

**CITY OF SHAWNEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 14, 2025  
6:00 P.M.**

**Governing Body Present:**

Mickey Sandifer - Mayor  
Sierra Whitted - Ward 1  
Tony Gillette - Ward 1  
Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2  
Dr. Mike Kemmling - Ward 2  
Kurt Knappen - Ward 3  
Angela Stiens - Ward 3  
Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4  
Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4

**Governing Body Absent:****Staff Present:**

Paul Kramer - City Manager  
Colin Duffy - Deputy City Manager  
Lauren Grashoff - Assistant City Manager  
Jenny Smith - City Attorney  
Stephanie Zaldivar - City Clerk  
Kellie Heckerson - Admin. Coordinator CMO  
Tonya Lecuru - Parks & Recreation Director  
Doug Donahoo - Communications Director  
Kevin Manning - Public Works Director  
Mike Inich - I.T. Director  
Jim Baker - Police Major  
Rick Potter - Fire Chief  
Kelly Grisnik - Human Resources Director  
Sean Rocco - Finance Director  
Doug Allmon - Community Development Director  
Ann Smith Tate - President | CEO Shawnee Chamber of Commerce  
Sean Keenan - Recreation Superintendent

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

**A. ROLL CALL**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Good evening and welcome to the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting of the Shawnee City Council. I'm Mayor Mickey Sandifer, and I will be chairing this meeting. I will do a roll call at this time. Councilmember Whitted.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Gillette.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Murphy.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Kemmling.

**COUNCILMEMBER KEMMLING:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Knappen is online.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Are you here?

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Yeah. Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** All right. Councilmember Stiens.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** And Councilmember Walters.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** And Councilmember Burchfield.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Present.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Thank you.

## **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Please join me for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

(Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence)

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you.

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

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

After you are finished speaking, please sign the form on the podium to ensure that we have an accurate record of your name and address. Additionally, comments can be submitted to the entire Governing Body via email at:

[GoverningBody@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:GoverningBody@cityofshawnee.org).

## **C. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve minutes from the City Council meeting of March 24, 2025.
2. Approve minutes from the Council Committee meeting of March 24, 2025.

3. Consider approving the extension of SUP-01-04-01, a special use permit issued to Garden Gate Daycare to operate a home daycare, located at 5248 Gleason Road.
4. Consider approving the extension of SUP-05-11-12, a special use permit issued to Jimmy John's to operate a drive-thru window in the Commercial Neighborhood zone, located at 11110 W. 75th Street.
5. Consider approving the extension of SUP-13-05-11, a special use permit issued to USD 512 to operate a Softball Complex in the Agricultural zone, located at 6101 Maurer Road.
6. Consider approving the extension of SUP24-01, a special use permit issued to Creative Little Learners to operate an in-home daycare for up to 12 children, located at 20907 W. 52nd Street.
7. Consider accepting the dedication of land, or an interest in for public purposes, contained in the Canyon Lakes 7th Plat (FP25-02), a residential subdivision located in the 5800 block of Arapahoe Street.
8. Consider granting a permanent easement to Kansas Gas Service on City parkland to allow for an above ground natural gas facility.
9. Consider authorizing the purchase of Microsoft Surfaces computer equipment with CDWG.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda is the Consent Agenda. Would anyone on the Council like to remove anything from the Consent Agenda? Seeing none, I'd accept a motion. Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**Motion 1:** Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 8-0-0.

#### **D. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda is Business from the Floor. Do we have people -- anybody signed up for Business from the Floor?

**MR. DUFFY:** Yes, Mr. Mayor. We had two pre-register. The first is Debbie Rogers.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Debbie, would you come up, please to the podium? When you're finished, sign your name and address and all on the podium so we'll have a record. You can do it afterwards.

**MS. ROGERS:** Do it now?

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Whatever. If you're going to speak, speak into the microphone if you would, so we have record of it.

**MS. ROGERS:** I like being first. Okay. Are we ready?

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Go ahead.

**MS. ROGERS:** Hi. My name is Deborah Rogers, and I'm speaking on some concerns for the previous meeting that I had attended pertaining to 6555 Mize Road development. My property backs up to this development, 96 percent of it.

This week it's been crazy. I am not for sure where the order came from, but there were -- they were told to break the wall dam down. I am grateful that one of the workers said that he couldn't do that because that would take out my barn and my whole house. So instead, they decided to put a pile of rocks behind the barn and to try to filter the water. That way it didn't go into the barn. It got close to about 12 inches away from there. And then they stopped it. They decided to make another pile a little bit more north, and they drained that. They drained a lot of the pond. And of course, my property had almost 20 feet wide of standing water.

It also had white thumb. I was told by one of the building inspectors, because I was concerned with it being -- trailing down my yard that that was just because the volume of the water that was coming down the yard. I found out later that is wrong. There is standing white foam in the pond, and there is pictures later to show that.

The water coming down the acreage under -- it is also going under Zarda Drive and into my father's pasture where his horses are located at. After a couple of hours of the water rushing down luckily enough phone calls made to the City and Angela, everything was halted and paused on Wednesday until they could figure out how to drain this pond a little bit more properly and spread it out.

On Thursday, we asked if they could bring more hoses and spread it over the property across the property line. The discussion was made, and then that way they said that they were going to do that, and they would spread it over the whole width of the -- of the property back there. They brought in another shipment of rocks and more hoses and continued to drain it to the far north closer to Mike's house at the property line.

Now, that it is Monday, they were also draining this morning, and now it is leading -- led into my father's pasture across the street. It is extremely wet. There are photos to show that as well. We have submitted photos along the way. Even the channel of water running down the back of my yard at a pretty good pace.

We've attended these meetings a few months ago and no one ever mentioned that they were going to break one of the walls of the dam. And I'm so grateful that that one guy said that they couldn't do that because I would not have a barn, and I would not have a house. So, I am grateful that they decided not to do that and try to figure out something else.

The run-off for me as a homeowner has taken upon myself, I was told by the building inspector that came out, and he also told me to contact a Ernie guy, is to put a wide

piping going around both sides of my barn and to steer it away from my house. Months ago, I gave everybody here permission to have access to our property to correct this drainage property. This has been an ongoing thing where the water has run down, and nothing has been done, and it sounds like nothing will be done unless I do it on my side.

Also, it is my understanding from the previous meeting that the developer was also going to build the five beautiful homes up there and a beautiful cul-de-sac to where the property line ends is where I back up to. And let me tell you it is nasty. It is a double wire, rickety barbed wire, two layer fencing intertwined with broken down, overgrown trees, thorns, bushes, vines. It's nasty. I have spent, my family -- the guy that -- Mike lives next door. We have cut down. We have trimmed. We have cleaned up. We have tried to pull the broken pieces across to clean up this nasty area. I'm hoping that the developer will take that fence line like I thought he was supposed to and totally clean it up while they have the machinery and the equipment there, and it makes our job easier to make this a beautiful cul-de-sac. We should -- wait a minute.

