment. I see none. I'll bring it back to the bench.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. I think most of us up here are in agreement to raise the fine. so Sharon, I don't know if you need to help me through this but you indicated earlier on Page 5, I believe it is? Seven. Thank you.

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated yeah 7 and 8 then H as in Harry.

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated oh, no. If you wanted to increase the fine the motion would just be moved to approve the ordinance with the following changes. increase the fine in Section H to \$1000 not more than \$2500. Second, a violation not less than \$1500 no more than \$2500. Which I think was the gist of the conversation.

***Motion:***

**Council Member Hoheisel moved to** place the ordinance on first reading with the changes Section H changing the language from a mandatory fine of not less than \$500 to \$1000. And then also changing, on Page 8 not less than \$1500 or not more than \$2500 and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

- 3.) [Ordinances Relating to Noise Nuisances and the Operation of Loud Vehicles](#)

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

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-810 Loud and unnecessary noise prohibited.docx](#)

Attachment: [5.63 and 11.60 - Noise Nuisance - DELINEATED 8.15.2025.docx](#)

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, reviewed the item.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. Captain Moses, I have a question for you. Okay, so I hear about this a lot in addition to the motorcycles but that's for another day. how - so how will this be enforced? I mean, I know you guys are extremely busy, but for example, will the entertainment districts all be treated the same as like downtown, Old Town Delano? There's a lot of dragging Douglas going on and I'm just curious. I have gotten a couple messages basically about they're very excited but are really looking forward to enforcement. So I'm just curious what that might look like.

Captain Aaron Moses, Police Department, stated that's a great question. So we have done special assignments in downtown, in the downtown area around Nafzger Park, Old Town previously. And I anticipate that that will continue. That is a priority of the chief because he hears the same complaints you do. A lot of our enforcement related to this type of activity is complaint generated. So we rely on the community to tell us where these problems are occurring. And then we establish a plan to address them. We have to balance enforcement with the safety of the community. , so it's important to make sure that - that expectation is - is metered. you know, this is a \$500 to \$1500 fine for noise. And it is a problem. , but we also want to make sure that we're not recklessly chasing a motorcycle or a vehicle that's making loud noise through the downtown area on a Saturday night when it's packed putting people at risk. So our special assignments while I'm not going to get into the com- all the tactics behind it they take those types of things into consideration. , that's why we've been leveraging technology at the department with your all - with your all support, which we're grateful for. And we'll continue to use that technology to enforce things like this. This, like,

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many of the other things we've talked about today simply gives us more tools to address those problems that people have. so enforcement will continue to look like what it has, probably with increased special assignments focusing on these specific ordinances now that they've been kind of tweaked and - and that we can use them a little bit differently. Hopefully that answers your question.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you. these questions will be for Sharon. Two quick ones, it's the same question I asked on the last one that this is more for the prosecution, less enforcement when we find violations. And then in addition to that, often we may there are some people that are un- unreasonable and so how are we defining reasonableness of a person?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated it's a legal standard what would - a person of reasonable sensibilities and normally that's up to the court to determine. we do like to have in these cases, corroborating testimony. The officer was there. The officer heard the music. He saw the pictures vibrating on the wall. we do not intend to, regulate the type of music. I don't like that music so I - I want them charged. generally, we need at least one other person to testify or provide information that there was, in fact, a problem.

Council Member Glasscock stated so it may not just be an individual going down the street and declaring things unreasonable? That's not the standard that we ...

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, stated that is not the standard.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Captain Moses just one quick question. do we have any ability to measure decibel levels with our - our patrol units?

Captain Aaron Moses, Police Department, stated we do have some decibel readers. They're mostly focused in patrol south for Old Town with - that's where we've used them most recently related to complaints that we've received about specific locations in Old

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Town. But we do have some, not - they're not something that patrol officers generally carry around. But we do have some.

Mayor Wu stated approximately how much is that tool? And is it beneficial to have more of those tools with one of our patrol?

Captain Aaron Moses, Police Department, stated I don't know the exact cost of the tool. But captain Cooley was a part of purchasing those previously I believe. And I can go back and - and talk with him about expanding having those in other areas of the - of the city.

Council Member Johnson stated Thanks, Mayor. , I guess it's good. I got rid of my hemi it was pretty loud. I'm sure.

Captain Aaron Moses, Police Department, stated I'm sure you drove very responsibly and would not have violated this order.

Council Member Johnson stated you know, yeah, I do. Yeah. just one quick clarification. I know the answer to this. Well, I think I do. So officers have discretion when they are called out. So in the example, like Sharon just mentioned if the neighbors don't like Snoop Dogg or Ice Cube and that's what's plan, officers can hear that and just ask them to turn it down because of that not just fining them immediately?

Captain Aaron Moses, Police Department, stated yeah, absolutely. Chief Sullivan has taken a very strong stance about education over enforcement when we can. So if it is something where we can reasonably communicate with the offender and say, "Hey, you may not have recognized this but your neighbor is hearing your noise and - and it's too loud. Please turn it down." That's what we're going to do first before we move to just citing somebody.

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Council Member Johnson stated okay. And in a situation where there's a responsible person with a hemi in their truck who may work out early in the morning and when they turn their truck on it rattles everybody's windows. Are they going to get a potential fine for that just going to work out?

Captain Aaron Moses, Police Department, stated I would say we would utilize the same education model where we would maybe communicate with that person and say you may not recognize this but it is causing issues for your neighbor. We all have a responsibility to be good neighbors and sometimes we just need to hear from a third party, an independent third party about how your behavior might be affecting your neighbors.

Mayor Wu stated I see no further questions for staff. We'll open it up for public comment. I see none. We'll bring it back to the bench. I know I've had the opportunity to go to Breakfasts at Council Member Ballard's District 6. And I've also heard it in, College Hill in District 1 that this is an issue. and so I will glean on these two council members to move this item.

***Motion:***

**Council Member Ballard moved to** adopt the proposed ordinances and authorize the necessary changes.

Motion carried 7 to 0

4.) [Ordinance Authorizing Use of Hyatt Proceeds \(District III\)](#)

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

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-811 Hyatt Funds District III.docx](#)

Becca Johnson, Community Services, reviewed the item.

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Mayor Wu stepped away briefly.

Vice Mayor JV Johnston stated any questions for Becca? I'm seeing none. Is there any one who'd like to speak on this from the audience? I'm seeing none. Bring it back to the bench.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you Vice Mayor. First I just want to give the flowers to everybody who's currently doing work in our district. , WAAL is actually in plain view right now and starting to get into Hilltop with spay and neuter clinics. I know we all hear the heartbreaking stories of, what's going on at the, the animal shelter. And this is a countrywide issue right now. A lot of it stems from the fallout from COVID. This is a good step as far as getting ahead of this problem so we don't have these issues further down the road. So they are doing great work. WAAL, they not only deal with a lot of the strays that people have but also education with people, hooking them up with resources. , letting them know, you know, here's where you can get your heartworm medicine. Here's how to better take care of your pets. They also participate in neighborhood cleanups as a matter of fact. , just this last weekend in Hilltop WAAL was out there and they were also out in Plainview helping with that as well. So they're doing so much more than just helping with this. But, it's great to be able to help them a little bit help us in return. also Legacy Works they've been doing great work. Working with kids who are, in the foster care system. Working with some at-risk kids as well. I fu- fully encourage people to go and try their coffee. I'm not sure if they're still at the downtown library but they - they've been down at the downtown library so stop by there and grab some of their coffee. They also do pottery to help teach kids how to Garden and, sell that produce actually to help go back into the program. It's another great program that we have down in District 3. And I'm just so thankful that they're there doing the work. also we are looking at, doing some murals, in Linwood Park and Hilltop as well on the side of the community building. So that's what the extra \$7000 or so of this ordinance will be going to. we have one of south Wichita's, well-known artist (Bill Stowe) for helping with that as well. So this is all a lot of, great moment that we have that we want to further support in the district. And also the drive-in had a significant, amount of damage that was done here recently. So this is just to help them kind of get the fence repairs done, get, some of the down limbs hauled out of there as well, so. and just also of note they will be having a scary movie, festivals here in the end of September and October. And those are always a - a blast to deal with as well. So I just

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want to make sure that we give as much help to the drive-in as we can because it's a Southside institution.

