

**CITY OF SHAWNEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**  
January 13, 2025  
6:00 P.M.

**Governing Body Present:**

Mickey Sandifer - Mayor  
Sierra Whitted - Ward 1  
Tony Gillette- Ward 1 (*appearing virtually*)  
Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2  
Dr. Mike Kemmling - Ward 2  
Kurt Knappen - Ward 3  
Jacklynn Walters- Ward 4  
Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4

**Governing Body Absent:**

Angela Stiens - Ward 3

**Staff Present:**

Paul Kramer - City Manager  
Jenny Smith - City Attorney  
Colin Duffy - Deputy City Manager  
Lauren Grashoff - Assistant City Manager  
Stephanie Zaldivar - City Clerk  
Doug Donahoo - Communications Director  
Doug Allmon - Community Development  
Director  
Sam Larson - Police Chief  
Rick Potter - Fire Chief  
Kellie Heckerson - Admin. Coordinator CMO  
Mike Inich - I.T. Director  
Sean Rocco - Finance Director  
Kevin Manning - Public Works Director  
Kelly Grisnik - Human Resources Director  
Ernie Longoria - Dev. Engineering Manager

(Shawnee City Council Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.)

**A. ROLL CALL**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Good evening and welcome to the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting of the Shawnee City Council. I am Mayor Mickey Sandifer, and I will be chairing this meeting. I'll do a roll call at this time. Councilmember Whitted.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Gillette is participating virtually.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Hi, Mayor. Due to my wife's knee replacement surgery, I'm remote. Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Murphy.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Kemmling.

**COUNCILMEMBER KEMMLING:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Knappen.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Stiens will be absent tonight. Councilmember Walters.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Burchfield.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you.

## B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Now, I'd like to invite to the front of the room Cub Scout Pack #3284 to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There's also a Troop #194 here also. And afterwards, I'd ask that everybody continue to stand. We're going to have a little something to say and then a moment of silence. Okay. Start.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Now, it is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts I announce the passing of two individuals closely connected to the City of Shawnee. Joe Serrano of Kutak Rock, I'm sorry, and Kim Dawald, who served as Shawnee Human Resource Manager for over 18 years. We thought it appropriate to share a moment with both of these amazing people so many of us knew well. To share some thoughts, Communications Director Doug Donahoo has some words.

**MR. DONAHOO:** Joe Serrano, through his role with Kutak Rock, served the City of Shawnee for more than ten years, offering his legal services to staff and helping advance the development of our city. We are forever grateful for Joe's service to the City, his kind spirit, and his dedication to our community.

Kim Dawald passed away on December 13th, 2024, after her long fought battle with cancer. Kim was a valued member of Team Shawnee, changing the lives of so many and lending an ear to any who needed one. Kim's presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her, including those who worked alongside her during her 25 years of public service. Our thoughts are with the Dawald family and the Serrano family during this difficult time.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Please join me and the City Council for a moment of silence to honor the two friends.

(Moment of Silence)

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. You may be seated.

Next, I'd like to explain our procedures for public input. In the effort to enhance a resident's ability to present information to the Governing Body, anyone interested in addressing the Governing Body is strongly encouraged to sign up to speak by noon on the day of the meeting, but it is not required. Information has been posted online about how to sign up.

By policy, comments are limited to five minutes, and no person may speak more than once on any one agenda item. Only comments related to City business are permitted. Disruptive acts are not permitted and as of Policy No. 7 and will not be tolerated.

After you are finished speaking, please sign the form at the podium ensuring that we have an accurate record of your name and address.

Additional comments can be submitted to the entire Governing Body via email at: [governingbody@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:governingbody@cityofshawnee.org).

### C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from the City Council meeting of December 9, 2024.
2. Review minutes from the Planning Commission meeting of December 2, 2024.
3. Consider approving the extension of SUP-05-11-12, a special use permit issued to Sky Zone to operate an indoor recreation facility in the Commercial Neighborhood zoning district, located at 6495 Quivira Road.
4. Consider approving the extension of SUP-08-03-11, a special use permit issued to Energy Energy (formerly Westar) to operate a communication tower, located at 8510 Cole Parkway.
5. Consider approving the extension of SUP-09-95-09, a special use permit issued to the City of Shawnee to allow Verizon to operate a monopole communication tower, located at 11665 W. 65th Street.
6. Consider approving the extension of SUP22-12, a special use permit issued to Dandelions and Mudd Puddles to operate a commercial daycare facility in the Commercial Neighborhood zone, located at 19620 W. 65th Terrace.
7. Consider approving the extension of SUP22-13, a special use permit issued to U-Haul to operate a self-storage facility in the Commercial Highway zoning district, located at 7020 Silverheel Street.
8. Consider accepting the dedication of land, or an interest in for public purposes, contained in the Boomer Acres Second Plat (FP24-15), a residential subdivision located at 6550 Clare Road.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Next on the agenda is the Consent Agenda. Would anyone on the Council like to remove any item on the Consent Agenda? Seeing none, I'll accept a motion.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion. Do I have a second? Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Go ahead, Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** I had a question.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Go ahead.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Sorry for the delay. Mayor, just a quick question for staff regarding Item Number 5. I'm wondering, I believe this cell phone tower is in Ward 4, if I'm correct on that. I'm wondering if staff can tell us whether or not that is a 5G tower.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** I don't believe we have the answer to that right now, but we can certainly get some information back to the Council.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Okay. That'd be great. The reason I bring it up, not an objection for this renewal. But I just wanted to make, state for the record that I have received some complaints of the 5G tower that's nearest the Villas at Parkside neighborhood just south of Johnson Drive. And so, I just wanted -- I guess we put a 5G tower relatively close to that neighborhood in conjunction with the softball fields. So, I just wanted it on the record that some of the neighbors have been complaining about that particular location. I hope we don't have any problems with this particular location. That's all. Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Thank you. We have a motion on this. And do we have a second? Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**Motion 1:** Kurt Knappen - Ward 3/Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0-0.

#### D. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda is Business from the Floor. If anyone is here to speak about any specific item on the agenda, please wait until that item is discussed. If you are here to speak on an item that is not on tonight's agenda, now is the time to speak. Did anyone sign up?

**MR. DUFFY:** No. We had no one pre-register, Mayor.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to speak on anything at this time? Okay. Come up to the podium. And when you're finished, please sign your name and address on the podium, please. Over here.

**MS. SARVER:** Good evening. It's my first time here, everybody. I guess my question - - I did a search to see what our City's plan is for looking at climate change. And with everything that's happening in LA, I'm wondering what our emergency preparedness plans are. While we probably won't have the type of wildfire that they're having, certainly other climate related disasters are, you know, predicted for our area in the next 25 years. And I'm curious if we have a plan, if we're thinking about it.

You know, we're asking our children to lead us in the future. And I, you know, I've thought deeply about whether to stay in Shawnee or to move away. And I think this is a great place to weather the storms that are coming. But I'm curious, do we have a plan? Are we thinking about it?

And right before coming in, I looked at our food insecurity numbers for the state of Kansas. We're right at around 10 percent. In the numbers, it also said that 37 percent of that 10 percent were people who didn't qualify for food assistance. So, they're relying upon food aid from like Shawnee Community Services or a food bank or, you know, our schools that are giving away food. So, I'm wondering about how we're planning for food insecurity in light of climate change.

And yeah. Where are the plans if they exist? And if they don't exist, how do we get going on that? That's all I have.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you.

**MS. SARVER:** Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Well, what I can say is we have some Councilmembers that are involved with the climate change system here in Kansas City. And as of tonight, we just gave a check to Community Services for \$9,800 so they can help assist some of the people in the City, so.

**MS. SARVER:** Do you want me to write it or say it?

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Yeah. Well, your name and address also.

**MS. SARVER:** Oh, okay. I'm Beth Sarver. I live at 7308 Stearns Street.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Thank you. Is there anyone else that would like to speak tonight? Seeing none, we'll move on.