We should not have to continue to watch our property to make sure that we're not flooded because someone doesn't want to move the hoses or spread it over the distance. The last couple days is a nightmare. I feel like I'm a police squad out there between I and Lydia and my father. It's like they don't care. They don't care. They were running it straight into the barn unless we stop, we say something, we call the police. They just don't care. It's let's get it done. Let's get it drained fast. Get out of here and move on. And they don't care. And that's not what I thought this whole meeting was about months ago. We, you know, we pay taxes, and we pay taxes dearly and it would be, oh, I have like 20 seconds.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Go ahead.

**MS. ROGERS:** Okay. I'm sorry. It would be nice if this issue was resolved, and we had a better -- and this ground was better prior to the pond draining of all the grass seed and fertilizer that I placed across my property is now floating down Zarda Drive. I am not very happy with the way things have been taken care of at this moment, and this is why we are here tonight. Thank you. Thanks for giving me the extra time.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you.

**MS. ROGERS:** Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** And we have somebody else?

**MR. DUFFY:** Yes. Next is Lydia and Eric Arthaud.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay.

**MS. ARTHAUD:** My name is Lydia Arthaud. And we were told on August 12th at this board, at a board meeting that there would be five homes built on two-acre lots, and that the HOA of these five homes would maintain the existing pond.

The destruction in the pasture tells a very different story. I sent pictures. It's 100-year-old pasture. It's a 100-year-old pond, and it's being actively drained and mutilated. Not only ensuring the death and displacement of all the wildlife who call the pond home, but also in direct contradiction to what was promised. While this may be legal, it's certainly

very unethical. And to do this to the wildlife, it's cruel. It is so cruel, and it makes me so angry. We are shocked and disappointed at the carelessness of this process. We deserve better stewardship from our -- the developers and from our City.

The only silver lining in this disaster is that one kind man today, this morning, who works for the developer offered to help me rescue the fish, the turtles, and frogs, and move them to another pond. So, tomorrow I will be saving any wildlife that I can as a result of the negligence of the developers and of this City.

The City of Shawnee did not communicate at all, at all, that this 100-year-old pond would be drained and destroyed. Not to any of the homeowners surrounding this project. And we all showed up, and many of us showed up to tell you guys this. We were totally blindsided.

I would suggest that the City add to their approval procedures that the developers are required to address any potential wildlife displacement or concerns because it's only the right thing to do. This is a great city. I've lived here 30 years, and I am so upset how this was handled. But I have to give my thanks to Angela. She came out and took -- I took today off for work because I was going to try to save fish. Thank you, Angela, for all your help. I really appreciate that.

**MR. ARTHAUD:** And my statements are really the same, the same as Deborah and Lydia's. It's the same property, same subdivision, Maple-something. And like Lydia, we were both here. We spoke at the last couple meetings last summer before the approval was made. And we all -- we knew it was going to get approved, but we had some suggestions.

And so, this one, it was suggested, I suggested it. We asked for no streetlights, which I know you have to do streetlights. But I think the gentleman suggested, well, maybe we just have shorter streetlights and dimmer bulbs. And I don't know if it ever happened, but it goes into the traceability, what was said verbally here, is their accountability to make sure what was verbally said here actually comes to fruition? Oh, she took my paper. But anyway, I don't need it. It's a 14-foot pole with LED bulbs. That's probably standard. But my question is, is that the shorter pole and the dimmer bulbs? Because right now, we live on 66<sup>th</sup> Terrace and there's no streetlights. And we run south. And then the east road is Zarda and no street lights. So, it still has a country feel out there. There's some streetlights there, you know, very few streetlights up on Mize that we can't see, so it's very dark, very countryish. So, kind of a meet in the middle was like maybe we could do shorter lights and dimmer bulbs. But in the final plat it was a 14-foot pole with LED lights. So, I know you can't answer me, but is that shorter poles and dimmer lights? And if it's not, then you almost kind of question why you open it to the public if there's no follow through on what was verbally said here. Is there any follow through on that, I guess. So, that's it.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Thank you.

**MR. DUFFY:** That's all that pre-registered, Mayor.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Thank you. Let's see. Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to speak tonight? Come on up.

**MR. MOORE:** Thank you. My name is Robert Moore, and I live at 6589 Zarda Drive, and I'm the one that catches all the water down there. And we've been through this many, many times. I know you guys have heard me speak before. We've been out there 56 years.

And the problem is not -- we thought they weren't even going to drain that pond. They were going to leave that pond alone. Nobody said a word to anybody about draining it. They could at least forewarn the neighbors if they're going to do something. You know what I'm saying? You don't just -- you wouldn't like it if they did that to you or if your neighbor drained his swimming pool into your yard. You know what I'm saying? And it's always was under the understanding you can't run water directly right onto another property.

Now, I understand, and this this goes way back. This is anything with this commission here or anything. I remember 20-some years ago when they came out there -- when I moved out there that ditch was that wide. That's the truth. I could step across it easy and even run my mower across it. They came out, dug under the street, tore the street up, put all these big culvert pipes in. And I'm in the valley, so I get it off of Zarda and off 66th Street. And they told me today, one of the guys out there said, well, they should have -- they should have culverts in the middle of both these roads up there. Why don't they? And I said, I don't know. You have to ask them. I have no idea why. But I can see his point because that would take a lot of that water away. And that water -- then that water coming off the hill wouldn't be near as bad because I'm getting it off the hill and off of both those roads, you know, because I'm right down in the valley down there.

So, I'm not going to be around a lot longer, but the thing is at my age I've seen it all. I've seen the water come through there. The damage is done and stuff, and I've lived with it. I've brought -- I've hauled dirt in. I've done all kinds of stuff to try to build it up, so it doesn't come around the house and stuff like that when we get five inches of rain. And that hill used to save a lot of that water up there because of the weeds and the grass, you know, the tall grass and everything that's grown, it slowed that water way down. But that's not going to be like that anymore because it's gone. It's all gone, you know.

But anyway, I'd like to thank Angela for coming out this morning. We talked to her, and we talked to the developer and the people working out there. And they're all trying to work with us. But I think if you get in this position that Shawnee needs to send something -- do something about it, you know, instead of just -- they acted like they didn't know anything about it. He said nobody ever said anything about us. We were going to tear the whole wall out. That one guy said you can't do that. You'll flood everything if you do that, like my daughter was telling you, which is true. It would have. I mean, that's a massive -- a lot of water to come out at once. But anyway, that's what we're looking at right now. And we just want to -- we know the development is going to go in. That's fine. But treat us like we're human beings down below. Don't just dump all your crap on us, you know. Try to help us and work with us and we'll work with you. That's about all I got to say about it.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you.

**MR. MOORE:** You bet.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to speak? Seeing none.

**E. MAYOR'S ITEMS**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda is Mayor's Items. Number 1, I have Child Abuse Prevention Month, and I have a proclamation. Communications Director Doug Donahoo will read the proclamation while I present it. I would like to invite leadership from the Sunflower House up to the front, please.

**MR. DONAHOO:** Whereas an estimated 679,000 children are victims of abuse and neglect each year; and

Whereas every child deserves a safe, stable and nurturing environment; and

Whereas child abuse and neglect impact the present and future well-being of our society; and

Whereas communities that provide parents with social support, education and resources ensure that all children reach their full potential; and

Whereas child advocacy centers like Sunflower House work tirelessly to protect children and support families through education, intervention, and community partnerships.

Now, therefore, Mickey Sandifer, Mayor of Shawnee, Kansas, does hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urges all citizens, community groups, and businesses to protect children and support families and strengthen our community.

(Applause)

**F. STAFF ITEMS**

1. **Consider approving Addendum No. 2 to Contract 2024-016, a Professional Services Agreement with Olsson for the 2024 Engineering, Technical and Administrative Services and Staffing for the Stormwater Management Program.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Next item on the agenda is Staff Items. Item Number 1 is to consider approving Addendum No. 2 to Contract 2024-016, a professional service agreement with Olsson for the 2024 Engineering, Technical, and Administrative Services and Staffing for the Stormwater Management Program. Paul.

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

**MR. MANNING:** Good evening. So, this item tonight is for some additional stormwater design services for two separate projects. The first one, I think we talked about it last time, was the CDBG stormwater project. Typically, we have done road projects with that CDBG funding. But due to a change in where those boundaries are drawn and what areas are eligible, we're looking at doing a stormwater project this year, and we need to get started on it quickly. So, that's a portion of this item.

And then the second item is, I think you're all familiar with the sinkhole that opened up near Mill Valley High School. And so that's basically an emergency project that we



need to get out there and get taken care of as soon as possible. And so, this item also covers design services to address that issue as well.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Are there any questions for staff? Is there anyone signed up for this? Is there anyone else who would like to speak on this item? I'll accept a motion. Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Move to approve Addendum No. 2 for 2024-016.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**Motion 2:** **Tony Gillette - Ward 1/Sierra Whitted - Ward 1:** Approve Addendum No. 2 to Contract 2024-016, a Professional Services Agreement with Olsson for the 2024 Engineering, Technical and Administrative Services and Staffing for the Stormwater Management Program and authorize the Mayor to sign the Addendum in the amount of \$43,500 for new contract not-to exceed amount of \$491,415 as approved by the City Attorney.  
**The motion carried 8-0-0.**

**2. Consider approving a Contract with Skeens Consulting Services for land acquisition services as needed for CIP projects, P.N. 3621.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 2 is to consider approving a contract with Skeens Consulting Services for land acquisition services as needed for CIP projects, P.N.3621. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Well, once again, Kevin Manning for this item.

**MR. MANNING:** This contract is basically an on-call contract for us to utilize Skeens Consulting if we need assistance with right-of-way acquisition. This isn't something that we use on every project, but if we -- our typical approach is if we've got a lot of parcels on one project just due to the economies of scale, sometimes it's easier to bring in a consultant. If we have a smaller project with only a handful of properties, we typically handle those in-house.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Are there any questions for staff? Is there anyone signed up for this? Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to speak on this issue? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Or Jacklynn. I mean Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**Motion 3:** Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4: Approve the contract with Skeens Consulting Services for Land Acquisition Services in the amount of \$100,000 and authorizing the Mayor to sign the final contract as approved by the City Attorney. The motion carried 8-0-0.

**3. Consider approving a Maintenance Agreement for a monument sign on 80th Street west of Woodland Drive.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 3 is to consider approving a maintenance agreement for the monument sign at 80th Street west of Woodland Drive. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Once again, Kevin Manning.

**MR. MANNING:** So, this item will cover a monument sign for an HOA that will be located in an island on 80th Street just west of Woodland Drive. So, this agreement basically allows that HOA the ability to get in and maintain that island and that sign as necessary.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Anyone on the Council have any questions? Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Yeah. Thank you, Mayor. Kevin, just real quick. Just I read the packet. Just to be clear, it means when we turn this over to the HOA, if there's damage to it, if it gets hit by car or something, it's on the HOA, right?

**MR. MANNING:** That is correct.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** All right. Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Is there anyone else? Anyone sign up for this? Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**Motion 4:** Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4: Approve the right-of-way Maintenance Agreement for a monument sign on 80th Street, West of Woodland Drive. The motion carried 8-0-0.

**4. Consider the Final Change Order with VF Anderson Builders for the 61st Terrace and Rosehill Road CMP Repair Project.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 4 is to consider approving the Final Change Orders for VF Anderson Builders for the 61st Terrace and Rosehill Road CMP Repair Project. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Once again, Kevin Manning.

**MR. MANNING:** This is the final change order for this project. It's about \$40,000. And the vast majority of this is for some additional fence that was needed and then additional sod. There was basically a lot more area that was disturbed on this project than was originally intended. So, the final contract amount is up to 502,000 approximately. So, we're over on our contract; however, this project did come in quite a bit under budget. The original project budget was about 1.2 million and the final project budget is going to end up about 716,000.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Very good. Are there any questions for staff? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this issue? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**Motion 5:** Sierra Whitted - Ward 1/Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2: Approve Final Change Order to Contract No. 2024-058 with VF Anderson Builders for the 61st Terrace and Rosehill Road CMP Repair

Project, representing an increase of \$40,524 resulting in a final contract amount of \$502,547. **The motion carried 8-0-0.**

**5. Consider the Final Change Order with SAK Construction for the 51st Terrace and Millridge Street CMP Repair Project.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 5 is to consider approving the final change orders, with SAK Construction for the 51st Terrace and Millridge Street CMP Repair Project. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Again, Kevin Manning.

**MR. MANNING:** We've got a small negative change order here, which is a good thing. We just basically had underrun of quantities. So, we were able to come in about 10,000 under the final contract amount for construction. And this project was also well under budget.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Any questions for staff? Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** No. Just a quick comment. Kevin, thanks. That's two in a row under budget. Thank you, sir.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Anyone else? Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay.

