

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Wichita, Kansas, January 21, 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, Director of Law, and Jamie Buster, Wichita State University.

[Approve the minutes of regular meeting January 14, 2025.](#)

#### **MOTION:**

*Mayor Wu moved to approve the minutes of regular meeting January 14, 2025.*  
Motion carried 7 to 0

#### AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

[Proclamations:](#)

[Junior League of Wichita Month National Mentor Month Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month](#)

Council Member Hoheisel momentarily absent from the bench.

Council Member Ballard momentarily absent from the bench.

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Mr. Gil Alvarez and Dr. Loren Hatfield from USD 259 presented.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you, guys. And thank you to the whole school district for everything you're doing. I'm really impressed by a lot of the increases we have here. I - I suppose just three quick questions. Um, what - what have we done to help catch up from COVID? I know a lot of students were behind on reading scores and math scores coming out of COVID. Some of them still have some of that kind of clinging to them there. So what - what have you guys done to help catch up on - in those areas?

Dr. Loren Hatfield stated so in terms of reading scores and math scores, in high school they're actually only tested in reading and math from the state as sophomores. So our English and math scores in high school are trending, in the right direction. Our English scores for our sophomores had a massive jump for last year's sophomores than the year before. But it's really understanding what is good core instruction and teaching to the level of rigor of the standards. So there are standards for all classes. And if you don't teach to the appropriate rigor level, the kids are always going to be behind and fall further behind. And so really it's making sure in every class, every day we're hitting that rigor level because the best intervention is strong core instruction. So it's really delivering that strong core instruction so that they don't fall behind just because we aren't hitting the correct rigor level. Our average ACT score has gone up in the last couple of years. We've tested 40% more kids in the ACT Work Keys and maintained the percentage level of kids that are earning certifications in the Work Keys. And so our - our data at the high school level, um, is trending in the correct direction.

Gil Alvarez stated just a couple. We also had a robust summer school programming as well as every school has interventions. So if a student is falling behind, they will get extra support and intervention for reading and for math as well.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. Thank you, and then there's two groups here that really kind of tug at your heart strings. You have homeless on here and foster. Could you talk about those two areas? Anything extra that you are doing for these kids to help catch them up? And then also maybe some hard numbers, how many - how many identified homeless children do we have in the school district and foster kids if - if you have those?

Dr. Loren Hatfield stated yeah. So we have some programs that are specifically for foster or homeless students. One of those is our transitions program that is run out of Chester Lewis Alternative High School

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and the transitions program is meant for students who just aren't ready for that big, large, comprehensive setting. You know, our foster students bounce from school to school to school and family to family to family and trying to give them some sense of stability. Transitions is also meant for you're here, but we know you're not going to be here for very long. So instead of bouncing you from school-to-school, we're going to stay here. Our McKinney-Vento program through Title I serves all of our homeless students. And homeless could mean I'm couch-surfing. Homeless could mean I'm living out of my car. Homeless could mean - right? There's lots of different things, but those services are available for every single one of our students. And homeless students also don't have to transition schools. So if you're a McKinney-Vento student that's a homeless student and you were at Heights, let's say and then we find out, A, the house you're living in is really in Northwest attendance area, you don't have to switch schools because that's even more disruptive to what you're already doing. You get to say at Heights and we will get you to Heights everyday so that that way there's - there's so much disruption in the rest of your life, what can we do to minimize the disruptions so that you get to stay? I don't have the number of homeless students in front of me but we can certainly look that up and - and get that to you. And then foster students, just in the Heights and attendance area alone, there are 130 plus group home beds for foster students just in the Heights and attendance area alone. And so there - it's - it's more than we ever think that it could be, and providing as much stability as possible for those students is - is key.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. I'd like to congratulate you on the tremendous work you're doing and how important it really is. And, it's not easy. It's not easy work and congratulations to you for doing - doing a great job. I'm fortunate. I get to hear some more good things from my son who works in your system, and he's appreciative of your leadership and I am too. So thank you.

Council Member Ballard thank you, Mayor. I also just wanted to say thank you for kind of meeting kids where they are. Everybody has such a unique situation and just appreciate going above and beyond.

Mayor Wu stated just a quick question. This handout that was given to us, is that also available online so that the community can see these really great numbers?

Dr. Loren Hatfield stated yes. It is on our district website and we update it every year. So when the class of 2025 rolls around you'll get to see it again, hopefully with some even higher numbers.

Mayor Wu stated and just remind us, what's the student body at USD 259? And also, how many of those young people are part of the free and reduced lunches?

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Dr. Loren Hatfield stated so over 80% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch. So - and then for high school, we have just over 13,000 students. Overall we're sitting right around 47,000 students.

Mayor Wu stated fantastic. Thank you very much. I see no further questions. I simply wanted to say thank you to all of the staff all the educators that are part of USD 249. I'm a product of USD 259. Proud Blue Ace. And just, again, want to say that everyone who is watching is an interested individual who is helping invest in the lives of young people. And I'm just very grateful that we have a community that's engaged and we're going to get more mentors hopefully, with Mentoring Month. But again, we can all play our part in helping with these numbers. But congratulations again on these amazing numbers and almost hitting the 85% mark. Thank you.

I) PUBLIC AGENDA1.) James Barfield - Reparations

James Barfield stated good morning, Mayor and Council Members. I'm going to get right into this. Excuse me. On February the 13th, 2024, a taxpaying American citizen voter in Wichita approached the council with a request. That request was for the City Council to look at reparations for black residents who have faced injustice and discrimination. The request was presented during Tuesday's City Council meeting by local activist, Mary Dean. I'm going to skip to the end of the conclusion of that and at the - at the conclusion of the request, Council Member Brandon Johnson said the request would be submitted to the city's legal department for review. Then it will be presented to the City Council for discussion. After waiting for 90 days with no response from the council, with no information being provided that the request was unlawful, in violation of any city, state or federal laws, Mary Dean again approached the council on June the 11th of 2024. At that meeting, she stated she was here to address the matter that has been pending for more than 60 days when the actuality it was more than 90 days. And I'm going to skip through some of this and I'm going to go right to the point here. At that meeting, Council Member Johnson stated that there were some complexities and that there is something that is truly important. Stated this Councilman Johnson that we have been working on it and have most of the ordinance proposal done. Stated it is not complete yet. Mary Dean left that meeting with an understanding that her request was being honored by the Commission. And there were some other discussions and at one point, Mary Dean's council representative, Mr. Councilman Hoheisel stated that he would forward to the rest of the Commission information that had been provided him by Mary Dean. Mary Dean stated that that was fine with her. Now, I'm going to skip to January the 2nd of 2025. Mary Dean received a letter from the mayor, Lily Wu. This letter was showing that Mayor Lily Wu was breaking ranks with the duly-elected Council Members for the City of Wichita. This was Mary

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(Lou) - I'm - I'm sorry. Excuse - forgive me. Mary - I'm sorry. Lily Wu's second attempt at disassociating herself from the Council. Now, in politics there's a name for that. And that's called going rogue. Lily Wu stated she's come out against creating a commission to study reparations for the City's black residents, stated something that a City activist had been pushing since 2023. Now, in Mayor Wu - Mayor Wu's letter -- which is filled with opinions, but lacking any substance or any factual information -- she stated as a - I'm sorry. She stated she didn't support local reparations' ordinance and that reparations should be handled at the federal level. Now, I have here a list of cities in the United States that have already appointed commission to study reparations in the United States and none of them are with the federal government. And this leads - this list of cities range from our second largest city in the country, Los Angeles, California, to one of the smallest cities, Asheville, North Carolina. And now, in addition to this list, the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been added. Miss Wu, in addition to going rogue in her letter, proceeded to insult the intelligence of every African-American in this city. Also, that letter offended most of the people that I know in this City. Now, this was also Mayor Wu's second attempt - well, not attempt. She succeeded, in re-disrespecting African-American citizens stand at this very podium to make requests. These are taxpayers in the City of Wichita. And these are voting people and they did - they are entitled to the respect of this entire Commission. Now, how much time do I have left?

Mayor Wu stated Your time has expired, Mr. (James).

James Barfield stated can I have an additional 2 minutes?

Mayor Wu stated finish out your thought. James Barfield stated okay. My thoughts are, ma'am, that you not only - in my opinion, you not only violated the ethical concerns which caused Ms. Dean to file an ethical complaint against you, you also succeeded, ma'am, in violating the federal laws of the United States, and explicitly the 4th Amendment to the United States Constitution of America, which deals with due process of law that is afforded to every American citizen. Okay? Also, you, violated the 5th Amendment, which also deals with due process of law. So I'm going to make my own request, Mayor Lily Wu. And that is that you immediately extend a public apology to every African-American in the City of Wichita, and my second one is that you send a letter to the city manager tendering your resignation. Thank you.

2) Stephanie Pitman stated thank you. My name is Stephanie Pittman. I live at 2828 North Wild Rose Court, Wichita 67205. I am here to speak about the proposed golf cart ordinance that I feel severely diminishes my ability and my neighbor's ability to utilize our neighborhoods in District 5, in District 6, in Crestview, in all of the areas around town. Specifically I believe that the golf cart ordinance that's being proposed - and I understand the intention to provide some sort of safety of - for the community, but it is, as it's written, the most restrictive regulation on golf cart usage in the United States. There is absolutely no other golf cart ordinance that is as restrictive creating unnecessary limitations for residents and neighborhoods and our enjoyment. I and many others do not support - more importantly, there's a

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transparency issue in that this ordinance was never brought to anyone on a district advisory board. It was brought during the middle of winter. It was rammed through unlike the ordinance that we just heard about. There was no dragging of feet. There was no other type of comment or public comment afforded. It was drugged through. It was written in December. It was brought up during a snow storm on January 7. It was brought up for the first reading on January 14. And it's set for the second reading and approval today. None of the golf communities have been notified. We all have Facebook pages. We all have homeowner's associations. There was absolutely nothing that led anybody know this was coming. Why this is more important than you would know is just like those high schoolers that you just heard about. Just like other people in our community. There's those of them like me. I heard Reg Boothe give his testimony 22 years ago. I decided from that testimony of Reflection Ridge that I would get my undergrad degree -- which I did -- go to law school. I financed myself for one purpose only and that is so I could live freely in Reflection Ridge and drive my golf cart. I do not golf. I just want the freedom to enjoy my neighborhood I like I deem fit. It's funny because this weekend, this is our Reflection Ridge area magazine stroll. There's a picture of a single mother here with her child who is working three jobs just to live in Reflection Ridge. It's really interesting because the very first paragraph that she has here is that her favorite thing in enjoying her new home is being embraced in her neighborhood and nightly golf cart drives to make connections with the neighbors. This is why we live in our communities. This is why we're here. It's very emotional because it's something that we enjoy. I also allow when my children are home, my licensed drivers when I am working -- which I work constantly, so does my husband -- I allow them to take the golf cart to our house, to the pool. Or they also meet up at Reflection Ridge Community and they study for finals as a community. I see no problem with that. They're licensed drivers. There are ways to restrict this ordinance so that it makes sense, so it protects public safety, so it restricts underage drivers. And so if it's equipped with the correct equipment like all the other United States ordinances allow, it's able to drive at night. So it - this smacks, like, there's an appearance of impropriety because of the way it was shoved through. I'm not quite sure what it is. I would guess it's trying to get hooligan golf cart drivers out of neighborhoods from other neighborhoods, but that I just don't know. Because there was absolutely nothing that I can find that would lead to this sort of Draconian ordinance. So please, Council Members, I've contacted most of you. I was told it was still going to be pushed through. I would ask you to pull this, do the correct transparency things, send this to District Advisory Boards, notify homeowner's associations, and allow public comment.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. Stephanie, I know that we've communicated. I agree that the current ordinance, or the proposed ordinance, is over-burdensome. However, I want to confirm with city legal, too. As is it stands right now, without an ordinance there's a complete prohibition on all golf cart usage in the city on city streets, correct?

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated Council Member, that's correct, based on state law.

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Council Member Glasscock stated so the first read last week allowed some permissible use that was not permitted prior to that?

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated that is also correct.

Council Member Glasscock stated so you and I have talked about this. I agree with you on that. From this bench I tried to make changes to allow permissible uses allowed in the downtown core, allow driver, individuals with a driver's license, not just 18 to be able to use it. I tried to allow them to be able to cross artillery streets. And so I agree. I think we should make changes. However, I also feel this ordinance moves us in the right direction because currently, any use of it on City streets prior to today, if it would get passed, was not a permissible use and was operating illegally in the City already. So I think we should move in that right direction and hopefully in the future we can bring back amendments to be able to make it more flexible so onto individuals, but I don't have four votes to do that right now. And so I wanted to move in the right direction.

Stephanie Pitman stated may I comment? So you and I did talk about this and - and as I explained to you prior, when we first moved into the community it was part of the law. So we've been acting - driving as we were in a street-legal golf cart. We all have lights. There's nobody that drives in the dead of night with no lights. I would also point out that it - to 20 - this - this law did not change and I'm looking at the state statute between 2015 and 2018. There was no notification. We didn't know. And so we had been operating as we were still under state law. So I think, you know while I understand ignorance is not an excuse, but it - it is. We nobody understood that we were driving without a state law. That being said, I'm not saying that it's not in the public interest to have an ordinance. What I am saying is you're in the dead of winter right now. I guarantee you there's not very many people right now that are driving around on their golf cart. We have some time. We have some time to do this the right way, to follow the process, to go get public commentary, and to be able to amend the ordinance so we don't have to try to revisit it.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you. I just want to be very clear that if we do pull it today, driving a golf cart is still legal in the community. Not be a permissible use if we pull it today. So I just want to be very clear on the record that anybody driving a golf cart, if we pull it, is in violation of city and state law.

Mayor Wu stated I will do a follow-up to law. I actually asked a direct question to law regarding this very ordinance. So state law actually says, "Operation of golf carts where and when, A, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a golf cart, Number 2, on any public highway or street within the corporate limits of any city unless authorized by such city." So my question to city law is it currently illegal to operate a golf

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cart without this proposed new ordinance? Can someone read the email that was sent to us on January 15?

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated Mayor, that is correct. It's the state law.

Mayor Wu stated so I will further read that email because it was very clear. It said, "Unless the City passes an ordinance, the operation of a golf cart on any public street within the corporate city limits currently is illegal. The proposed ordinance would allow the operation of golf carts on city streets with a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less outside the downtown core area as defined by the ordinance." So as of this current moment in time, it is illegal to operate a golf cart. Is that correct, law?

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated that is correct.

Vice Mayor Johnston Thank you, Mayor. Stephanie, thanks for coming to speak. We spoke on the phone. Shortly here, I'm going to ask to pull that for a couple of months so we can take it back to DAB so we could have input on it and just get more input on it and - and see where - where people want it to be. So I don't think that's a bad idea some other council members here that recommend that to me and I'm going to take that advice and, and do that. So we've got time. Golf cart season really doesn't start until about April? So, I think we can do that.

Stephanie Pitman stated thank you. I would ask though, once again, the transparency. So when are these District Advisory Board meetings? I would expect that those would be transparent. I would also expect that all golf cart communities, the HOAs are contacted, and told that there is a district advisory committee, this is being suggested, and that their input needs to be heard. Because as far - I - I stumbled across this. I stumbled across it and I notified as many people I - I could. There was absolutely not one person who knew anything about this ordinance. And if we've learned anything from this last election, it's that transparency matters. Being able to trust your elected officials matter. So I would entreat you to make sure that that is definitely gotten out to the community and that voices are able to be heard.

Vice Mayor Johnston thank you. We stand on our heads to try to get people to come to District Advisory Board meetings and we had the same three, four people that come. Every Monday at 6:00 pm at Wichita Waterworks is District 5 Advisory Board meetings. Starting in April, we'll move that to the Westlink Library when it's available. But right now, it's the Wichita Waterworks Administration Building, 6:00 pm

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on Monday. Invite you, all the neighbors to come. Love to have input. We have a great board and glad to listen to your concerns.

Stephanie Pitman stated so that covers District 5. What about District 6? District 4? District 3? Two? One? How are those District Advisory Boards going to be publicized?

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Stephanie. As a matter for the record, Wichita.gov/citycouncil has all the information guarding all six council members and their District Advisory Boards. They're also live-streamed. Their District Advisory Board's held once a month. You could look for all of that information. You can also sign up to the city's Listserv, which then would get you all those alerts every single time that these council members meet. So, again, there's a lot of information at Wichita.gov/citycouncil.

Vice Mayor Johnston okay. I'm going to quick correct myself. Council Member Johnson pointed out that I said every Monday and I don't want to be there every Monday. It's the first Monday of the month. So just the first Monday of the month. And - and by the way, we - we buy Facebook ads to promote them. I do videos to promote them. I do everything I can to get the word out about those District Advisory Board meetings. So hopefully, people learn about them. Get on the newsletter. Try to build that newsletter list. It's in our newsletter. It's been in our newsletter. And we just - we just want to be as transparent as we possibly can. We need help on the other side, too. We need people to come and be engaged. So thank you for coming and pleading your case today.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I would like to reiterate Wichita.gov has a host of information. You can find every single meeting of the City Council. I will also say all seven of us have made this Council the most transparent possible. Up until this year, you were not - you would not have been able to speak from this podium because we opened it up for items if somebody didn't sign up in public comment prior. This Council also voted to allow public comment on consent agenda items. This is open to the public every single week on Tuesday. We have our District Advisory Boards. We also - I know most of us have monthly town halls that are also engaging citizens. We all have email newsletters. We all try to actively engage you can follow. Each one of us have a district page. So District 1 through 6 has a Facebook page that posts about these details as well. So I can speak on behalf of all seven of us that this Council is working to be the most transparent Council and allow opportunities like this for you to come before the Council as well.

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Stephanie Pitman can you please tell me how many times this particular ordinance was brought before a District Advisory Board or any public comments prior to the original reading, which was January 7 was brought up?

Council Member Glasscock stated yeah. So right now, we have about 25 agenda items on the council agenda today. And often only one to two of those that are seemingly controversial come before the DAB. Not every item comes before District Advisory Boards. Zoning cases in a particular district come before District Advisory Boards. If a zoning case was heard in District 1, that doesn't come before my District Advisory Board. It only goes before theirs. And so not every ordinance that comes before this body goes before District Advisory Boards to get feedback, but we're always trying to actively engage citizens in this process.

Stephanie Pitman stated So just to be clear, this one, the golf cart ordinance, was never brought to any District Advisory Board? So even had I....

Council Member Glasscock stated I can't - I can't speak for every district, but not for mine.

Stephanie Pitman stated even had I gone to the District Advisory Board, it would not have been brought up during that time, is that right?

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Since you're here, I'll just tell you District 1 Advisory Board is the first Monday of the month at 6 o'clock over at Atwater Neighborhood Resource Center. I don't rotate the location. And I also have a district breakfast that's always the first Saturday at 9:30 over at Atwater. I do rotate that from time-to-time. So if you go online, you'll see that. To Council Member Glasscock's point on Facebook, if you type in, "Wichita District" and then one and two, like, down through six, you'll see all of our pages. You can add those and see what's going on in those districts. But also love to have your District 1 breakfast. We have the best food. Much better than District 3. So always have some good food there.

Stephanie Pitman stated thank you. I just want to make sure though that you have all your upcoming ordinances that are up at your District Advisory Boards. Because then, that would be, you know, a good use of time. Other - you're still at a gotcha stage is you've gone to the District Advisory Boards and then this is brought up in the newspaper.

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Council Member Johnson stated it is up to the council to send that to the District Advisory Board like Council Member Glasscock said. There are a lot of things that don't go to DAB. We've had things in the past. The NDO. I can't remember if ethics did, but some of those things that get more public engagement will go back to DAB for feedback to see one, is it going in the right direction, can we add to it, should we take away our climate plans, things like that. Tree policy went. A lot of that is to inform and also engage. So this one did not, but we can from the bench say, hey, we want this to go out to the District Advisory Board and it would.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you for coming up and speaking' today. If you - once you sit through a District Advisory Board, you might see why we don't have every ordinance that comes up. Some of them can last until midnight. I'm a lucky one. I have mine on Wednesdays, but a lot of the - my fellow council members have them the day before council. So sitting up until midnight and then sitting through a 8 to 10-hour council meeting can be kind of tedious. Mine is the first Wednesday of every month at the Water Center. District breakfast is the second Saturday every other month. And I think if you look at the council members up here, you can decide who has the best breakfast in the City of Wichita. Also, I think maybe as punishment, Vice Mayor Johnston should be having a District Advisory Board meeting every Monday for a little while just to, but I do appreciate you coming up and expressing some of your issues with this and I do hope to get more feedback. I do have concerns about safety. So I was one of the four who did approve this because I do believe having some freedom within your community is important. But I - I also have concerns with safety. So maybe that'll get worked out a little more with some feedback from our District Advisory Board.