## E. MAYOR'S ITEMS

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda is Mayor's Items. I don't really have anything tonight, but I would like to definitely thank our City staff and Fire Department, Police Department, everybody involved with our snow removal and keeping our residents safe in this city over the last week of hard weather. And I know I appreciate it, and all the Council appreciates it. I mean this, you guys did a fantastic job. You can't please everybody. You're going to have some people upset, and you're going to have some people happy. So, we just do our best with what we've got, and you guys are fantastic. I wanted to let you know that.

**F. ITEMS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2024**

1. Consider an Ordinance for RZ24-7, to rezone 0.33 acres from Commercial Neighborhood to Duplex Residential, and FP24-14 for ABJ Acres, located in the 11000 block of West 65th Street.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda are items from the Planning Commission Meeting of December 2nd, 2024. Item Number 1 is to consider an ordinance for RZ24-7 to rezone 0.33 acres from Commercial Neighborhood to Duplex Residential and FP24-14 for ABJ acres located at the 11000 block of West 65th Street. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Thank you. Doug Allmon, the Community Development Director, will handle this item.

**MR. ALLMON:** Good evening, everyone. The applicant is requesting a rezoning to construct an approximately 3,000 square foot duplex building. Final plant approval is also required to subdivide the single parcel from the larger existing parcel.

The subject site is located at the northeast corner of Nieman Road and 65th Street in eastern Shawnee. As I said, the property is unplatte. The parcel is zoned Commercial Neighborhood and has remained undeveloped since the adoption of the City zoning regulations. Adjacent properties were developed in the 1950s to the 1970s. The applicant does propose to subdivide a 12,025 square foot lot out of the existing commercial property for the construction of that duplex. The remaining property will remain undeveloped and unplatte at this time as the applicant continues to market it for future commercial development according to the CN zoning district.

A public hearing was held on this item at the December 2nd, 2024, Planning Commission meeting. Two neighbors from the public did speak in relation to the item. From their comments, it did seem that they would prefer the entire parcel remain as a commercial property and be developed in that manner. The Commissioners held a discussion on the item in relation to this portion of the property being viable to be commercially developed. In their discussions, the Planning Commission found consensus that commercial development was best suited at property -- at directly at the property corner because of access and parking constraints. They determined that one additional duplex in the area matched the existing development pattern to the east and would be less intense and intrusive for the neighborhood in comparison to developing the entire property in a commercial manner.

An ordinance is required for this rezoning. That requires five votes to approve or remand the request, or six votes to deny the request by overriding the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission did, by a vote of 10-0, recommend the Governing Body approve RZ24-7, subject to conditions listed in the staff report, and also recommended that the Governing Body accept the dedications found on the final plat for ABJ Acres. That completes my report.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Are there any questions for staff? Mike.

**COUNCILMEMBER KEMMLING:** Is making this parcel, is it going to have any effect on commercial uses or what can go in there?

**MR. ALLMON:** So, we actually -- that's a good question. To make sure that that's not the case, we actually had the applicant lay out a building that would fit on the hard corner. And to be clear too, they've also gone through a variance procedure to allow setback decreases. In the Commercial Neighborhood zone, generally a building has to be 40 foot back from the right-of-way line. They asked for and received approval to reduce that 15 feet, so it freed up more spot and space at the hard corner to make it developable. So, to answer your question, they should be able to do one building without parking or access concerns at that corner.

**COUNCILMEMBER KEMMLING:** Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone else? Is there anyone signed up for this? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this issue? Anyone on the Council have any more comments? Okay. I'll accept a motion.

**COUNCILMEMBER KEMMLING:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**Motion 2:** Kurt Knappen - Ward 3/Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2: Approve an Ordinance for RZ24-7, subject to the conditions listed in the staff report and accept dedications found on the final plat for ABJ Acres (FP24-14). The motion carried 7-0-0.

2. Consider an Ordinance for SUP24-4, a special use permit for Bizzy Bee Academy to allow an in-home daycare with more than 6 children, located at 4737 Queal Drive.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 2 is to consider the ordinance for SUP24-4, a special use permit for Bizzy Bee Academy to allow an in-home daycare with more than six children, located at 4737 Queal Drive. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Once again, Doug Allmon on this item.