**Motion 6:** **Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4:** Approve Final Change Order to Contract No. 2024-048 with SAK Construction for the 51st Terrace and Millridge Street CMP Repair Project, representing a decrease of \$9,889 for a final contract amount of \$463,040. **The motion carried 8-0-0.**

**6. Consider an Easement Acquisition of Private Property and adopt a Resolution to acquire right-of-way and temporary easements for the Johnson Drive and Quivira Signal Replacement Project, P.N. 3607.**

(a) Easement Acquisition

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 6 is to consider approving an easement acquisition of private property and adopt a Resolution to acquire right-of-way and temporary easements for the Johnson Drive and Quivira Signal Replacement Project, P.N. 3607. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Again, Kevin Manning.

**MR. MANNING:** So, this is for a signal replacement project just down the street here at Johnson and Quivira. That signal is one of the old KCP&L signals or Everygy signals the City purchased many years ago, and it's reaching the end of its, basically life, and so we're replacing it. The old design is a lot tighter and we're going to be making some modifications to the sidewalk to make sure they're ADA compliant and moving the signal cabinet here. So, we do need some temporary construction easements and a little bit of permanent right-of-way to fit that new signal in there. So, that's what this item covers is authorization to acquire those easements and right-of-way.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** All right. Thank you. Anyone have any questions? Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Hey, Kevin. Thanks. I was just curious. How many of these old signals do we still have that we'll need to replace eventually?

**MR. MANNING:** We've got less than a half dozen, probably about three or four remaining. So, we try to replace them, like we replaced one recently on our Nieman Road project down at 67th Street. We replaced another one at 67th and Quivira probably four or five years ago. So, we've got budget to basically do this kind of every two years. And we will continue to do these projects as necessary until we've replaced all of the old Everygy signals.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Thank you.

**MR. MANNING:** Yep.

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

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Move to approve.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Mayor, there's two recommendations.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Oh, there's two here. I'll accept a motion to approve the easement acquisition for private property. That's number one. Okay. So, we'll redo this.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** All right. So, move to approve the easement acquisition.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**Motion 7:** **Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4/Angela Stiens - Ward 3:** Approve an Easement Acquisition of Private Property for the Johnson Drive and Quivira Signal Replacement Project. **The motion carried 8-0-0.**

(b) Adopt Resolution

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 2, I will accept a motion to adopt a Resolution to acquire right-of-way and temporary easements for four tracts of private property. Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**Motion 8:** **Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2/Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4:** Adopt a Resolution to acquire right-of-way and temporary easements on four (4) tracts of private property. **The motion carried 8-0-0.**

7. **Consider an Easement Acquisition of Private Property and adopt a Resolution to acquire right-of way easements for the Shawnee Mission Parkway & Goddard Street and 61st Street & Melrose Lane CMP Replacement Projects.**

(a) Easement Acquisition

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 7 is to consider approving an easement acquisition of private property and adopt a resolution to acquire right-of-way easement for Shawnee

Mission Parkway and Goddard Street, and 61st and Melrose Lane CMP Replacement Project. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** One more for Kevin Manning.

**MR. MANNING:** Both of these items or both of these projects are stormwater projects that have kind of been bundled into one larger project. And we're anticipating acquiring about six different parcels total across the two projects. And the budget for that is going to be around \$30,000 to acquire those.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. Thank you. Is there any questions for staff? Anyone sign up for this? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this? I'll accept a motion for -- I have two motions. Number one is I will accept a motion to approve the easement acquisition of private property for the projects. Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** So moved.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**Motion 9:** Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4: Approve an Easement Acquisition of private property for the Shawnee Mission Parkway & Goddard Street and 61st Street & Melrose Lane CMP Replacement Projects. The motion carried 8-0-0.

(b) Adopt Resolution

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 2 is I will accept a motion to adopt a Resolution to acquire right-of-way and easement on six tracts of private property. Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** So moved.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Motion passes.

**Motion 10:** Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2/Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4: Adopt a Resolution to acquire right-of-way and easements on six (6) tracts of private property. The motion carried 8-0-0.

**8. Consider adopting a Resolution to extend a moratorium on battery energy storage systems and renewable energy collection systems as a primary use of property within the City of Shawnee.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 8 is to consider adopting a Resolution to extend a moratorium on battery energy storage systems and renewable energy collection systems as a primary use for property within the City of Shawnee. Paul.

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

**MR. ALLMON:** Good evening, everyone. Staff is requesting an extension of six months on the moratorium that you all enacted in July of 2024 for a lot of reasons that we need the extra time. And honestly, in hindsight, we probably should have asked for more than just the nine months that we originally did. The moratorium actually expires today by that last resolution.

In terms of this use, it's a complex use that we're really wanting to do the correct thing and make sure that the ordinance is sound, and that's why we are requesting this additional time. I will say that during the time of the moratorium we haven't had people knocking down our doors for these type of uses. Actually, we haven't had any more than the original inquiry that was on residentially zoned property abutting property that is already developed with single-family residential.

And I will say that in our research any recommendation that we'd be bringing forward in terms of an ordinance change would not be including residentially zoned property or property adjacent to or planned for residential development because of factors like noise, aesthetics, sound, fire. There's lots -- environmental.

So, we want to wrap this up and put a bow around it and get it to the Planning Commission as a zoning amendment changed to our zoning code. They'll make a recommendation to you. And the goal is to have that to you within the next six months.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Any questions from staff? Anyone sign up for this? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this issue? Hearing none, I'll accept a motion. Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.



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

**Motion 11:** Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Laurel Burchfield - Ward 4: Adopt a Resolution to extend a moratorium to October 27, 2025, on battery energy storage systems and renewable energy collection systems as a primary use of property within the City of Shawnee. The motion carried 8-0-0.

**9. Consider approving the substantial amendment of the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan.**

(a) Approve amendment to 2019 CDBG Action Plan

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 9 is to consider approving a substantial amendment of the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** This item will be handled by Lauren Grashoff, our Assistant City Manager.

**MS. GRASHOFF:** All right. Good evening. So, this is really just a clean-up of what our leftover unused funds from 2019. Really what happened here, this is uncommon that we would have a majority of the programs either incomplete or canceled. This was really affected by COVID. This money was left over at the end of 2019, and a lot of them were unable to use it or fully use the funding because of the impacts of COVID that hit in spring. So, now essentially those funds have been de-obligated. And again, it's really just clean-up. We are allocating these so they can be spent, proposed to be spent this year with the stormwater project on Renner Road.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Very good. Anybody have any questions? Anyone sign up for this? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this? Hearing none, I'll accept -- I have two motions here. Consider approving a substantial amendment to the 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan. Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**Motion 12:** Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2/Sierra Whitted - Ward 1: Approve the substantial amendment to the 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan. The motion carried 8-0-0.