3) Amy Pratraske stated for this golf cart ordinance. My name is Amy Piotrowski. Hi, J.V. How are you? Good. I live at 5205 West 26th Court North in Sandcrest, and that golf cart ordinance that was just pushed through without none of us knowing is going to upset a lot of the people. And crest is a lake neighborhood. You drive around it. I don't really have much else to say except to invite you all to come to my house on July 4 and see the community involvement with these kids. Safety is not an issue. Life360, and to see how my fast my kids are going. That is how I monitor it. There's never been any safety concerns. Everybody's responsible. We all - we all pull together and parent all the other kids together. But, like I said, come to July 4. Come to my house. Attend the 4th of July parade - golf cart parade. There's decorating contests with the golf carts. The kids are involved. It's dunk the HOA members into the pool which we all love to do. So I'm here to voice my opinion on this. I very much disagree with it. That's why I moved into Sandcrest so.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Amy. Just one - one quick question and then one issue. When I say, "Talk about safety," my concerns are more driving on arterial roads.

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Amy Pratraske stated on which roads?

Council Member Hoheisel stated arterial. So, like, you know, if you're driving on Central, if you're driving on....

Amy Pratraske stated sure. That I disagree with, but ...in a lake neighborhood, when it's just they're, you know, on the side streets, there's no issues. There has not been any safety concerns in Sandcrest at all. I follow the board meeting minutes. There's never been anything addressed with safety.

Council Member Hoheisel Okay. In talking to your neighbors, is that the impression that most people get is that? We are currently allowing golf carts to be, uh, in residential and now we're cracking down on it?

Amy Pratraske Yeah. It's - it's not con- it's a City issue. It's not anything to do with Sandcrest at all. It's just all left up to the city from what I understand, but it's - it's still going to happen.

Council Member Hoheisel stated right. See, up until this point - and I think that Council Member Glasscock talked about it earlier, we haven't been catching' anybody, but it has been restricted up until this point. So this ordinance actually allows golf carts to be driven in the neighborhoods, whereas previously we did not. So if a police officer saw you driving your golf cart in your own neighborhood, you would've been ticketed for that. Whereas, this ordinance allows that over 18, and there's some concerns there. I - it sounds like you guys have some issues with that.

Amy Pratraske stated yes.

Council Member Hoheisel stated but so I just - maybe it wasn't our - our - it's not our - out intention to really crack down. It's more opening it up to a point. But to - to your point, we could've done a lot better job communicating this.

Amy Pratraske stated absolutely. That's - I'm glad Stephanie pointed that out. That was another huge issue I had with this being pushed through with no communication at all. I can assure you that there's not a lot of people in Sandcrest that even know about this. Or Emerald Bay.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. Amy, I just wanted to say thank you for coming. Not very many people, take my up on the opportunity to come hang out with us on Tuesday. So, I appreciate you coming. I know we spoke over the weekend about this, and I did reach out to Emerald Bay. Yeah. Not a lot of people know about it. So I'll be doing some community engagement through District 6 because I do have a lot of the HOA communities that this would affect. So appreciate you coming. And Stephanie, thanks for coming.

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Mayor Wu stated I will have just one comment to Council to City Manager Layton. Can you please just address, the very first comment that was made through public agenda? Can you please explain the City Council - City Manager type of government system that we have?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated yes. It's a representative democracy. Mayor is elected at-large and, and the council members are elected from districts. They set policy direction for the council - or for the city, and then the - the higher city manager to then implement those policies and to coordinate staff in that regard.

Mayor Wu stated can you also remind how many votes there are and how many votes are needed for any ordinance to pass or any law to go into effect?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated sure. Generally speaking, it takes a majority of the council for votes. In some cases, there's a super majority that's required by code, but that's fairly rare.

Mayor Wu stated so in other words, one vote per each of the council members and mayor, no veto power by the mayor, and also it takes four votes, a majority of the four, the four individuals, to pass any ordinance or any proposed ordinance that would come before the council. So each of us is entitled to our opinion, and it's just one person's opinion. At the end of the day, it's the vote here from the bench that gets recorded. So again, the letters sent to a group that first came during public agenda basically is just one opinion, my opinion only. Does not mean that that means it's the Council's opinion unless it is voted on from this Council. So again, I just wanted that for the record that I'm only one opinion and only one vote with no veto power. Thank you.

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COUNCIL BUSINESS

III) BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS - CANCELLED

IV) PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS - NONE

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Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. As I said previously, I'd like to pull item 10, the part regarding the golf cart ordinance and I'd like to be able to have a couple months' worth of opportunity to discuss at our District Advisory Boards. So if maybe it would be okay with the mayor and city manager, maybe we can look at March 18, which is a night meeting, put it on the schedule, it might be a good opportunity for people to be able to come who are working to a night meeting, too. I would strongly encourage people to come to the District Advisory Board meetings. They don't all go to midnight either. District 5, we're a little more efficient.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. Vice Mayor, did you make a motion?

Council Member Johnston stated a motion? Yes.

Council Member Tuttle stated okay. And - and I'll second if that's okay. But I would also - oh, I'm sorry.

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated I believe the motion is to take it off the consent agenda, approve the rest of the consent agenda, and then make that motion.

Council Member Tuttle stated okay. May I just address this topic though? I know it was - sorry. We're making' a little sausage today. I know it was mentioned to go to District Advisory Boards -- which I appreciate -- but I would also just like to check the temperature of my colleagues of having a workshop on this. I think it's complicated. I don't just from what I'm hearing from constituents, I don't think there's going to be a super easy solution. I know that police don't recommend it. That's going to be a factor. Public Works has major concerns. I think that if ever there was a topic that, warranted some - some robust discussion, this would be it based on the feedback that I'm getting. So, I would just recommend that we also have a workshop. So that needs to extend it. It maybe not be in March because we can't fit it in February that to be considered. Thank you.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. This is a question for our City Manager. Is there, I know we can't take maybe every single ordinance, but how do you decide or is that just up to the Council what goes to District Advisory Board or workshop and so on?

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Bob Layton, City Manager, stated Mayor. Council Member, it's really up to the individual council member what they want to bring forward. We bring planning items forward, which in some council districts takes a significant part of the agenda. And then there are certain items that are directed from the bench to go to the DABs because they are somewhat complex and require more public input. And then after that, it - it's really up to the will of the council member what they want to get advice on. I think it would be somewhat impractical to try to predict what could be a controversial ordinance, and what, council members would want to - to bring to their DABs. We'll always support a council member who wants to bring any item that we have upcoming and - and will provide the staff presentation if necessary.

Council Member Ballard stated I know. It's a shocker that I'm an over-communicator, but, I think that you know - I think we all hate the idea of working backwards and, you know, maybe come - or - excuse me - Vice Mayor Johnston didn't know that this would be as contentious as it is. Obviously, I don't think he did this intentionally, but I think, you know, we all work really hard to build or rebuild trust with the community. And, this is just kind of an accidental black eye that we're going to have to try to clean up. So I'll be doing lots of outreach within my district and pass it along to any of you if it happens to work for anybody in your district that might not be able to make it. But I think this is something that we need to work really hard on. We're not going to make everybody happy, but at least give people the opportunity for input to make the best decision possible.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you. Thank you, Council Member Ballard, too. I agree with you. Yes. I had no idea this would be this controversial. I thought making golf carts legal when they're illegal now would be a good thing. It's just that people have some concerns about the I think mainly about the age limit of 18. So I'd be glad to kick it back to the District Advisory Boards, get more input and massage it to where the most residents are comfortable with it.

**MOTION:**

***Mayor Wu moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 12 with the exception of 10a.***

Motion carried 7 to 0

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. Again, I'd like to pull this item, which we did, and send it back to the recommended District Advisory Boards and possible workshop if it be that's necessary, and get more input from the community and then bring it back hopefully, if it works on our night meeting on March 18.

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Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I likely will not be supportive of the deferral because we'd be going back to full prohibition. I believe that we should have a less restrictive ordinance when it comes to golf carts. That's what I try to do from this bench and that's what I believe we should do. I would like a plan where we could still give community feedback. However, this comes back before the Council and we amend it later, that we don't go back to a full prohibition or continue the full prohibition. Again, I believe that people should be able to cross artillery streets. I believe that people should drive it in the core of the City. I believe that anybody with a valid driver's license and not just 18 should be able to do it. I think it's when we're looking at different modes of transportation, everybody has different modes of transportation. I think we should encourage different modes of transportation and I think that we're having so much discussion of allowing the people freedom of movement is not something that we should be doing. So I likely will not support deferral just because I don't want to take us backwards. I want to move us forward in a direction, but I appreciate the willingness to try to get to four votes on making it less prohibitive.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Just for District 1, I would like to set my March DAB. I have six zoning cases in February. So kick that to March for me.

Mayor Wu stated I will ask city manager if there could be a plan. If this moves forward, could we compromise and also have part of our workshop in January, have this discussion since a draft has already been created regarding an ordinance to make it legal because, again, right now it is illegal to operate a golf cart within city streets, how we can have that in our January workshop as council members to discuss and then a plan to take it to the six council members District Advisory Board meetings in February/March before the March 18 nighttime meeting?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated Mayor, it's your prerogative to how you'd like to handle it. I was hoping for a February workshop with preliminary input from the DABs that we could bring back to you and try to reconcile any differences between the DABs. Now, that won't work as - if District 1 can't handle it until March. However, we could have all the other DABs weigh in. And then when he has his March meeting, you could be testing what you talked about at the workshop.

