

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Wichita, Kansas, July 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, City Attorney, and Paul Leeker, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Approve the minutes of regular meeting July 1, 2025

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve the minutes of regular meeting July 1, 2025
Motion carried 6 to 0

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations:

- 1.) Guadalupe Clinic's 40th Anniversary

- 2.) Wichita Lineman Day

Awards:

- 1.) Recognition of WSU Tech Students National Recognition at the 2025 SkillsUSA Championship

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Council Member Glasscock stated I just have one brief comment especially for. This past December, I had the chance to be in the Philippines representing country on behalf of the State Department. We met the election Commissioner of the country of the Philippine. I presented a flag flown over or flag from Wichita on behalf of the city and the first and only thing the election Commissioner knew about Wichita was Wichita lineman and. Started singing it just in the room, in front of everybody. And so I just wanted to pass it along that I know you had said the reach is far. But the reach is far and Glenn is seen as representative of Wichita across the world. So thank you and thank you for being here.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, Mayor. I also want to talk to the the Campbells, the best concert I ever saw was John Denver at the Kansas Coliseum and John Denver played for about an hour and 15 minutes. Out there and immediately saw Glen Campbell sitting in the front row, called him up and they sang songs, made-up songs for another hour. And then there's another hour and 15 minutes. Three and half hour concert. So it was fun to see Glenn Campbell up there with John Denver, another icon, and that really both of them enjoyed each other so much and had such a great time. I still remember it today, so thank you.

I) PUBLIC AGENDA1.) Arthur Stokes - Black Mold

Arthur Stokes addressed the City Council and stated good morning, crew. My City Council crew. My first few moments us will be a moment of silence for the storm victims in Texas and the campground girls that all disappeared. And you know, it's just so many people, affected families. And there was a little girl that drowned, died from Arkansas in Florida, Destin Beach. They never recovered herself. I'm gonna give credence to that. Thank you. This morning I had. We review. We were looking at the Titanic and. Hop arise in not just looking at all of us really have a Titanic, you know, none of us in here are perfect, and none of us in here are going to be without problems and. I've always wanted to get into the Titanic and you know that's a good topic. You know it. It shows a lot of. How things are created and built and I already had talked about the the people that were on the Titanic. Thomas Andrews, Macy's owner, is it or Stratus? And all of these people would were there as this unfolded and the the destruction and the sinking of the Titanic. And I'm gonna start, I think just looking at this, this portion it was. It was like the designer assess the damaged and in the in the process they had saw that there was a bird. They had been worn, but

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instead they got. They got, they got faster, they got louder, they were not listening. They were not communicating, you know, this is something that have to happen in any situation. There have to be some communication. So I'm gonna start, it says in the crow's nest. Two lookouts shivered as they peered into the night. The air temperature is around freezing. Had there been a moon, they would have seen the folds already off to the sides. Had there been a win form from breaking against, the ice would have shown up against the white in the starlights. But the sky was moonless and the sea. Dead flat just before 11:40, about a mile South of the Grand Bank of Newfoundland Lookout, Frederick fleet squinted into the night and noticed that on the horizon ahead, the stars stared to **** out. Then he began to discern the shape, perhaps 1/4 mile away. Fleet ring the Crow's Nest bell and telephone the bridge iceberg. Right ahead, he cried. The officer in charge immediately sign signal full speed or a stern. To the engine room and directed the wheelman to turn. Hard aboard the Crow's nest lookout, braced for a collision, but slowly the ship began to turn and slide by the iceberg. A wall of ice like a wind jammer. With sails and colors of wet canvas as one report put it, move past the starboard railing, chunks fell into the deck. Some passengers playfully threw pieces of it at one another. Then the ice struck too many. It didn't seem much that. A jar. Certainly not hard enough for a worry. In seconds, the ice disappeared into the darkness of stern. But in sweltering boiler room between the ball and Miss Midship, a geyser of water was drowning strokers as they leapt through a quicker closing watertight door. In the next compartment to water was gushing in when the Titanic design. Andrew. Assessed the damage. It was already sinking in. They were thinking that they had three days, that they could stay afloat, and if they hadn't been out there with no communication. With the Californian, none of that would have even occurred. It wouldn't even got there for so. That's four. I got into that. This is the interesting lesson. I just. I quit right there for the moment. So disaster has happened. My disasters has happened. I'm here. I'm glad to be here this morning. Y'all got questions for me.

