

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 8, 2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Wichita, Kansas, April 8, 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 Paul Leeker, City Clerk.

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations:

[National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.](#)

[Arkansas River Trash Clean Up Day](#)

[Week of the Young Child](#)

[Orleans -- Wichita Sister City Day](#)

Proclamations:

I) **PUBLIC AGENDA**

- 1.) [Ramsey Hammond - Wildflower Community School - Transgender Validation](#)

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Katie Rowly stated. I'm speaking for Ramsey. I'm Katie Rowley in District 6. We heard from you last week that Wichita is a respectful and inclusive city. We know that the city leadership has put this respectful inclusion into some policies we ask you to issue a resolution that specifically names groups in our city whose safety and resources are being threatened in 20 of 2025, who our city is committed to protecting and Equal rights access. Equal rights and access to the city's resources and to support them .This resolution should specifically name these groups, people who identify as transgender and lesbian and gay and bisexual people dependent on a housing assistance, people with disability, people born outside the United States and other ethnic and ethnicities and races, people of low income elderly people whose health and income are threatened. People of religious, of religions other than Christian. We want to suggest that you should. Be included in such? Sorry. We want to suggest. What should be included in such a resolution? And we understand that your legal staff would need to put it into the proper legal language, as Councilman Brandon Johnson stated last week, proclamations and resolutions are important messages to the people. They communicate that we see you and we see your suffering and fears, and we acknowledge that you are important to Wichita. Such a statement followed up by. With behavior by city officials that support these words will make our city stronger and more attractive to people considering to move here. Such a statement is legal and does not challenge Kansas law. It is just plain right. For government to relate to its constituents.

2.) Quincy Rawling - Wildflower Community School - Transgender Validation

Kora Lee Miller addressed the City Council and stated no for Amy. K, Amy Byers.I'm speaking on her behalf or their behalf. Sorry. We heard from you last week that Wichita's a respectful and inclusive city as wichitans. We want to see young people. Young citizens, as young people, we can tell you that we would not see ourselves staying in a city where our trans, lesbian, gay, or bisexual friends don't feel safe seeing valued and protected by the government. We have grandparents and other relatives who are suffering from economic distress, who worry if they will have a place to live and if they will be able to survive as Medicaid cuts are made and Social Security, Social Security threatened. We have friends of different races.Ethnic sorry. Friends of different races, ethnicities, religions, gender. And identities and who were born in other countries, we want our city to be a city that affirms. A city that affirms all its residents and pledges to protect their assets to their rights as guaranteed in the US Constitution. The right to freedom of speech. Freedom of the press.The guarantee of due process and equal treatment and the right to be free. From harassment, violence, discrimination, guaranteed and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its amendments. Thank you.Thank you, Carly.The next feature is Gretchen Ike.

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Thank you for listening to us. We heard you, mayor last week when you said that it was important to be beyond just the issue of trans validation day. And so we've taken that very seriously. We heard the students have spent a lot of time working on this, so my hope we will provide you with the text as well. We heard from you last week that Wichita is a respectful and inclusive city. We know that the city leadership has put this respectful inclusion into some of its policies, and we're worried that policies now in place may be changed or replaced. We come from various types of families. We do not want you to stop protecting the spousal benefits of city employees. Whose marriages are not conventionally male/Female. We have friends of all backgrounds whose families rely on different sorts of jobs and are different racial, ethnic, religious backgrounds. We ask you to not end the city policies that require paying attention to diversity in filling job openings and in promotion and advancement. No matter what in the city government, no matter what the president proclaims, we know that diversity, equity and inclusion are not bad words. They are words that identify the best aspirations of our nation, expressed first in the Declaration of Independence and reinforced over our 250 year history. We know something about our past of the treatment of others or minorities. Japanese Americans, for example, during World War Two, who were placed in camps and lost their property because they were feared to side with Japan.

seeking to become Americans. And legally excluded for decades and sent to segregated schools, Jewish people and Irish and Africans prevented from buying property or living in certain areas. Native Americans whose land was taken from them by the federal government and who were forced to live on dry unfarmable reservations with their children taken from them and sent to boarding schools Africans brought here in chains and enslaved from 1619 to 1865. And then treated to mob sure. And Jim Crow segregation laws, despite his heroic service in the US military, German Americans who during two world wars were prevented from having their children learn German in school or perform German music in their school orchestras by music, by German composers like Bach and Brahms in our. Own lifetime. We've seen Muslims defined as terrorists. If women cover their hair, or if they speak out against genocide Israel is conducting in Gaza for just affirming the right of Palestinians to live without being bombed and denied food, clean water and medical help. Muslims, even now are deported here in Wichita. We know that a large portion of our doctors and our other medical staff are Muslim. That is the reason we ask you to frame a resolution for the city passed by the City Council. That would include all of the groups named by our first speaker. Thank you very much for your attention. Thank you.

Gretchen Eick addressed the City Council. Thank you for listening to us. We heard you, mayor last week when you said that it was important to be beyond just the issue of trans validation

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- 3.) Max Yost - Wildflower Community School - Transgender Validation

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Quincy Rawling stated, my name is Quincy Rawling and I am a student at Wildflower Community School in District 6. We want to thank you for listening to us. We believe that our voices are important and we are glad that you don't write us off as kids. We respectfully ask that you pass our proposed resolution by the middle of May 2025. We ask that you share with us the text of the resolution before Civil Council members vote on it. We ask that you share how each City Council member votes. If there are questions, we have done a lot of work and research on these issues and we are ready to be one resource for you. We do not want you to forget about our trans rights concerns. We are serious. It's not easy for us to come up and speak with you. We have researched these issues and we believe that our city will be stronger with a resolution that protects and welcomes all of these groups who live here. Thank you for committing to making Wichita a better and more inclusive, respectful City. Thank you, Quincy Council member Ballard. Thank you, mayor. I just overall would like to thank all of the students for coming again and sharing your thoughts. While we can't do anything about the presidential executive orders, I will say that I'll continue to work to keep Wichita an inclusive city. So thank you for coming.

Council Member Ballard stated Thank you, mayor. I just overall would like to thank all of the students for coming again and sharing your thoughts. While we can't do anything about the presidential executive orders, I will say that I'll continue to work to keep Wichita an inclusive city. So thank you for coming.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, mayor. I just want to thank you all for coming up here and speaking and continuing to stand up and talk to your elected representatives. Want to encourage each of you to always do that with whatever you believe we should be doing, and if we're doing something wrong, just want to continue to encourage you. I know right now in this country it's a little scary to stand up against elected officials. But if you think that we should be doing something different or we're going down the wrong path, or even if you agree with us, we'd love to hear from you. Love to. See you continue to stand up and do what you're doing today, so I appreciate each of you lending your voice to this, and I want to encourage you to keep doing so.

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Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, mayor.Thank you for showing up today.Thank you for sharing your thoughts.This is the people's chamber.This isn't the government here.This is your Chamber, so I want to make sure you all feel.Important and safe when you are here talking to us, regardless of what your ideology is.If you agree with us or not.So it takes a little extra courage, I think.And for some people to stand up here, so I do see you and I do appreciate that.So thank you guys for coming.Thank you, Quincy and all students.

II) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11***Motion:******Mayor Wu moved to*** approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 24

Motion carried 7 to 0

COUNCIL BUSINESS**III) BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS****1.) Board of Bids and Contracts dated April 7, 2025.**Attachment: [04-07-2025 Board of Bids.pdf](#)***Motion:******Mayor Wu moved to*** receive and file report, approve the contracts and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

IV) PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**1.) Petitions for Public Improvements**

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Attachment: [Greenwich Legacy.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-153 SS 007285 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Greenwich Legacy Addition.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-154 PV 086150 Paving Improvements Greenwich Legacy Addition.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-155 SWD #544, 085607 Stormwater Drain Improvements Greenwich Legacy Addition.docx](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-156 WDS 007284 Phase 1 Water Distribution Greenwich Legacy Addition.docx](#)

Steve Degenhardt, Public Works & Utilities Department, presented the item.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve Petitions for Public Improvement.

Motion carried 7 to 0

V) UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

VI) NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

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1.) [Fire Apparatus Replacement](#)

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Chief Snow presented the item.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, mayor. Thank you, chief Snow. Very excited to learn about replacing. Some of our older equipment. Do we know what the holdup is? Is that materials? Is IT staff? Is it?

Chief Snow stated know why it takes four years. I think in the beginning it was staff and I think now it's to the point that supply is just the demand for supply is just exceeded what they can manufacture. I do know that they're working very hard to try to Dec. Those times because they are getting a lot of pressure put on them. But at this particular time. It's just they can't meet the demands. One of the things that happens some whether you want to call it something good or something bad, but for example and I won't reveal any names, but there's on the East Coast right after this situation happened with COVID, there was a fire department that ordered in excess of. 100 fire engines all at one time and they moved right to the front of the manufacturing line. But. It's those type of contracts. Those kinds. Those types of strategies that delay or just extend the process

Council Member Ballard stated that's disappointing to hear, but unfortunately I'm not surprised. Have we cancelled any truck orders in the last couple years?

Chief Snow stated we'd cancelled. We had a tiller that was in line and what we ended up doing was instead of you getting the tiller at the time, we opted for another. Engine. So for example

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coming in in 2026, we have 4 engines that all come in together and then you'll have an oddball engine. We have another engine. OBE come in in 2026, near the end of the year, so we end up with five engines coming in in 2026 and we have 5 engines coming in in 2025. So I mean in 2027, so at the end of 2027, we should have 10 brand new engines out on the road.

Council Member Ballard stated so that's fantastic. And I'm sorry because it's not my wheelhouse. What does a tiller mean?

Chief Snow stated a tiller, if let me just, OK. Do you know what Coca-Cola delivery truck looks like when they have that they've got? A tractor on the front. Then they have the the box on the back where they load all the coke. Tiller looks similar to that, but then on the very end of where the box truck is, they have a mechanism to drive. So you have a front driver and a back driver, and that's what a tiller is. And it's mainly, it's a it's to do mainly. Its primary function is ladders, so it operates similar to aerial apparatus.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, mayor. Thank you, chief for all the work that you do for us here. Are these lead times? Do they also? Are they also affecting other apparatus that we're looking at, or is it mostly just the trucks?

Chief Snow stated no, it's engines also. We have four years. Well, 45 months now as of last week, we have 45 months from the time that we ordered to the time that they're delivered now, some of our smaller apparatus, we get different lead times on so like our wildland apparatus, our mobile air units, our rehab unit. Some of those specialty things, our field calm unit, brush trucks, those kind of things they have. Smaller lead times on them.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay, so. Are there any other apparatus that we need to look at now? Understanding the large lead time that we have on on these? Are there other things coming down the pipe that we're looking at, maybe other rehab units or anything like that?

Chief Snow stated yeah, we have it. I've got what we projected in the CIP or what we put in the CIP would try to be very strategic about that. In regards to how we ordered, so for example. We have a total between in 2026 to 2022 through 2035. We have a total of 18 engines that were ordering strategically. We have a total of 5 trucks that were ordering. We have two rescues

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coming. That's another one that we're watching because we are. Our rescues are responding to quite a few things. That's the our rescue is what we refer to as our apparatus that has a lot of specialized equipment on it. It's like your compliant space. It's water rescue. It's for hazmat incidents and I can go on and on, but anyways, we have two of those coming in that budget. We have what we refer to as specialties. Those are like your rehab unit, your mobile air unit. Your filled com units, those kind of things. We have those projected out in to that 10 year CIP plan also, OK. So that's 2026 to 35, CIP, yes.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay.

Chief Snow stated we'll look at the times that it takes force to get at the leads. Times to try and be strategic as to ordering some of them a little earlier, I guess. Yeah, that's the reason why I like. All right, I just gave you that chart with the trucks and notice it only has 10 years. But our cutoff supposed to be 14 years before I replaced. We don't wait till 14 years. We try to get them right at the 10 year mark or if we see that they have huge mechanical problems that they spend more time in that the shop we try to be very strategic. Dealing with the 48 month lead time.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward. Mayor Wu stated I just want to recognize that former council member Lavonta Williams is in our presence. Former Sedgwick County Commissioner Carl Peter John, as well as the Urban Prep Academy school led by Pastor Wade Moore

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the project, adopt the bonding resolution, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

2.) Fire Equipment Replacement

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

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Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-158 Fire Equipment.docx](#)

Chief Snow presented the item.

Mayor Wu stated the equipment that's currently on those engines, will they continue to be with the department or will they be sold or continuing to move on with the reserve?

Chief Snow stated we try to keep our reserves 100% outfitted, but as we equipment has different lifespans and. We may be able to get 14 years out of an apparatus, but we can't get 14 years out of everything else as far as the equipment. We use them quite a bit. Some things may last a year, some things may last five years. You know, we break them, we they get damaged, they go in for repair. So usually the past practice has always been about 10% or whatever the apparatus cost is and we can buy and secure equipment. We keep that equipment. Ideally, I'd like to say it was going to go on those new trucks, but they're not coming in for four years, so I'm sure. We'll utilize that equipment in between the four years. And again, you know, we have to test our hose every year. Hose doesn't last. They get holes in them. They burn holes, we rub them, get damaged couplings, get damaged and so forth. So. It's just a supply of of fire department equipment.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the project, adopt the bonding resolution, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

3.) [Fire Radio Replacement](#)

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Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-159 2025 Fire Radios & Communications Equipment.docx](#)

Chief Snow presented the item.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, mayor. Thank you again, Chief. Are these radios? Are they getting stronger in frequency to be able to kind of reach some places in some buildings that the old ones haven't?

Chief Snow stated none of them come with stronger frequency, but we remedied the issue. If you're talking about not being able to communicate in like solid concrete. Yeah, we bought boosters. We installed them in each one of our battalion cheese vehicles and what a booster does is boost the radio signal we have we bought. Also some mobile boosters. We place them strategically throughout the city. If we get into a situation in which the radios are not communicating, we can utilize those boosters to help us remain in radio contact, OK.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the project, adopt the bonding resolution, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

4.) [Firefighter Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus](#)

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-160 2025 Fire Self Contained Breathing Apparatus & Related Equipment.docx](#)

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Chief Snow presented the item.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you, chief Snow. Great job. Thank you for all of the work that you and your team do. Really appreciate it. I wanted to wait until all four items were combined. Just if if this approves, which I anticipate that it will today, we will have approved 8,216,000 and 766 dollars to support a core service within our community our Wichita. Fire department. So your leadership is essential. It's proven. We truly appreciate you. We see in the Community survey that the service that our community members think is the most important and has done the best is the Wichita Fire Department. So thank you. Good luck and you're going to have some new toys soon. Yeah. Well, thank you, Council member Shannon, chief spell. In addition to those comments of \$8. 2 million that will likely be passed today. Last week we also passed \$1. 1 million for fire facilities maintenance and as I've had the chance to go around the various fire stations with you, I have seen the dire need that we have in fixing our fire stations and the conditions that our firefighters are. Currently operating under, so it is definitely something that this Council you can see with the unanimous votes. It is because we know that. That the core services of local government are public safety and that includes police and fire, and we're doing this because we know that that's what community wants us to focus on. And so I'm very grateful to you and your department.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the project, adopt the bonding resolution, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

5.) [2026 Kansas Department of Corrections Grant Application](#)

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

Na'shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, presented the item.

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Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, mayor, and thank you, Michelle. Great job. I hear nothing but good things about this program. Where I'm and I I we have the three other priority areas crossover youth, homeless youth and runaway youth when and I know we do this because I had partners even in my district who focus on some of these areas. How much does that factor into looking for the outside partners to bring in to participate?

Na'shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated ? I think partnerships, as you know, I think partnerships and collaborations. Is one of the most vital things for our youth in our community today. I mean, it truly takes an entire community to be able to do that. And we with the TWCW program throughout the summer engage and collaborate with them a couple of years ago we had a couple of youth that had came in from the Wichita Children's home and we were able to provide them with jobs over the summer. It can be. A little tricky at times, but the focus is just trying to meet the youth where they are and to see how we can empower them moving forward, if that makes sense.

Council Member Hoheisel stated yeah. So if I'm a group that's out there, I work with the children right now and I'm interested, maybe taking part in this program. What would their set speed to reach out and maybe look into that in the next couple of years?

Na'shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated That is a question of the March and April. So we open up applications in December and we close applications on February the second with 369 youth in the community. Community who have applied. We wanted to ensure we were providing the opportunity to make it. Across the board for everyone to apply, so those applications are closed so they are not able to apply at this second, we will open them back up for our next year in December as well and we'll continue to be able to provide a wide variety of announcements to. Be transparent. We do provide our first. We try to reach our housing. All of our clients who are currently receiving Section 8 in public housing, so we do reach out towards that population 1st and then we extend it out. Towards the community because we recognize that those risks in those community due to the data.

Council Member Hoheisel stated all right, so it opens up in December, it closes in February, it does all right. Well, I appreciate that.

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Na'shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated thank you.

Mayor Wu stated absolutely, Michelle. I have lots of questions because we do have a captivated audience of young people in this room right now. Can you first start off by telling us some history behind the way to work program? Obviously the application process. Has since been completed. Interviews have happened. They're about to come on board, but this is a great opportunity for young people to get a summer job and training. Can you talk about the way to work? Program how it started. Can you talk about some of the success stories and how many you've graduated?

Na'shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated so it's really easy for me to talk about the TWTW program because if you know me, you know that this is pretty much my juju. The TWTW program which stands for the way to work. And we are in our 14th year. We hire roughly about 150 to 175 youth throughout the entire Sedgwick County. A lot of people think it's only for the city of Wichita, but we do offer to Sedgwick County because our csbg allows us, as a Sedgwick County. So it allows us to expand outside of Cedric County for transparency, we have a small population of those who do apply for that. They range from the ages of 14 to 17 and they have to be that within those ages, beginning of June 1st of the Year of the funding, the youth are placed at a job site. So the great thing about it is we collaborate and we partner with so many small businesses throughout the entire city of Wichita. And they are great, great work sites. They provide great resources and support to those youth. We also have a behavior specialist who comes out and we also have an additional group of staff who comes and navigates and work with those youth. The great thing about it is the youth work, about 20 hours per week and they begin this year. They'll begin may the 28th, with orientation and their last day with us will be July the 31st. So they'll be able to engage with us the entire summer. They work, they earn a paycheck. But it's no longer. It's no longer only about the paycheck wise. Tell them don't forget to make sure you're getting your money. It is more about learning the responsibility of being employed, learning the responsibility of a dollar, teaching them how to save money, teaching them the value of it, and then also teaching them to appreciate the work that they're able to provide inside of the city of Wichita. So. It's broader than that. The youth also graduate. And so we transition them. This year is one of the first times since I've been here that we have encountered more youth have applied than what our funding is for. And the good thing about it is I have began to work and refer a lot of our 16 and 17 year olds who have worked with us over the last two years and to allow them to transition to other additional work sites. So we have began to refer a lot of our youth over to one of. The partners

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that we had a job. Last year, which is a, which is how workforce alliance. So we've transitioned a lot of our 16 and 17 year olds because we want them to understand this is kind of a growing goal and from them starting with us at 14 and 15, transitioning over to Workforce Alliance where they're able to get involved with spirits and text. It shows not only a Community partnership, but it also shows them being able to transition and one day become a great young person in our society. One of the amazing success stories is your youth mayor. That you have. Right now, Amaya Williams, she came out of our TWTW program and she was one of our summer youth for two years and doing simply amazing, an amazing job if you weren't a part of it. She just recently. What would you say? She just recently announced you at the mayor's address just recently, and she did an amazing job. So it works. The program works if you have the right people that are involved and the right people that support them. It actually is a program. That works and so we are looking forward to it in about 5 weeks rocking and rolling another again with another group of youth.

Council Member Glasscock stated Councilman Ballard helped me out because my screen was not working. Just a few questions. So I'm looking at the chart regarding the funding request and I noticed there was the line item, the program staff contract staff of 24,000 and then later in the budget it said the minute administrative expenses an additional 13,000. So that means. We're spending about 37,000 on staff for about 25%. Is that pretty comparable for this program?

Na'shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated it is because what we want to make sure is we have the right person involved, which is age more of a job, so a behavior specialist or what I said to bring them in as a part time person to be able to provide that services, they're going to go out. And they're going to go into the community, they're going to go and meet them at the job site. Believe it or not, a lot of young people don't even know how to communicate with the supervisor when things are going wrong. So that's what that person is there is to provide that. So and it's actually a part time position.

Council Member Glasscock stated you may have answered this question, but we help them with budgeting how to manage the funds if I'm, I mean \$10. 40 per hour is pretty good for high school student to be able to run to run. So do we. Help them with budgeting. Can you talk more about that process too?

Na'shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated yes, I'm so glad that you asked that. As you know, every year we partner with a credit union and this year our partner is

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Wichita Federal Credit Union of America. No, Wichita Federal Credit Union. I've been extra point in there and so we've partnered with them. They came out to the roundup and they established every youth the opportunity to create a bank account and then they're coming to our entire workshops throughout the summer and each part of the workshops, they will provide a little piece of a caveat. The very first step, believe it. Or not is to teach them how to look at their check stubs. Because young people don't think that what I made is what I get in. Don't realize that we are in a city in a country where. Pay taxes. So that's the first part, but then you teach them about how do you put a little bit to the side and how do you save? It's difficult, a lot of times to talk to a lot of young people because they're providing the assistance to their families, but we also provide them coaching and also literacy and budgeting on how you can provide that support and look at not getting the Jordans today, but maybe. Getting the Jordans later on down the line. Believe it or not, send that to a 14 year old as their first paycheck is difficult, but we've had a lot of great success. Partnering with the credit union, OK. Thank you.

Council Member Glasscock stated last question I have regarding the Juvenile crime Prevention Community grant through the state. So there's no local match with that application. I imagine we've applied before. How often are we successful in receiving the funds? This is just the application. This is actually the receipt of the funds, correct?

Na'shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated great question. This is our first time applying for this. Application so we don't know. I am going to. Speaking into existence that we will receive the funding, but this is our first time applying for this. If anyone can do it, I imagine it is you. So thank you very much. I appreciate it.

Council Member Johnson stated

Na'shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated she still talks about you when we meet to this day. So thank you so much for that.

Vice Mayor Johnson stated thank you, Mayor Michelle, thank you for your great work. Absolutely. Thank you. It's a wonderful program that teaches kids how to work and what a gift to teach them, how to work it. It's wonderful and fully supported and I will mention that in 1976 I worked at Wendy's \$1. 40 an hour and I was shocked at how much the government took

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out of my check. So so I can understand. They compare their very first check. They always seem to want to compare and then they ask their mom. Well, why did you put this number on there? And it's it's so we recognize that that has been a big conversation. So that is actually part of one of the very first workshops, is how to effectively identify and read your check stubs so you can understand what that looks like. It's important to work, so thank you. Thank you so much.

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Mayor Wu stated Michelle, I'll just do a follow up to my question from previously. I really appreciate hearing that you're collaborating and referring our young people to other opportunities, despite the fact that the application. Interview has already closed for the way to work, so there are other opportunities like YMCA's, Job Prep Program, and the Workforce Alliance has something called Camp hype? So anyone in the audience or watching online, if you're between the ages of 14 to 18 years old, there are these four day, summer camps that they're still allowing people to apply for and it is through workforce-ks. com. Againworkforce-ks. com and they're called camp hype. And these camps will pay the student \$200 for showing up on time and participating at these camps. And the camps have dates, so I'm going to read them because these are opportunities that are still available at this current moment. Spirit Aero Systems will have a camp hype on June 2nd to the 5th. There's one in there, a couple for. Specific county students, so I'll just go on to the next one. Healthcare will be June 23rd to 26, which is sponsored by Ascension via Christi. There's a technology camp, June 9th through 12th, sponsored by Idea Tech and Public Safety, which is being sponsored by the Wichita Metro Crime Commission. It will be held July 14th to the 17th. There's also a trade skills camp. Hype that will be held July 21st to the 24th and it is sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 271, Plumbers and Pipefitters, Apprenticeship training of Kansas Local 441, and the sheet Metal Workers Local 29 and the last two. That I'm about to mention are Textron Aviation Camp Hype, July 28th through the 31st. And McConnell will have one August 4th. Earth through August 7th, so there are lots of opportunities, especially for our young people looking for a summer opportunity beyond The Way to Work. So please check out the website workforce. KS com.

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Na'shell Williams, Housing & Community Services, stated and then I don't want to ever shoot our city of Wichita in the foot. But if you are 16 and 17 year olds on the city of Wichita website, they have a long list of summer jobs from working at the pool, being a lifeguard. Working at the golf course. So that's also another caveat that I think we can also add to that list mayor as well. And we are, we are determined to be a resource or if any of you young people were not able to get all of that from the mayor, please feel free to contact our housing department. They will get you connected directly to me and I'll e-mail you that entire link in the direct link so that way you are supported this summer, our main focus will encourage all youth. To remain safe and out of trouble with the entire summer. Whether you're working with our summer youth program or not, we just want to encourage all youth in our community.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, mayor. Thank you so much for the presentation. A quick question. So my days are running together. I don't know. Who was this week or last week? I met with a gentleman that is a mentor with a program called what's next, and he helps. People looking for employment that might be autistic or have some type of. Disability that they are working through, and so I was wondering if any of the programs or jobs that might be available. Are open for everybody, or would you just encourage everybody to apply and do you guys take it from there

Na'shell Williams, Housing & Community Services Department, stated or I would encourage all of these to apply at those YRTW TW program, we specifically transition youth. That would be a best fit. So that's why. We held the interviews. We transitioned. To their actual job site, but any of those that are on the city website, if they're interested in those, absolutely, I would encourage them to apply to all of those, me and our director Sally Stang went through the list on the city website this morning and it was. A little roughly close to about 20 that will fall under between those ages of 16 to 18 that I think would be great fits for any of our youth in our community.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, mayor. I got my screen working again. I think this is maybe the first time that this room has more people eligible for this program in here than that are not eligible for the program. So for those not watching or for those watching online,

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you can't see the room, but. There is more people under the age of 18 than people over the age of 18 in here, which is an incredible opportunity. I want to say thank you all for being engaged. This is true civic education. This is true civic participation, and I think I counted 18 of you, so hopefully all 18 will apply for this program. If you don't have another job already in the city. And thank you for being here. Thank you for being engaged as well, OK.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the 2026 Kansas Department of Corrections funding application and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

6.) [Funding for 2025 Neighborhood Improvements](#)

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-161 2025 Neighborhood Improvements \(472-2025-086151\).docx](#)

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, presented the Item.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, mayor, and thank you, Steve. This is something that is. Vital tool. This is something that people see in their neighborhoods, in their homes, everyday. So I do appreciate all the work on this. Just two quick questions. What are the conditions that would that you could use for the traffic calming program like the trial program here? Is there do we go through a set of standards, do like a speed study in the neighborhood and say OK, this neighborhood is eligible for this or? Or a wise one to actually look at.

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated that's a great Question, Council member. Yes, we engineering would start with, you know, taking in a concern from the public. And the next thing that we would do as a speed study to just evaluate and see how fast the traffic is sometimes as you're standing on the side of the street 20 mile an. Hour can seem

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even pretty fast, so conduct that speed study to really find out what's the majority of the traffic doing. And then evaluate whether or not there is. A potential improvement that could be made to either lower what seems to be the more consistent speed or or perhaps even some of the highest speeds.

Council Member Hoheisel stated OK and then I'll follow up study at the end to see how it works out. If we if we can move to a trial.

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated I think. At this point, typically in the past, they have. These would require petitions to move forward with construction of any improvements to this point, no petitions have gone forward at that point. 'Cause it's been kinda hard to have any sort of. Data to show hey, this is what works. Or even have an option. So This is why we think in this situation we can do a pilot program to actually implement one of these and and really get the results of how how effective that is.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. I appreciate that and I'm curious to see how that that pilot project goes. The second question real quick. The parking lot next to the exploration place has the parking lot for the mid American All Indian Center.

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated it will serve yes expansion that lot will will help serve the mid American All Indian Center.

Council Member Hoheisel stated do we have a timeline as far as when I mean this will be to to do the study and the design and whatnot. Do we have kind of an idea as to when that project might be completed?

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated we're looking to we'll get started pending your approval today, we'll get started on design here and construction. There is a line item in the CIP that we would bring back later for the construction of this and that right now we would project late 2020. 25 early 2026 for construction.

Council Member Hoheisel stated alright, I yeah, I hear lot of angst with them. So I just wanna make sure we get that one go alright. Thank you

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Council Member Johnson stated thanks, mayor. Thank you for the presentation. I don't jump in the other districts too much. I haven't talked to my colleague about this yet, but the 21st St. and market blank reconfiguration, is there going to be any like artistic elements with that? And I asked because when we did the 17th St. renovation with the funds between 1:35 and Broadway we talked about trying to incorporate. Some blend of what was happening at Nomar, whether it was in the stamped concrete or or whatnot. Just some form of design that was a seamless connection back over to Mac Adams and since that's right there adjacent to Nomar. Just wanted to not know cuz I know you haven't really got started yet but encouraged some form of seamless artistic incorporation into that even if it. Just stamped concrete or something that takes in like symbolism or colors from what's already happening it no more.

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated okay, I yeah, I'm not for certain if it will, but we'll certainly consider that.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you. Quick question about the 27th St. Sal project. I know there's a lot of speeding and a lot of those neighborhoods because they're straightaway streets to connect. Have we asked these particular neighbors about like, I just want to wake up one morning and these St. calming things when there. Have we included them in the process as well? Because this is the first I've heard of it when this was presented to council, sure

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated needless to say, the the complaint would have generated with some of those neighbors. But we do intend to before moving forward. Forward with construction of it, we plan to hold a neighborhood meeting to talk about those improvements. I'd have to check with staff if they've had direct communication or contact with some.

Council Member Glasscock stated can we make sure that I get an invitation for that as well? Because I would love to come out to that another one and and specific that I get calls about pretty often just so we're looking for something just for is May St. the connection between Seneca and Meridian is basically a runway. People go 50 miles an hour down at. There's a retirement home right along. Well, and so that would be maybe just another trouble spot area if we're looking at calming projects like that.

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated yes. And we'll be sure to give you plenty of notice this time about the meeting.

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Mayor Wu stated can I just have a quick follow up question before I go on to the role the calming mechanisms? Can you go back to that picture? Can you talk about how much that costs versus the permanent structure? Because I see these as a really great way because all across. The city of Wichita we've had. Emails as well as phone calls regarding calming some traffic in neighborhood in neighborhoods. So how much does this usually cost, and is that maybe a mechanism moving forward instead of the permanent structure?

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated I'd have to find out. I would probably say cost of this is minimal. I believe with this was handled with internal operating funds. Obviously the construction to build something a lot more permanent is certainly going to cost more and why we're asking for the funding here today for the Const. Of it, I don't have any numbers with you today. I would say trying to maintain something like this. Over time, and just those delineators coming off or whatnot, the maintenance long term maintenance could become an issue.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, Steve, you said that this is a pilot in the future, though that would be a special assessment project petitioned by the residents. If we decide to go with this kind of concept in the future.

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated Yes, I believe yes, that's correct. Thank you. Would not be our expense.

Mayor Wu stated I would really like to see more of the cost. I think moving forward if we since this was a pilot over in district #4, I've heard of things in District 6 and other areas where people. Literally have emailed us about calming some neighborhood streets, so I would like to get those numbers and if a neighborhood would be interested in doing the second pilot or the third pilot, I think this would be a great opportunity also. So if you could share that information, City manager to the entire Council, I think that would be helpful.

Council Member Ballard stated I just wanted to say thank you for not forgetting about the mid America, all Indian Center parking lot with them losing their parking lots across the street. I think they have a disadvantage sometimes in Proms and weddings and stuff are not using the venue as they had in the past due to lack of parking. So super grateful for exploration place. Being willing

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to be a good neighbor, and I'm excited to see how many more spaces. And potential crosswalk I think for this location, so. Excited to see what the design looks like? How many? Added spaces and just so that we can make sure that we're utilizing all of our museums and stuff.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. Steve, Thank you for this work. I think it's hit a nerve. We've all got streets in our districts. There are runways minus Second Street right along Brown Thrush Park. We did this speed study there and there's actually a vehicle that went over 100 miles an hour recorded. So in a neighborhood next to a park. So very important. I'd like to see how this comes out. One question for you. Have you looked at the possibility? Of if you go to the next picture. June. That all the way across. So it's it's essentially a long speed bump, and I know the drainage is affected, but if you did a high point, would that work too well?

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated so speed bumps we don't use in the city for a number of reasons. Certainly effects response time for emergency vehicles and sometimes slowing. The speed bump because more of an issue and house I think how slow they have to go that all it does is just encourage. And to just racing into the next one. So I'd have to talk to our traffic engineer about speed tables. I know those have been used. In other communities, I think we need to just evaluate whether that's the right right solution in in a residential neighborhood like this.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated okay, I appreciate. I know you got a couple of them in Old Town. On on first or Second Street

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated those raised intersections are used a lot to be able to help pedestrians. Eliminate the ramps that they would have to otherwise traverse to get you know, down to a street level from sidewalk level to St. level. So those raised intersections or raised crosswalks, similar to what's down by the ball stadium, those those essentially help even pedestrians be able to walk flat basically from one side to the other, instead of having to travel through the ramps.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated okay, okay. I appreciate that. Thank you.

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Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Motion:

Council Member Ballard moved to approve the budget, adopt the resolution, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

7.) [Design Contract and Funding for Fire Station Replacements \(Districts IV and VI\)](#)

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-162 2025 Wichita Fire Department Fire Station Arts Elements.docx](#)

Attachment: [Design WFD.pdf](#)

Chief Snow presented the item.

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, presented the Item.

Council Member Glasscock stated Thank you, mayor. Few questions. So the vote today is to initiate the \$200,000, not the \$1,577,500.

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated the vote today is to approve the contract for a request to approve the contract for one million the 1. 5 million and also then initiate the 200,000 for art because part of that contract that \$1. 5 million contract includes who's managing the art component for this project?

Council Member Glasscock stated okay. That's not what is in the subsequent resolution. The

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document that I got with the resolution, the only project authorization is the estimated cost of \$200,000. It doesn't have the estimated cost of the 1,577,500.

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated so that 1. 5 million contract will be funded by the budgets that were previously approved in 2023. The 2023 fire station. So it doesn't need to be included in the subsequent resolution, it's attached to my notes. It does not have to be included as a resolution because it was already done in 2023.

Council Member Glasscock stated okay. Just wanted to show it's the two votes. It's to approve the 1,577,000 and then in addition to that approved 200,000 public art.

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated yeah, the the only funding we're asking for today is the 200,000 for the for the art component and then the \$1. 5 million contract, which we already have existing budgets that have been approved and authorized that will pay or fund that contract,

Council Member Glasscock stated the question I have about that is under the 1,577,000. It says that that includes the management of public art for each shows us 200,000. On top of that, 1,577,000 and or is that 200,000 included?So what out of the 1,000,500, what is the budget for already existing in that? Or is this just saying that out of that 1. 5200 thousand of it goes towards art?

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated so out of the out of the 1. 5?I should have had that number off top my head. There's going to be approximately or close to the 200,000 that's included in that for our component. So then the other 1. 3 is essentially then for design services of the building.

Council Member Glasscock stated so this is at 1. 7. This is 1. 5 correct, including just out of the 1. 5200 thousand is funded through the OR reallocated the 2025, 2020 34 CIP to be included in the 1. 5 not in addition to that.

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated correct, it's the the 1. 5 contract will get split into multiple multiple funding sources

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Council Member Glasscock stated how are we defining art? Is this the design? Is this a statue out front? Is this? What are we defining art as? Is this the design process itself, or is this subsequent actual construction of design elements in the facility?

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated so it's gonna include for right now, but just the design part there in the. There are. Are additional. I believe it's in 2026. There's another there's a total of 400,000 that would essentially be the art component, which would include construction of art. For two of these three fire stations.

Council Member Glasscock stated so the 200,000 is for when we're talking about art. And this definition, it's for the design of the facility. What the facility looks like, what the materials are looking like, it's not what I think the general public would perceive as art. Of art or, you know, a portrait or a statue or something else. This is the 200,000 for the design concept, correct?

Steve Deganhardt, Public Work & Utilities Department, stated correct. It's gonna be for the yes concept development selection of the artist. The Tess Ray's gonna have to go through a process to select an artist and then through that process, they'll work together to act. Finalize a design and determine what will actually be constructed for art.

Council Member Glasscock stated okay. I just wanna make it clear to the public that it's not what they're perceiving outside of, let's say, the water treatment facility of certain pieces itself, but more of the construction of the building design of the building that that is our definition of art.

Steve Deganhardt, Public Works & Utilities Department, stated that's to be determined. I think that as we step through that process, it'll come back to come back to the Council. It'll go to design council on regarding the selection and then concept of what the artist and Tessa Ray's team have come forward with. OK?

Council Member Glasscock stated does that manager do you? Have further comments.

City Manager Robert Layton stated I know exactly what you're saying, councilmember. At this point, we don't know what the will be. They'll bring forward. We can obviously have you involved in that process, but the design Council. As you've said, the design Council will be involved. Council will approve at 30% of design. What we've done, I think with most of our

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stations has been art that's been incorporated into the buildings themselves. I can't remember if we have any outside standalone arts. But our typical approach would be incorporated into the structure, making sure that the structure doesn't look like

Council Member Glasscock stated doesn't look like, you know, big black box, that there's some design elements making sure that the structure doesn't look like, you know, big black box, that there's some design elements. There I just want to be clear. The public's I think there's a different definition of when the public hears the word art. They're assuming maybe not that including the design elements so 'cause when I've talked to firefighters, I've not had one person concerned with art. They're concerned about the snow that's in their windows when they're sleeping or leaky roofs, and if there's a way that we can put more assets towards fixing those instead of maybe structures itself outside, I think. Firefighters would probably prefer that. So thank you for this. I'm very excited about the projects in my district, so I just had those questions. I know that those would be questions I get from the general public as well.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. This is actually a question for Chief Snow. Sorry to have you jump back up and watch in the comments online and you mentioned we have 22 stations. The city owns 21 of them. Who owns the other one?

Chief Snow stated the County.

Council Member Tuttle stated that's what I assumed, but thank you.

Mayor Wu stated specifically, it's Sedgwick County Station 38, which is Co collaborated with Station 6. Is that correct?

Chief Snow stated that is correct.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, mayor. Just for what it's worth, I think we should collaborate more often and share buildings. Kind of sad that the West Substation and Station 8 will be parting ways but excited about Station 8 being rebuilt and I think a little bit safer for the trucks to get in and out. My question was. This will be similar to the new station in District 4, correct?

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Chief Snow stated as far as the design for Station 8 as well, and the art component and all of that stuff. Our intention is if we can get a template that we can use for future. So we don't have to keep. Expenditure of funds for design is to utilize that template as we move forward on not only new stations, but also the rebuilding of our stations. Moving forward.

Mayor Wu stated Only question I have regarding public art is actually getting the feedback from real firefighters. I actually did talk to one of the firefighters just to ask. There's going to be an opportunity for a new fire station. What are things that could be incorporated that would be helpful?So I guess my challenge is to make sure that in that process you do ask firefighters. What they think would be not just public art. But in the design that would make them be able to utilize the space better, but also in a creative way as well. So I just challenge that we need to also ask the utilizers of the building what that building should look like. We can do it.

City Manager Robert Layton stated yeah, mayor, we've made that commitment. I. President Bush from the Union has indicated has offered to have. Design input in the chief has said that would be a great idea.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you.Just a few quick comments.Thank you to Chief Snow.Thank you to Steve.Great job.Really appreciate all your efforts on this.Just wanted to bring the total up for the fire department today is we if this approves will be \$9,794,266?So I think that that should show our community and our Wichita Fire Department and our International Association of Firefighters Local.35 This Council's true commitment to core services and to public safety.The other thing that Chief Snow and President Bush and I have had the opportunity is to visit a fire station in Andover.And as we're developing our culture of Wellness that was mentioned earlier during the proclamations, we're thinking about things differently within the Wichita Fire Department thanks to.Your leadership, chief snow, and one of the things we're talking about is cancer decontamination areas, potentially thinking about sleep hygiene.And how we can provide better environments so that our firefighters can get sleep so it improves their health and also their performance when they're fighting fires and making calls and all the things.So Chief and I have talked.I hope that's something that will also be considering in the

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future that we're really thinking about creating a culture of Wellness, not with just programs and policies, but the actual infrastructure that we develop. So good luck and enjoy the process.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, mayor, and I will have a motion after my comments. Thank you, chief Snow. I am super excited about utilizing this template in the future and so we can save money to work on that deferred maintenance. Thank you for coming to my town hall this past weekend, where neighbors are incredibly excited about the project. The last time that the city constructed a fire station new I was in middle school and so. This is an incredible opportunity for the city to move forward. Forward, especially in Southwest Wichitas, which is one of the fastest growing parts of the city, and I'm excited to be part of this process and be there for the groundbreaking and all the subsequent milestones. So with that I move that the City Council approve the design contract art budget, adopt the resolution and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion:

Council Member Glasscock moved to approve the design contract and revised budget, adopt the resolutions, waive City Council Policy No. 2, approve the art budgets, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

- 8.) [Local Match Funding Agreement - Kansas Health Foundation - 29th and Grove \(District I\)](#)

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

Attachment: [Local Match Funding Agreement and Contractor Services Agreement by and between Sedgwick County Kansas and City of Wichita Kansas and Kansas Health Foundation.pdf](#)

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, presented the item.

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Mayor Wu invited public comment. LaVonta Williams addressed the City Council and stated Lavonta Williams. Good morning. First of all, I have to say thank you to the young group who came in as a former educator. That's very important to me that you be seen and that you be heard. So thank you for being here and speaking your opinions. Thank you. My name is Lavonta Williams. And yes, I'm here pertaining to the 29th and Grove contamination area and Council Members, some of this may be what you're going to discuss at the committee meeting that you're planning on having. So I would just like to know some of those things. I did hear from the senator and the \$1 million is the one that needs the match. I'm hoping that that is correct. And so we should be with this vote today, 750,000. So we still are down 250,000 if I'm reading that correctly, but we also have 1.5 million that came from representative Ohabison in working with the governor. So in that 1.5 million, I'm wondering is that something that can be spent now for some of the screenings for the community? Again, this is another community that sometimes feels unheard and unseen. And so I just want to make sure that we have a way of getting the message out that this is available for you to have these screenings. How do we do that? How can the community help do that? And I am willing to be involved in that. Also another thing that I have and I already mentioned this to the

Council Member, I go get screened and I have something that looks like it could be. So then am I on my own to have it figured out how I pay for it? How do I, if insurance doesn't pay for it if I don't have insurance? But now you're saying that I have a complication that could have come from. The contaminated water issue. So I'm just curious as to how we move forward with that because I didn't. I didn't cause this problem and I'm concerned that that we are waiting a little bit long. However, we have waited quite a while already. And then the other thing that I'm concerned of is, have you had reports come back to you? Has the community been tested? Are the air quality's good in that area? Are we OK there? I think that's one of the things that is also a concern and many times they're not asking and they're not saying anything, but we need to know if that is a safe area, not only safe for the adults, not only safe for the M. Or soon to be mothers. We have to remember that area is the highest infant mortality in the state. And so I'm concerned about our young people and I'm concerned about mothers who could be expecting. Just wanting to know how that affects them and where do we move on from all of these environmental issues. Again, not only the contaminated water and people are about to go fishing and there's a sign there that says how much or how many fish they can eat out of that particular lake. That's really something. When you have a sign up at the fishing lake. So just asking that we still keep our eye on some of these things. And any environmental issues that we have in the city or in Sedgwick County, I think they're all a very huge concern. So I just thank you for what you're doing and I'm hoping that we get that \$1 million matched so that we can open

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this up for those who need this screening. And I just want to say, Bob, no, you can't. You can't go anywhere yet, but thank you for all that you did, Bob. Thank you. And I will stand for questions if you need them.

Council Member Johnson stated Thank you LaVonta. I wrote down a few things you said. So I'll start with K 96 lake. There is a fishing advisory that you should only have one bottom feeding fish per month. If you eat it. I just tell people not to eat the fish. That is actually a different contamination than 29th and Grove, so that's out there. I forget all the details of that one. I've been focusing on 29th and Grove a lot, but I'll. I'll get that to you. Testing result wise, Union Pacific is working with Arcadis to talk through the results of the testing that they did. Which was external home testing and if they found any signs of TCe gas in the soil, they would test inside the house going to the lower level of the House and drilling. Down 8 feet they have those results. I don't have the latest numbers, so I can't. I don't wanna speak inaccurately to that, but they do have that. I believe those numbers are reported to KDHE as well, but their website again sometimes it's harder to navigate for people, but they should have that. I don't know if we do, and Don's not in here right now to ask him, but when we talk in a few weeks, I'll ask them for that information to share. If you are identified as having cancer, some of the challenge now is if you do have insurance, you have some support. But of course you have to pay those deductibles. If you don't have insurance, there are opportunities to probably reach out to project access. But again, that only goes as far as funding, because cancer is pretty expensive, unfortunately. My opinion of it is it will take some civil litigation. To get treatment paid for by the company that's responsible for the contamination. That may take some years, but until then at least, there will be screening and testing opportunities. As for the money? That was how all the funding was developed. A million on the Senate side was Senator Fauscadeau, working with Governor Kelly and then 1. 5 on the House side. But per this agreement, this is all kind of grouped into one group of funding. We are at 3/4 of the \$1,000,000. We're a little north of that, but we'll we'll talk about that in a few weeks once we get some some commitments finalized, but there is additional funding outside of that. I'm very confident we'll be at \$1,000,000 prior to the June 30th date. We've had some really good conversations. The community is really coming together to support this effort. But a lot of those details. You'll probably hear a lot more by the end of the month. There will be a committee that we've talked about that. Will get regular reports and happy to make the recommendation that you join that committee as well to get those updates, but I think those are all of the points that you made that you wanted a response to. Happy to give you anymore if you haven't. Thank you, LaVonta.

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Mayor Wu invited further public comment. No additional speakers came forward.

Motion:

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the agreement and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

- 9.) [Public Hearing and Request by Capps Holdings, LLC for Approval of a Letter of Intent to Issue Industrial Revenue Bonds \(District IV\)](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report VI-9.docx](#)

Attachment: [2025-0408 Application Capps Holdings Public Hearing and Request for LOI to Issue Industrial Revenue Bonds.docx.docx](#)

Attachment: [2025-0408 Resolution of Intent Capps Holdings Public Hearing and Request for LOI to Issue Industrial Revenue Bonds.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-165 Intent Capps Holdings Public Hearing and Request for LOI to Issue Industrial Revenue Bonds](#)

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, presented the Item.

Mayor Wu stated I'll start them. First I wanted to know about this program. When did it begin and how many have successfully completed or have attained the five year mark and gotten the second-half of their abatement?

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, stated yeah. So I appreciate the question. We talked a little bit about this yesterday. I started doing a little bit of research. So I went back and found

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that this that this program has been in effect for for years. In fact, one of the earliest ones I found was back in 2008. With that being said, under its current format, the current format was implemented in 2017. Since 2017, there have been at least nine projects, buildings that have been completed. Through all of my research, even as far back as 2008, none of the projects have not satisfied filling the building with a tenant before that five year period. So since the under the current version of the program which was implemented in 2017. There's been at least nine projects that have come out of it, but the program kind of holistically goes back as far as probably even 2008.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. Troy, can you talk about the benefit of having industrial building space like this when trying to recruit companies come to Wichita trying to expand companies in Wichita and just about the economic benefit to the city?

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, stated yeah, absolutely. So this is critical to our ability to be able to attract and retain businesses, if you can imagine a business that is either looking to expand or they're finding success. In their business and they're looking to expand by the time a business perhaps makes that decision, a lot of businesses don't have that sort of three-year run up period that they might need to go out, acquire a piece of land, build a building that suits their needs. Because in three years from now, their business model might look wildly different, right? And so having spec, whether it be office building or industrial buildings in and around our community, we become exponentially more competitive. Not only locally to retain businesses that are finding success and growing, but also being able to attract businesses from other regions to come to Wichita because we have buildings in our inventory that are vacant and ready to occupy.

Mayor Wu stated I will have one for the representative of the company Capps. This question really is to help the Community understand the opportunity here with a spec building. Can you just explain why the developers are interested in this spec building and have you gotten any interest from folks who want to take up that space?

Jordan Ford, Hinkle Law Firm, stated I apologize. I can't speak to any potential interest, but I think the speaker. That just spoke. Prior to me did a great job of explaining the opportunity that brings to the city for that available space on a spec basis.

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Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, mayor. I'm proud to represent the Aviation Corps of the Aviation Capital and the Industrial Heartbeat of Wichita, and that's where this project is. I visited caps manufacturing previously. They're doing incredible things, especially when it comes to aviation. I'm excited about potential projects and recruiting, manufacturing and recruiting industrial to come to Wichita on expansion.

Motion:

Council Member Glasscock moved to close the public hearing, 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**

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Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, presented the Item and stated for the benefit of Resident Knowledges council's beginning the process for hiring a new city manager this year. The mayor requested a brief overview of the city's system of government, along with other common approaches to city systems, noting that this is an area governed by state law because cities are political subdivisions of the state. There are guidelines from the state that. Set forth the forms of government in which the. Operate under what's commonly called a Council manager form of government, designed to incorporate both elected leadership and professional management. Residents elect a City Council based on districts, plus an at large mayor for a total 7 on the council, and these officials set policies, approved budgets and represent resident interests. The Council hires a professional city manager who manages daily operations, manages city staff and implements the Council's decisions. The mayor leads council meetings and services the Wichitas public face, with the manager overseeing the day-to-day management of city functions like public works, parks, libraries and all the departments. There are other systems that other cities use in what's commonly referred to as a mayor, council or sometimes a. Strong mayor system with a strong mayor system, a mayor has significant administrative authority, sometimes including veto power and control of budgets, and City department director appointments. Different cities have different systems for their unique requirements. In a mayor council system, common in some big cities, an elected mayor either wields strong control over operations or shares power with the Council. Depending on the city's ordinances. Each approach reflects a trade off among direct public control, elected leadership, and professional expertise tailored to community size, size and needs. That's all I have for you. Thank you.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Jennifer. Appreciate the explanations. Between what we currently have and what other cities function, I know I have a question and wanted to know if you might know the answer to that, but our Council manager form of government is also what I believe Kansas City, MO has. But they have. The mayor actually has different types of authority, including veto power. And also a staff of 11 people. How did we come about? Give us some

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history between our Council manager form of government and how we arrived to that government system in, I believe, 1917.

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated Mayor, you're correct. We arrived at this form of government in 1917. I don't have any further details on really the history of how we've gotten here over the years. Throughout the 80s, you changed from a Council Manager Commission form to. To Manager/ City Council with districts, there was some tardiness there in the 80s that did that. That's I could. I could gather more information for a future presentation if you'd like.

Mayor Wu stated and did the mayor system, so this current mayor serves a four year term, has that always been the case in the city of Wichita?

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated have to check on that. I'm sure there's people who would know that right off the top of their head. I think there was a time where Mayor served two years, but I am just going to have to check on that.

Mayor Wu stated I believe it's one year terms. I was asking a rhetorical question for folks that maybe didn't know. So I just wanted to get more history behind how our system came about and give people the opportunity to learn about our system. I often get questions about. The mayor can do this, this or this and in our form of government, I'm simply one vote, just like the rest of my colleagues. And I don't have veto power and I respect. That's our system, but that's not how every city operates. So I always encourage people to learn about their form of local government just to the South of us in Hayesville they have a mayor, council form of government, but they also have 8 City Council Members instead of 6 Council Members and they, instead of a city manager, have a city administrator. So I really do encourage people to learn about their local government system and. Direct those Requests evenly to the rest of the Council. These Council Members are, I believe, experts of their districts. They respond to their constituents to specific needs in those six council districts. And this year I created this pamphlet to help people understand our form of government and where everyone is located. So always encourage people to look and. Talk about our form of government and reach out to Council Members. And we are all reached out. We can be reached at via e-mail and all that information is at wichita.gov/citycouncil. But it does give you an explanation of our city government, and that was the impetus of just talking about our local government. And this really is an opportunity to have

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an open discussion because we have what's called a Kansas Open Meetings act, which means that no Council Member. Beyond three individuals can be in one room together. Or else that would become a public meeting. And so this is an opportunity to have an open dialogue and discussion about our form of government, but also more importantly, I know that we're very grateful to city manager Leighton in his 16 years. But we will start a new process of hiring a city manager, which is why we were sent out via e-mail documents about the hiring process. That's back in 2008, so that was a long time ago and it was really to start the conversation as many questions from our media partners have been about what's the next step or what are all these detailed questions when we haven't had that discussion just yet. So this is step one is right now having that open discussion and I think that this is the best opportunity to just start talking and talking in public.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, mayor. I'll have a few questions. I imagine there's gonna be a lot of robust conversation hit on one point that the mayor made. Government is messy sometimes and from this bench it probably should be. If it looks very clean, that probably means we talk behind the scenes, which is not allowed. And so this. Is the first time that all seven of us get to have a conversation together. I think it's a beautiful thing. I think it's democracy and I think it should be encouraged as well regarding their likelihood. Institutional knowledge is about this in the city. In 1980s, when we. Looked at what form of government we had and made some alterations. Do we know what the Community process was regarding that? If it opened up to the process? Or was it just decided from the bench without community engagement opportunities? Do we know that we may not but?

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated no, I'm happy to get that information for you.

Council Member Glasscock stated and there'll be two topics of conversation today, specifically about the manager form and then maybe about what do we look at in terms of government in general. So I'm ask a couple of questions about the management process back in 2008. It appears I just want verification on this that the process to recruit Bob to this position took about five months. From what I can tell, would that be an hour question? Would that be a you question, Bob?

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City Manager Robert Layton stated having been in the middle of it. Actually, it took longer than that because the Council had a false start. A individual was hired and then at the last minute decided not to accept the position or not to come to the community and so the same search firm started the process over. So I believe it started. For all practical purposes, it was about a year process, if I remember. They started in end of 2007 or early 2008 and then I was hired towards the very end of 2008.

Council Member Glasscock stated okay. And then your process in terms of when maybe that close started February 5th and then it continued, it looks like it went to the Council July 1st, is that correct?

City Manager Robert Layton stated sorry, that was the. That was the first half, OK. Work had been done prior to that to solicit proposals, I think, and to determine on a direction. And then they did a shortened version of a second search after the first search failed to result in a successful candidate.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you. And then I was looking most recently at the hiring process for Chief Sullivan, and it appears that that search took probably about seven months?

City Manager Robert Layton stated that that's about right about seven months.

Council Member Glasscock stated okay. I just wanted to get a timeline that we can start maybe basing the discussion off of. Let's say probably seven months minimum would probably the requirement so around there.

Mayor Wu stated I do also want to make mention that Council former Council Member Lavonta Williams was around when the 2008 process happened. So she's also some of that knowledge that if there are any questions, I know that we have not opened it up for public comment. This is simply the City Council having that discussion. If we want to have public engagement, we would have to then motion to do that. But while we keep it here at the bench, I just wanted to recognize that former Council Member Lavonta Williams was around when that process happened in 2008.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, mayor. My questions really is next steps. So on city manager selection today, would that be a direction to staff to draft RFP similar to the 2008 one

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and then put that on a future agenda or what I know we can't vote in Council Member agenda, but what would our next step be to? Move towards starting this search for a new city manager.

Human Resources staff member stated Good morning, mayor and council. How are you? Glad to see you guys, so I'm able to give you guys a brief description of what the RFP process is about. Purchasing plays a really big part in it, but I can give you guys some some general information. The first tip will be that the purchasing office will prepare an initial RFP for Council review revisions and approval. The RFP will be publicly released for a minimum of 30 days. Council review. The submitted proposals and choose a selected firm. A contract will be presented to council within two weeks following the firm's selection and then Council will collaborate with the chosen consultant to develop the job profile and recruitment strategy, with HR providing assistance as necessary. I think purchasing has started a working draft. But I'm not. I'm not really sure, but I think.

Josh Lauber, Purchasing, stated a working draft, has been created and is ready for distribution if the Council wants to make edits. I have printed copies I've made if we'd like to have the Council look at them.

Council Member Glasscock stated what the suggestion that we're just receiving these and I think we should be moving forward on something today that I don't know if we're able to take a recess. So we can look at the documents and examine it, if that's something that would be appropriate.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, Council member, I think you should take a little more time than just reading it now because. I I'd skim this. I haven't spent any time with it. I do know that the Council has talked about. Making sure there's appropriate public input in the process, and I there may be other things that you think are important if you move forward with an RFP and I think you need some time to think through that because the kind of consultant that you will get and the. Kind of proposals you will get in response to the RFP will depend on what you think is important for a selection.

Council Member Johnson stated so would you say maybe like? A month from now. Or is that too long to revisit this?

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City Manager Robert Layton stated ? Well, I think if if you look back at the police chief selection process and the time that took, you may not want to wait 30 days, you want to probably get your feedback in sooner than that. And again, the Council, each of you may have your own approach, and then the Council needs to collectively decide what that RFP should look like. So. It's it's your process, but I would encourage you not to wait 30 days, OK?

Council Member Johnson stated I was just asking 'cause. I'm looking at the calendar of meetings. And two weeks would be the 22nd. But that's a consent workshop meeting. I don't know if this could come back at that point. So the next meeting after that would be May 6th. Next, which kind of puts us out of mind. I'm happy to go sooner than that. I know I can read this and you know we can talk through that, but. I have a preference I I think that that Consent Workshop meeting would be the appropriate time. It's two weeks from today.

Mayor Wu stated I'm good to have that conversation. I know we don't usually have new business items, but again this is a not typical business item that we would have.

City Manager Robert Layton stated There you, as a Council, can vote to make that a regular agenda meeting not just a consent meeting.

Council Member Johnson stated so would that be direction for making that a vote next meeting? Or is that something we can do today?

City Manager Robert Layton stated You would need to direct us to bring something to you next week to set that that following week as a non consent or as a regular meeting.

Mayor Wu stated do we have consensus that we could bring this to next week's meeting as a item to vote on? I see some head nods. Some head nods. Some head nods. So if we have consensus, which it looks like we do,

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated can we maybe if I share it just to be by the book, I would recommend a motion from the bench to bring direct staff to bring this item for next week.

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated

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Mayor Wu moved to bring this Item as a New Business Item for next week's April 15th meeting.
Motion carried 7 to 0

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. I want to thank Jason and Josh for being so prepared. Thank you. Making our jobs a little easier and this is going to be a challenging process and exactly what I hoped would happen just happened. So thank you to my colleagues. When we're talking about time frame, we only have about 7 1/2 months till the end of the year. And if we talk about the process lasting six or seven months and ideally if we could bring someone and they could have some transition time with our current city manager who is such an expert and asset to the community. So I hope that we will, you know, really consider this an accelerated pace because we have to have somebody by the end of the year. So thank you.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor. Jason, do you have any estimates how long you think this process will plan? I know there's a lot of moving parts here, but once we get an RFP decided on an agreed on from Council, any idea?

Jason, Human Resources Department, stated well, it really depends. Can go anywhere from 5 to 10 months. It kind of depends on how quickly council acts, how quickly you guys decide what the job description's gonna be, how long it's like this, the. We have right here that the RFP. Be publicly raised for a minimum of 30 days that doesn't have to be 30 days. It can be two weeks if you want it to be two weeks. So it just depends on what how fast you want the process to move.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. I appreciate that. I think we're mostly in agreement up here that we do want robust public engagement to go with this, so make sure that the public has a chance to weigh in on everything.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, mayor. I want to push back a little bit on the expediency of it. I think our last city manager here for over 16 years, I think this is a very, very

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important discussion. Important decision I think we definitely need to have a lot of public input. A lot of. In vetting, really, a lot of vetting of candidates and the search firm so. I would discourage rushing it and make sure we do it right. That's what I wanted. Make sure we do it right.

Mayor Wu stated can you talk about a closed or open? Application process or I think it's called more an open process or a closed process. In other words, there may be some city managers who currently are in their positions, but a headhunter would be contacting them and they wouldn't want to. Others to know that they're thinking about. This position, how do you go about? Reaching out to those individuals versus those who want a more open process, right?

Jason, Human Resources Department, stated so that would really be a conversation you would need to have with the vendor that you select to work with you. They will be able to tell you how they've managed that process in the past and they would be better able to explain that to you if that's what you would like to do. If you would like a close process, if you think that that might be something that some of the applicants might need, I'm sure that they will be able to explain how they're able to do that. It shouldn't be a problem

Mayor Wu stated and then in terms of public engagement, I obviously hear a lot from community members wanting to be part of that process. Is this a recommendation before we choose an actual consultant or after we choose a consultant

Jason, Human Resources Department, stated again, that's up to you. I've seen it done both ways. I've seen it where you've got public engagement in order to get some feedback from the public prior to giving the information. And you want the potential vendor to know. But I've also seen it where you know the city has selected a vendor and then as part of the process in creating questions or creating forums, they get feedback from the community. So it can be done both ways. And then when it comes to a selection committee, there are often times selection committees for these major roles.

Mayor Wu stated What has been the process in the past? Has it been, for instance, Council members proposed an individual from their district or multiple people from their district? How is that process like and how was it in 2008?

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Jason, Human Resources Department, stated Pam is like she's our recruiting expert now. She won't be able to tell you. Probably too much about 2008, but she can tell you about our process as far as selecting panel windows, right?

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated So for the chief of police search that we did the RFP played a huge role in telling the vendor exactly what we wanted. Their part to be. And so they took a huge role in doing all of the community outreach, all the community engagement. Of course, we coordinated a lot of that, but that was a big part of what you asked for up front. So on the. Engagement side, we included a lot of people, the City Manager's Office. Has put together the review committee, which was the committee who looked at the initial applications and made the the initial decision to finalize candidates.

Mayor Wu stated Can you talk about that review committee, how big it was? Who were part of that review committee is? Need to get my glasses on?