Mayor Wu stated okay. So the plan now would be to bring this to all the District Advisory Boards minus District 1 between now and the February workshop. And during the February workshop, City staff will have gathered all the feedback from District Advisory Boards and help craft a different or a adjusted ordinance, so that, again, we would discuss it further as a Council in front of the entire public at the evening meeting on March 18. Now, we have a plan. Would you like to, so because we now open it up for public comment. I see no further questions from the bench. We will now open it up for the public. If

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anyone would like to speak, you can come up to the podium, state your name, and then you can address the council for 5 minutes.

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated and Mayor, if I could clarify, is motion is only to defer? It's not on the discussion of the merits of the golf cart ordinance? This is only discussion on the motion?

Mayor Wu stated this motion is simply to discuss deferring it until the March 18 meeting, but it does allow for public comment. Anyone from the public who would like to address this?

Stephanie Pitman stated Stephanie Pittman, 2828 North Wild Rose Court, Wichita, Kansas, 67205. I would just encourage the council to utilize the template ordinances that are already utilized. Olathe, it's a very good ordinance. You have Valley Center. You have Goddard. Park City, I believe. I believe even Derby, Andover. So there is precedence to what sort of ordinance is allowable to the public. I believe if you would have something that allows, as, Councilman Glasscock stated, a crossing of arterial streets, that is only important if you live in Fox Ridge and you're driving your golf cart across the street to go to your golf cart - course, which, in my, I'm just using my very own, specific experiences. Second is nighttime golfing. So long as you have a street-legal cart, so long as it's registered, so long as it has slow-moving and so long as it has a motorcycle, type rated light, it should be approved just as it is everywhere else, as well as, a licensed driver. I think these are all restrictions that keep in mind on one hand public safety and on the other hand, allow for freedom of movement, freedom to enjoy your neighborhoods and community. I think you would have a lot of support with those sorts of limited non-Draconian ordinances.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Stephanie. We did look at all of those. Legal looked at those. Captain Stephens at the Wichita Police Department looked at all of those and we've been working on it since the end of summer a long time. A lot of meetings with - with police, public works, parks and rec. And we did look at - at all of those came up with this. So we'll kick it back and please come to our District Advisory Board meeting and let us know your thoughts. Bring your neighbors and we'll see where we go from here.

Stephanie Pitman stated and I would ask any workshops I know that it's - I'm not sure what the way of working with the workshop is, but I think that it would be prudent to allow some community members as part of that workshop.

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Mayor Wu stated I will address that. Workshops are actually for Council Members to massage ordinances or policy. So it's really staff giving a full presentation and then Council Members discussing it in a free and open format. When it comes back to the Council, that's another opportunity for public. But really encourage District Advisory Board meetings where you provide that feedback. I will direct the City Manager during those District Advisory Board meetings. Please address the fact that there's concern regarding nighttime golfing. Please address the concern regarding valid license. So the age, the current proposed ordinance is 18. I hear that people wanted at a reduced age of those who have a valid driver's license. The third is addressing the ability to have golf carts in the core of Downtown Wichita. That is a restriction in the proposed ordinance. So we'd like to hear from DAB members and the public. And then last, but not least, the passing of arterial roads whether it's in a protected sidewalk or a protected traffic light. Just addressing how you could possibly move from a neighborhood street to an arterial road back to a neighborhood. So those are the four key areas we'd like to hear feedback. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated I guess I need to make a formal motion?

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated the motion has already been made, I believe. If you wanted to clarify anything, this is an opportunity, but you have a motion and a second.

**MOTION:**

***Vice Mayor Johnston moved to defer Golf Cart Ordinance to March 18.***

Motion carried 6 to 1 (Nay: Dalton Glasscock).

**V) UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS****1.) K-96 Improvement Project – De Minimis Impact Finding (Districts I and II)**

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

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Thanks, Paul. My only question - I'm supportive of this - is around K-96 Lake where you mentioned they would move the fence line and still be able to mow. Is this an opportunity to talk with KDOT about more native grasses or flowers that don't need to be maintained so they wouldn't have to mow anything?

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works & Utilities, stated we can ask that, yes.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Paul, for the presentation and the work. So it seems like the - the impacts that we'll have is some of the lake will be taken. Just a little bit. The gravel parking lot will be shortened and then possibly have to be expanded because it takes up part of the gravel lot. And then the bike trail, having to move the bike trail. Does that sum it up?

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works & Utilities, stated that is correct, yes. The fence will be moved towards the water edge around the K-96 lake. The parking lot there north and the Chisholm Creek Park North will be impacted so that we will and we do have a permits to that parks. We're coordinating those efforts. But yes. So it will have to be shifted a little bit. And then the trail itself, yes.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. And this would also allow us to move forward with discussions about Fire Station 18?

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works & Utilities, stated that is correct. Yes.

Council Member Hoheisel okay. And be able to possibly find some funding for that?

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works & Utilities, stated yes.

Council member Ballard thank you, Mayor. Council Member Hoheisel asked a couple of my questions and I know initially there were some concerns from Great Plains. I assume that we've answered whatever questions that they had.

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works & Utilities, stated to my knowledge, yes.

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Mayor Wu asked if any member of the audience would like to speak on this item. Nobody came forward.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. I just wanted to state that I attended the original park board meeting when this was first presented by the consultant for KDOT and there was not significant discussion and it was passed. I have attended every community meeting that we've had regarding this project, including presenting twice at my District Advisory Boards. A couple of times at the Hughes Multi-Complex Center. I'm looking at Paul because we've been to so many I think I could do the PowerPoint for KDOT by now. And no one has ever expressed any concern regarding this. I've also spoken with folks at Bike Walk Wichita and the Health and Wellness Coalition and they don't see significant concerns with this. So I will be supportive today. And thank you, Paul, for all your work on this.

### **MOTION:**

*Council Member Tuttle moved to* approve the de minimus findings.

Motion carried 7 to 0

### VI) NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### 1.) Funding for Multiple Water Utility Infrastructure Improvement Projects

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Attachment: [NOI\\_WWW\\_SCADA\\_Upgrade.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-024 Cheney Ozone Air Relief Replacement.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-025 DIST Elevated Tower Repair.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-026 DIST Main Pressure and Quality Support.docx](#)

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Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-027 DIST Maple Booster Pump Station.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-028 Hess Vacuum Priming System.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-029 WWW SCADA Upgrade.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-030 WWW SCADA Virtualization.docx](#)

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Don Henry, Department of Public Works & Utilities, reviewed the item.

Council Member Hoheisel stated Mike is fine. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Don, for the presentation. Just one quick question. Earlier today on the consent agenda, we took a million dollars from the 1.2 for the elevated tower repair, to put it into the Cheney Pump Station upgrades. Do we feel like 200,000 will be enough to address any of the maintenance issues or repairs for the elevated tower repair?

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Don Henry, Department of Public Works & Utilities, stated yes, sir. It will be sufficient. The work that this will fund has been accumulated over the past few inspections. And so we're confident that this will be enough. We'll take a look when we, while we're developing the next CIP and program the proper amount based upon what we expect to see in the future. But we're in really good shape. We had some major upgrades to the water towers within the last 10 years and it got us in really good shape on those.

Mayor Wu asked if any member of the audience would like to speak on this item. Nobody came forward.

**MOTION:**

***Mayor Wu moved to*** approve the projects, adopt the resolutions and notices of intent, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

2.) [Sim Golf Course Irrigation Vendor Selection \(District VI\)](#)

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

Attachment: [240246 contract for agenda.pdf](#)

Reggie Davidson, Department of Parks & Recreation, reviewed the item.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. Reggie, thank you for the pre- presentation. So I noticed our green sheet had two different things. This is the proposal includes a 25-year warranty and then it also says there's a commitment completing the project with an aggressive 60 to 90 days. So I went to go look at the contract and the actual contract states that they have 120 days from the notice, not 60 to 90 days. And then - and that's in Subsection 2. Subsection 4 says that regarding maintenance, the contractor agrees to warrant the work and set improvement for a period of one year from the date of completion and acceptance from the city, not 25 years. So is there somewhere in the contract that I'm missing that or - that's on Page 1, Item Number 2 and Item Number 4.

Reggie Davidson, Department of Parks & Recreation, stated and it's my understanding that the contract, it comes with - and I can get clarification on that as well as we move forward, but it comes with a 25-year

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warranty on the actual. The first year may be on workmanship, but I would have to look at it to see to - but the actual system itself has a 25-year warranty that comes with it.

Council Member Glasscock okay. Would legal be able to check that out before we vote on this? Yeah, before today because I don't feel if - if it's one year versus 25 years and 25 years isn't stipulated in the contract, then...

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated we'll need a few moments then.

Council Member Glasscock stated sounds good.

Council Member Hoheisel momentarily absent from the bench.

Mayor Wu asked if any member of the audience would like to speak on this agenda item. Nobody came forward.

Mayor Wu stated we're waiting for law to review that contract. So we could take a quick break.

Bob Layton stated Mayor, um, if you'd like, I'm more than willing to take the next item and then we can bring this back if - if you want to.

Council Member Glasscock so motion to table this until next - will that be tabled 'til next item since we already opened comment on it?

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated but it's not on the table. Just move it to later.

Council Member Glasscock stated just move it?

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated yes.

### **MOTION:**

***Mayor Wu moved to*** move this item to the end of New Business.

Motion carried 7 to 0

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- 3.) [First Amendment to the Ballpark Facility Maintenance and Use Agreement](#)

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Bob Layton, City Manager, reviewed the item.

Council Member Glasscock momentarily absent from the bench.

Council Member Ballard momentarily absent from the bench.

Council Member Hoheisel stated the \$200,000 Air Travel Contingency Fund, have we used any of that in the past?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated no, we haven't, because we never operated as a Triple-A team. So with Double-A, the travel requirements are not as restrictive or as onerous, and so we have not had to dip into that fund.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. So that \$200,000 is essentially a fund that we've just maintained. We haven't put \$200,000 in every year. We've just had a...

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated that is correct. We've had a contractual obligation to pay towards travel expenses if there is an issue. But at this time, to this point, there has not been, and - and we benefit by removing that clause from the agreement so that that could not be used as a contingent liability in the future.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. So is that - is that 200,000 going - are we moving that to the GO or are we moving that into ballpark maintenance, or?