***Motion:***

**Council Member Hoheisel moved to** place the ordinance on first reading and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

5.) [Funding for 2025 Park Signage](#)

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-420 Park Signage.docx](#)

Tim Kellams, Park and Recreation Department, reviewed the items.

Vice Mayor Johnston stepped away briefly.

Mayor Wu stated thank you for the presentation. Questions for staff. I have several. Can you go to 73 again? So I wanted to know this compared to the current wood signs, how much is this obstructing, I guess traffic? Because I can see that the old sign you could still see through and it would be helpful for people who are making left turns. Can you talk about that?

Tim Kellams, Park and Recreation Department, stated sure, yeah. So, all the signs have to go through a - a sign permit. So that's done - done through MABCD. So they look through that make and sure that, it is appropriate for the sign, the right size and it - and is in a good location. Many of our signs, the most of the projects that we've been doing now are the big

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facilities. So they have like Evergreen Rec Center they get these big tall ones because they're - they're - they're pretty important and most people are trying to go to those. As we get to these smaller, locations we'll be going with a smaller four by three sign. So it'll - it'll be smaller. It'll be basically pretty much the same size as this one. not as bulky as this one. Still very legible. , but it will be roughly about the same size. We don't have any of those currently installed so I don't have a photo for you. But you should start to see those. , we do have a couple of those in the 2024 park signage project so you'll start to see those around so we have a better idea.

Mayor Wu stated thank you. That helps with comparison because again we're not comparing apples to apples right now. There is no such sign example just yet.

Tim Kellams, Park and Recreation Department, stated Correct.

Mayor Wu stated with these old signs the wooden signs, do you know how much those used to cost versus these new signs which cost \$25,000 each?

Tim Kellams, Park and Recreation Department, stated so \$25,000 is - is not the - the number. It depends on the bids, and the size. We're seeing that those are coming in around, I think the latest one was around - probably around \$4000 to maybe \$10,000. It depends on the size. The taller ones are - are more costly and the smaller ones are - are a little less. , you're just using less material. the, in terms of cost I'm not sure. Those - these metal or these wood ones were mostly done in-house. So they were using staff time to repair these, create these. a lot of the - the issues that we're having with the wood signs are that, when they are vandalized you can't just take a graffiti remover to them and clean them off. You have to then go and replace them. If they get cut you have to replace them. So it's using staff time to go through and maintain these whereas it's a lot easier to just remove a panel get a new panel made for these wood or for the metal signs. And you can just take the graffiti remover to them a lot quicker. So in terms of maintenance we're - we imagine that we'll be seeing less staff time going towards the - the maintenance of these signs. because it does take quite a bit of, you can see kind of in the bottom of this one they do get, with heavy wind they are wood they are susceptible to - to cracking and breaking. , there are, with weed eaters and mowers they do damage the signs as well. We were putting concrete footings around all of the new signs so that makes it easier for mowers and the

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- the maintenance team. So our vision is that these new signs will be getting or have less wear and tear on them and they'll have a much longer lifespan compared to these wood ones. Which do routinely have to get replaced over time. they - they just aren't as - as structurally sound.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. I was - I was just going to say I appreciate the presentation. I really like these, when it was installed. I think the first one was that Lynette Woodard. People loved seeing that and really kind of gave a refresh. Not to overstep into another district but I just wonder on the Kansas Firefighter Memorial when you all get there, would there be entertainment of adding red to it just for firefighters instead of the consistent blue and water stuff?

Tim Kellams, Park and Recreation Department, stated yeah, I - I think we're still kind of exploring funding exactly how that one - I know we do have a mock-up for that and planning to move forward with that sign. , but I don't know the full details exactly on funding just yet. I know there's a couple of - of moving pieces on - on that one and what the final design will look like. But I do believe there will be read on that one.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. , just a little background. And I do believe red and black is the, the color outline for that particular one. I think maybe the wording whether it's black or white wording is kind of where we're at also. also it appears that, that sign will be donated. so we would not have to have that in our, the CIP going forward. We're still in discussions with that. So, a lot of good moment there. Thank you.

