



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 2022, 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: Chad Herring, Cole Robinson, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Lauren Wolf, Bonnie Limbird, Dave Robinson, Piper Reimer, Greg Shelton, Courtney McFadden, Ian Graves, and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Melissa Prenger, 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; Ashley Freburg, Public Information Officer/Deputy City Clerk; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Herring made a motion to approve the agenda for February 7, 2022. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor Mikkelson recognized Councilmembers for their service, and presented their annual ceremonial checks.
- Mayor Mikkelson read a proclamation declaring February 2022 as Black History Month in Prairie Village.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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



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1. Approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - January 12, 2022
2. Approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - January 18, 2022
3. Consider approval of 2022 agreements with the Johnson County Park and Recreation District
4. Consider appointment of committee members
5. Consider 2022 recreation fee schedule

Ms. Limbird made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, C. Robinson, Selders, Nelson, Wolf, Limbird, D. Robinson, Reimer, Shelton, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Environmental Committee**

Consider approval of a mattress removal and recycling program with Sleepyhead Beds

Ms. Reimer stated that the Johnson County landfill was expected to reach full capacity by 2043, and that it was critical to divert items from the landfill whenever possible. The Environmental Committee proposed a partnership with Sleepyhead Beds to divert mattresses destined for the landfill during Prairie Village's annual large-item trash pickup. Sleepyhead Beds is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 2010 that takes gently-used, donated beds and bedding and distributes them to Kansas City area children and families in need, free of charge. In 2017, more than 2,000 families received beds and over 56 tons of waste was diverted from landfills.

If approved, residents would be asked to let the City know if they will be putting out mattresses during the large-item pickup and indicate how many and what condition they are in. City staff will then provide a list to Sleepyhead Beds, who will visit each of the City's four pickup zones the Friday before Republic crews will be in the area. Any mattresses that are not in a condition to be re-used will be collected by Avenue of Life and recycled.

For 2022, Sleepyhead Beds has offered Prairie Village a rate of \$19 per mattress collected. The organization has a similar program in Overland Park, where in 2020, a total of 983 mattresses were collected. If Prairie Village households participated at the same rate as Overland Park, Sleepyhead Beds and Avenue of Life could anticipate picking up 228 mattresses at a cost of \$4,335.50.

City staff asked solid waste contractor Republic Services for information on the number of mattresses hauled to the landfill in recent years during the large-item pickup. Republic estimated anywhere from 5%-10% of households may put at least



one mattress out for collection. With 8,450 houses on the City's solid waste contract, 5% participation would result in 423 mattresses at a cost of \$8,037, and 10% would result in 845 at a cost of \$16,055.

At its January 26, 2022 meeting, the Environmental Committee voted unanimously to commit the entirety of its 2022 budget, totaling \$8,000, to the proposed mattress removal and recycling program with Sleepyhead Beds. Any additional costs for the program would be covered by the General Fund.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve the mattress removal and recycling program with Sleepyhead Beds in conjunction with the annual large-item pickup. Ms. Reimer seconded the motion. After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Shelton congratulated Greg Wolf and James Breneman for being unanimously reelected as Planning Commission Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.
- Mr. Dave Robinson stated that the JazzFest Committee met on January 22, and selected Saturday, September 10 as the date for the event at Harmon Park. The committee is attempting to re-book musical acts that were originally planned to perform at the cancelled event in 2021.
- Mrs. McFadden said that the VillageFest Committee met and discussed plans to hold the event in-person on July 4, 2022.
- Ms. Selders noted that the REIC pilot program group met on January 19 to review learning highlights from the first half of the program, and discussed how those concepts could lead to culturally responsive systems change in jurisdictions, to better address systemic racism.

Ms. Selders also reported the Diversity Committee met on January 19, at which a presentation was given by Dr. John McKinney, Director of Student and Family Services for the Shawnee Mission School District, and Dr. Tyrone Bates, the Director and Coordinator of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the District. Additionally, funding for a BIPOC "playdate" was approved, which will be spearheaded by several Diversity Committee members. An affordable housing town hall event would also be held in Prairie Village at a later date.

- Ms. Limbird acknowledged new Arts Council member Abby Magariel, and stated that the February artist reception at the Meadowbrook Park clubhouse had been rescheduled for February 16. Additionally, entries for the "2022 Art of Photography" exhibit were now being accepted.



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- Ms. Reimer stated that the UCS Drug and Alcoholism Council met on January 20. Reports on vaping and overdose data were reviewed, and preparations for the 2022 grant cycle were underway.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor stated that he attended board meetings for the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and United Community Services of Johnson County.
- The Mayor chaired a Johnson County/Wyandotte County Mayors Council meeting.
- The Mayor co-chaired the MARC First Suburbs Coalition meeting, at which a discussion on a regional housing data hub was held.
- The Mayor congratulated the Shawnee Mission East boys' swimming team for winning the league championship.
- The Mayor attended a kick-off press conference for the Faith Always Wins Foundation at the World War I Memorial in Kansas City, MO.
- The Mayor congratulated members of the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce leadership class, which included Mr. Cole Robinson, Mr. Schwartzkopf, and Human Resource Manager Cindy Volanti.
- A virtual Council work session was planned for Saturday, February 12.
- The rescheduled Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration would be held on February 26 at the Village Presbyterian Church.
- The Mayor will provide a civic update at the Mission Chateau senior living facility in early March.

STAFF REPORTS

- Consolidated Fire District #2 Chief Steve Chick gave a report on the state of the department, including COVID-19 challenges and recent hires. He also shared data about call activity within the City over the past four years.
- Chief Roberson noted that he had participated in a law enforcement symposium at the Kansas City Police Academy, and shared information on recruitment efforts. He also introduced recently hired co-responder, Amy Hennes.
- Mr. Geffert gave a report on the property tax rebate program, noting that over 20 households had been provided refunds, and approximately \$9,000 in funding remained.
- Mr. Jordan said that the February plan of action was included in the meeting packet.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Council.



NEW BUSINESS

COU2022-13

Consider agreement with Witt O'Brien's, LLC to provide consulting services to the City regarding use of American Rescue Plan funds

Ms. Lee said that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), providing \$1.9 trillion in economic stimulus to assist in the long-term recovery from the economic and public health impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. ARPA established a Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF) to provide funds to local governments to assist in response to the pandemic.

According to the allocation formula, the City of Prairie Village will receive in total \$3,382,298.77. Fifty percent of the funds, or \$1,691,149.39, were received in July 2021, and the additional fifty percent will be distributed in July 2022. Cities will have until 2024 to obligate the funds. In general, the legislation allows for the following uses: support for public health response, replacement of public sector revenue loss, water and sewer infrastructure, addressing negative economic impacts, premium pay for workers, and broadband infrastructure.

Ms. Lee noted that the City did not typically receive direct federal funding, and as such, staff did not have the expertise to stay in compliance with federal procurement regulations. She added that Witt O'Brien's was currently the consultant for the State of Kansas, Johnson County, and other local jurisdictions.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the agreement with Witt O'Brien's, LLC to provide consulting services regarding the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds. Mr. Dave Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COU2022-14

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

Johnson County Health Director Dr. Sanmi Areola provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic in Johnson County, noting that incidence and positivity rates had both begun dropping in the past week, as had hospitalizations. He added that rates were still higher than previous waves, and as a result, mitigation efforts such as social distancing and masking were still recommended.

Mr. Schwartzkopf said that the current ordinance would expire at midnight on February 16, 2022. He noted that staff had received very few complaints directly, and the Police Department had not issued tickets to anyone for violating the ordinance. Council was presented with three options to consider:

1. No action - the ordinance will expire by default



2. Extend the current ordinance with a new date of expiration of March 16, 2022
3. Amend the current ordinance with any changes and a new date of expiration

Councilmembers shared concern that some City businesses had posted signage that did not state masks were required indoors, which did not follow the rules of the ordinance. Mayor Mikkelson noted that several businesses had requested signage created by City staff indicating masks were required.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to extend the current mask ordinance with a new date of expiration of March 16, 2022. Mr. Herring seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikkelson said that Council could reevaluate the expiration date at its next meeting on February 22.

After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, C. Robinson, Selders, Nelson, Wolf, Limbird, D. Robinson, Reimer, Shelton, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed unanimously.

COU2022-10 Consider approval of revisions to CP509 - swimming pool schedule

Ms. Buum stated that the Council Committee of the Whole had approved the following changes to Council Policy 509 at its January 18 meeting:

- A noon opening for all pools within the pool complex to make it possible to hire 15 year-old lifeguards
- Reduced hours beginning in August
- Slide/diving area closure during dive meets
- 6 p.m. closure on the Fourth of July
- Adjustment of pool closure for swim meets to begin at 4:00 p.m. from 4:30 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. closure on Labor Day to allow pool staff more time for closing operations (currently closes at 6:00 p.m.)

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve the revisions to CP509 - Swimming Pool Schedule, establishing new hours for the regular season, and clarifying current practice for reduced and special hours. Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Mr. Herring shared his concern of hiring 15 year-olds to serve as lifeguards.

A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: C. Robinson, Selders, Nelson, Wolf, Limbird, D. Robinson, Reimer, Shelton, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher; “nay”: Herring. The motion passed 11-1.



Ms. Limbird made a motion for the City Council to 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

COU2022-15 Consider construction contract for Taliaferro Park shelter and restroom improvements (BG460001)

Ms. Prenger said that the proposed bid included the construction of a new, permanent restroom and replacement of the shelter at Taliaferro Park, located at 2900 W. 79th Street. The restroom design is similar to the restrooms recently installed at Porter and Wassmer Parks, with a color palette to match Taliaferro Park. The shelter was bid with two options: a pre-fabricated steel structure or a custom-built structure. Staff recommended the custom-built shelter as the final construction option for the park.

Ms. Prenger added that four acceptable bids were received, and that two other bids were incomplete and disqualified:

- Combes: \$521,367.57
- Herner: \$590,488.01
- Centric: \$633,385.02
- Gunter: \$704,976.00
- Consultant's estimate: \$447,323.00

Ms. Prenger noted that the consultant's estimate was approximately 14% below the lowest bid. The estimate functions as a benchmark to reflect market pricing and serves as a baseline for bid evaluation. In compiling the estimate, the consultant attempted to anticipate market conditions; however, prices continued to change rapidly due to the pandemic and its effect on transportation, supply and manufacturing. Ms. Prenger suggested that there would be no benefit to rebidding the project due to market instability, and recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Combes Construction, in the amount of \$521,367.57. This cost includes the custom-built shelter option that was considered. A transfer from the Park Infrastructure Reserve fund to the project in the amount of \$25,000 will also be included. Funding is available in the CIP fund for the shelter and restroom improvements.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the construction contract with Combes Construction, LLC for the Taliaferro Park shelter and restroom improvements. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mrs. McFadden moved that the City Council end the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shelton, and passed unanimously.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelsen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk