



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Councilmembers attended a virtual meeting via the Zoom software platform. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following Councilmembers in attendance remotely via Zoom: Chad Herring, Jori Nelson, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Tucker Poling, Bonnie Limbird, Sheila Myers, Piper Reimer, Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ian Graves and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present via Zoom: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director; Cliff Speegle, Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Lathrop & Gage; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Meghan Buum, Assistant City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda for September 20, 2021. Ms. Reimer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Senator Ethan Corson provided a legislative update to the Council.

Residents Whitney Wilson and Kristin Riott gave a presentation on the regional climate action plan, developed by the Mid-America Regional Council and Climate Action KC.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Dr. Heather Noble, 7637 Tomahawk Road, spoke in favor of a ban on conversion therapy of minors.

With no one else present to address the Council, public participation was closed at 6:47 p.m.



CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Mikkelson asked if there were any items to remove from the consent agenda for discussion:

1. Approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - September 7, 2021
2. Approval of expenditure ordinance #3006

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Myers, Reimer, Runion, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Graves said that the ad-hoc Housing Committee met for the first time on September 16 at Harmon Park. He noted that the group intended to present recommendations to the Council in the spring of 2022.
- Mr. Gallagher stated that the Arts Council met on September 15. Over 100 entries were received for the virtual State of the Arts event. Additionally, a video about the event, including information about artists and artwork was planned. The Council was also working with the Johnson County Parks and Recreation District to feature artwork at Meadowbrook Park in the future.
- Ms. Reimer shared an update on the Teen Council, noting that applications would continue to be accepted until September 30.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic, stating that the vaccination rate of Johnson County residents 12 and over had increased to 61.6%, and the rate in Prairie Village to 65.5%. CDC data, which included Johnson County residents who received vaccinations outside of the county, had risen to 74.4%. New cases remained steady, though the percent positive rate, hospitalization rate and death rate had all declined.
- Tamara Day, star of HGTV's "Bargain Mansions", gave a presentation at a Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce luncheon on September 16. Additionally, her "Growing Days" store recently opened in the Corinth shopping center.
- The Corinth Quarter grand opening was postponed until the spring of 2022.
- The newly remodeled skate park ribbon-cutting event was held on September 15.
- The Mayor attended a Northeast Johnson County Chamber event at the Va Bene restaurant the previous week.



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- The Johnson County Charter Commission met on September 13 for a public comment session. The meeting was cut short due to disruptive behavior from some public attendees. Another public comment session will be scheduled for a future date.
- The Prairie Fields Homes Association held its annual block party on September 11.
- The Mayor and Ms. Limbird attended a “Library Lets Loose” fundraising event on September 18.
- The Mayor noted the Diaper Needs Awareness Week proclamation in the meeting packet.
- The virtual Shawnee Mission School District annual fundraiser breakfast will be held on September 28.
- The Mission Hills police appreciation lunch will be held on September 27.
- Club Pilates, a new business in the Corinth Quarter shopping center, will hold a ribbon-cutting event on September 21.

STAFF REPORTS

- Chief Roberson reported that the police department participated in an event to raise money for the Special Olympics, and would be participating in a blood drive on September 30. Additionally, the Citizen Advisory Board met for the first time earlier in the day. Police staff also toured the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Museum in preparation for a future class on the history of redlining and racial segregation practices in the Kansas City area.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

COU2021-65

Consider extending ordinance requiring the wearing of face coverings or masks during the COVID-19 public health emergency and recovery

Mr. Waters stated that the existing mask ordinance would expire at midnight on September 30, 2021. He noted that City staff had received a minimal amount of complaints, and that the police department had not issued any tickets for violation of the ordinance. The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) also provided its support for extending the mask mandate.

Ms. Nelson made a motion to extend the mask mandate until November 30, or until such time as the county is no longer considered a high-transmission area based on CDC metrics. There was no second to the motion.

Mr. Graves made a motion to extend the mask mandate to October 31. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herring.