**MR. ALLMON:** We'll try to keep this brief. The applicant does request special use permit approval for operation of a family daycare for up to 12 children as a home occupation at 4737 Queal. This particular property has operated a home daycare for up to six children for the past several years without concerns or complaints. The hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The applicant has a valid

state daycare license and recently passed an in-home daycare inspection by the City's Fire Department.

A public hearing was also held on this item at the December 2nd, 2024, Planning Commission meeting. No one from the public spoke. The Planning Commission did hold just limited discussion on that item and ultimately decided because the daycare had operated there with no issues that this should not have any negative impacts on the neighborhood.

Again, an ordinance is required that requires five votes to approve, five votes to remand, or six votes to deny by overriding the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission in their vote did vote 10-0 to recommend that the Governing Body approve SUP24-4 for the conditions listed in the staff report.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Are there any questions for staff? Did anyone sign up for this? Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this issue? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**Motion 3:** **Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4/Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4:** Approve an Ordinance for SUP24-4, subject to the conditions listed in the staff report. **The motion carried 7-0-0.**

## G. STAFF ITEMS

1. **Consider a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Special Warranty Deed and related documents Conveying Property to Airtex, Inc. in Connection with Exercise of Purchase Option relating to Private Activity Revenue Bonds (IRBs) (Airtex, Inc. Project).**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda are Staff Items. Item Number 1 is to consider adopting a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a special warranty deed and related documents conveying property to Airtex, Incorporated in connection with the exercise of purchase option related to the Private Activity Revenue Bonds (IRBs) (Airtex, Inc. Project). Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Sean Rocco will give an introduction to this and then bring forward Tyler Ellsworth from Kutak Rock.

**MS. RICHARDS:** Good evening, Mayor and City Council. We have invited Tyler Ellsworth here this evening from Kutak Rock to provide a little context on the background of this project and explain the process. Tyler has worked alongside Joe Serrano for a number of years and he's, you know, familiar with a number of the City projects, and he's playing catch-up to help support us moving forward. So, he will be here as a resource this evening.

Just a quick background. This is an industrial facility at 43rd and Powell. It's a 170 square foot building -- 170,000 square foot building. It was constructed a number of years ago and there was an IRB associated with the project when it was first approved. Those IRBs are expiring and Tyler will explain the process of deeding the property back over to the owner of the building. So, that's why we have invited him here this evening and he'll run through that now.

**MR. ELLSWORTH:** All right. Good evening, Mayor and Council.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Good evening.

**MR. ELLSWORTH:** It's good to be here. So, as Sean said, there were Industrial Revenue Bonds the City issued in 2014 for this project, which is the first building, the southernmost building in the Westlink Industrial Park. And Industrial Revenue Bonds in Kansas are typically used to provide two benefits. They provide a sales tax exemption on construction materials, and they provide a property tax abatement. And that was the case here. Typically, the bonds are not used as true financing. The developer essentially purchases the bonds and essentially makes a loan to itself through the bond structure. And part of the statutorily required structure requires that the City take some sort of property interest in the project. So, sometimes that's an ownership interest, which is the case here. Sometimes that's just a leasehold interest. In this case, the City took an ownership interest in the parcel and the building here. And so, what the resolution before you this evening does is authorizes the Mayor to reconvey that ownership interest from the City's name back to the developer now that the 10-year abatement has run. So, that's, in simple terms, what is before you this evening is just a resolution approving the reconveyance of title to that property. Now that the bonds have been paid off that's really, again, the developer repaying itself this loan that it made through the bond structure.

It's helpful to note that Industrial Revenue Bonds are not payable from taxes. They're really payable from the rental that the company makes here through the lease structure. So, you're not backing these bonds with property taxes. Again, it's really just a structure to provide the sales tax exemption and the property tax abatement here.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Are there any questions for staff? Anyone signed up for this? Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this issue? Does Council have any comments? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Wait.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Go ahead.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** One comment. So, and not to reiterate what you said, but really the City is a vehicle here. There's no real taxpayer money that's backing any of this, right?

