

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2024
Meeting #901**

The Westwood Hills City Council meeting was held on October 14, 2024, in the Community Room at Westwood City Hall.

A regular session of the city council was called to order in due form by Mayor Rosemary Podrebarac at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Podrebarac, Adam England, Ed Gogol, Dave Schmitz, Karen Sexton, John Weedman, and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr and Chief Curtis Mansell were present.

Citizen Steve Platt was in attendance.

Request by Weedman to amend the agenda to add item E. under new business - fountain pump. Motion by Sexton to approve the agenda with requested amendment. Second by Schmitz. All aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Gogol to remove the appropriations ordinance from the consent agenda and to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second by England. All aye. Motion approved.

Gogol asked if the high amount of the Glendale Road WaterOne invoice was a mistake. O'Bryan replied that the amount was correct due to watering the new sod.

Gogol moved and Schmitt seconded to approve appropriations ordinance #849.

Old Business:

Street Light Trimming

Weedman did not have an update.

New Business:

Little Government Relations (LGR) 2025 Agreement

Gogol moved and Sexton seconded to encumber \$400.00 and enter into an agreement with LGR for 2025 for governmental relations and lobbying services. **All aye. Motion carried.**

2024 Leaf Collection

Due to the overhead costs, MO Organics will not be open on Sundays to receive the leaves collected from Westwood Hills streets. The city has two options:

1. Roeland Park

- a. \$1,336.00 to collect the leaves.
 - b. Approximately \$1,080.00 to haul the leaves back to their shop, and to load them into their dumpsters and dispose of the leaves.
 - c. Total estimated cost is \$2,416.00
2. Envision Lawn Services
- a. \$2,625.00 to collect and dispose of leaves.

Weedman moved and England seconded to enter into an agreement with Roeland Park and to encumber \$2,625.00. Should the cities not be able to finalize a contract with Roeland Park for leaf collection, the council authorizes the mayor to enter into an agreement with Envision Lawn Services for leaf collection services. All aye. Motion carried.

Codes Enforcement Agreement

Westwood Hills currently has an agreement with Roeland Park for the provision of codes enforcement services and property inspection services. Roeland Park has requested an update on the rates for such services. For codes enforcement and property inspection services provided to Westwood Hills, Westwood Hills shall pay Roeland Park an hourly rate equal to the actual hourly compensation cost and benefits of the staff performing the duties plus 15% for overhead. In the amended codes enforcement agreement, the 2024 hourly rate for Code Enforcement Officer hours is \$53.56, and the 2025 hourly rate is \$55.75 per hour.

England moved and Gogol seconded to enter into an amended codes enforcement agreement with Roeland Park for 2025, on the terms and rates presented above. All aye. Motion carried.

Halloween Encumbrance – Barricades and Candy

Westwood Public Works Director John Sullivan quoted \$346.44 to provide barricades for all Westwood Hills streets except 50th Terrace.

England moved and Gogol seconded to encumber \$346.44 to barricade the City streets during trick or treating. All aye. Motion carried.

Pump for the Fountain

Weedman reported that the fountain pump is not working. He can purchase a new pump for \$125.00.

Gogol moved and England seconded to encumber \$125.00 to purchase a new pump for the Fountain.

Informational items – no action to be taken

Steve Platt asked about the Homelessness Shelter in Lenexa. The City Clerk and Mayor responded that Lenexa denied the special permit needed to move forward with the shelter.

Sexton reported the Homes Tour was a success.

Sexton reported that the numbered street signs (signs indicating street names) are nearing the end of their life and need to be replaced. Sexton reported each brown,

reflective street sign and bracket will cost about \$200.00 to replace. Sexton will do more research and get input from the Chief and John Sullivan before this issue is brought back to the council for action.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.