After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Reimer, Runion, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher; “nay”: Myers. The motion passed 11-1.

COU2021-66 Consider plan for hybrid (virtual and in-person) Council meetings

Mr. Schwartzkopf stated that a hybrid meeting plan was included in the meeting packet, and asked that the Council provide direction on how to proceed. The general plan for hybrid meetings included the following points:

- Members of the Governing Body will have the choice to be in-person or virtual.
- There will be no minimum number required to be in-person.
- Governing Body members will be encouraged to let City staff know of their intention to appear in-person prior to the meeting for planning purposes.
- At the discretion of the Mayor and City Administrator (or designee), meeting format could be modified in keeping with the best interest of health and safety of attendees.
- This hybrid meeting format can begin at the Governing Body’s discretion. City staff will be ready to proceed in October 2021.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve the proposed hybrid meeting plan for Council meetings. Mr. Poling seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COU2021-67 Consider design amendment with Affinis Corporation for the design of MIRD007 Phase 2 - Mission Road at 68th Street flood control project

Mr. Speegle stated that a preliminary engineering study was completed in 2018 to secure Johnson County stormwater funding for the project, which will address home and roadway flooding along Mission Road. Stormwater Management Program (SMAC) funding was approved by the county in 2020, and project design began in March of 2021.

Mr. Speegle added that the previously approved agreement (Phase 1) focused on preliminary design development, topographic surveys, early permit coordination, and stakeholder engagement. Phase 2 would include final design, public involvement, project permitting with various agencies, sub-consultant costs, construction documents, and construction services. Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2022.

The SMAC program will fund 50% of the project’s design and construction costs as part of its flood control program. The current construction cost estimate is \$3,250,000, and the total project budget is \$3,650,000.



Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve the phase two design amendment with the Affinis Corporation for final design, construction documents, and permitting of the MIRD0007 - Mission Road at 68th Street flood control project in the amount of \$299,938.00. Mr. Poling seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Herring made a motion that the City Council move to the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reimer and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COU2021-68 Consider ordinance banning conversion therapy of minors

Ms. Selders said that at the August 18, 2021 Diversity Committee meeting, Taryn Jones, a representative from Equality Kansas, gave a presentation on the negative effects conversion therapy has on minors in the LGBTQ community. After discussion, a formal motion was made to move the topic to Council to consider enacting an ordinance prohibiting conversion therapy in Prairie Village. The motion was approved unanimously by the Diversity Committee. Ms. Selders added that an ordinance banning conversion therapy of minors from the City of Roeland Park was included in the meeting packet.

Ms. Jones and Brian Shapley from the metro Kansas City chapter of Equality Kansas gave a presentation on conversion therapy. A list of cities across the country that already had bans in place was included.

Ms. Selders made a motion to direct staff to draft ordinance language banning the conversion therapy of minors modeled after an existing ordinance in Roeland Park. Mr. Poling seconded the motion.

Mr. Runion requested that a cap on legal fees be included, and asked whether there were any conversion therapy practitioners in the City. Mr. Shapley stated that Equality Kansas was not aware of any practitioners in Prairie Village, but noted that there were many therapy survivors that lived in the area. He also added that unpaid, unlicensed individuals, such as those within religious institutions, would be exempted from the ordinance.

The motion passed 10-2, with Mrs. Myers and Mr. Runion in opposition.

COU2021-69 Consider location for city owned electric vehicle charging station

Mr. Bredehoeft said that the 2020 CIP included a project to install an electrical vehicle charging station for use by the general public on City property. The station would be similar to the Evergy charging stations installed over the last several years in other areas of the City. The station will operate on the "Charge Point" network, similar to others in Prairie



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Village, including the public charging station located at the new Public Works building. Mr. Bredehoeft noted funding in the amount of \$20,000 was available in 2020 CIP for the project.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the installation of a public electric vehicle charging station adjacent to the Harmon Park skate park. Mr. Poling seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Reimer moved that the City Council end the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herring and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Limbird seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Mikkelsen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk