

OVERLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 2025

Mayor Curt Skoog called the Overland Park City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present, constituting a quorum:

Mr. Jim Kite; Mr. Logan Heley; Mr. Chris Newlin; Mr. Gregg Riess; Mr. Sam Passer; Mr. Jeff Cox; Mr. Scott Mosher; Mrs. Inas Younis; Mr. Richard Borlaza; and Mr. Drew Mitrisin. Council President Holly Grummert and Mrs. Melissa Cheatham were absent (excused).

Also present were: Mrs. Lori Curtis Luther, City Manager; Mrs. Kristy Stallings, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Bryan Dehner, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Michael Koss, City Attorney; Ms. Gena McDonald, Director of Finance and Budget; Ms. Doreen Jokerst, Chief of Police; Mrs. Lorraine Basalo, Director of Public Works; Mr. Alan Long, Fire Chief; Mrs. Leslie Karr, Director of Planning and Development Services; Mr. Brian Monberg, Current Planning Manager; Mr. Tony Sage, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Bryan Toben, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Kyle Van Meter, IT Support Specialist; and Ms. Cindy Terrell, Recording Secretary. Approximately 20 people from the public were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Curt Skoog led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Skoog opened the public comment period and asked that the speakers state their name and address for the record. He announced that each speaker would have three (3) minutes to speak. Speakers must conduct themselves in a civil and respectful manner.

Ms. Erin Atherton, resident, 13008 Caenen, stated she was speaking this evening on the City's position on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity in Overland Park, so as to ensure that every person who is a member of the community feels welcome and safe within this beautiful city. When she says 'member,' she is including residents, business owners, City employees and those who protect it. These people are all members of the community. She spoke with Councilmember Gregg Riess recently about the Council's position on ICE activity in Overland Park. As of that time, he told her there had been no conversations among the Council regarding their position on ICE or what will happen when they show up in Overland Park. Her hope is that stance has changed since she spoke with Mr. Riess, but if not, it should. If ICE has not visited Overland Park it will, and if it does, she questioned how the City will respond. She asked what rules will be followed and how they will protect the valued community members and City government. The recent ICE raid in Lenexa, Kansas, involved armed, masked men who would not provide identification. They kicked in the door, cleared a restaurant, and left the facility unlocked and empty with gas burners still in flame on the stoves. They had a judicial warrant for one person who was unrelated to immigration, but they led five (5) people away in shackles and gave no

information as to where they were being transported. Although the State of Kansas has a law that prohibits municipalities from restricting law enforcement cooperation with federal immigration authorities, there are city leaders capable of doing to ensure community members feel safe and welcome. First and foremost, there needs to be a plan in place so when this does happen, the City understands how to respond.

Ms. Atherton suggested that the Council be loud and clear in their position that they are here to protect the community members. They need to be loud and clear that the Council is not here to aid and enable ICE. They should promote education and training for community members on ICE Witness Training; promote education and training to business owners on their rights, and the rights of their employees if ICE, were ever to arrive at their place of business; be clear that the City will not share personal data about any community members with ICE or the U.S. Department of Home Security (DHS) without a judicial warrant signed by a judge; and request that the Overland Park Police Department (OPPD) not detain individuals on ICE holds without a judicial warrant signed by a judge. She restated that the Council needs to be loud and clear in their position, so to protect the community members and that the seemingly lawlessness of ICE is not welcome in this city. She thanked the Governing Body for their time and concern for the residents and community members.

Mrs. Christina Mendoza, resident, 6943 Santa Fe Drive, stated the Milburn Country Club has received preferred treatment by the Overland Park, Kansas, city government, causing long-term ordinance violations that the police will not issue fines against. The violations occur because the City allows the club to continue to behave in intrusive activities that violates her ability to maintain a quiet environment in her home. There are also obstructive views, excessive noise, and excessive guests, which results in traffic congestion. Club parking violations, which are allowed by the City with permit, create unsafe parking practices along Santa Fe Drive. Santa Fe Drive is often congestive and includes a dangerous curve with a poor view. This is a residential neighborhood. This conduct has created stress and anxiety for her. She fears for the safety of her family and home. She has spoken before the Council in the past about this problem and asked for a resolve. She has lived in her home for 20 years and does not feel respected.

Hearing nothing further, Mayor Skoog closed the open public comment period.

MAYOR CURT SKOOG

Mayor Skoog reported that the Committee of the Whole received an update on the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) from Mr. Mark White, White and Smith, LLC, at their meeting earlier this evening. The City is in the process of implementing Framework OP, the comprehensive plan, a large portion which includes an update of the rules about how the City will continue to build and be rebuilt.

PROCLAMATION – Proclaiming Overland Park a Purple Heart City, and recognizing August 7, 2025, as Purple Heart Recipient Recognition Day in Overland Park.

Mayor Skoog proclaimed August 7, 2025, as Purple Heart Recipient Recognition Day in Overland Park.

Mayor Skoog thanked members of the American Legion, who were present to accept the proclamation, for their service in the military and here at home.

Mr. Dan Wilkinson, commander, American Legion Post No. 370, accepted the proclamation and thanked Mayor Skoog, the Council, all those who had a part in this recognition. He also recognized Mayor Skoog as a member of their post. It is important to recognize those who wore the uniform in service to the country. They honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who were wounded while serving. He said, pertaining to the expression, "All gave some, and some gave all," that 'some gave all' is self-explanatory, as those made the ultimate sacrifice. "All gave some," covers a large spectrum, because it means that all those who served sacrificed at some level. Purple Heart recipients sacrificed much. They can never compensate them for what they have sacrificed. By proclaiming Overland Park a Purple Heart City, they bring more awareness to the community, allowing them to express gratitude and respect to those men and women who were wounded or killed in action. Many who have been awarded the Purple Heart continue to sacrifice and deal with their wounds long after they have stopped wearing the uniform. Some never stop dealing with the physical and emotional scars. He sits with heroes almost daily at the American Legion, but he recognized a few true heroes who were in attendance this evening. From Vietnam, Mr. Anthony Scotty O'Connell, wounded 1967; Mr. Larry Leonard, wounded 1967; Mr. Rhett Lyons, wounded 1969; Mr. Richard "Doc" Pustka, wounded 1968; Mr. Hugh Mills, wounded 1969, 1971, and 1972; Mr. Ted Wakeman, wounded 1970; and Lieutenant Colonel Aaron Krudwig, wounded 2012.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HOLLY GRUMMERT

No report.

CITY MANAGER LORI CURTIS LUTHER

RECOGNITION OF 2025 SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS AWARD – City of Overland Park.

City Manager Lori Curtis Luther reported that the City of Overland Park was the recent recipient of the 2025 Special Achievement in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Award. At the recent 2025 Esri Conference, the Overland Park GIS team was selected for the SAG award, which is the Special Achievement in GIS award. This award is given to user sites around the world to recognize outstanding work in GIS technology. The Overland Park organization stood out from hundreds of thousands of others. She thanked the GIS team, who support the City's emergency management efforts, implementation of cross-departmental systems, and under the direction of the management staff, they have done some really exceptional work.

CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS – Committee Report:

BID TABULATION – Capital Electric Line Builders, LLC, for 80th Street and Metcalf Traffic Signal Reconstruction, in the amount of \$730,320.05.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – Sunflower Paving, Inc., for 2025 Street Improvement Project (Concrete), in the additional amount of \$338,944.95, for a total project cost not to exceed \$3,538,705.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Staff Report:

COUNCIL MINUTES – April 21, 2025.

EXPENDITURE ORDINANCE NO. 7A – Outlining the expenditures from the General Operating Fund and the Capital Projects Fund for July 4 through July 17, 2025.

Mayor Skoog presented the Consent Agenda and asked the Council if they wanted to remove any items for separate discussion.

Mr. Logan Heley moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Mosher and carried by a roll-call vote of 10 to 0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Committee Report:

Logan Heley, Chair

Chair Heley announced that the next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – Staff Report:

No report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES – Staff Report:

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Committee Report:

Gregg Riess, Vice Chair

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE DEPARTMENT – Staff Report:

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE DEPARTMENT – Staff Report:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS – Committee Report:
Jim Kite, Chair

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS – Staff Report:

No report.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Committee Report:

Chris Newlin, Chair

No report.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Staff Report:

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS – Regular Agenda:

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Consent Agenda:

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT NO. SEP2025-00258 – 8909 West 179th Street. A special event permit is requested to allow a lantern festival on October 4, 2025. Application made by Katharine Garrison, representing the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY – FINAL PLAT NO. PLT2025-00014 – Wolf Creek Plaza Twin Villas – Vicinity of the southwest corner of 177th Street and Pflumm. Application made by Investcorp Development, LLC. The Planning Commission approved this item on July 14, 2025, by a vote of 9 to 0. (Related Case No. PLT2025-00013)

ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY – FINAL PLAT NO. PLT2025-00025 – Red Fox Run at Sundance Ridge, Third Plat – Vicinity of the southwest corner of 175th Street and State Line. Application made by Sundance Land and Cattle, LLC. The Planning Commission approved this item on July 14, 2025, by a vote of 8 to 0. (Related Case No. PLT2021-00028)

ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY – FINAL PLAT NO. 2025-00026 – Southern Meadows Third Plat – 186th Street and Mission. Application made by Southern Meadows, LLC. The Planning Commission approved this item on July 14, 2025, by a vote of 8 to 0. (Related Case No. PLT2022-00039)

ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY – FINAL PLAT NO. PLT2025-00027 – Wild Horse Fourth Plat – Vicinity of the southeast corner of 175th Street and Switzer. Application made by Bonita Investments, LLC. The Planning Commission

approved this item on July 14, 2025, by a vote of 8 to 0. (Related Case No. PLT2025-00012)

ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY – FINAL PLAT NO. PLT2025-00032 –
Sanctuary, Second Plat – Vicinity of the northwest corner of 175th Street and Quivira. Application made by Sanctuary Development. The Planning Commission approved this item on July 14, 2025, by a vote of 8 to 0. (Related Case No. PLT2021-00073)

REVISED PRELIMINARY PLAN NO. PDP2025-00018 – Mission 159 – Vicinity of the southwest corner of 159th Terrace and Mission. Application made by Arise Homes. The Planning Commission approved this item on July 14, 2025, by a vote of 9 to 0.

REZONING NO. REZ2025-00003 – Vicinity of the northwest corner of 183rd Terrace and Oakmont. Rezoning is requested from RUR-J, Rural District, to R-1, Single-Family Residential District, to allow a single-family development. Application made by Riverstone B.V., LLC. The Planning Commission approved this item on July 14, 2025, by a vote of 9 to 0. Ordinance No. Z-4373.

Mayor Skoog presented the Planning Commission Consent Agenda and asked if any councilmembers would like to pull an item for separate discussion.

Hearing none, Mr. Heley moved to approve the Planning Commission Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kite and carried by a roll-call vote of 10 to 0.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Regular Agenda:

None.

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46 p.m., Mayor Skoog declared the meeting adjourned. Minutes transcribed by Cindy Terrell.

Curt Skoog, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Kelley, City Clerk