(b) Approving the Mayor to sign the 2019 CDBG Action Plan Amendment

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 2 is to consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2019 CDBG Action Plan Amendment application. Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**Motion 13:** Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2/Sierra Whitted - Ward 1: Approve the Mayor to sign the 2019 CDBG Action Plan amendment application. The motion carried 8-0-0.

**10. Consider approving a Shawnee Entrepreneurial and Economic Development (SEED) Loan for Friction Beer Shawnee, LLC located at 11018 Johnson Drive.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 10 is to consider a SEED loan for Friction Beer Shawnee, LLC, located at 11018 Johnson Drive. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Colin Duffy, our Deputy City Manager, will kick off this item.

**MR. DUFFY:** All right. This item is to consider a SEED agreement to improve the second floor Friction Beer in the amount of \$100,000. To provide a little bit of background. In 2020, Shawnee Square Partners, the building's owner, applied for a \$150,000 SEED loan for a \$1 million-plus renovation of the former Hartman Hardware building. That agreement's milestones were successfully fulfilled, and Friction Beer opened their doors in the summer of 2023. However, significant costs associated with the renovation and improvement of the building did not allow for renovations to the upstairs area to be completed. With Friction now fully operational, the renovations, oh, excuse me. I've lost my place.

The renovations required numerous code-related upgrades, both based on the intended use and age of the building, which increased the cost and delayed the project by more than six months. Friction is now ready to complete the renovation of the proposed enhancements to the second floor. The project scope will cost an estimated \$250,000.

One item to note is the agreement is structured to grant the building owner, Shawnee Square Partners, the funding as a pass-through to fund Friction's expansion. So, here tonight we have Brent Anderson and Nathan Ryerson, the founders and co-owners of

Friction, to provide a little more detail on the project. I'd invite them up to the podium now to present to you guys.

**MR. ANDERSON:** Love it popping right up. Thank you so much for that introduction. So, as was just presented, we're very excited to finally be able to even be talking about this. It's been a long time coming. And I think part of the reason is that we have always viewed this as a community asset. It's part of the reason that we took this space in the first place. As many of you know that upstairs, and yes, we have gone through introducing us now. It was always a community gathering spot. It was a dance hall in the 40s. You know, it's gone through these areas of bringing people together in Shawnee. And that's what our taproom has become.

We're about to be two years old in June as you mentioned. We've really got our footing. We've gotten to know all the business owners in the area, are fully committed here, and really love being in Shawnee. And this is really taking it to that next level. No pun intended.

We've already invested ourselves \$1,000,000 in this building along the lines of what was just brought up to you, and I am trying to make this short and sweet here.

*[Mission: slide]*

This is the upstairs as it stands right now. It has been roughed in as part of that initial work. So, really now we're looking at finishing elements, walls, bathrooms, that kind of thing. But really, the key asset of this is, again, more for the City of Shawnee than it is for our business. Yes, it's an enhancement of our business, but it really creates the kind of space that brings in new traffic as we've mentioned, attention and tax revenue as well as people that we have to hire as staff to get there, and we're already halfway there.

*[It just takes a little vision ... slide]*

It just takes a little vision, commitment, and investment, just like we continue to do in this city as you all have seen over the last few years. We were just talking about it today. It's just been incredible.

*[Renderings slides]*

These renderings were in there. I want to just make it clear this was when we were initially envisioning this space as part of the aesthetic that we have created downstairs. Knowing that its intent is going to be far more based on events for use outside of our business. It's going to be a little more understated than this to be able to be truly multi-function and less about us upstairs.

*[Who it attracts: slide]*

Who it attracts? Event planners, corporate, city, and business meetings, wedding planners, professional groups, pretty much everything you can imagine for a space like that. We've already -- we've been fielding calls from event planners ever since we opened, which is great. But this is -- we're finally to the point where we know this would be, not only a unique asset here, but quite honestly, in Johnson County. We've talked to enough where there's a dearth of these types of facilities, let alone ones that have historical character, visual interest, the kind of things that are going to really make it a truly special place that brings people from all over the metro.

That's it in a nutshell. But here to answer any questions if anybody has any.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Are there any questions from the Council? Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Brett, thank you for the opportunity to take a quick tour up in the building to see the progress and where you're headed with your vision. I appreciate it. If you could for just the record, what was the -- what's the either seating capacity or personnel capacity that you're expecting within that space?

**MR. RYERSON:** I can speak to that. Yeah. So, from a load standpoint, 143 is our capacity upstairs. It has been approved through architects and inspections. We project 80 to 100 kind of being the max capacity for that space depending on the type of event, tables you would need set-up and things like that, but we're fully expecting anything from, you know, 10 to 15 all the way up to that 80 to 100.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Great. And then I think you also said you had food options with all of the other local restaurants within Downtown.

**MR. RYERSON:** Yeah. We've had conversations with like District Pour House, some of the other options that are in Downtown. We want to keep that in Downtown Shawnee or in Shawnee as much as we can because we feel like one of the things we love about Downtown Shawnee is it's not just, you know, it's not just Chili's and Applebee's. It's local businesses that makes us unique in the community. So, being able to have those options for people that come in is very important to what we're doing.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Great. Thanks for your vision and bringing this for Downtown Shawnee and expanding our downtown. It's a wonderful place to come Downtown and have a meal, connect with people, and have a beverage as well. So, thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone else? Anyone sign up for this? Okay. Go ahead.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Thank you. Thank you, guys, for being here tonight. So, I, you know, I love Downtown Shawnee. I mean, it's great. I actually ate at the Buenos Aires over here; I think it was the Argentinian restaurant over here. The only thing is I'm struggling with is I know that the buildings down here have been old. So, I get that piece of it, you know, the -- a lot of the asbestos and whatever else that has to be -- I'm not a builder, so forgive me if I'm saying incorrect terminologies or whatever.

**MR. ANDERSON:** No, you're not.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** But, so I'm just struggling a little bit because I see you guys want to do it for enhancements. Did you run into issues up there on that second floor? And not knowing that building very well, I think I have been in -- I apologize. I've only been in there once. Not that I don't like beer. And I've been to some of the other breweries around here. But can you kind of explain, you know, what that -- why you need more for that particular? Because I know it says it's 250,000 or that -- am I correct? So, it's \$100,000 for that. So, if you could kind of maybe speak to that, that would be great. Thank you.

**MR. RYERSON:** Sure. Yeah. A pleasure. So, you know, when we did this project originally, it was in our vision to finish it out. The main things that happened there were some things that we ran into with the building that we had to do additional things on the outside of the roof, fire code things, just it being an old building, things that were

required. And then the other thing that hit us, just full transparency, was COVID and the cost of so many things went through the roof, so we weren't able to finish the project at the time when we wanted to. But we were able to get most of it roughed in.