Mayor Wu stated several more questions. So back to the cost. So we're about to approve \$100,000 for 2025 park signage. But you're telling me that each sign is roughly \$4000. So what's the remainder?

Tim Kellams, Park and Recreation Department, stated so once we get into the - to the pools we are looking at the different sign types and evaluating the - the exact size that we are - that is appropriate for these. , if funding allows we will continue to go and work on

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Harrison Park. And those numbers listed to potential additional signage. The very - the numbers that we received, for park signage has varied. so what we've done in the past when we've bid this out is we put out multiple park signs. and - and we bid them in different groups. So if they are accepted we can accept pretty much all the groups that we can fit into our funding amount. so we will do our best to get all of these in. I didn't want to say that we're going to be doing all of these signs when we don't know when the bids come in yet. Because we bid them on a individual basis, to each contractor. So, it allows us to get our bang for our buck because we're doing as many signs as we possibly can. But knowing that the funding kind of changes around especially given that they're all metal that changes a little bit. We know that we'll be able to do all of the - the pool signs. and hopefully we'll be able to do those additional signs. But I don't know if we're going to be able to get to all of them.

Mayor Wu stated okay. So technically - because the way that this screen sheet reads it makes it sound like \$100,000 is for four pool signs. However, if there are remaining dollars within the \$100,000 you'll be able to also help out with possibly up to six. But I just heard that the sixth one actually is going to be donated so really five. So my question really goes back to it's \$100,000 for up to is it nine parks, nine locations? Is that accurate?

Tim Kellams, Park and Recreation Department, stated yes, I mean if we get great bids we can always go back out and put out more and try to, you know, do more. Right now we've seen when we've done bids we've seen pricing kind of all over the place. we'd - luckily we had a vendor out of New Jersey of all places bid on a project and was a low bid for the 2024 signs now. I don't know if they're going to bid on the next one. and prices may change. And we don't know who exactly is going to bid on the projects. , but I think nine is - is probably our - our target. But again with funding kind of bouncing around and not knowing who's bidding on a project, it does kind of open us up to not knowing exactly how much we're able to get done.

Mayor Wu stated so, again, just so that community understands we're about to approve \$100,000 for up to nine signs so that it doesn't because the way that the - the green sheet again looks like it's - it shows \$100,000 for four specific pool. So it does come down to \$25,000 each so it's very inaccurate. so I - I think again I would encourage staff to share this portion within the green sheet. So again when community understands \$100,000

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is not being divided up by four signs but rather up to nine signs. It makes it more reasonable of how much a sign actually cost. Again for community and transparency sake. The other question I had was about QR codes. Since these are panels versus these wood signs, and that's I think one of the reasons that, you guys are having consistent signage look is so that people understand that the City of Wichita maintains these. Has a QR code ever been considered?

Tim Kellams, Park and Recreation Department, stated no, I don't think so. We have kiosks that we have throughout our parks. those are a little bit more appropriate for QR codes rather than - I think these signs are more for, vehicular wayfinding. , I mean they do help with pedestrian and - and bicyclists. but didn't really want to encourage QR codes on more traffic signage. We do have QR codes throughout our parks on smaller kiosk signs. , and we do use those. One great example of that is at L.W. Clapp Park at the playground. , we have, a panel that is used for the playground to help with , individuals that are, that have community challenges and communication. , so there's a communication panel board there that we do use QR codes for. So we do use them throughout the park but probably won't be on this project.

Mayor Wu stated can we go back to Slide 73? and you brought up something that is of concern to me and to this council which is vandalism. Can you address, since moving to these new signs, have we had vandalism? If not which is great, what has deterred that vandalism? Because it is a cost to community. And I think oftentimes we just talk about the vandalism and then move on from it and we clean it up. But it is a cost to not only staff time but resources. And it also goes back to I think the three ordinances that we talked about earlier today about Taking some personal responsibility and your actions have consequences. Can you talk about vandalism and what we have done to try to curb vandalism on - especially on signs?