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Bob Layton, City Manager, stated that 200,000 actually would have come out of the management privilege fee, so that money now will go into the capital reserve fund as well as the additional reserve fund. So that's what allows us to put 4 million aside and then have 3 1/2 million in reserve on top of that.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. Now the - the \$250,000, we said that it was capped at 250,000 in the old agreement.

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated right.

Council Member Hoheisel stated is that how we interpret the - the contract here?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated I'm not sure I understand the question.

Council Member Hoheisel stated if you look at the old contract, it says, "The next 250,000 in naming rights received by the team for the city."

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated yes.

Council Member Hoheisel stated Now, um, now I - this is a different day and age now. That was supposed to be with the Triple-A team. So I recognize the need to renegotiate that because Double-A is better baseball, in my opinion, but as far as sponsorship abilities, it's less than what a Triple-A team would be. So I'm just a little curious about that. But again, I - I support, uh, the renegotiations here. So that - that's what it was interpreted as, as capped at 250,000?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated it was, yes. And that's after expenses were taken out by the team. And that's where the complicated formula took - it came into play. Because it - every year, it would determine how the team would provide benefit for the sponsorship. And there are a number of ways that a sponsor receives benefit, which include - can include, you know seats and signage and other factors that come into play. And every year it could be different for the naming rights sponsor.

Council Member Hoheisel stated yeah. And the hope was for a million dollars in naming rights, or?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated well, I - I believe that the owner, at the time that we approved the original agreement, had hoped for naming rights of a million dollars for a Triple-A team. But not only

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have we dropped a Double-A, which has hurt us in that regard, but we've also gone through COVID and a difficult economic period. So it's not realistic to think that type of revenue could come back to the city. But again, we're in a, I think, a better financial position because we will not have the \$200,000 that we would be required to have, plus we'll have 175 growing every year. So we'll be beyond \$250,000 that will come to us in that regard.

Council Member Hoheisel stated So it's about...

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated Or that we'll be- that'll benefit us in that regard.

Council Member Hoheisel stated So the - the plan with the original agreement was about 25% of the revenue for the naming rights and now we're sitting 31%?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated well, it'll depend on the final deal that's negotiated by the team, but we will be better than the 25%.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay, and do you feel we're better off for protecting ourselves at, as far as, I guess the TIF, the CID using this? Being able to protect ourselves and not dip into the Geofunding going forward?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated Council Member, that's a great question. The creation of the \$3.5 million dollar reserve fund actually does provide us some cushion, should we need that money for CID or TIF debt.

Mayor Wu stated A follow-up question to that. What is the city's responsibility regarding Arbonne and TIF? Where we would not want to dip into reserve fund but there's not enough development right now around that area.

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated right. Good question, Mayor. The STAR bond funding, as well as TIF will operate as a TIF district normally does. And that is that you probably will not be able to meet all your debt in the initial years with the understanding that you'll exceed your debt requirements in the latter years, so that by the end of the debt period that you will have paid off all of your debt and hopefully even had more. We do have, again, by getting the \$3 1/2 million reserve, we provide ourselves a cushion so that we could help with that that backstopping of the first years, if that's what we want to do.

Mayor Wu stated and what's the predicted or estimated in the first few years?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated I'm sorry, Mayor, I don't have the debt service schedule for the STAR

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bonds, CID, and TIF. Those are all the moving pieces on the project.

Mayor Wu that be provided to the council members?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated yes. Yes, we have that.

Mayor Wu stated I was looking. You did send, during the agenda review, the October 16, 2018 meeting, agenda item. And I think that's what Council Member Hoheisel was referring to. I have a couple of questions regarding that agreement from back in 2018. One of them is spend up to an additional \$6 million on a pedestrian bridge, Riverfront improvements, and other critical infrastructure necessary for the ballpark development. Can you just give us a status update on that?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated sure. There were actually ,I can't remember, Mayor, which that is referencing. There are actually two. The term bridge is used twice, or in two different ways. First of all, there was a skywalk, which was referred to as a bridge, between the hotel and the office development. I don't believe that's what's included here, though. I believe the \$6 million was anticipated for the bridge that would connect the East and West Banks. And the decision was made, I'm going to say in 2020 or 2021, that that would become part of the East Bank Redevelopment Project at the time that it would be constructed. So in other words, the team and the City agreed that we would not go ahead with the bridge, mostly because we don't know where the terminus should be on the East Bank, and we don't know what redevelopment will occur. And so it didn't make sense to put a bridge across a river to a certain location when it may not fit into redevelopment plans. So that's - that's where that stands.

Mayor Wu stated And again, the question I really was most interested in is not even that, it's the responsibility of the city regarding the STAR bond and the TIF district. So if that can be provided to the council so that we are aware of not just the current situation in terms of our shortfall - budget shortfall, but how that would play into future years and the shortfall. So if that can be provided to council members so we, again, have all the data. And then lastly, I know that this was agreed upon back in 2018, so two councils before me. And so I just, I want this project to be successful, as it needs to be successful, so we can pay off our debt. But can you give us a status update regarding the development around that area?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated yes, Mayor. The West Bank development, which was we've contracted with EPC for the that work. They have filed all of their plans for their development. They have - they're in final review by staff, and they've actually mobilized on the site as of last week.

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Mayor Wu stated so construction should begin soon?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated this spring.

Mayor Wu asked if any member of the audience would like to speak on this item.

1) Twila Purity stated good morning, Council. My name's Twila Purity. I live in District 1. I live in the Polo Club. Um, I'm a big proponent of a contract compliance, and I think you've heard me say that before. Uh, contract compliance, I think, is critical too. Uh, or is a cri- is, um, a good business practice that can't be ignored. So if these changes from Triple-A to Double-A, I guess I get the sense that some of this stuff happened a long time ago. So you might want to start thinking if these changes that were material to the contract happened a long time ago, why is it just now coming up? Right? You just want to stay on top of your contract compliance. The other thing I heard was, um, a \$250,000 a year maintenance fund. How do you protect that money so that it's not used for something else in the future? You know, you all know that deferred maintenance has been a big issue for certain things like parking structures, and it's not the first time it's come up. So is there a way that you as a council, or maybe it's in the agreement, but you can protect this 250,000 so that you have it when you need it? And then several years down the road to prevent, oh, we need to maintain this, or there's deferred maintenance of X millions of dollars and we don't have the money? My only comments. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I did drive by the stadium two days ago, and it's really exciting to see fencing around some of the potential development areas, and I'm excited to see what's to come.

### **MOTION:**

***Council Member Glasscock moved to*** approve the First Amendment to the Ballpark Facility Use and Maintenance Agreement, the subsequent contractual restatement and authorization of the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

4.) [Ordinance Authorizing Use of Hyatt Proceeds and Resolution Amending Resolution No. 16-478](#)

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Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-035 Amend Resolution 16-478 Hyatt proceeds Residential Asphalt Streets Mitigation.docx](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-620 REALLOCATION OF HYATT SALE PROCEEDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AT-RISK TESTING AND TRANSIT SERVICE PLAN.docx](#)

Bob Layton, City Manager, reviewed the item.

Mayor Wu stated I actually have just one comment, though prior to public comment. This is really to help with alleviating the 29th and Grove contamination, but it is to address the health aspects of it. Can you just give us a quick update on the collaborative efforts that have gotten us to this point under the leadership of Council Member Johnson?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated there have been numerous parties that have been involved in - in this program. We've had probably should start with the health clinics that are in the front line in terms of providing testing. They have helped us understand the nature of the requirements going forward. As a result of them, of that, we put together, I think, the outline for a plan that deals with immediate testing as requested or required by the legislature, but also recognizes that one test, one year doesn't necessarily provide the kind of benefit that impacted residents could have. And so that's why we're looking at doing something that is both immediate as well as long term. Of the county, uh, representatives, uh, uh, the chair of the county commission, the county manager have been actively involved, Council Member Johnson has been involved and of the Kansas Health - Health Foundation has helped provide a very useful guidance as we have looked at a more comprehensive approach to benefiting residents, specifically in the 29th and Grove area, or those who have been impacted by the - the contamination in that area over a long period of time. So those are folks who probably many of them don't even reside in our community anymore, or in the plume area, but will still have the benefit of testing should they decide to take advantage of it under the - the plan.

Mayor Wu asked if any member of the audience would like to speak regarding this item.

1) LaVonta Williams stated good morning, Mayor and City Council. My name is Lavonta Williams, PO Box 8695. First of all, I do want to say thank you to the Mayor and City Council Member Johnson for attending MLK celebrations over the weekend. So it was a long weekend. I can hear my husband saying, what are you doing now? I'm just going to say, (Bill), I'm getting in good trouble. So I have some questions about how we're looking at this. I live in the area that was affected by this contamination and so