2.) Bill Anderson – ICE and WPD

Bill Anderson addressed the City Council and stated hello. Can everybody hear me? Good 'cause. I got a big fat voice here. Good morning. It looks like I see all my friendly faces. It occurred to me this morning that perhaps we ought to go bowling together. This would be. Imagine that. And Bob, you could come too. But anyhow, my name is Bill Anderson. I live at 1227 Jefferson. It's in Wichita. I'm in Maggie's district. Say hey married lady. Congratulations. The pictures I saw were wonderful. You're beaming. It looks good. This would be real quick. I'm here today to ask you not to enter into any program with ICE. You know ICE which would permit Wichita police to assist ICE in their activities in Wichita. At a recent constitutional forum in Lawrence, I learned of ICE program 287 G. Which permits law enforcement to perform ice functions. I'm not a lawyer, so I can't regale you with the ins and outs of this, and this may not be the only program. This is when I learned about at the forum. So if there's been any discussion about permitting this to happen, please make it public. We need to know if anybody here is supporting that. It'd be terrible. I'm not going to. The cons of this are just innumerable, so I thank you very much for that one last thing. The slaughter, the war crimes in Gaza and Palestine continue. Please use your voices in any way you can to speak out against this. Thank you very much.

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Mayor Wu requested that 3a and 7 be pulled.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 11, with the exceptions of II-3a and II-7.
Motion carried 7 to 0

Mayor Wu stated We'll begin with II-3a. Public Works director Gary Janssen, can you please give us an update regarding the new water treatment plan? What mechanical issue identified that have delayed the completion of the project?

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities Department, stated good morning, Mayor and Council Members. Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities. So, the delay that's referenced in this specific item is related to some mechanical issues with the six clarifiers that are part of the new treatment plant clarification is one of the major components of the treatment process and we had several mechanical issues with those clarifiers. Those repairs have effectively been completed at this time at no cost to the City. What we call confidence testing has resumed to make sure that the clarifiers are going to operate. That the repairs will do what they're supposed to do, so that these clarifiers will work again the way they were. So far things going pretty well, moving through different parts of that process. Once we get confidence testing completed we would move on to what would be final performance and acceptance testing of the entire plant and the entire process. So as of right now, we still intend that the City take full ownership of the facility by the end of this year.

Mayor Wu stated we've also gotten a couple of questions regarding Cheney. Can you please address the difference between the current Cheney levels versus the 12 month average?

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities Department, stated so as everybody's aware, Cheney is nearly back to conservation pool. It was within half a foot for sure. We get some intermittent rains here and there and we're starting to see the impacts of evaporation already. So it kind of steadied out at the moment. Current level is 97% give or take, but the 12 month running average which we've talked about since we've been in drought restrictions, even with stage one is currently about 63%. Our projections if we were to, if Cheney stays at the current level more or less, but basic conservation pool as we would get back to 90% on the 12 month average sometime next spring, probably around March. We feel it's important to stay the course with that 12 month running average before lifting drought restrictions and watering restrictions as we have in place now. Needless to say, we'll really keep a close eye on things and see what happens.

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Over the last two years, especially if we look at weather data from then, we've lost up to two to three feet of elevation in just in July alone . So as we head into the hottest months of the year, not knowing what's going to happen with precipitation and particularly. We certainly want to avoid. We want to look for some stability and avoid the chance that we hop in and out of drought restrictions. So for right now, I I really think we need to hang on.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, if I could. Just a reminder that we're going to have a much more detailed of our current situation and some conservation measures we'd like to bring forward to the Council at the workshop on July 22nd.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, Mayor. I know we've talked about in the past about the. What's what I'm trying to think of the. Oh my gosh, I'm drawing a blank. Uh. The when we take over like the what's the right word? I'm so sorry. I'm trying to think. We talked about it before JB was not in favor for it. I'm sorry to throw you under the bus. The warranties. We will still not start those warranties/ extended warranties and take over. Is that correct?

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities Department, stated more or less, yes, particularly with the repair. Those are some of the details we're still working through.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, mayor. I just looked it up. Cheney is . 43 hundredths of an inch below normal, so I get this question every day at the YMCA about Cheney and the water plant. So anyway, people can track it. Just go to the Cheney Lake Reservoir water level and you can pull it up and find out where it's at. So thank you.

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities Department, stated not to split hairs, Vice Mayor, but that's 43 hundredths of a foot. Just to be clear, which is around the half a foot that I was talking about. So it's at this point in time, for all intents and purposes, back to conservation pool

Vice Mayor Johnston stated it doesn't say that, but I'll believe you.

Council Member Tuttle stated and on this note, just anyone can go to save wichitawater.com at any time and not only does it the 12 month average which is the most important factor I think to look at this. But also just to keep people vigilant about conservation. We're still in water restrictions one day. We. Tips that you can you can utilize to make sure that you know you're following guidelines. And as I mentioned, stay incredibly vigilant about water conservation even when Cheney looks great, it may not in the future. So thank you for all you do and for all your team.