So, really what we're trying to do is just really the finishing work, like bathrooms are built, plumbing is run, those types of things. It's really just finishing out the space is what we're trying to do at this point. So, that's really what the funds will go to and what will be finished out. But those are really the reasons.

And the good news is, is that we've already kind of done the inspections on the second floor because it was a part of our original scope. So, the things that we would have run into, we ran into already, which is good. Does that answer your question?

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Yes.

**MR. RYERSON:** Okay.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone else? Laurel.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Thank you. I don't have a question. I just want to thank you for bringing this to our city and for recognizing the historical importance of that building and wanting to maintain that as much as possible in your design. I'm really excited to know that this building is in good hands as you design it and as you bring it into the community for us to use for all of these exciting events, we're going to have like the World Cup. So, thank you very much for your intention to making this something that Shawnee can really be proud of.

**MR. ANDERSON:** Thank you. Immensely appreciate it.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I also would like to thank you for what you've been doing to Shawnee. You've dressed it up over there.

**MR. RYERSON:** Although a lot of people still want their mowers fixed.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I bet. I bet. Is there anyone else? Mike.

**COUNCILMEMBER KEMMLING:** Yeah. I'm glad that Friction is successful and that they're expanding. I'm not against the expansion in any way. However, I've not been a fan of the SEED program, and so I won't be supporting this. Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Excuse me. Just to clear the record, I'll be in agreement with Kemmling on this. It's not that I'm against it. It sounds like you're doing a great project. It's beautiful. Good work that you're doing there, so.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** I just want to say that I'm thankful that we have SEED funds to help support the businesses that bring so much life and community into our City. And I'm very excited to see this new space and literally elevate the Downtown with the second story space, and I'm looking forward to finding a reason to rent it out.

**MR. DUFFY:** Mayor, Councilmember Knappen has a comment.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Councilmember Knappen.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Yes. Can you hear me?

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Yes.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Okay. Great. Thanks. Sorry I'm not with everybody tonight. I'm down in Branson. I've got a breakfast meeting at the hospital here, so I'm missing you guys.

But I wanted to share a couple of my thoughts on this, and I am having difficulty with this one although it sounds like it's going to pass. I've voted for every Downtown SEED request during my term. But as I've shared, I'm having a little bit of SEED fatigue as we've supported all the Downtown businesses. What we've done is great and we've revived it and it's doing well. And I'll continue to support Downtown SEED requests targeted, which remodel the oldest buildings and continue to move things forward. But obviously, every project deserves scrutiny.

And as I've shared as a one-off, I am disappointed that in my six years on the Council, I don't think I've ever gotten support of a SEED grant for one out west or in my ward. But that's beside the point. I've still been very supportive.

But I will highlight that we've already supported a SEED grant for this building, and the goal in my mind, and I think Angela said it is to help revive these old buildings, to put money into helping rebuild these really old buildings, which are frankly too expensive for a sole builder or sole proprietor to build back the bones. And so, it's important that we do that. But we already did give a SEED grant to do that with this structure. The business is doing well. And so, to ask for more money for the same building, I'm having difficulty with.

And then also, we're being asked to spend SEED money on an upstairs event space, which would really not be available to the majority of the public most of the time. I took the time to tour it. It looks like a great space. I love Friction. I really do. And an upstairs space would be great. But it seems like if the general public is going to contribute financially to the space, it should be able to enjoy it and be available to the public most of the time.

So, for those reasons I think I'm going to vote against this SEED request tonight. It's the first one that I voted against, but I just wanted to share my reasons. Thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Thank you. Anyone else? Is there anyone signed up for this? Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this? Hearing none, I'm going to take a roll call vote on this. Oh, I need a motion to approve. Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion and a second on this item. I'm going to do a roll call vote. Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Mike.

**COUNCILMEMBER KEMMLING:** Nay.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** No.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Yes?

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** No.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** No. Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Walters no.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURCHFIELD:** Laurel aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** And I vote yes.

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** Do I get to vote?

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** We didn't get Kurt.

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

**COUNCILMEMBER KNAPPEN:** No.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Okay. I'm a yes. Motion passes.

**Motion 14:** **Sierra Whitted - Ward 1/Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2:** Approve a Shawnee SEED Agreement with Shawnee Square Partners, LLC in the amount of \$100,000. **The motion carried 5-4-0 with Dr. Mike Kemmling - Ward 2, Kurt Knappen - Ward 3, Angela Stiens - Ward 3, and Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4 voting no and Mayor Sandifer voting yes to break the tie.**

## 11. Parks and Recreation Mobile App.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Item Number 11 is a Parks and Recreation Staff Report to discuss the Parks and Rec mobile app. Paul.

**CITY MANAGER KRAMER:** Our Parks and Recreation Director, Tonya Lecuru, will go through this item.

**MS. LECURU:** Good evening. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to take a few moments to explain and to share about our new Parks and Recreation mobile app through RecTrac. Our Recreation Superintendent Sean Keenan is here this evening to give a brief presentation.

**MR. KEENAN:** Thank you very much. Good evening, everybody. Sean Keenan, Recreation Superintendent. Hopefully going to give you some good news upon our entry into the spring season.

*[RecTrac Software Functionality slide]*

So, we are happy to finally unveil our RecTrac recreational software app. It's a mobile app available on both Android as well as your iPhone.

To kind of give you a little bit of history. We utilize RecTrac. We've utilized RecTrac as our recreation software since 2001. We utilize it for activity registrations, facility reservations, task management, point of sale processing, household management, PayTrac administration, which is the credit card side, and then of course reporting. So, financial reporting, all of the roster reporting, anything to do with everything recreation taken in the software.

*[Previous RecTrac Mobile Interface slide]*

So, to kind of give you a little bit of background on it. Essentially, we've had it had RecTrac. It has been available on the -- on actually what's called WebTrac, the Internet, for quite some time. The issues are that basically it was available on mobile before, but browser based, and it was not very user friendly. We constantly received feedback regarding basically it's accessibility, to be able to read it, to navigate it, to find the classes that participants wanted as well as the limited abilities within the actual mobile option at the time for registration as well as for membership management.

So, kind of to give you a bird's eye, this is what it would look like and appeared prior to our actual app, and it's actually what it would look like now if they were to go browser based. But that was how participants in the past went ahead and navigated through the process.

We have seen an influx, obviously in registrations. About 90 percent of all of our registrations now at Shawnee Parks and Rec are online. So, we thought that this was very important, and we did see an increased demand for it because we received constant feedback trying to resolve issues related to this appearance.