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it is something going on that is very near and dear and close to my heart. It's kind of like the plane crash that we just celebrated for 60 years, and having a brother who was on his way to the store, and that affected our family as far as the plane crash. And we keep talking about these things, and we talk about them 50 or 60 years later. And so for me, that's what we're doing here, is talking about a contamination that happened over 50 years ago, but you have a community right now that is paying for that now. And that is because many of them, as well as myself, had no idea about a contaminated water issue in that particular part of the community. It ranges very much further than 29th and Grove. Does it go on the east side of Grove? I'm told no. It goes all the way down to 9th Street. So this affects quite a few people. And the thing that I'm hearing here which bothered me was that we had money left over. We had money left over. And so that's what the City is going to put towards this health issue and we're not even going to take all of what was left over. We're only going to take 125 and we'll put it over there. The rest is going to transportation. For me, and I'm going to try not to get upset, but for me this is saying those lives don't matter. You're saying they don't matter, but they do. They deserve more. We deserve more. We have to look at that from another standpoint. We deserve more than what you're saying. We deserve a seat at the table. I gave up a doctor's appointment because I felt I had to be at this table to hear what was being said, and how it was being said, and how money is being applied. I'm not blaming one particular person. I'm saying that it's our position as a City to understand and to see what's going on, and to fix it as well as we can, and to say those City members that - those community members that want to come in and have a seat at the table and let's discuss and let's look and let's talk. I don't remember that happening except for being at the Boys and Girls Club. And even there, there was so much disrespect because you had at least one KDH member who disrespected that community tremendously. And then when I asked him and - and grilled him on that, it was, "Oh, I didn't say that." But the community said, "Yes, you did." Those things are important. Then you have KDHE who says that, "Oh, some type of cancer could come from this." We have had so many deaths and we don't know how many have died from this particular issue. And then we know that infant mortality was the highest in that ZIP code area, along with 67214. Infant mortality. However, KDHE says, "Low birth weight babies were affected." My first thing to think about is low birth weight babies also goes along with infant mortality. And so I'm just asking us to - to look a little bit more into what we're doing and what we're allocating and how the community can help. And when I hear community involvement and money, are you saying that we have to pay for it? That we have to help find money in order to take care of this situation? Please. I know that we can do better. I know that we can do better. And I just had to come and - and help you to understand how they are feeling, how we are feeling. Oh, we had a little money left over, we'll do that. But how many people have we lost? How many people have we lost? We can't put a finger on it. I lost. I'm the oldest of nine and only four are living because we played in the water. We drank the water. We had no idea of the severity of the case. So I'm just asking us to make sure we're looking in every unturned place, turn over every rock that we can, make sure that we hear this, make sure that EPA understands that - that we need to look at everything before we do it. Did we, as EPA, look at the health that could come from those large poles? I don't think we did. Did EPA give us a health report on the 100 trucks that are right across the highway? I didn't hear about it. Those are the health issues I'd like to know. I'd like to know if EPA is saying it's okay, we've checked, and this doesn't affect their health. And there's so many others. There's so many other things that are going on that we

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need to find out, is this going to affect someone's health? So I think that's all I'm asking is that we just make sure that we're all sitting down together, that we're all at the same table, that we're all working on the same issues, and it's not just one particular area because we swore to the City first. We swore to the City before we swore to one particular district. And so for me, it's all of us, It's all of us looking at the same issue. I thank you very much and I'll just stop from there. I know my time is over. Thank you.

Mayor Wu stated I do have a question for City Manager. Ms. Lavonta mentioned the federal partners, EPA, state partners, KDHE. What are they bringing in terms of financial contributions to the table?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated It's - good question, Mayor. We've not had active discussions with EPA recently on the funding. However, the funding that the state is providing was granted by the legislature. So they have two and a half million dollars that they've brought forward to help us with the testing. And if we're successful in having a total local match, then there'll be three and a half million dollars that will be available. And I do want to mention that there have been public meetings that have transpired over the last two years - those voices have been heard, and that's why we're at this point. I think that's what led to the legislative initiative. That is what's driving all of those at the local level who have been working on this. I don't know that - I think the most productive thing is to look forward. How do we address the issues that have come up from the community over a period of time to make sure that they have acceptable health outcomes? And that's why I think this idea of funding a long-term solution takes into account what former Council Member Williams talked about, and that is recognizing there are a lot of folks who were impacted by this over a long period of time, and now they will have a low or no barrier way of being tested going forward.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor, and thank you, Lavonta, Council Member Williams, for coming up. This is just one step. I agree with you wholeheartedly. What comes next, that's going to have to be part of the discussion as well making sure that members of our community are involved in that discussion as well. So I do want to acknowledge that. And you're not lying, because, I think according to the county, there's 208 sites, around the county that might have similar results here. So I think this is providing a template for how do we start to get the initial testing aside. I think there's going to be some litigation coming forward with various parties. I'm not in tune of anything special there. I can just kind of foresee that happening as well. So again, this is a template. I know I have sites down south and sites out east and west and all over the county that we're going to have to address. But we also want to recognize the particular disparity that goes on within this particular neighborhood as well. So this is just, again, the first step. Lot of great partnerships to get to where we are now with Grace Med, Hunter Health, Commissioner Beatty, some from the governor's office, and some of our state representatives as well. A lot of work that's been going on and Council Member Johnson as well. So I just want to acknowledge all the work that's gone on so far and then the work that's going to have to continue again in the future from this point forward. So, that's all I have to say, thank you.

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Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Thank you, Lavonta. Just to address some of that and the steps we're takin' today, I would say that the community voice has definitely been heard, in each of those meetings, whether, some of those meetings were productive or not. The voice has been heard. The frustration has been heard. We've heard the stories of people who are dealing with cancer now, have dealt with cancer before. I haven't publicly said it. My great-uncle actually had kidney disease when he died. He lived a block across from the pollution area. So I believe that's been heard and that's what's been spurring action, whether it was me or Commissioner Cruz, now Chairman Beatty, our City staff, the county staff, we've all been talking about that because not only did we hear a community voice, but we also knew that it was important to address this. I am grateful for everyone who has been at the table, our FQHCs who are tasked with doing this work, those who just started doing it at Grace Med immediately, Sedgwick County, the Medical Society, Kansas Health Foundation, KU Med, Project Access at one point - I mean all of these folks have been at the table talking about this and meeting. Community will be at the table as well, going forward. As this plan that we have continued to work on progresses, there will be much more engagement intentionally with the neighborhoods who've been impacted - those who represent those areas, and making sure that they understand the plan going forward. But we have to get to that point, and today is just a small step forward to that. When you hear about community raising money, that does not mean you need to write a check, although we wouldn't turn down anything. We are working with the Kansas Health Foundation to not only hopefully receive some funds with them, but they'll also help us look for other philanthropic opportunities to raise money. So that's not asking the people who've been impacted to give anything, but it's looking' for other ways to address this issue together because of the mandate that we have to have a local match. So we're working through all of that. And again, working with Sedgwick County, we were looking at \$125,000 as indicated in the presentation. They would be looking at \$125,000. That gives us a quarter million of the million-dollar match. I'm fairly confident we'll get to that full million. And again, with the funding that the state allocated through KDHE towards this, I believe that we are on the right path with a plan that addresses some immediate testing needs as well as long-term. The biggest challenge with the long-term is, as you talk about, this has been a 50-year issue. The main thing we looked at is how do we address everything without all - begging the legislature for assistance every year. Money was allocated that had to be spent by June 30th of this year. That's not fair to anyone, once we realized that people have to get more than one test. So if we gave them one test and said, "Hey, it looks like you might have something, but we don't have enough money to test you again," that would be a problem. So looking at long term is the most important thing for anyone who's still here, moved away or might learn about it later. So we are, again, taking the voice of the community to heart, working on the plan to address those things long-term. And we will definitely welcome community members into, going forward. But a lot of what I had explained to a few of the community members I know that talked to you, is that internally we had to work with our different levels of government. We had to figure out how things worked. We had to make sure all our questions were answered, and that we didn't do anything we - we couldn't do or weren't supposed to do. And then also working with the FQHCs, a lot of sensitive information was being shared and that was why it was just us. But going forward with the plan, community will be able to be at that table as well. So I wanted to address all of that. Again, I'm

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supportive of taking this step. This is all we have left to give. We've been planning towards this for quite some time, and this just happened to be a pot of funds that we could use to make that work.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. Councilman William thank you for your comments. I believe this is a priority of government to address this, and I know that Councilman Johnson and the manager have been very integral in this and working with partners at KDHE and the EPA. I support these funds because I see it as an addition to what we're trying to focus on in that area, but I think you offered a really good reminder that we need to hear from the bench as well, is - not just answering the sins of the past, but also mitigating this and future consequences, and making sure that a lot of the decisions we have up here - that we're taking those things into consideration for future generations, to make sure we don't have this happen again in either that community or a different part of the community. So thank you for that reminder today and appreciate you coming forward as well.

Mayor Wu stated I will just add one more comment. The remaining funds from the Hyatt sale will now get us to zero on that fund, and this will, again, \$125,000 will go towards, if approved, towards this local match. And then \$32,449 will go towards transit. City Manager, can you just address that how that money is going to be used in terms of transit, public transit?

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated Mayor, there was a public hearing, as you know, last week on the new transit plan that will be coming back to you this spring after all the public comments have been received and incorporated into the plan. The - there are multiple phases for implementation, and, there depending on the Council's final action and direction, we have about one and a half million dollars already available possibly a little bit more, plus this money that will be added for implementation. How that will be used will again be determined by your actions on the plan. It's possible that you may want to do something in terms of expanded hours which is not in the first phase. It may be that there is equipment that we want to purchase and we'll need a local match. So again, you'll have some control over how that money is spent. We wanted flexibility in that regard. And as you know, Mayor, paratransit has been an issue that has come up a number of times, and maybe some of that money could be used to benefit our paratransit system.

Mayor Wu stated the reminder is at WichitaTransitPlan.com, so folks can go to that, as it was presented just last week on Thursday to the public. Can you correct me if I am wrong?

WichitaTransitPlan.com? That is correct. I just looked it up. So, for those interested, this is another piece. This is separate from the 29th and Grove contamination site, but we are talking about these Hyatt funds, and a portion of that will go towards public transit, so public buses, WichitaTransitPlan.com.

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Council Member Johnson stated thanks, mayor. I also forgot to address another future thing. As we know, the groundwater is still contaminated. Some of the soil is still contaminated. The city is working with, um, Arcadis and Union Pacific on getting those devices in the ground here at some point as well. So, we know until those get into the ground, there's still contamination, and that 10-year clock does not start. So, it is a goal of mine as well as I know the council to get that done this year. Our public works and utilities team is being very diligent on trying to get through the last couple hurdles to get that to happen, so expect some news on that too at some point once we get through that. But they did hold an open house in June of last year to talk more about that, with all of the designs of potential locations of where those devices would be.

**MOTION:**

***Council Member Johnson moved to*** place the ordinance on first reading, adopt the amending resolution and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

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

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

Attachment: [A24-13 Map Sheet.doc](#)

Attachment: [ANX2024-00013 utilities map.jpg](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-031 A24-13.doc](#)

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, reviewed the item. Vice Mayor Johnston momentarily absent from the bench.

Mayor Wu asked if any member of the audience would like to speak on this item. Nobody came forward.

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### **MOTION:**

***Council Member Glasscock moved to*** initiate the annexation process, adopt the resolution, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

### **COUNCIL BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY CITY AUTHORITIES**

#### **PLANNING AGENDA**

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

#### **HOUSING AGENDA**

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

#### **AIRPORT AGENDA**

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

#### **COUNCIL AGENDA**

X) **COUNCIL MEMBER AGENDA**

- 1.) [Selection of Appeal Panel to hear Appeal of Suspension of an Off Premise/Retailer License \(District I\)](#)

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Mayor Wu stated will there be a presentation, or do we just assign?