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Mayor Wu stated and I'll just round out one more question. Since we're talking about the water treatment plant, can you tell us one more time the importance of this new water treatment plant in helping us stave off some of the drought worries that we have, but also helps us with two different water types, sure.

Gary Janzen, Public Works & Utilities Department, stated sure. You know, one of the biggest values of this treatment plant when it's fully operational is flexibility in being able to treat our water sources. So right now we're in the future, we will continue to treat probably some blend of raw water from both Cheney as our surface water supply and from the aquifer. Our current plant has some restrictions based on how it was built. The technology at the time, especially related to filtration that were limited on the amount of groundwater we can treat. We can treat 100% surface water at the current plant, but we can only treat limited ground water. It limits our flexibility. This new plant will have the ability if Cheney is not available, to treat 100% of ground water. That is really important for long term resilience in concert forward and our ability to continue to extend our public water supply.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve Consent Agenda Item II-3a.

Motion carried 7 to 0

Mayor Wu stated we will now go to Consent Agenda Item II-7. My questions for consent agenda item number seven are can you please provide an inventory of the number of buses vans as in its fleet for the local match dollars be accounted for in the training budget that will be proposed on? And, Penny, can you please provide an update on the implementation of network plan?

Penny Feist, Wichita Transit Department, stated of course. Good morning, Mayor City Council, Penny Feist, Wichita Transit. We have 50 buses in the fleet. Eleven of those are electric. We have 38 vans. Eight of those are electric and once those are in service, which is expected in September, we'll look at the current inventory of vans to see if any can be retired due to aging. For question number two, yes, the local match is in the proposed budget that you'll be seeing. It's gonna be in the CIP due to. The date of this NAFO coming out, which was just in May, it's not going to be an exact amount, but through discussion with finance, we've. And then there will be an item coming before the City Council. To move forward with the next, the transit network plan, which as mentioned is implementation. So that should be here before the end of the month with the Multimodal facility which is opening next year.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

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Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to approve Consent Item II-7.

Motion carried 7 to 0

COUNCIL BUSINESS

III) **BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS**

- 1.) Board of Bids and Contracts dated July 7, 2025.

Josh Lauber, Department of Finance, presented the Item.

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 - NONE**

V) **UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- 1.) Public Hearing and Request by Hill Haus, LLC for Approval of a Letter of Intent to Issue Multifamily Residential Revenue Bonds (District I)

Attachment: Agenda Report V-1.docx

Attachment: Resolution No. 25-260 Multifamily Revenue Bonds.docx

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Attachment: [Letter of Intent Public Hearing and Request by Hill Haus, LLC.docx](#)

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, presented the Item.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you. This is more of an observation. During this process, I learned a new term that now I am stealing of “workforce housing”. I had not heard that before. So I did a little research, AKA the Google before and workforce housing refers options for affordable housing for those with moderate incomes. But we also have to think about those who have jobs and still struggling. And usually it's between 60% and 120% of the median income. So just a new term that now I'm I'm stealing and really appreciative and extremely thankful that the applicant is also thinking of this segment of our community that desperately needs housing. So thank you.

Mayor Wu stated I know that this item was supposed to come before us a few weeks ago. Can you tell us one more time what was the reason why it got delayed?

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, stated here was a discrepancy in the address. Previously, we had notified that the address was 220 S. Hillside, and as it was brought to our attention that was not the correct address in our public notice documents, we elected to pull that from the Council agenda and sort of start over. No fault of anybody other than just a miscommunication between when the application came in and when the cost benefit analysis was conducted. There was miscommunication between the address of 220 S. Hillside versus the actual address, which is 200 S. Hillside. So we started the process over again to make sure that there was no miscommunication.

Mayor Wu stated I know that this is now, I think, the third instance where I know an address has been either the number has been transposed or the number is incorrect on an address on the consent agenda, we actually had an item where the plot of land was a different number. So I just want to caution staff to be very cognizant that those numbers need to be accurate. So then we don't have delays in issues like this. And I wanted to be transparent in understanding why it was delayed, that it was not because of any issues with the actual project, but rather the address was wrong.

The next question I have, I don't know if the applicant is here but would like to understand the reason why they have chosen workforce housing as a focus. Because we do want more of that in our Community, we want all types of housing. And so if we could have the applicants share the reason why workforce housing and also share. The approximate rents that you're aiming to share with the community.

Sam Jones, Hill Haus, stated this project is one that we've been perfecting and designing, and we've noticed, especially in Wichita, there seems to be a gap between new build apartments and things that are truly affordable that are under \$1000 in rent. And there really isn't much inventory for new build apartments that are sub 1000 rents. Our aim is to rent these below \$1000 a month average rent across the

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board. We achieve that by material choices. We've got some internal business connections that allow us to source certain materials for less expensive than would normally be able to be sourced. Then also we're building these in neighborhoods that are really walkable. We aren't putting amenities into the projects which say and we're able to pass that on to the renter and we kind of view the neighborhood itself as the amenity.

Mayor Wu stated definitely an amenity. College Hill is a great neighborhood in Council Member Johnson's district. Its a great neighborhood. So are there plans for more workforce housing around the city of Wichita?

Sam Jones, Hill Haus, stated yes. So we are planning too. As long as the kind of site that we feel like this project's appropriate and as long as there is a need for inventory, we plan on continuing to replicate this project.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Johnson stated thank you, mayor. Really happy to see two things. One this type of workforce housing being built here in the community is definitely a need as we need more housing opportunities. But for us as a city working to incentivize in some way using IRB tool or any other tool that we can are getting these types of homes. Built and living opportunities, I'd love to see this. I'm glad to know that there's more coming down the pipeline. And I hope to continue to see these, especially new builds at \$1000 a month or around that. That is excellent. Especially with some of the quality of housing situations that we've seen in this Community, this type of thing is what we need for. I'm glad to. See that. Always glad to see it in district. With that, I would move that the City Council close the public hearing, adopt the resolution and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion:

Council Member Johnson moved to close the public hearing, adopt the resolution and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

- 2.) [Lease Agreement for City-Owned Property at 307-309 North Mead \(District VI\)](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Report V-2.doc](#)

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Attachment: [Sabor NNN Lease Agreement 2025.pdf](#)

Gerri Ford, City Manager's Office, presented the Item.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Gerri. Questions for staff. I see none. I have one question for the group that is here. I just wanted to hear what you're seeing in terms of demand for these types of spaces in the Old Town area, given that there have been a lot of different activities going on in the Downtown/Old Town district.

Craig Glass, Landmark Commercial Real Estate, stated morning, Mayor. As far as activity, we know that the existing tenants have been there for quite some time. With the marketing, we have seen a little bit of activity. Unfortunately, our agent is not available at this time.

Mayor Wu stated is it still sought after location?

Craig Glass, Landmark Commercial Real Estate, stated what I'm seeing, we've had a little bit of interest, some questions, but right now the center is full full capacity. So the marketing, it does not show any vacancies at this time, but we know that can change.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Ballard stated

Motion:

Council Member Ballard moved to approve the lease agreement and authorize the necessary signatures.
Motion carried 7 to 0

VI) NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

- 1.) 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Attachment: [Agenda Report VI-1.docx](#)

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Attachment: [City of Wichita, KS 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.pdf](#)

Mark Manning, Department of Finance, presented the Item.

Brian Stavenger, Partner at Eide Bailly, presented the ACFR.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Just like we talked about yesterday, I'd like to go from page A5 over the next 400 pages, line by line. No, I just wanted to say it's really good to see the work again. Any issues that we talked about yesterday, everything was addressed. I'm glad to see that our staff does a wonderful job with our finances and continuing to see how good we look as a city. So appreciate your time and efforts. And, of course, our finance team for working on this and everyone else.

Mayor Wu stated I too will chime in and just thank Mark and his team as well as Brian and Eide Bailly. But also would like to recognize that we have an internal audit team that does a great job. Thank you to Kristina Rose and her team. And so I am very appreciative that we not only have an external audit, but we also have internal audits and that is again a great thing for our city. So that we are making sure that we are compliant. But also. So making sure that we're trying to excel in the City of Wichita and it's 16 different departments. So with that, I will move to receive and file the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2024.

City Manager Robert Layton stated Mayor, before you approve, I just want to add one more thanks. And that's Nikki Babcock, who really coordinates the team and puts in long hours in order to get us again. I think it's important that she be recognized for that.

Mayor Wu stated thank you to Nikki.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to receive and file the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

Motion carried 7 to 0

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- 2.) Public Hearing and Request by Forty-Five Enterprises, LLC dba Leadfoot Express and Leadfoot Solutions for Approval of Letter of Intent to Issue Industrial Revenue Bonds (District IV)

Attachment: Agenda Report VI-2.docx

Attachment: Resolution No. 25-310 Construction and Equipping of an Addition to an Existing Facility.docx

Attachment: Letter of Intent Public Hearing and Request by Forty-Five Enterprises, LLC, DBA Leadfoot Express and Leadfoot Solutions.docx

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, presented the Item.