**MR. ELLSWORTH:** That's exactly right.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** That's just -- I just wanted to point that out. And with that, if nobody else has comments, I'm happy to make a motion.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** You can make a motion.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I've got a motion. Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** [Inaudible; talking off mic]

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**Motion 4:** Kurt Knappen - Ward 3/Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4: Adopt the Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Special Warranty Deed and other release documents, subject to the conditions set forth therein and final approval of Bond Counsel and the City Attorney. The motion carried 7-0-0.

2. Consider approving final change order to Contract No. 2023-042 with WCI, Inc. for the Gleason Road Bridge Storm Drainage Improvements project.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 2 is to consider approving final change order to Contract No. 2023-042 with WCI, Incorporated for the Gleason Road Bridge Storm Drainage Improvement Project. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** This item will be handled by Kevin Manning, Public Works Director.

**MR. MANNING:** Good evening. So, this item tonight is the final change order for the Gleason Road Bridge project. This was a replacement of a, basically a one-lane bridge previously just south of 71st Street on Gleason Road. And that would widen that bridge. It's a nice two-lane roadway and has pedestrian accommodations. So, what is before you tonight is a final change order for a little over \$7,000. And that was basically an extension of quantities for just a little bit of extra work on the project.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Any questions for staff? Did anyone sign up for this? Oh, questions. Go ahead.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** With this final change order, did we remain within budget, or did it go over budget?

**MR. MANNING:** No. We were over budget on this, around \$100,000. And so that essentially is going to come out of the Special Highway Fund.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Anyone else? Kurt.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** I just want to say thanks for doing this, and I know we moved it up on the CIP, and it was important to that area. It's a safety concern. It's a bus route. And so, I appreciate staff being accommodating and getting this done. Thank you, Kevin.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone sign up for any comments? Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this issue? No more comments from the Council? Okay. I'll accept a motion.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I've got a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**Motion 5: Kurt Knappen - Ward 3/Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4:**  
Approve final change order to Contract No. 2023-042 with WCI, Inc., for the Gleason Road bridge storm drainage improvements project, representing an increase of \$7,164.95 for a final contract amount of \$878,558. **The motion carried 7-0-0.**

**3. Consider renewing the Contract with WHC KCT, LLC, d.b.a. zTrip, for 2025 CityRide Transportation Services.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 3 is to consider renewing the contract with WHC KCT, LLC, d.b.a. zTrip, for 2025 CityRide Transportation Services. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Our Deputy City Manager Colin Duffy will handle this item.

**MR. DUFFY:** Thank you, Mayor and Council. This is just an annual renewal with WHC doing business as zTrip to provide our curb to curb micro transit in Shawnee, a program we've had for over a decade now. With that, I'll answer any questions that you may have.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jacklynn. Go ahead.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** And, Colin, I know that we've had this discussion before. Is there anything that we're doing to ensure, you know, good communication with the residents that are taking advantage of this program and that kind of thing? I just know that I've had a few instances where residents of Shawnee called for a trip and never got picked up and missed appointments and all that. And so just ensuring, you know, do we have somebody with their offices that we communicate with and can pass that, you know, maybe bad feedback back to them so that they are ensuring that they're getting reliable drivers, I guess.

**MR. DUFFY:** Definitely yes. There is a business liaison we work with, so we pass along all those complaints to them.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Good.

**MR. DUFFY:** So, they are aware of them and hopefully don't make the same mistake kind of moving forward.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Thank you. Appreciate that, Colin.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** I'm really grateful that we have this program. I just want to make sure that I understood in the memo. This is a program that looks like it's very similar to a countywide program that started recently. And so, as we move forward, I know we're renewing it for a year. As we move forward, is it possible to maybe hear a little bit more about what the county is doing, see if there's ways to plug in there, so that we are not duplicating, kind of offer services and programs for our residents.

**MR. DUFFY:** Yeah. Definitely. That's something we do have planned for discussion in 2025. Right now, the county's micro transit service doesn't provide coverage west of 435. So, there is a service area that's not being addressed in Shawnee. So, anything moving forward, if we were to kind of ramp this program down, we'd hope that they would kind of extend their coverage and kind of remove our duplicative service that way.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone else?

**MR. DUFFY:** So, and it looks like, Mayor, we have Councilmember Gillette with a question.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Yeah. Mayor, just a quick question. If we can get this added to the budget retreat agenda, that discussion --

**MR. DUFFY:** Certainly.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** -- for the west side.

**MR. DUFFY:** We can do that.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** All right. Anyone else? Did anyone sign up for this? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this issue? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**Motion 6:** Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4/Sierra Whitted - Ward 1: Approve substantive terms of the contract with WHC KCT, LLC, dba zTrip for 2025 CityRide Services in the amount not to exceed \$70,000. The motion carried 7-0-0.

#### H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. **Ratify the semi-monthly claims for January 13, 2025, in the amount of \$23,111,044.19.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda are Miscellaneous Council Items. Item Number 1 is to ratify the semi-monthly claims of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in the amount of \$23,111,044.19.

Did anyone sign up for this? Anyone in the audience have any -- want to speak on this? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. Motion passes.

**Motion 7:** Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2/Sierra Whitted - Ward 1: Ratify the semi-monthly claims for January 13, 2025, in the amount of \$23,111,044.19. The motion carried 7-0-0.

## 2. Miscellaneous Council Items

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 2 is Miscellaneous Council Items. Paul, do you have anything?

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Nothing tonight. Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Does anyone on the Council have anything to discuss? Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Just a brief thank you. I know, Mayor, you already addressed this, but our snow crews that were out, my husband wanted me to definitely express his thanks. I actually contacted Paul due to some neighbors requesting some help in our neighborhood. And that next morning at 2 am. when my husband was coming home from his night shift job, he saw the truck coming through our cul-de-sac and was struggling even to get through up a slight hill and just, you know, he has great sensitivity for all those out there working hard jobs, and as do I. And so, thank you to our crews that were out as well as our first responders. So, thank you so much for all the work that you do. Thanks.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Kurt.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Yeah. I'll just follow up on Jacklynn's, and I appreciate the personal touch, her story, because I feel like -- we all appreciate our crews. But a lot of times we just say that. And the personal touch, we're not really supposed to do it, and I wouldn't if it was any controversial issue or anything, but if nobody objects, I just want to read a really short e-mail from a resident if I can, thanking them. Everybody okay with that? Okay. I just want to read this. I won't say who it's from, but oh crud. Just moved it. Darn it. It says, we at Town and Country Villas want to send our gratitude and appreciation to the Shawnee City Street Department for the outstanding work they performed during the monumental ice and snow event this past weekend. The timely snow plowing and chemical treatments made it possible for many of our elderly residents to receive care and services greatly needed. We had a couple of our residents that required dialysis and hospice treatment during this weather event. Again, please pass along our thanks from the residents of Town and Country Villas to the City of Shawnee and to all of the departments that are responsible for this service and support. So, again, Shawnee always shows up and you see that they're real people that need real treatments and hospice care and everything else. And I'm proud that our crews delivered again. So, thank you.

And also, before I give up to mic, I want to thank the Boy Scouts for making it all the way through a Council meeting. I haven't seen any other Scout troops make it through the whole meeting, so good job. You picked a good meeting to come to you though.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Yeah. Okay. The next item is --

**MR. DUFFY:** Mayor, I believe Councilmember Gillette had an item.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Yeah. Thanks, Mayor. I also wanted to piggyback on other Councilmembers then and thank our Public Works department for a job well done

during the snowstorm and some very difficult conditions. And anecdotal evidence at 5 a.m. on Monday, we were on our way to the hospital and were able to make it there safely and easily. And just wanted to thank our staff and all of our crews for a job well done.

As a side note, I was thinking in terms or wondering. I knew we bought an extra salt tent for salt treatments. So, maybe staff for the next Council meeting can give us a quick update, since this storm was so big, of where our salt stock looks like after this storm. But mainly, just wanted to say kudos to everybody in Public Works. A job well done. Thank you, Mayor.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Anyone else? Hearing none.

#### I. ADJOURNMENT

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item is I'll accept a motion to adjourn.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Move to adjourn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I've got a motion and a second on this item. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. We are adjourned.

**Motion 8:** Kurt Knappen - Ward 3/Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4: Adjourn.  
The motion carried 7-0-0.

(Shawnee City Council Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.)

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January 20, 2025

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