Tim Kellams, Park and Recreation Department, stated sure. Yeah, I think changing to materials that are - that are - are more appropriate than used with the graffiti removal, material that - that's something that we've done on even signs and even other materials about not - there are certain coatings and materials that work well with a - a graffiti removal. , so on our projects, we will look through let's say it's a retaining wall, we'll make

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sure that the coating on the retaining wall, doesn't allow for let's say spray paint to be absorbed into it and allows for easy graffiti removal. That's the same thing that we're doing here on these signs. Is that it allows the, the graffiti removal, chemicals to not eat into the - into the material. , I don't know if I have - I don't have exact numbers on, replacement or on maintenance. I do know that when I've talked with maintenance staff that routinely there's been - when I'd ask, like, hey, what are you guys doing this week or what's on your - what's on your list? I've routinely hear that replacing a sign at this park, replacing a sign at this park. And those are those wood signs. I have yet to hear that - I've never been told that we had to replace one of these metal signs. So I think that's great because that's allowing more staff time to do - maintain other things. And again in terms of vandalism in terms of graffiti. this is just a much easier thing to - to maintain. I think if you drive around, businesses around town, a lot of them have these metal signs and I think you'll probably see that many of them don't have vandalism or they - they are easily re- or quickly removed simply because it's easier chemically to remove them.

Council Member Hoheisel stepped away briefly.

Mayor Wu stated maybe this is a question for law. , how, have we prosecuted vandalism cases regarding, sign vandalism or even just park vandalism?

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated I haven't heard directly of any cases recently. I can get that information for you. Of course depending on the dollar cost damage they might be charged as felonies and go to district courts. So we could find out that as well. Parks may know if we've gone to court on any - I don't know if they have any memory.

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated So part of the challenge that we've had as well is being able to identify who those individuals are. So with the changes to the ordinance to be able to tie it back to vehicles or either to trailers if they're their own site makes it more enforceable for us. But we do track all of the graffiti that we report is on the same , dashboard that has the homeless encampment along with any illegal going to. It shows each location, what the staff are and what the cost is that's associated with it that's forward-facing for the community to view. And you'll notice that on the signage here we try

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to put them in common places where it's visible for the community as well as putting lighting there in the area so it's not a dark area people can go and do it and not be noticed. Yes. So part of what we're doing as well, we're starting to look at installing cameras at some of those locations as well so that we can have them covered that's there. And we work with WPD and do the septet to make sure that we can capture all of those areas so that it's visible for them to be able to look at when they have the real-time information system as well. And one of the locations that we've had some challenges with is one of our community facilities that we have worked in getting cameras to cover that area where we've seen a lot of it that over at Kiwanis. So that's another location that we're moving with putting additional cameras as well.

Mayor Wu stated Thank you, (Reggie). And thank you to the park staff because again I wanted to make mention that anytime vandalism happens it is being tracked on the dashboard. But it does take away time for staff to do other important work within the park system. And so I appreciate that you guys, are looking at these types of signs that are easier to clean, but also - and to maintain so that you - the staff can work on things that are even more important within the park system. Thank you. I see no further questions. We'll open it up for public comment. I see none. I'll bring it back to the bench. And again this the four pools are in District 4, District 5, District 1 and District 6.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. I just want to suggest City Hall needs one too. That one on central is a little outdated.

***Motion:***

**Mayor Wu moved to** initiate the project, adopt the resolution, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

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**PLANNING AGENDA**

VII) **NON-CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA - NONE**

**HOUSING AGENDA**

VIII) **NON-CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA - NONE**

**AIRPORT AGENDA**

IX) **NON-CONSENT AIRPORT AGENDA - NONE**

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

X) **COUNCIL MEMBER AGENDA**

XI) **COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. I would like to nominate Cole Schneiders to the Affordable Housing Review Board.

***Motion:***

***Mayor Wu moved to*** approve appointment.

Motion carried 7 to 0

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Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. , just a couple of things real quick. The metal art Grandview neighborhood associations have been moved to Hope Church. , same times as usual. , I'd like to thank pastor Beeson for his years of service and letting us use his church. He really is a true servant to the community. And, I'm going to miss seeing him twice a month. also special thanks to (Garrett Foster). He's a - a friend of mine and he is now the chair of the Bicycle board so he's a good dude as well so congrats (Garrett).

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you, I just have a few things. One was an update. And last week on my travel request we had delayed it until this week but I requested through the city clerk and the manager that it be next week. We're still trying to make my travel arrangements through them so it's a little bit more complicated than we thought. So I don't have the exact cost quite yet but it'll be next week. I also wanted to mention again, that September 2025 is National Library card sign-up month. We had some great chat about Rockwell and how great, the, opening was for that branch yesterday. Thank you again to Council Member Johnson for sharing Rockwell with me. Always appreciate it. But if you haven't got your library card or you want to get an updated library card please make sure that you do that. And then finally, I just wanted to give a shout out. I mentioned it at a gender review on Friday the, Protecting Wichita Firefighters Initiative received the Kansas Hospital Association Visionary award on Friday. And was honored to be a part of the team with Chief Snow with our Wichita Fire Department President Bush with the, IFF 135. And then also with our friends at Ascension via Christi. And this Thursday at the Wichita Business Journal Award ceremony we will be receiving a healthcare hero award. So again we'll be there with Chief Snow, President Bush and our friends from Ascension via Christi who have been instrumental in making this initiative happen. So lots of kudos and recognition. And our goal is just that the firefighters in our community know that we care about them and we're trying to protect them like they protect us. So, thank you.

Mayor Wu stated any other council members? I will just say thank you to Public Works director Gary Jansen. He held two meetings. One for wholesale cu- customers and yesterday he held a town hall with anyone interested regarding the water schedule that will begin on September 15. And so again, thank you to Gary for hosting those two meetings at - at the request of this council during that vote. So, again, I appreciate his time and his team's time. With that we cannot leave yet.

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***Motion:***

**Mayor Wu moved to** recess into Executive Session from 11:10-11:25

Motion carried 7 to 0

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated excuse me, Mayor. I am so sorry. there is an error on the, hm, docent provided to you. You read it correctly. But instead of three actions it should be receive information on an action. So there's just one if that could be, just reflected in your motion.

***Motion:***

**Mayor Wu moved to** adjourn at 11:27 a.m.

Motion carried 4 to 0

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Shinita Rice, Deputy City Clerk

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**II) CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

a.) Applications for Licenses to Retail Cereal Malt Beverages

Attachment: [CMBs for September 9, 2025.docx](#)

**2) Preliminary Estimates:**

a.) Preliminary Estimates

Attachment: [PEsforCC\\_09-09-25.pdf](#)

b.) Preliminary Estimates for water improvements to serve Courtyards at Jacobs Farm  
2nd Addition, Phase 1 (District V)

Attachment: [E5103 WDS Courtyards @ Jacobs Farm 2nd Addn Ph 1 NTBA Cover.doc](#)

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- c.) Preliminary Estimates for water improvements to serve Courtyards at Jacobs Farm 2nd Addition, Phase 6 (District V)

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Attachment: [E5104 WDS Courtyards @ Jacobs Farm 2nd Addn Ph 6 NTBA.doc](#)

- d.) Preliminary Estimates for sewer improvements to serve Courtyards at Jacobs Farm 2nd Addition, Phase 1 (District V)

Attachment: [E5099 SS Courtyards @ Jacobs Farm 2nd Addn Ph 1 NTBA Cover.doc](#)

Attachment: [E5099 SS Courtyards @ Jacobs Farm 2nd Addn Ph 1 NTBA.doc](#)

- e.) Preliminary Estimates for sewer improvements to serve Courtyards at Jacobs Farm 2nd Addition, Phase 6 (District V)

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- 3) Deeds and Easements:

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Attachment: [Deeds & Easements.pdf](#)

4) Agreements/Contracts:

- a.) Collaboration Agreement between Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita

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

Attachment: [City County Collaboration Agreement.docx](#)

- b.) Developer's Agreement for Young 2nd Addition, Phases 1, 2 and 3 (District II)

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-4b](#)

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

- c.) Design Agreement for Swaney Farm Addition, Phase 2 (District III)

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

Attachment: [Agmt\\_SwaneyFarmAddnPh2\\_W\\_SS\\_P\\_Signed.pdf](#)

- d.) Design Agreement for Greenwich Legacy Addition, Phase 1 (District II)

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Attachment: [Agenda Report II-4d](#)

Attachment: [Agmt\\_GreenwichLegacyAddn\\_W\\_S\\_SWD\\_P\\_Signed.pdf](#)

e.) Contract Addendum to Extend Term - Empower Retirement

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

Attachment: [98330-01 ASA amendment 3 year term\\_Empower Signed V3.pdf](#)

5) Property Acquisitions:

a.) Acquisition of a Temporary Construction Easement at 1631 East 17th Street for the Road Project, 17th Street North from Interstate 135 to Hillside Avenue (District I)

Attachment: [Agenda\\_Report\\_II-5a.doc](#)

Attachment: [1631 E 17th Supporting.pdf](#)

6) Minutes of Advisory Boards/Commissions:

a.) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Minutes July 14, 2025 Transit Advisory Board July 16, 2025 Transit Advisory Board June 18, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners June 9, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners Special Meeting July 17, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners July 14, 2025 Appeals Board of Plumbers and Gas Fitters June 25, 2025

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Attachment: [07-14-2025 Bike Ped Meeting Minutes- Approved.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TAB Minutes - July 16 v3.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TAB Minutes - June 18.pdf](#)

Attachment: [06-2025 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting Minutes - Signed \(002\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [07-2025 Board of Park Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes - Signed \(002\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [07-2025 Board of Park Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes - Signed \(002\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [June 2025 approved Plumbing Board minutes.pdf](#)

Uncategorized Items:

7.) Proclamation Votes

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

8.) Consent to Easements (Presbyterian Manors, Inc.) (Dodge City, KS)

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

Attachment: [Permanent Easement - Presbyterian Manor.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Request and Certification Letter](#)

- 9.) Grant of Permanent Easement and Right of Way Agreement Across Flood Control Levee at North Tyler Road between West 61st and 77th Streets North (County)

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

Attachment: [Perm Easement and Grant of Right-of-Way.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Aerial Map.pdf](#)

- 10.) Overestimate Bid for Sewer and Off-Site Sanitary Sewer Main Improvements to Serve Swaney Farm Addition, Phase 1 (District III)

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

Attachment: [Swaney Farm Ph 1.pdf](#)

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

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Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-418 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase 1 Swaney Farm Addition SS 007800.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-419 Off-Site Sanitary Sewer Improvements Swaney Farm Addition SS 007803.docx](#)

**11) Second Reading Ordinances:**

- a.) SECOND READING ORDINANCES FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 (FIRST READ SEPTEMBER 2, 2025) ORDINANCE NO. 52-806 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OR DISTRICTS OF CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE WICHITA-SEDWICK COUNTY UNIFIED ZONING CODE, SECTION V-C, AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 28.04.010, AS AMENDED. An ordinance changing zoning on the south side of West 2nd Street North, east of Tyler Road.

Attachment: [List of Second Read Ordinances September 9, 2025.docx](#)

**II) CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA ITEMS**

- 12.) [DED2025-00008 - Dedication of Utility Easement on Property Located 700 Feet North of East 21st Street North and 1000 Feet East of North Webb Road \(District II\).](#)

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

Attachment: [DED2025-00008 Utility Easement.pdf](#)

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- 13.) SUB2025-00026 - Plat of Provines Addition Located at the Southeast Corner of West 9th Street North and North Tyler Road (District V).

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

Attachment: [SUB2025-00026 Provines Addition Subdivision Plat.pdf](#)

- 14.) SUB2022-00035 - Plat of Summers Addition Located East Along South 183rd Street West and Within a Half Mile South of West Pawnee Avenue (County – 3 Mile Ring).

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-14.docx](#)

Attachment: [SUB2025-00035 Summers Addition Plat.pdf](#)

**II) CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA ITEMS**

- 15.) Sale of 6901 West Fraizer (District V)

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-15.doc](#)

Attachment: [6901 W Fraizer Real Estate Sale Contract.pdf](#)

- 16.) Sale of 3120 East Stadium Drive (District I)

Attachment: [Agenda Report II-16.doc](#)

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Attachment: [Real estate Agreement - 3120 E. Stadium.pdf](#)

II) CONSENT AIRPORT AGENDA ITEMS - NONE