*[New RecTrac Mobile Interface slide]*

So, within the past year, we had an opportunity through our software to unveil and create a new mobile interface. So, Kate Kinkaid, who is our Program Marketing Manager, was able to work with RecTrac to engage and utilize this new software for the community to be able to navigate, to basically to meet more of their needs and have it be more mobile friendly and unlock additional features that were not available prior to.



So, basically Kate as well as myself worked with RecTrac to build and completely design this from the ground up. So, you know, learn the back end of things, navigate it, connect it with our current software and then troubleshoot it. So, we did do a soft launch back in November so that we could work through bugs. We presented it to our Park Board. We had them navigate through it. We received feedback and we did some updates anticipating the oncoming season, which is one of our most popular seasons, obviously the summer. And we do have heavy usage for our memberships for the pools as well as the registration for swim lessons and all of our content that we offer at Shawnee Town and at the Civic Centre.

So, this is what it looks like now. So, if you were to download the app, which I hope you do, this is what it appears like. So, when we were designing this on the back end, we were trying to navigate it to where the user could, it would be a lot more user friendly, more clear as far as where they wanted to go within it, and it would basically reduce the number of clicks required to get to where they needed to. But in addition to that, there was a lot more benefits. So, this is the home screen as it appears today.

*[Mobile Activity Registration slide]*

This is a breakdown. Each and every one of these were designed and they actually sub route to the information in RecTrac. But again, it's more user friendly. It's easier and actually, they can actually get to where they need to be and its ease of registration.

And so, what we are very excited about on the back end though is the, like I said, kind of spoiler, was the abilities that it also unlocked by creating this. So, it gave us the ability to do a membership card pull up, which as many of you know and many of you potentially have pool passes or Civic Centre passes or any of our punch passes, you typically would get a key fob. So that was the, you know, the little, like the little Blockbuster type key fobs that you would put on your key chain. They would have put their pool pass -- on their -- in their pool bag for the year and they would misplace it and then come back to the Civic Centre, and we'd have to reissue and cancel them.

But this is a direct shot. So, once they actually -- a household enrolls, it's an SSO. So, it's a single sign-on. It retains that information. They won't have to ask for the username or password, and they can actually pull up their membership real time, whether it be at the Civic Centre, whether it be at -- over at the pools, or if they're coming in for a pickleball punch pass or any of our other activities, it knows, and it's designed on the back end to know which sites allow which memberships. So, all of that we've interlocked so that it talks. And we're really excited about what we've unlocked and there's more potential.

But this is just a screen kind of showing you the aquatic side of things because that's coming up. Actually, this was a development recently. Two weeks ago, Kate went in and initially, we're constantly looking for feedback, so if you have any, we definitely would welcome that. But we were trying to get it to where we address any issues or concerns that people find and try to get them to where they need to be quicker and in a more efficient manner. So, this is the breakdown of our swim lessons program based on age group, based on the facility, so that it doesn't populate all 600 classes that we offer at the same time.

*[Mobile Membership and Pass Access slide]*

So, the mobile membership and pass access, I've kind of touched on it. That's the screen that they actually pull up. So, when they come to the pool now, you can click on

one. It will scan one bar code for the entire household, but it pulls up on the user end all six family members. And now the individual who's running the front desk will just check off who's here and it processes them. Same thing on that actual screen. Yeah.

This is my fake household. You can see -- it's my tester for everything to make sure it works. But you can see this -- it's a punch pass, so it actually lets them know how many punches they have left, another thing. Every, you know, we have pickleball at the Civic Centre Monday, Wednesday, Friday and when they come in and they check in, they can auto scan their fob, but then they're always how many passes do we have. It's direct connected to real time, so they will know exactly how many passes they have. And most importantly, they can renew it themselves now. So, they can actually check renewal on memberships, passes, punches, anything like that. It's easy to navigate. It's accessible and it's connected on the back end in RecTrac and it's talking real time. You know, they can actually see. They can generate a receipt, and they can get all of the information at their fingertips.

So, just another note on that screen, it's the Membership screen. You can see who has a membership and what type. So, now the parents have the ability to go in and say, you know, hey, Billy's got a membership here or, you know what, the Civic Centre membership needs to be renewed on an annual basis. Oh, it looks like it's expired. Oh, we need to renew it. So, they can actually see all that and navigate themselves to it. So, it makes it a lot easier and it's more user friendly.

*[Mobile Household Management slide]*

And then we have our -- this is good. This is an exciting thing for us over at the Civic Centre, but it gives them direct access to Household Management. So, what Household Management is basically how you build the house on the back end. It's the users in the household, all of their information regarding their, you know, how they want to receive information. They have full access to all of reporting now, so they can get in there. They can see what transactions they actually ran. If it's linked to their account, they can see what Billy got at the pool. Did he get too many -- why did we run out of our funds so quickly, things like that. But it's directly linked to there. Now, they can opt in and out of that, which is nice. They can also pay old balances. That is huge. So, rentals at the Civic Centre that we obviously retain 50 percent upon initial reservation, they have to come into the Civic Centre to complete the remainder of the payment. They can now do that online, so that's very nice. And they can actually do it seamlessly and they actually generate a receipt.

In addition to that also, the accessibility to our, thank you very much, our Camp Shawnee. They will actually now have direct access through the Household Management portion to access their tax statements at the end of the year for childcare. So, that's going to be directly linked to their account. They will get a communication from us. We can actually push out to those individuals that exclusively enrolled in that program that was eligible for the licensing program, and then they can access it at any time for eternity.

I can keep going. This is a fun thing for all of us because we really chiseled it down to try to make it as user friendly as possible. So yeah, that's Household Management.

And then in addition to that, the other nice part of this is that with the Camp Shawnee and the start of the summer camp, RecTrac, the organization that operates on the back end and does the software, they actually have a parent organization called ePACT, and

they've joined forces, which we discovered at our NRPA conference. And so, we actually were able to capture and utilize the ePACT technology, which would not have been prior or available to us in the past. And we actually got it at an extremely reduced rate because they are the same organization. But what it does is basically, and many of you who have young children who have been for JCPRD or other summer camps, basically all of the legal requirements through the county, through KDHE, through the health department will now be inputted and be real-time live, but it's linked directly to RecTrac. So, the cool part about that is, is that when they come in and they have to check in, they will come in, they'll scan in on ePACT, and then on the back end in RecTrac, it will generate the roster of who's checked in, who checked out, who's authorized for check-in, those types of things. And then also whenever we are getting our inspections for KDHE, it's real-time and we can reference all of the information that's required whenever they're doing their audits. So, we're pretty excited about that.

[Questions with QR code slide]

And that is a QR code. If you have not downloaded, which I'm assuming everyone here has, but we're very excited. So, that is all. Any questions?