Council Member Glasscock stated Thank you, Mayor. Troy, I know that this is applicant is also taking the steps to do a special assessment.

Troy Anderson, Assistant City Manager, stated I'll have to get back to you on that.

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works & Utilities Department, stated that's OK. Thanks. Good morning, Paul Gunzelman Public works utilities for the record, I believe you're talking about the paving petition that was presented last week. Yes, special assessments and I believe that estimate was \$200,000.

Council Member Glasscock stated and it's covered by the applicant special assessment.

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works & Utilities Department, stated yes. And there there was a a benefit district. So there is one other party within that petition as well, yes.

Mayor Wu stated any further questions for staff? I will just ask the applicant to come forward and just share. I know that 26 new jobs will be generated and we are always looking for businesses that want to continue expanding or relocating to Wichita. So can you tell us this growth plan?

Sean Babjak, Leadfoot Express and Leadfoot Solutions, stated absolutely. Good morning, council. Thanks for having us up here. Yeah. So the company was acquired by the current ownership team. Since then, the

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company's at least tripled since then. Last year, we brought on a middle manufacturing shop to kind of also bolt onto our creating shop between the two of those companies, we project significant increase in revenues with our existing customer base and also customer base outside of the state of Kansas. And that's in conjunction with our courier and trucking company as well.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I did just want to highlight some of the cost-benefit analysis. One of them was 31 to 1, some of them were close to, 7 to 1, and there are a lot of returns type of investments. So I want to thank you for your leadership. I know that I've been out to your location. I think maybe twice to look at different properties and you are investing in Wichita, you're investing in South Wichita and so thank you. Appreciate it

Motion:

Council Member Glasscock moved to close the public hearing, adopt the resolution and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

3.) Design Concept and Funding for Mt. Vernon and Hydraulic Intersection (District III)

Attachment: Agenda Report VI-3

Attachment: Resolution No. 25-311 Mt. Vernon and Hydraulic Intersection Improvements (472-2023-085952).docx

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works & Utilities Department, presented the Item.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

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Motion:

Council Member Hoheisel moved to approve the design concept and revised budget, adopt the amending resolution and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion carried 7 to 0

- 4.) Amendments to Chapter 4.08 of the Code of the City of Wichita Relating to the Creation of a Common Consumption Area for the Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor

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

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-760 Creation of a Common Consumption Area.docx](#)

Attachment: [Ordinance No. 52-760 Creation of a Common Consumption Area DELINEATED 6.26.2025.docx](#)

Sharon Dickgrafe, Department of Law, presented the Item.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Sharon. I have one quick question. I want to thank you. I want to thank the Police Department. I want to thank everybody else that was involved in the couple months to bring this day. I know it was a lot of work, so thank you for that. If this were to pass today, how long do we think it would take for the city to present a permit application that could be approved by the City Council?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Department of Law, stated I think staff would need some sort of direction as to exactly what the area would be that you're talking about, and then we would need determine what security we would have, if any, where those signage would be. We'd have to lay out a map. I would say probably 30 days and I'm going to look at Isaac 30 days, 30 days.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you. Would you need that direction from Council today about the general location? Or is that something based on conversations with Delano merchants that we could move forward drawing up a permit application already without direction from the Council?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Department of Law, stated I think Steph needs some direction from Council as to what what all they want to included in that area. I know generally the discussion was generally Seneca to the

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river and then carve out a way to get to the ballpark. If that's the general direction staff can work with that. But I do think we need some direction on it, how far North and South you expect the area to go. Simply saying Seneca to the rivers is pretty vague.

Council Member Glasscock stated would that need to be in formalized language as part of my motion?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Department of Law, stated it could be or it can be a direction from the Council to the Manager and then we bring back what options we we would have.

Council Member Tuttle stated thank you, Sharon. Thank you for all your work in this and. For bringing this to our attention. I have many questions, but it seems like, well, how many signs will there be in? How will they be posted? And so, but it sounds like instead of going through all my questions now, probably better to wait until the next time this comes to us. Is that when I'm hearing?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Department of Law, stated that would be entirely up to you. We can answer what we can answer.

Council Member Tuttle stated but through the process, we'll learn more about the boundaries and OK, when I met with with Council Member Glasscock and the Wichita Police Department. Lots of questions that would just, you know, like to bring to the public. So I will pause my questions until the next phase of this project. But thank you again for all your work.

Mayor Wu stated thank you, Sharon. I have a specific question, so there are three cities in the state of Kansas that currently that permit. Is that correct?