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated Mayor, I'll jump in. There is no presentation. This is just a procedural requirement for the council to hold a public hear- not a public hearing, an administrative hearing that's not part of council meeting. What is needed today is just a motion to appoint three members to serve on this panel.

Mayor Wu stated can we appoint them from this bench or this is an off....

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated this is from the bench. Three of you serve on this.

Mayor Wu stated Very good. I believe that we heard about this during agenda, and two individuals from two districts were also identified. This happens to be in district number one, which is Council Member Johnson's district, and then it was going to go according to numerical order. Districts one and two have already served, so now it's three and four. So that would be Council Member Mike Hoheisel and Council Member Dalton Glasscock, along with Council Member Brandon Johnson.

Council Member Johnson stated I withdrew my name, you explained everything, so yes, I volunteer myself.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Withdrawal names, are we able to do that on another level here, or am I kind of stuck in this? We can't go newbies?

Council Member Glasscock stated I'll also accept.

Mayor Wu stated thank you very much, Council Members Johnson, Hoheisel, and Glasscock, who will be the three Council Members to attend, um, this appeal panel process.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you, and I'm not sure what Director of Law was going to say, but if I can offer some unsolicited advice, which I'm famous for, when Council Member Johnson and I did this with then-Council Member Blubaugh, we didn't really go into it knowing exactly what to - what was going to happen. So, if you get a chance, and if it's appropriate, the three might want to meet with legal just so they have a full expectation of what was going to happen. It would have gone smoother, I think, if we would have known what to expect and how to prepare. So, just my thoughts. Thank you. Good luck.

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Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated Legal will be happy to meet with the three of you, and we do need to get it scheduled, um, shortly after, so we'll be in touch.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. I did have one quick question. It says the suspension is January 15 to February 13. Is that suspension - this - it's stayed.

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated it's been stayed.

Council Member Hoheisel stated it's stayed through your decision. Let's see what happens. It stayed, as my understanding, until that time.

**MOTION:**

***Mayor Wu moved to*** select three Council Members to preside over administrative appeal of license suspension.

Motion carried 7 to 0

**2.) Sim Golf Course Irrigation Vendor Selection (District VI)**

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated Council Member Glasscock, you had questions. We are, in terms of the term of the completion date of the agreement, that is 120 days. The vendor has committed to an earlier completion date of 60 to 90. For the warranty, we have a one-year warranty on workmanship associated with ~~the solution~~ installation. And confirming five years is the warranty required by the RFP, as the minimum manufacturer warranty of five years. They're not determined - not able to determine the 25-year warranty that's referenced in - in the solicitation documents at this time. So it looks like more of - like a five-year at this time for the pipe or product and workers. One year on installation.

Mayor Wu stated so will - will the green sheet be updated so that the public knows those changes?

Jennifer Magana stated we can reflect that on a note after its that's been issued. Um, that can be an add-on, I think. Probably the best way to do it. We are confirming that warranty, just to clarify, but we believe it is a maximum of five years.

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Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. This may be a question for Jesse or for Reggie, but is it industry standard to have the 25 years listed on the green sheet versus the five years? I felt very comfortable with the 25-year warranty. Given the replacement every 25 years, the five-year warranty worries me some. So could you maybe speak to that?

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated and why the 25 years reference on there, because the majority of the products that's being purchased are from Toro. And the manufacturer has a 25-year warranty on their products. So that's why it's referenced in there with the 25 years.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. So it's 25 years warranty on the parts, five-year warranty on the contractor coming back in and replacing any of the parts, and then a one-year warranty on the workmanship.

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated and that's what we'll have to get clarification on, and I know that Toro itself has a 25-year warranty on the actual product itself. We'll have to get clarification on the vendor's installation and the cost with that time frame.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay, so if it breaks six years down the road, um, we don't have to replace the parts, but we do have to pay somebody to come in and dig it up.

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated that's my understanding, but we'll get clarification on that.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. And then the five years - we have a warranty on both the company coming in, and then also the parts.

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated Council Member, I'll jump in. We know that we've required the five years warranty.

Council Member Hoheisel stated a requirement.

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Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated there may be a higher, longer warranty that the parts manufacturer provides. That's the only thing we can pinpoint to as a requirement for the product.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay, so then it's a 1-year warranty on having...

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated warranty on installation.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay, so the contract will come back in within a year, free essentially.

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated correct.

Mayor Wu asked if any member of the audience would like to speak on this agenda item. Nobody came forward.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I'm supportive of the irrigation implementation. I am concerned about maybe the discrepancy. I have a few questions. So this actually might be a follow-up question for Reggie because I know that we're trying to get this, up and running before the season. So I think this completion would be, what, 60 days would be in beginning of April or the 90-day period beginning of April was our goal. Would a delay to February 6 while we attempt to get these answers disrupt that process, if they said what the guarantee in the contract is 120 days. They said they could get it done within 60 to 90 days. So theoretically it shouldn't be, but what would be your take on that?

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated I gave a 90-day, not to exceed once the actual contract they've gotten approval to move forward. The existing system will stay in place during that time frame, so we will still have irrigation.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. Just wanted to comment. Congratulations to Jesse. That's why he's not here. He just had a sweet baby boy. So congratulations to him. You just asked if a delay would interfere with the work - and you said no, Reggie?

Reggie Davidson, Park & Recreation Department, stated they're not moving forward with the work until we give them authorization. Then they have 90 days not to exceed, to complete the project.

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Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. So, would it be appropriate to maybe delay it one week and then just put it on consent, since we have brought it up to the public, or - is there appetite for that, or do we want to wait until the beginning of February if we delay? I guess that's more.....

Jennifer Magana, Law Department, stated it's your decision, but that would be an option to continue, till next week, but next week is consent only.

Council Member Hoheisel stated yeah. I mean it would be consent, so we wouldn't be able to have it on a public agenda, but if all we're seeking right now is just clarification of this, I don't want to delay any of the improvements, but it would be nice to have some clarification.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you. I think the point is to get things ordered to get it going. It's always a supply chain challenge. So the sooner we get it ordered, the better off it is. So I would say we proceed. We know there is a guarantee. It's maybe unclear what it is, but there is a guarantee. You know, Toro offers 25 years on the parts. There's no way anybody's going to offer a 25-year of installation on my house. I wish they'd be on my house, because I have lots of repairs on my house, so - I would say to go ahead and approve it.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you. I would feel probably a little bit more comfortable with Councilman Hoheisel's suggestion. I'm just trying to do the quick math or if, unfortunately, we have consent agenda next week, but - so, February 4th would be the first day it could be heard here. That would put us at March 4th, April 4th, May 4th with a 90-day period. It doesn't seem like that would be prohibitive, especially if they said 60 days. That puts us at April 4th instead of May 4th. So those are just some of my thoughts, but I'm still interested in discussion. I just have some concerns with the green sheet saying that the proposal included a 25-year warranty. Not that I believe staff is misleading at all. I just believe that that is not what is necessarily inside of this right now, and we still have questions about what there are the actual terms of the contract.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated I mean, I don't know. I don't have a turf management degree, but if you're going to plant grass, you're probably going to do it in the spring. You want to make sure you have your irrigation not disturbing the planting of grass, so you're going to plant grass, you're going to do in the spring and you need the irrigation to do that. And honestly, May is too late. So that's the only thing I would say. I don't know. Can't speak for Jesse. I guess he's having a baby - wife's having a baby but, uh, that may be a consideration.

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*Council Member Ballard moved to* approve the vendor selection, approve the contract, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 5 to 2 (Nay: Lily Wu, Dalton Glasscock).

- 2.) Approve to exceed the gift limit, as established by the Ethics Ordinance, for Council Member Tuttle to accept travel to attend the Early Childhood Advocacy Day in Topeka, on February 5, 2025 for the purpose of networking with early childhood advocates and meeting with lawmakers. The estimated gift amount from Child Start for travel is \$100.

Council Member Tuttle stated hey, I just wanted to let everyone know that I'll be traveling with Tanya and with Adrienne Ladd, who's our supervisor for child care licensing, so there will be no cost incurred to the city. Thank you.

**MOTION:**

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Motion carried 7 to 0

- 3.) Approve to exceed the gift limit, as established by the Ethics Ordinance, for Council Member Tuttle to accept travel to attend a childcare site visit in Hutchinson on February 3, 2025 for the purpose of an opportunity for early learning advocates in Wichita to meet with early learning advocates and elected officials in Reno County and Hutchinson to share successes and lessons learned. The estimated gift amount from Child Start for travel is \$40.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. Just to give a little bit of background. Tanya Bulluck, who's the CEO of Child Start, Inc., which I'm a board member, we gave a presentation to Statewide Conference about the economic impact of child care. Some folks from Reno County, Hutchinson, saw us, including an elected official. So, back in the fall, they came to see us and wanted to learn about what we're doing. And so now, we are going to reciprocate that and we're going to go to Hutchinson and Reno County and meet with a few of their elected officials but then learn all the great things they're doing and there will be no cost to the City. And I will come back with information learned so that I can share it with my colleagues and community members. Thank you.

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Motion carried 7 to 0

**XI) COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you Mayor. I'd like to appoint Randi Thimesch to the Sustainability Board R-A-N-D-I.

**MOTION:**

*Mayor Wu moved to* approve the appointments.