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Any questions? Go ahead, Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** A lot of information, Sean. Thank you.

**MR. KEENAN:** I can keep going.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Just a couple of things was going through my brain while you were giving your presentation. I know in the past I've rented the baseball fields like out at Stump Park, and then there's soccer out there as well. And I apologize for not knowing; it's been a few years since my kids played ball. But would there be an opportunity to do reservations on this for groups like for -- in the future or would that be another add-on later, or is that going to be part of this?

**MR. KEENAN:** So, this does open up an opportunity for potential for reservations through the app, which is nice. However, from the administrative standpoint, we would just need to make sure that we're able to kind of code it on the back end to meet the requirements like residency first and those types of things. We did test it out. We piloted it three years ago successfully. All of the birthday parties are ran through the Reservation module currently. So, yes, it does have that capability, and we're building it to where we can potentially unlock that.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Okay. So, something capable to do at a later time probably.

**MR. KEENAN:** Correct.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Yeah. That would be great. Awesome. And does the RecTrac have a track record, if any other Johnson County communities that we're modeling after, or are we leading ourselves on this particular one?

**MR. KEENAN:** Fantastic question. We're very excited about it, but we were one of the first, I think we were like the third or the fourth in the country that had this go live. So, a lot of organizations, when we go to the symposiums and we meet with other cities, it was a very consistent issue that were talked about, the user-ability and the feedback

from the patrons. So, when it went live a year ago, we jumped on that immediately to get on the list. So, we were one of the first, but now I believe there's over 200 organizations that are building theirs on the back end for ease of use and accessibility. But we were very excited. And actually RecTrac, total sidebar, actually is contracted for the US government. So, the Army, the Navy, all of the armed forces utilizes RecTrac, but we were able to take that life first, which we were pretty excited about.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** So, they have a long-standing history of being in business.

**MR. KEENAN:** Yeah. It's --

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** It's not a new startup.

**MR. KEENAN:** Yes. Yeah.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Thanks, Sean. Appreciate your presentation.

**MS. LECURU:** I can add a little to that. So, we were with RecTrac since, as Sean mentioned, it has been since 2001. But we have been the leader in those areas with each of those. Lawrence Parks and Rec has started first, and then we kind of followed. Leawood, Lenexa, and others have used it as well, but we were the first one in the area for the mobile app in Kansas.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Very good. Thank you, Sean. That was for information purposes only.

## **G. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

- 1. Ratify the semi-monthly claims for April 14, 2025, in the amount of \$4,082,383.66.**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda is Miscellaneous Items. Item Number 1 is to ratify the semi-monthly claims for April 14th, 2025, in the amount of \$4,082,383.66.

Anyone have any comments on it? Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak on it? And nobody signed up for this, I'm assuming. I'll accept a motion to approve. Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Move to approve.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

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

**Motion 15:** Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Sierra Whitted - Ward 1: Ratify the semi-monthly claims for April 14, 2025, in the amount of \$4,082,383.66. The motion carried 8-0-0.

## **2. Miscellaneous Council Items**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** The next item on the agenda is Miscellaneous Council Items. Paul, do you have anything?

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

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Is there anyone on the Council that would like to discuss anything? Angela.

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Yeah. I just had a comment. Tonya was just up here, and we were talking about the Chapel, and I was able to attend there on Saturday. Some of the other Councilmembers and Mayor Sandifer and our former mayor, Michelle Distler, was there. And it was just very lovely. And I just wanted to thank the Parks and Rec and everyone that came together. Obviously, there's a lot of people involved in that. So, I'm not going to name names because there's too many, but it was just a really lovely, and I'm -- I think this is something very unique. We've talked about this many times on our Council, our Old Shawnee Downtown is, and I'm really excited because I feel like there is definitely going to be a connection there. People getting married there, hopefully using the Town Hall. I mean, that's my kind of thought process, maybe moving to Shawnee, all sorts of great things. But I just want to thank all the brains behind it, the architecture. And it's simple, but it's very quaint and it's very nice. And, you know, it just really adds something I think to that whole town feel there. So, just wanted to say a shout-out to everyone who made that possible. And of course, Mayor Distler, who is, I know she very much spearheaded that, so thank you.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Anyone else? Tony.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Yeah. Just a quick question for staff. We had some citizens come speak at Business from the Floor regarding a Ward 3, 65th and Mize. And I'm sure if Mr. Knappen was, he -- he'd probably just, you know, want to say something about that. But I assume that the City is working with the contractors and doing what they can to make sure that things are handled there in a proper manner. So, I look forward to hearing an update at a later time. And maybe if staff wants either address anything quickly right now or at a later time, but I'm sure we will find some good way to take care of the citizens and get these concerns handled because after all, that's what we're here for. Thank you.

## **H. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. Conduct an Executive Session for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for the purpose of protecting the confidentiality of those communications.**

(a) Recess to Executive Session

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** All right. The next item on the agenda is an Executive Session. The Governing Body will conduct an Executive Session for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the governing -- or for the body, which would be deemed privileged and for attorney-client relationship in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for the purpose of protecting the confidentiality of the communications.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the meeting will reconvene in the Council Chambers.

I'll accept a motion to recess for Executive Session for 30 minutes. Jeanie.

**COUNCILMEMBER MURPHY:** Move to recess to Executive Session for 30 minutes.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Jacklynn.

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Second.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Opposed, nay. We are in Executive Session for 30 minutes.

**Motion 16:** Jeanie Murphy - Ward 2/Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4: Recess to Executive Session. The motion carried 8-0-0.

(Shawnee City Council in Executive Session from 7:03 p.m. to 7:33 p.m.)

(b) Conclude Executive Session/Reconvene the Meeting

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Reconvene the meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBER GILLETTE:** Move to conclude Executive Session and reconvene the meeting.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Sierra.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHITTED:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** [Inaudible; talking off mic]

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** [Inaudible; talking off mic]

**Motion 17:** Tony Gillette - Ward 1/Sierra Whitted - Ward 1: Conclude and Reconvene the meeting. The motion carried 8-0-0.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Other items?

**COUNCILMEMBER STIENS:** Move to adjourn. Oh, sorry.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** I have a motion. Second?

**COUNCILMEMBER WALTERS:** Second.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** [Inaudible; talking off mic]

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Aye.

**MAYOR SANDIFER:** Any opposed? We are adjourned.

**Motion 18:** Angela Stiens - Ward 3/Jacklynn Walters - Ward 4: Adjourn.  
The motion carried 8-0-0.

(Shawnee City Council Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.)

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the foregoing is a transcript to the best of my ability from the electronic sound recording of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

/das April 22, 2025

Deborah A. Sweeney, Recording Secretary

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