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated so the review committee consisted of 11 community members across many different parts of the city. And they became a huge part in the process. They all also signed confidentiality agreements, so as things are being shared, you know that never went out of the room with those those folks. And then community stakeholder process originally started with 24 people and this came from a recommendation from the vendor because you can start getting a lot of people involved in this and that just continues the process. So we were very, very strategic in inviting the 24 to do focus groups. No, the community engagement was a big part of what we asked the vendor for. So they took on that responsibility and then worked with us to help identify, you know, how many should be involved in that process. I will tell you, having had it been summer, we ran into a lot of issues where people were on vacation and they weren't available and so that that kind of delayed a little bit of our process as well.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, mayor of the 11 of the 24, how are they selected? How are they nominated? How are they confirmed to be on that selection process?

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated I believe City manager's office worked with several organizations, community members, to identify those.

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City Manager Robert Layton stated I also consulted with Council members to make sure that we had representation from around the community for both.

Council Member Glasscock stated was it approved by the Council?

City Manager Robert Layton stated no.

Council Member Glasscock stated was that similar to the process in 2008 for you?

City Manager Robert Layton stated That I know you're not taking public comment right now, but Council Member Williams or Miss Williams would probably know a little bit better. It was a pretty significant cross section. Of community representatives. My recollection, and it was more than, you know, six or seven, they were pretty significant number of people involved in that steering committee and

Council Member Glasscock stated were those individuals confirmed by the Council. I. I don't know for sure. I'm going to guess that they were. But again, I wasn't here at the time, so I don't know

Mayor Wu stated since this process again has not occurred since 2008, I don't know who was around during that time. But part of community engagement and outreach has really been in the last 10 years that we are wanting more and more of that. So this is maybe not part of the 2008 process, but I'd like to know, did this potential city manager finalist that they get an opportunity to talk with community?

City Manager Robert Layton stated the system that we use for the police chief selection was a lot more robust. You're right, mayor. We met with the Citizens Committee. We met with the mayor and Council individually as well as as a group. We had a press conference, we had a public forum that was not real. Well attended. And it was also, I think, broadcast on the city's cable channel. And they took. Phone in questions as well. That's my recollection is how far we went with any kind of engagement.

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Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated I will add to that, Bob, we did do a Community survey that was on the website as well that the vendor did produce and it was produced in both English and Spanish and that went online very early on in the process. So it ran the entire time until we had finished all community engagement

Mayor Wu stated so that's why again step number one is a consultant and I think that that was one of the big questions I think community wanted to know how does this process really start and it really starts with hiring a consultant that their prime focus is in hiring, helping. With the hiring process of a City Manager. I will move to open up public comment. This is not typical for Council. Council business or Council topics, but I would like to hear from Community, especially since many of you are still here.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to open Public Comment.

Motion carried 7 to 0

LaVonta Williams addressed the City Council. yes, those times were very, very trying, but we did involve the community as much as we could. It was not an easy process and I think with you announcing one week and asking for everything to fall in place the next week, it's going to be awfully hard for you give the community and give even those that will be involved a little bit of. Time to still really digest what's going on. It has been 16 years. So to be able to say we want this, this and this is going to be awfully hard, I think you have people that have already started and I appreciate the comments that they have. But finding those pieces and putting them all in place, as you were saying this. Should be our first thing. This should be our next this. This is going to be ongoing and so as you have your district advisory boards even bring them in at an early pace, they know what's going on. So they should be ready to say something. At some particular time. But I would definitely say do not rush the process, get things in order before you just start accepting all of these comments. Making sure yes if there's an opportunity for some of those that were around at that time to sit down and have coffee with three of you at a time, possibly we could work it that way. But I would just suggest that it not be rushed.

Council Member Johnson stated just clarification on what you just said. Are you referring to the design of the RFP or after the firm is hired, taking our time to do all of that engagement?

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LaVonta Williams stated no, I think get all of your ducks in a row right now, OK? So if that is hiring the consultant, then start there, but then start putting things in order.

Mayor Wu stated while we're on the topic of a consultant, I'm gonna ask HR is it always typical to have a consultant or can this be done in house?

Jason, Human Resources Department, stated I've seen both, but larger cities like this one, it there's been been a consultant. So you could go out either way.

Mayor Wu stated and typically, what is the cost of a consultant if you can give me an estimate of how much it was for the city police chief?

Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated yeah, just a moment please. So the police chief search was about \$57,000 total and I think typically on average. Firms usually charge about 30% of the annual salary.

Mayor Wu stated and remind us, what is the annual salary of the current city manager? I don't have that handy.

City Manager Robert Layton stated approximately \$250,000.

Mayor Wu stated But \$250,000? So 30% of the \$250,000 is typical for a consultant to be hired.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, if I if I could. If you're going to place a heavy emphasis on community participation, maybe even use a survey like we did for the police chief, it will be on the higher end as this was, we could have done a lot less when we hired the police chief, but we thought max engagement was the important was important

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor, quick math. That's minimum of around 75,000. Is that currently budgeted in HR? Where does that come from? From Council budgets, that budget in HR, where are we getting the money currently allocated?

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Pam Pennington, Human Resources Department, stated great question. It's not an HR.

City Manager Robert Layton stated that would come out of the city manager's office.

Mayor Wu stated thank you very much. We'll continue with public comment. Former Sedgwick County Commissioner Karl Peterjohn.

Karl Peterjohn addressed the City Council and stated

Thank you, Madam Mayor. Council members I hadn't planned to come and talk on this, but. The devil is in the details and I would just be remiss if I didn't point out when you say we had a went to the city manager, former government in 1917 as a young man, I came to Wichita and I don't go quite back to 1978. But I do come back to 1978, when I moved to Wichita and City Council manager, former government that existed. At that time was a good deal different than what you have now, and so even though you could say yes, you have the. Manager, Mayor, council form. There have been some significant changes and I think it's good to have that institutional memory examined. I would also be remiss if I didn't point out while I had the privilege of serving Sedgwick County as a county Commissioner, we went through the county manager hiring process and we also went through the process. This on the Planning Commission side and when the Commissioners worked with the city manager and there's some similarities there and there's a great deal of institutional knowledge and experience that I think this Council can call upon on this and I think it would be wise to be able. To look at this broadly, because I'll just share this when we got the recommendation for the new county manager. And the finalist candidates, we actually changed the list some. And I think picking the firm that does the consulting and narrows the field down and provides recommendations to you, I mean it's real easy to throw out the folks who throw their resumes over the transom to be considered for city manager when they're written in Prands, but. But the serious candidates that process, it's important that you all have a good person that you're working with, with a track record, and it's closely examined. In that process, but I wanted to throw out that this is far from a unique experience and wish you well on that process. The devil will be in the details as usual, but that's I think that occurs on just about every one of your City Council agendas.

Mayor Wu stated I had a couple questions actually specifically to the county manager selection process. Did you guys use a consulting firm or did you do that in house?

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Karl Peterjohn stated we had a consulting firm.

Mayor Wu stated And again, maybe this is more of a question for HR. You mentioned there are two choices. Choosing a consultant or keeping it in house. Why is a consultant usually the route that Cities our size and counties, the Sedgwick County size usually go the consultant route.

Jason, Human Resources Department, stated . I think there are several reasons. I think a lot of times you may have internal applicants and as a result of that you would. Want an outside entity to kind of run the process so that everyone can say it's as fair as it was. It could possibly be. That's one reason. The other reason is the more engagement you decide you want, the more likely it is that a consultant will have gone through that very process and will be able to help you to identify the people that you want to participate. I think another reason for consultants is that again. It's been 16 years since the city of Wichita has done this, so an hour department will probably do this every six to 10 years. Whereas a consultant that's all they do. So they're they're ready to go. They have it. They have all the information together and so that I think those are some of the reasons that a consultant would be would be might be a better choice than than inside.

Mayor Wu stated a follow up question, since this will come out of the city manager's budget, is there enough money to hire a consultant? Mayor.

City Manager Robert Layton stated yes, there is. We'll have to make a budget adjustment in order to have that happen, but we do have sufficient funds for that.

Mayor Wu invited further public comment.

Helen Reicher address the City Council and stated Helen Reicher, District 1 when I was a member of Weiba, we had speakers that came out from the director of the NBC World Baseball Series, director of Exploration Place, and I believe the Executive Director of downtown Wichita Nonprofit. And they were all recruited from out of state. And I think that we hold a lot of value for those people to come here. We do have low. Sorry, I'm really nervous. We do have low cost of living here. They can get a giant house for what they could get a small house from where they

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were coming from. So I feel like there is a lot of hope and not that I don't. I want you guys to not look local, obviously. But I think there those organizations that show that there is a lot of promise to be found, a lot of talent that can be found. And I feel pretty confident that you guys could find a More than suitable city manager. To attract them. Here we have a lot to attract those people here for. Thank you.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you.I do think that there's a lot of validity.Thank you to all of the speakers of hiring a consultant.I think it will help us attract, excuse me, to be able to advertise it to a bigger pool of applicants.We just went through the process.None of the police chief, but also our Director of Public Works and we just hired a brand new director of Parks and Recreation and we used a consultant in this model.For all of it.So it seems to be a precedent that's working.If we do end up hiring someone local, it will also really validate the fact that we they went through the process.So I just think that having a consultant in this in this, you know as we move forward is going to be instrumental in helping us to be the most successful.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, mayor. I just wanted to say on the record I support a consultant as well and another benefit of a consultant.I believe we have with Chief Sullivan was a guarantee that if the final candidate didn't work out, we still had 12 months of service to use them again to find another one.So those things I think are beneficial and I'll be supportive of a consultant.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, mayor. I would just like to echo. The comments of Council Member Johnson and Tuttle, I do agree that a consultant is the best way to go and we have if we have local applicants, that is awesome, but at least for extending the net as wide as we can to see who is interested in moving. To Wichita.

Council Member Glasscock stated also in favor of a consultant.

Counsel Member Hoheisel stated ditto.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated I also favor hearing consultant and I think one of the advantages is they can recruit a successful manager from another city. That's probably maybe happy with

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their job, but present an opportunity to them. Well, thank you for the consensus over here. It looks like we have nobody else on the board that would like to speak, so this item will now come before us. For us next week on Tuesday, as a new business item, which then will allow for more public comment and this will be specifically about the consultant slash RFP process itself. I see no further comments.