Sharon Dickgrafe, Department of Law, stated there's actually more than that.

Mayor Wu stated can you tell us exactly how many? Because our green sheet only shows three.

Sharon Dickgrafe, Department of Law, stated I just named 3. Lenexa has one Overland Park I believe has one. Topeka has one Manhattan just recently got one in their downtown core area. There are a number of smaller cities that have areas frankly around their VFW club that they have opened up. But I I would say there's probably somewhere between 11 and 15 that I can locate ordinances on.

Mayor Wu stated and in those instances the. What was the insurance cost for them? Were you able to find out how much their insurance?

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Sharon Dickgrafe, Department of Law, stated that varied depending upon what risk the entity would take. Topeka did not get any additional insurance coverage. Is the information that I received and they are essentially relying on the Tort Claims Act, that there is a cap in the Tort Claims Act of \$500,000. My conversations with Manhattan were that their insurance brokers thought that they were adequately covered. The rest of them I did not specifically ask that information. A couple of the cities and I want to say Lenexa, their common consumption areas are on property already owned by the city.

Mayor Wu stated thank you. And again, the estimate is the the \$25,000 per year, but that's just an initial estimate. You don't have actual specific amounts.

Sharon Dickgrafe, Department of Law, stated no, because we didn't apply for insurance and it would depend whether we are talking about one in Delano or one in every quadrant. It's it's going to vary depending upon how many are approved and how large those areas are.

City Manager Robert Layton stated and to repeat what Sharon said before, we'll have a lot more details when we bring the Delano common consumption application to the we're talking about charging a fee to participating businesses that will be included. Again, details on signage. And there are other technicalities on a common consumption area. The cups and everything else. So we'll all that information will be provided to you in detail.

Mayor Wu stated thank you. And again, the Delano District covers 2 council members districts. It's both in District IV, under Council Member Glasscock and District VI under Council member Ballard, so I will refrain from asking further questions until we get through this.

Mayor Wu invited public comment. No one came forward.

Council Member Glasscock stated I will defer to Councilman Ballard. She has comments.

Council Member Ballard stated thank you, mayor. Thank you to staff and everybody that has worked on this. Especially Council Member Glascock, I am excited to explore. My only concern is. I don't want to. I want to make sure that we're working closely with WPD. I don't want to create a space where, we're working so hard on the mental health crisis. That we're dealing with in our city, and I certainly don't want to create a space where it might target people to go to an area and then the police are not able to operate. So I am absolutely willing to look at a pilot and see what happens. I'm excited. For you know to do something different in this area as especially. As we finish start the development around the ball field, I think it could be something really fun. I just want to make that we aren't thinking about all the way through as we push forward on this potential project.

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Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. I want to thank everybody that's been. February of last year to look at and so thank you to staff for your diligent work. I think we've answered a lot of the concerns that we worked with Wichita Police Department on as well. I want to thank all the businesses that have engaged in the process so far and again we have another step to move forward, but this is step in the direction I want to specifically thank the Monarch, with Sharper and Company, Vagabond and a lot of other conversations. Also, that other small business owners in Delano about the possibility of moving forward with this project. My research showed it was more than more than a dozen to two dozen common consumption areas that are in the state with very little problems. I know Shawnee County has two and that's where I was really inspired to bring forward this idea of looking at Topeka's downtown core and how it's created this vibrancy along their Main Street and seeing how we can create Delano as unique destination for our community as well. For me, this isn't just about carrying a drink, it's about walkable. Connect a neighborhood that supports small businesses, enhances tourism and also gives people the ability to linger, live and invest in Delano. And I think this is just one step that can separate this part of our community and make it a destination center as well. So I look forward to working with staff on bringing a permit application and so I'm going to try to craft a motion

Motion:

Council Member Glasscock moved to place the ordinances on first reading and authorize the necessary signatures and direct staff to move forward with a permit application for a common consumption district in Delana that would run around the borders of Seneca to the river, from alley to alley, and to connect to the ball stadium and work on a permit application that includes those boundaries or about those boundaries that could be brought forward to the City Council.

Motion carried 7 to 0

COUNCIL BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY CITY AUTHORITIES**PLANNING AGENDA****VII) NON-CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA - NONE****HOUSING AGENDA**

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Mayor Wu stated we'll begin with Councilmember agenda. I did not put this on the agenda, but I think that it warrants a discussion. We just celebrated America's 249th birthday last week, and there's a major movement to celebrate America's 20th birthday next year. It's called America 250 and so wanted to hear. This council. And what efforts we can do? I know that Wichita, when America celebrated its 200th birthday, one of the big initiatives was the Mid-American All Indian Center. And so as well as the Keeper. So I wanted to hear your thoughts about how to celebrate America's 250th.

Council Member Hoheisel stated how about all the Council lines up and sings Wichita Line Man? Well, I want to hear JV belt it out.

Council Member Glasscock stated thank you, Mayor. Thanks for bringing this up. I do think we should form a Commission, figure out what it looks like to celebrate 250 for community. I think that shouldn't involve community members and maybe that's how we can start is bring. List of individuals that could be voted by the Council to a temporary Commission to plan 250 celebrations for 2026, but I'd be interested in future discussions and how we can maybe leverage things that the Community's already doing. I know the 250 celebration. Is to celebrate America's stories. So how can maybe we celebrate Wichita's contributions to the American story? How can we elevate Wichita's stories? I think that's something that this Council should look at and should be here to celebrate our country

Council Member Tuttle stated I have some ideas, but I'm probably ready to share them publicly. I didn't know we're gonna do this today, so I maybe need a little bit more, but just a historical note and Bob or Council Member Johnson. I know that Park and Rec was responsible for pulling together a committee. I think I served on that before I was on Council and then while I was on Council. So I like the idea of

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forming a committee that is community based. Last time, just a thought. And sorry to give Reggie and his team more work.

Council Member Hoheisel stated I agree with the committee. I and I think Park and Rec would be a good place to run that. Indian Museum also Cowtown would be great too. Just reflective of our past. But honestly, any number of our museums and public spaces should be open to it. A series of events. It doesn't even necessarily have to be one week in around the 4th. But so yeah, let's have this discussion. And think on it for a bit and continue to move forward with it.

Vice Mayor Johnston stated thank you, mayor. Unfortunately, I'm only one that can remember the 200th. So but I agree that 200th was a year long celebration. Both nationally and locally, Wichita did a lot of things during that time. It was really pretty cool and I think we should be able to do that again. I agree, maybe it's parks and Recs, some kind of Commission to get that together and get it going. I'm very much in favor of that.

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, mayor. I agree and would love to see the committee extend an invitation to U.S. President Barack Obama to come to Wichita since his mom is from here.

Mayor Wu stated any other comments? I would really just encourage the Community to reach out to your Council members ideas. Also, if you're interested in helping out. Also reminding us if there are any big milestones that are happening next year that could be incorporated with year long celebration, but you can. Please find our contact information at Wichita.gov/CityCouncil and you can reach out to your Council member and share your ideas and your feedback about celebrating America's. Thank you for having that open discussion and I appreciate seeing that there is an interest in forming either a committee or a Commission. I know at the state level, Representative Susan Estes is heading the Americas 250th. Celebration for the state of Kansas. And so we will work closely with her and I know that there are other cities here in Kansas that want to celebrate together. So I encourage that and look forward to more conversations regarding this. But again, please contact your Council member through Wichita.gov/City Council. We'll now move to Council member appointments. Are there any? I see none. We will now move to Council Member Comments. Council member Johnson.

XI) COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Johnson stated thanks, Mayor. Just my weekly conversation about our budget coming up and hope that people engage us. I was just made aware of someone I know and some result another community. So if you haven't heard or seen Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott has been very successful in reducing crime in Baltimore. The first half of 2025, they've seen the fewest homicides ever recorded. And some of that is due to the investments that they've made as a municipality. Cure violence is one of those investments and he was one of the first people to talk to me about that. But they've been doing that in Baltimore. Investments in the Community, 42 summer youth camps, 29 literacy programs, extended Park and Rec hours, planned block parties, etcetera. Crime is down 62%. You might ask why I'm talking about Baltimore? Well, if we look at Wichita's numbers based on without year to date versus the five year

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average, look at those numbers, crime is down in every category, but one if you look at the year to date. This year versus last year, crime is down in every kind of. And when you think about what we've been doing here in the city of Wichita, we're investing in libraries, parks and Rec heart. All of those opportunities cure violence. We also did make sure law enforcement was given a raise that they deserve. We've made sure fire was able to get compensated as well, but we've been making those investments in quality of life initiatives. So as we're looking at priorities going forward, one of the number one things is making sure that our community is safe. The numbers show it is, but we have been making some really good investments in the community and want to continue to highlight that those are necessary to achieve those types of things. Using Baltimore as an example, that's just because Mayor Scott. Before he was mayor, talked to me about a lot of this. I see him implementing everything that he talked about, working with his council. We've been doing some similar things and we're seeing some similar. Benefits with crime being down in all of these categories. But my fear is if we do not continue those types of investments and we talked about reducing some of that, that we may see that trend go a different way. Again, it's not always law enforcement public safety in that way. Often times it is these other opportunities that we need us in and keep increase to see these numbers continue to go down in the way that they are. So thank you, Mayor.