Motion carried 7 to 0

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Just wanted to highlight publicly. I had an opportunity to tour the emergency winter shelter yesterday. I think they are seeing numbers that they did not expect almost hitting 300 and there's a lot of needs there for anyone wanting to help out. There are a lot of volunteer needs severely needed. Just from the time I was there, they need help with serving food. They need help with cleaning. So anyone who has any interest in that or wants to help, this would be a great time to reach out and sign up to volunteer. If you have any additional food. Again they were expecting numbers higher than the food that they had yesterday. So if you have items that have not expired. There have been some folks who brought expired items, please do not do that. Our unhoused people deserve to not eat expired items just like us. But if you have unexpired food or want to donate food there, they definitely could use that. So again anybody who can help out, who wants to help out, they need your help down at the shelter.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. I just wanted to say last week I was at the State of the State and kudos to Council Member Tuttle for all of her work on childcare. That seemed to be a big topic that she shared about and so I appreciate the hard work that you're doing here for Wichita and Sedgwick

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County because it's spreading throughout the state. And also on Saturday, I'm having my District 6 coffee at Evergreen at 9:00 if anyone wants to come hang out.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I'm going to be the cheerleader for the City for a quick second. Just a reminder to everybody in the community of the U.S. National Figure Skating Competition which is going to be in Wichita this weekend. Previous communities have seen an \$8 million economic impact from this and so I'm planning on going three or four nights this week to enjoy the competition. Tickets are available online. I would highly recommend individuals to go. It's really exciting driving by the arena and seeing signs. Again, driving by the stadium and seeing fencing up. Driving by the arena and seeing signs up and then knowing that we also have the basketball tournament coming up as well. It's super exciting. And then because the City Manager left his position at the Art Museum, I had the chance to be the City's appointee to the Art Museum and this upcoming Friday there's a new exhibit that's being presented. I do not want to butcher the title of the exhibit but it's also called Interwoven. It's going to be opening up on Friday. I think it opens to the general public on Saturday. It has to do with Pakistani art. It's an incredible facility. I toured the museum again this week and to seeing how they rotate the permanent exhibit even differently from when I was there four months ago. I'm going to give a shout out to the curator, the entire team at the museum and would encourage everybody to attend. It is free except the rotating exhibit costs. But the permanent exhibit is free to all Wichitans whenever the museum is open.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. I'd just like to thank Jamie Buster for coming back today. Apparently, she's a glutton for punishment. So she agreed to step in today. It's always a pleasure to see your smiling face up here. And also to our comm staff. Why am I always getting stuck on the wings? It's almost like you guys don't want me in the middle, in the shot. I see what they really think of me but I think if I'm in the middle, our viewership goes up. So, I'm just putting that out there in case we want to switch again before the - but at three out of the four times I've been had a seat up here it's been on the very end. So noted. That's all I'll say.

Mayor Wu stated I actually - I think Johnson - Council Member Johnson just said he'd be willing to trade if you'd like to trade his seat.

Council Member Johnson stated I mean, symbolically, I'm, like, at the end of my term and that's the end of the bench. I can bring you over here. Everybody has all the - the beard and all of that. I'll just sit on the end. I can look directly at you.

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Mayor Wu stated so, from this bench, I know that everything has to be voted on. So, is there an actual formal move that you'd like to make, Council Member Hoheisel?

Council Member Hoheisel stated no, ma'am. I was just having a little bit of fun. We have to have a little bit of fun from the bench from time to time.

Mayor Wu stated thank you. I do have just a couple of comments before we go into Executive Session. Sorry to burst the bubble. Sorry, Council Members. But I do want to say that there's some good news about Wichita and so I always like to share that. Just last week on Friday, Wichita was named one of the most affordable places to retire by Go Banking Rates. So, this is cause for celebration and as we have shared on social media last week also Wichita was named one of the top 50 best performing cities according to the Milken Institute that measures economic vitality of 403 U.S. cities. That report, again, great way to celebrate our community and it is a culmination of community-wide efforts to diversify and grow Wichita's economy. That report is one that past and present councils, other elected bodies like Sedgwick County, the private sector like Greater Wichita Partnership and the Wichita Chamber of Commerce, the education community, like Wichita State University, and everyone who lives, works, and plays in Wichita can truly be proud of and it's an inspiration to continue to work to expand and diversify our city for continued growth.

**Executive Session****MOTION:**

***Mayor Wu moved to*** recess for a break and then Executive Session from 12:15 PM until 12:35 PM.  
Motion carried 7 to 0

**ADJOURNMENT****MOTION:**

***Mayor Wu moved to*** adjourn at 12:36 PM.  
Motion carried 4 to 1 (Nay: Brandon Johnson).

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 January 21, 2025.docx](#)

2) **Preliminary Estimates:**

a.) Preliminary Estimates

Attachment: [PEsforCC\\_01-21-25.pdf](#)

b.) Preliminary Estimates for paving improvements to serve Cottonwood Creek Estates Addition (District IV)

Attachment: [E4030 PV CCE Addn NTBA Coversheet Template.doc](#)

Attachment: [E4030 PV CCE Addn NTBA.doc](#)

c.) Preliminary Estimates for sewer improvements to serve Cottonwood Creek Estates Addition and Colt Meadow Addition (District IV)

Attachment: [E4148 SS CCE & Colt Meadows Addn NTBA Coversheet Template.doc](#)

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Attachment: [E4148 SS CCE & Colt Meadows Addn NTBA.doc](#)

- d.) Preliminary Estimates for sewer improvements to serve Cottonwood Creek Estates Addition (District IV)

Attachment: [E4031\\_SS\\_CCE\\_Addn\\_NTBA\\_Coversheet\\_Template.pdf](#)

Attachment: [E4031 SS CCE Addn NTBA.doc](#)

- e.) Preliminary Estimates for water improvements to serve Cottonwood Creek Estates Addition (District IV)

Attachment: [E4033 WDS CCE Addn NTBA Coversheet Template.doc](#)

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3) Deeds and Easements:

- a.) Grant of Temporary Easement Across City-Owned Property Located West of Oliver Street North of 17th Street North (District I)

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

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4) Agreements/Contracts:

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- a.) Developer's Agreement for Reber 2nd Addition, Phase 1 (District II)

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

Attachment: [Developers Agreement.pdf](#)

**Uncategorized Items:**

- 5.) Order of Succession

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-019 Order of Succession.docx](#)

- 6.) 2025 Victims of Crime Act Grant

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

Attachment: [2025 VOCA Award - Signed by Law.pdf](#)

- 7.) 2025 Federal Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Grant

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

Attachment: [Wichita Police Department.pdf](#)

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- 8.) Dedication of Remnant of City-owned Properties at 1732 West 29th Street and 3010 North Amidon as Right of Way (District VI)

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

Attachment: [Dedication attachments.pdf](#)

- 9.) Revised Budget for Cheney Pump Station Variable Frequency Drive Upgrade

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-032 Cheney Pump Station VFD Upgrade.docx](#)

Attachment: [INCREASING NOI Cheney VFD.docx](#)

- 10) Second Reading Ordinances:

- a.) SECOND READING ORDINANCES FOR JANUARY 21, 2025 (FIRST READ JANUARY 14, 2025) ORDINANCE NO. 52-608 AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 11.51 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, AND AMENDING TRAFFIC CODE DEFINATIONS CONTAINED IN TITLE 11 PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS. An ordinance defining the allowed usage of golf carts on certain streets. Ordinance No. 52-608 Golf Carts ORDINANCE NO. 52-609 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-SEDGWICK COUNTY UNIFIED ZONING CODE, SECTION V-C, AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 28.04.010, AS AMENDED. An ordinance changing zoning for 4801 E. Central. Ordinance No. 52-609 PUD2024-00018 ORDINANCE NO. 52-610 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-SEDGWICK COUNTY UNIFIED ZONING CODE, SECTION V-C, AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 28.04.010,

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AS AMENDED. An ordinance changing zoning for 2157 N. Market Street. Ordinance No. 52-610 PUD2024-00024 ORDINANCE NO. 52-611 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-SEDGWICK COUNTY UNIFIED ZONING CODE, SECTION V-C, AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 28.04.010, AS AMENDED. An ordinance changing zoning for 317 & 321 N. Doris Street. Ordinance No. 52-611 ZON2024-00052 ORDINANCE NO. 52-612 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 50-488 OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING A WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO SERVE ESTANCIA ADDITION, (PROJECT NO. 470-212/448-90693) An ordinance adding assessments for constructing water distribution system Estancia Addition. Ordinance No. 52-612 Amending Ordinance No. 50-488 Levy Assessments Constructing Water Distribution System Estancia Addition ORDINANCE NO. 52-613 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 50-517 OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF LATERAL 547, SOUTHWEST INTERCEPTOR SEWER PHASE 1, TO SERVE ESTANCIA ADDITION, (PROJECT NO. 480-096/468-85075) An ordinance adding assessments for constructing lateral, sewer phase 1 Estancia Addition. Ordinance No. 52-613 Amending Ordinance No. 50-517 Levy Assessments Constructing Lateral 547, Southwest Interceptor Sewer Phase 1 Estancia Addition ORDINANCE NO. 52-614 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-SEDGWICK COUNTY UNIFIED ZONING CODE, SECTION V-C, AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 28.04.010, AS AMENDED. An ordinance changing zoning for 1802 N Woodlawn. Ordinance No. 52-614 PUD2024-00025 ORDINANCE NO. 52-615 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-SEDGWICK COUNTY UNIFIED ZONING CODE, SECTION V-C, AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 28.04.010, AS AMENDED. An ordinance changing zoning at North Hoover and West Robinson. Ordinance No. 52-615 ZON2024-00054 ORDINANCE NO. 52-616 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-SEDGWICK COUNTY UNIFIED ZONING CODE, SECTION V-C, AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 28.04.010, AS AMENDED. An ordinance changing zoning at 1331 N. Santa Fe Avenue. Ordinance No. 52-616 ZON2024-00055 ORDINANCE NO. 52-617 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-SEDGWICK COUNTY UNIFIED ZONING CODE, SECTION V-C, AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 28.04.010, AS AMENDED. Ordinance No. 52-617 ZON2024-00056

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**II) CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA ITEMS**

- 11.) [A24-12: Bryan Lagaly Properties, LLC Requests the Annexation of Land; Generally Located on the Southeast Corner of South 155th Street West and West U.S. 54/400. \(District IV\)](#)

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

Attachment: [A24-12 Map Sheet.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-618 A24-10.doc](#)

- 12.) [A24-14: Tabbal Investments LLC Requests the Annexation of Land; Generally Located on the Northeast Corner of North Greenwich Road and East 29th Street North. \(District II\)](#)

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Attachment: [A24-14 Map Sheet.doc](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-619 A24-14.doc](#)

**II) CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA ITEMS - NONE**

**II) CONSENT AIRPORT AGENDA ITEMS - NONE**