- 2.) Approval to Exceed the Gift Limit, Established by the Ethics Ordinance, for Mayor Wu to Accept Travel and Expenses to Attend the APAICS Legislative Leadership Summit in Washington DC, on Monday May 12th, for the Purpose of Representing the City. The Legislative Leadership Summit is Hosted by the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS), for the Purpose of Education. The Estimated Gift Amount for Travel, Hotel, and Meals is \$909.00

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Mr. Clerk. I will just add a couple of comments regarding this exceeding of gift limit item. I was invited to participate as a panelist on a panel entitled Woven Together Strength in Community by the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies. This is going to be a discussion to explore pathways to leadership. Challenges in public service. And the broader impact of leaders at local and national levels, this panel will take place on Monday, May 12th, in Washington, DC. And all travel and accommodations for one night in DC. Are paid for again by the nonprofit Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the exceeding of the gift limit.

Motion carried 7 to 0

- 3.) Retroactively approve for Mayor Wu to attend the League of Kansas Municipalities Board Meeting in Emporia, KS on Friday, April 4, 2025. There will be no cost to the City for this travel.

Mayor Wu stated I will also add a couple comments regarding this. I am one of the board members for the League of Kansas Municipalities as the largest city in the state of Kansas. It is

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an honor to serve the city in that capacity and I travel to various parts of Kansas. To attend these board meetings in this past, one was on Friday in Emporia.

Motion:***Mayor Wu moved to*** approve the travel.

Motion carried 7 to 0

XI) COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Glasscock appointed I would like to appoint Jim Underwood to the Access Advisory Board and I would like to appoint Mark Walsh the CSBG open spot that I have.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, Mayor Jennifer, how do we go about the process for CRB since we have to do the background check, do I appoint now or do I? I believe the clerk's on the background check already.

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated That's a good question. I think we've done it both ways. I think we alert the staff and then the background check is run before you make the appointment.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Just add on what Jennifer just mentioned. I think we decided that we would not make a formal appointment until after they've cleared background checks.

Council Member Hoheisel stated okay. Yeah, alright. Thank you. No appointments here.

Motion:***Mayor Wu moved to*** approve all of the appointments.

Motion carried 7 to 0

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. Tonight is the opening game for Wichita Windsurge Gates open at 5:00. The first pitch is at 635. So hopefully we'll have a very robust season,

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encourage everyone to go down to Equity Bank Stadium and enjoy our local baseball team and just kind of the start and kickoff of not only spring, but then into summer.

Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, mayor. This Saturday at 9:30 at the Christian Faith Center off of East Pawnee, we will be having our district breakfast, the best breakfast in town. I don't know. I didn't get a try. JV's wife's cooking maybe. Yeah, that might tie for first. I'm 99.9% sure. Let's put it that way. We will be having representatives from the Emergency Response Center. We've gotten the tour, some of their facilities lately, with spring season coming along, tornadoes, who knows what else with the weather. I thought it would be a good time to bring them out and talk about some of their disaster planning and just what we can do on the ground if as affected residents and citizens of Wichita to help plan for that. So should be a great time. Please anybody, everybody's invited. It's not district centric, so if you're not doing anything Saturday morning, come on down and. Has some good food, not rabbit food like they do in District 1. Thank you.

Council Member Ballard stated have two things, and then a question. At Murdoch Park on Saturday, they're doing a tree distribution. They're handing out 55 free trees from 12:50. I overlap a little bit into 67214, so I'm sure Council Member Johnson will talk about that as well. Well, also Saturday, from six to seven is the big read at the Advanced Learning Library. So if you're interested in that, check that out and then I had a question either for legal or Bob, I'm not sure. Who but for example, on the Council member agenda where it says city manager selection process and local government discussion, is there a way that we could include? Who is requesting it? Or some type of. Description or something like that instead of just labeling city manager selection process just so it's a little bit cleaner for us and for the public. I don't know how my colleagues feel about that. I don't know if we need to make a motion for that or if this is appropriate or. I don't. I think you're right.

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney, stated I think you're right. The ordinance doesn't address it. I think it doesn't require motion. I think it's just a conversation on on process with with the city manager in putting together the agenda.

Council Member Ballard stated I think it would be nice just to include who is. Asking for whatever the item might be and just a little description, much like we do for the travel, just so the

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public knows a little bit and. We know a little bit more details going into agenda review. Anybody have any problems or questions about that? OK.

Council Member Johnson stated I agree with that. I'm fine with putting my name on something if I asked for it. Do I have to push back on Council member Ohio? So we had pancakes at our district one breakfast because we had the city manager. It's great and everybody ate. We ran out of food because everybody ate and it was so delicious.

Council Member Hoheisel stated so Bob, next district Breakfast, does that mean you're coming down South to? Not compare anyway.

City Manager Robert Layton stated they were short on food, he didn't feed me.

Council Member Hoheisel stated oh, that District 1 hospitality that geez Louise.

Council Member Johnson stated But we had a great breakfast, Bob, I appreciate you coming. It was. It was good to see

Mr. Roseboro shake your hand. That was a great moment, but we had a great breakfast, great budget, presentation and conversation. So appreciate Bob being there and everybody showing up for that.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, mayor. I will ask any Council member if they'd had 86 people more than 86 people to breakfast. You think so? Hmm. I'll. I'll head. Count your head count next time, OK? I will also point out that the West Link Library opened two weeks ago and had one over 1000 more checkouts than the Advanced Learning Library did, so we're not comparing ourselves against other libraries now we're doing, I guess the Advanced Learning Library. So it is absolutely wonderful. It's a beautiful library. People absolutely love it, so they did a great job with that renovation and. And lastly, I cannot go without saying that March Madness was won by by me. So thank you.

Council Member Glasscock stated I will say the non sports person. It took a second, so I count that as actual win. How'd Mike do? I'm just glad I beat Mike.

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Council Member Hoheisel stated thank you, mayor. I humbly eat some crow next year. It'll be a different story. Congratulations on your 99. 9%. Thank you. Being in the top . 1%, of course you choose the Chalkiest tournament that's ever happened, but no congratulations. And Alton, congratulations to you. Next year, maybe you guys can choose on something besides uniforms or mascots or whatever. Black magic you guys use to get it done this year, but I I got that chip on my shoulder. So next year I'm I'm watching every basketball game I can up until the turn. It'll probably change completely next year, so probably, but congratulations, Vice Mayor.

Council Member Johnson stated To the vice mayor's point, I just want to say that it is. Awesome to watch the conversation around investment in our branch libraries turn into a plan and now seeing them being constructive all over the city. The improvements having the Walters Library, I just. I remember those conversations years ago and now seeing it happen is is awesome and seeing people really take advantage of them. So I love to see that. Looking forward to seeing more of them, but it's just great to see that go from conversation to reality.

Motion:***Mayor Wu moved to adjourn.***

Motion carried 7 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Leeker, City Clerk

Adjournment**ATTACHMENT 1 - CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11**

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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 April 8, 2025.docx](#)

2) Preliminary Estimates:

a.) Preliminary Estimates

Attachment: [PEsforCC_04-08-25.pdf](#)

b.) Preliminary Estimates for paving improvements to serve Towne Parc 10th Addition, Phase 2 (District II)

Attachment: [E4149 PV Towne Parc 10th Addn Ph 2 NTBA.doc](#)

Attachment: [E4149 PV Towne Parc 10th Ph 2 Addn NTBA.doc](#)

c.) Preliminary Estimates for water improvements to serve Towne Parc 10th Addition, Phase 2 (District II)

Attachment: [E4150 WDS Towne Parc 10th Addn Ph 2 NTBA.doc](#)

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Attachment: [E4150 WDS Towne Parc 10th Ph 2 Addn NTBA.doc](#)

3) Agreements/Contracts:

- a.) Water Service Agreement with the City of Andover, Rural Water District #5 and 21st Street, LLC

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

Attachment: [Andover RWD#5 and 21st LLC.pdf](#)

- b.) Supplemental Agreement No. 2 Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Water Pipe Evaluation (All Districts)

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

Attachment: [4.18.2025 - NOI DIST PCCP Replacements\(All Districts\) Amended.docx](#)

Attachment: [SA No. 2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-163 Supplementing Resolution No. 23-414 Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Water Pipe Evaluation.docx](#)

4) Design Services Agreements:

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- a.) Capital Improvement Projects Design Agreements (Districts II and V)

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

Attachment: [Agmt_21st119thSt.Teresa_Signed.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Agmt_127th13thDouglas_Signed.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Agmt_WebbCentral13th_SignByLaw.pdf](#)

- b.) Design Agreement for Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Improvements to Serve Pegasus Addition (District II)

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

Attachment: [Agmt_PegasusAddn_WM_SS LS_Signed.pdf](#)

5) Minutes of Advisory Boards/Commissions:

- a.) Board of Appeals of Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, Warm Heating and Boilers Meeting Minutes Feb. 6, 2025

Attachment: [Board of Appeals Minutes Feb. 6, 2025.pdf](#)

Uncategorized Items:

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6.) Sale of City-owned Property at 750 East Pawnee Avenue (District III)

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

Attachment: [Real estate agreement - 750 E Pawnee.pdf](#)

Attachment: [750 E Pawnee map.pdf](#)

7.) Revisions to the Wichita Transit Transportation Agency Safety Plan

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-164 Approving the Wichita Transit Authority Agency Safety Plans.docx](#)

Attachment: [Final Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Ver-4.0 3-25-2025.pdf](#)

8) Second Reading Ordinances:

- a.) ORDINANCE NO. 52-636 AN ORDINANCE MAKING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO PAY FOR THE BOARDING-UP AND SECURING OF CERTAIN STRUCTURES, BEING DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE BUILDINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN DECLARED A NUISANCE (BUILDING EMERGENCY BOARD-UP) UNDER THE PROVISION OF SECTIONS 18.16.010 TO 18.16.090 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS An ordinance adding special assessments for properties declared a nuisance for building emergency board-up.

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Attachment: [List of Second Read Ordinances April 8, 2025.docx](#)

II) CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.) SUB2023-00002 - Plat of Betzen Addition Located on the East Side of South Rock Road and a Quarter Mile North of East 39th Street South (District II) (District II)

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

Attachment: [Drive Approach Closure Certificate.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Encroachment Agreement.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Certificate of Petition.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Restrictive Covenant_Narrow ROW.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Restrictive Covenant_HOA.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Avigational Easement and Restrictive Covenant.pdf](#)

- 10.) SUB2023-00064 - Plat of Reber 3rd Addition Located at the South Side of East Central Avenue and One Quarter Mile West of North 143rd Street East (District II)

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

Attachment: [Water Meter Removal Certificate.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Certificate of Petition.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Restrictive Covenant - Narrow ROW.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Restrictive Covenant - HOA.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Restrictive Covenant - Private Street.pdf](#)

II) **CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA ITEMS**

11.) Sale of 2350 South Walnut Street (District IV)

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

Attachment: [Real estate agreement - 2350 S Walnut Villagrana.pdf](#)

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