Motion:

Mayor Wu moved to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to receive information on executive branch directives, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(B)2(2) for legal consultation with the City Attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney – client relationship. The executive session is required to protect attorney – client privilege and the public interest. The executive session will begin at 10:55 a.m. and end at 11:25 a.m.

Motion carried 7 to 0

Adjournment***Motion:***

Mayor Wu moved to adjourn.

Motion carried 4 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Leeker, City Clerk

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ATTACHMENT 1 - CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11

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 July 8 2025.docx](#)

2) **Preliminary Estimates:**

a.) Preliminary Estimates

Attachment: [PEsforCC_07-08-25.pdf](#)

3) **Agreements/Contracts:**

a.) Contract Amendment No. 1 for Wichita Water Works Startup and Commissioning Support

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Attachment: [Amendment No. 1.pdf](#)

b.) Logicalis Agreement

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

4) Design Services Agreements:

a.) Supplemental Design Agreement No. 1 for Preservation Plan of the Charles F. McAfee Pool House
(District I)

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

Attachment: [TreanorHL_SA#1_McAfeePoolPreservation_McAdamsPk.pdf](#)

Uncategorized Items:

5.) Proclamation Votes

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

6.) Payment for Settlement of Claim

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-312 Bonding Resolution for Civil Litigation Settlement.docx](#)

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- 7.) Resolutions Authorizing Federal Transit Administration Section 5339(b) Buses and Bus Facilities Grant and 5339(c) Low No Program Applications (All Districts)

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

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-313 Bonding Resolution for Purchase of Hybrid Buses and Battery Electric Vans, Related Equipment.doc](#)

Attachment: [FY25-Bus-LowNo-NOFO.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution No. 25-314 Authorizing an Application with the FTA for FTA Assistance.doc](#)

- 8) Second Reading Ordinances:

- a.) SECOND READING ORDINANCES FOR JULY 8, 2025 (FIRST READ JULY 1,2025)
ORDINANCE NO. 52-755 AN ORDINANCE MAKING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO PAY
FOR THE COST OF ABATING CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES (LOT CLEAN UP)
UNDER THE PROVISION OF SECTION 7.40.050 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
WICHITA, KANSAS. An ordinance adding special assessments for various locations for lot clean
up. ORDINANCE NO. 52-756 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING
CLASSIFICATIONS OR DISTRICTS OF CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
WICHITA, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE WICHITA-SEDWICK
COUNTY UNIFIED ZONING CODE, SECTION V-C, AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 28.04.010,
AS AMENDED. An ordinance changing zoning at 2104 West 45th Street South. ORDINANCE
NO. 52-757 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OR
DISTRICTS OF CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS,
UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE WICHITA-SEDWICK COUNTY UNIFIED
ZONING CODE, SECTION V-C, AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 28.04.010, AS AMENDED. An
ordinance changing zoning at the northeast side of Lincoln Street and Greenwich Road.
ORDINANCE NO. 52-758 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS
OR DISTRICTS OF CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS,
UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE WICHITA-SEDWICK COUNTY UNIFIED
ZONING CODE, SECTION V-C, AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 28.04.010, AS AMENDED. An
ordinance changing zoning at 5725 East Central Avenue. ORDINANCE NO. 52-759 AN
ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OR DISTRICTS OF CERTAIN

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LANDS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY UNIFIED ZONING CODE, SECTION V-C, AS ADOPTED BY SECTION 28.04.010, AS AMENDED. An ordinance changing zoning at 185 East 47the Street South. View the full agenda from July 1, 2025 at the following:
<https://www.wichita.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/12728>

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

II) **CONSENT PLANNING AGENDA ITEMS**

- 9.) [SUB2025-00012 - Plat of Makers Park Addition Located West Along South Rock Road and a Half Mile North of East 47th Street South \(County – 3 Mile Ring\)](#)

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

Attachment: [SUB2025-00012 Makers Park Addition Green Sheet Attachments.pdf](#)

II) **CONSENT HOUSING AGENDA ITEMS**

- 10.) [First Amendment to the 1989 DOT](#)

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Attachment: [1989 DOT.pdf](#)

Attachment: [DOT Amendment HUD approved.pdf](#)

II) **CONSENT AIRPORT AGENDA ITEMS**

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11.) Perimeter Fence, Phase 1 - Colonel James Jabara Airport.

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Attachment: [AAO Fence - Reddi CO #1 20250619 part exec.pdf](#)