



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
APRIL 4, 2022**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. 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; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; Melissa Prenger, Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Lathrop & Gage; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Meghan Boom, Assistant City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, 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 April 4, 2022. Mr. Herring seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

- Officer Ben Overesch introduced “Blitz”, the City’s new K-9 officer.
- The Mayor read a proclamation declaring April 13 through April 24 as SevenDays Week 2022. SevenDays Board Member Sridar Harohalli spoke about the organization and discussed some of the events that would take place during the week.
- Members of the Teen Council gave presentations on various topics:
 - Amalia Millard and Kate Whitefield provided details about a hypothetical music education event titled “Tune in Prairie Village”.
 - Emma Jones and Ayla Ozkan shared information about the resources available on Johnson County’s “My Resource Connection” website.
 - Michael Newbold discussed the benefits of road verges.



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- The Mayor introduced and read a resolution supporting Ukrainian city leaders in the wake of the Russian invasion.

Mr. Shelton made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herring, and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

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 - March 21, 2022
2. Consider school resource officer agreement with the Shawnee Mission School District
3. Consider bid award for purchase of swimming pool chemicals
4. Consider bid award for purchase of highway rock salt
5. Consider purchase of a replacement wheel balancer

Ms. Reimer 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

- Ms. Reimer stated that the Environmental Committee met on March 23, at which a presentation was given by Brandon Hearn of the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment and Commissioner Beck Fast about the county’s “Recycle Right” campaign. The committee also discussed 2023 budget priorities and considered an electronics recycling event.
- Mrs. McFadden said the VillageFest Committee met on March 24 to plan and prepare for the annual event.
- Ms. Selders noted that the Diversity Committee held its first panel discussion on April 3 at the Meadowbrook clubhouse. Panelists shared information about affordable housing with approximately 100 attendees.
- Ms. Limbird stated that she had attended the Arts Council of Johnson County’s “Shooting Stars” gala on April 3, an arts competition for high school seniors in the county. The Prairie Village Arts Council sponsored the first prize literature award,



which was given to a DeSoto High School student. She noted that two Shawnee Mission East seniors won awards in other categories, and a student from Kansas City Christian School was an award finalist. Additionally, a new photography show had recently opened at the Meadowbrook gallery, and the Arts Council's Art Walk would be held on April 10.

- Mr. Graves reported that the Ad-hoc Civic Center Committee met on March 30. He stated that the committee discussed creating a new survey to gauge interest in a civic center among Prairie Village residents, and considered how the City might partner with external entities such as the Johnson County Library, YMCA, and Genesis Health Club. The committee also removed a proposed remodeling project for the City's municipal buildings and repairs to the pool complex from the discussion in order to allow the City Council to consider them separately.
- Mr. Dave Robinson said that the JazzFest Committee met on March 23 to plan for the September event. He noted that the committee hoped to have contracts in place with all performing acts by mid-May.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor stated that the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) had awarded the City a certificate of excellence in financial reporting.
- The Mayor reminded Councilmembers that decision packages were due April 9 as part of the 2022 budget process.
- The Mayor noted that COVID risk remained low in the area, and that many regional hospitals were reporting zero ICU cases.
- The Mayor attended Johnson County Board Chairman Ed Eilert's final State of the County address prior to his retirement.
- The Mayor spoke at the recent Prairie Hills Homes Association annual meeting.
- The Mayor attended an event honoring Negro League baseball player Buck O'Neill's induction into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame at the Prairie Village Hy-Vee the prior week.
- The Mayor stated that design firm Clark Enersen won a sustainability capstone award for its work on the new Public Works facility.
- The Mayor noted that he would be presenting an award to a Highlands Elementary School student for winning the state's Arbor Day poster contest.
- The Mayor said that a ribbon-cutting event would be held on April 5 at Dolce Bakery's new event space.
- The Mayor said The Good Faith Organization would host a homelessness summit on April 7 at the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS.
- The Mayor stated that he would attend the Johnson County / Wyandotte County Mayors Dinner on April 6.
- The Mayor noted that the Human Services Fund would be holding its annual summit on June 14, with a focus on civility in political discourse.



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- The Mayor said he would attend the SevenDays breakfast on April 13, the Kansas City First Suburbs Coalition meeting on April 15, and the Climate Action KC Summit on April 10.
- The Mayor shared that Fox4 News would be airing a full-episode profile of the City over the summer.

STAFF REPORTS

- Mr. Jordan noted that the April plan of action was included in the meeting packet, and shared the following information:
 - The annual financial audit was completed the prior week.
 - Funding was being identified to replace projectors in the Council Chambers.
 - Staff would begin putting the 2023 budget together the following week.
 - Staff would consider the development of a feasibility study for remodeling City Hall and the Police Department, as well as pool repairs.
 - The City received numerous wheelchairs and walkers to donate to its sister-city, Dolyna, Ukraine. He added that he was still trying to contact elected officials in Dolyna.
- Chief Roberson said that a new Prairie Village Police Officer, Marandah Scott, would be graduating from the Police Academy on April 29.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider 2023 budget requests

Mayor Mikkelson stated that the following committees were requesting approval of their proposed 2023 budgets from the Council:

- Arts Council
- Diversity Committee
- Environmental Committee
- JazzFest Committee
- VillageFest Committee

The Mayor noted that staff and Council liaisons were present to answer questions.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve all committee budgets as presented in the packet. Mr. Cole Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.



Ms. Reimer 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 Mr. Shelton and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COU2022-29 Consider amendment to the 2018 Internal Existing Building Code regarding storm shelter requirements for additions at educational facilities

Ms. Robichaud noted that the Shawnee Mission School District was in the process of requesting a building permit for a building addition on the north side of Shawnee Mission East High School. The addition would include a multi-purpose learning space, two classrooms, storage, and an outdoor environmental learning space. This proposed addition was approved by the Planning Commission through site plan review at its February meeting and was approved to move forward with building permits.

City staff originally denied the permit after plan review due to a storm shelter not being included to meet the requirements of the 2018 International Existing Building Code (IEBC) as adopted by the City. The IEBC requires additions at educational facilities that add an occupant load of 50 or more to construct a storm shelter in accordance with ICC 500. The IEBC exempts day care facilities and schools associated with places of worship from this requirement, but does not exempt public schools.

Ms. Robichaud noted that the school district informed staff that they ran in to a similar issue in the City of Overland Park. To address the issue, Overland Park chose to amend its 2018 building code to only require the construction of a storm shelter on educational facilities when there is a major addition that includes a gymnasium, or the construction of a new building.

Ms. Robichaud said that staff recommended amending the City's 2018 IEBC in the same fashion, so that the construction of a new storm shelter would only be required for major additions that include a gymnasium. Consolidated Fire District #2 staff stated that they had no concerns with the amendment because the state fire marshal currently had no requirements in place for storm shelters.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to recommend to Council the approval of the adoption of Ordinance 2470 by amending the 2018 International Existing Building Code regarding storm shelter requirements for additions at educational facilities. Mr. Shelton seconded the motion.

Ms. Limbird asked why an amendment to the code was preferred rather than considering similar projects on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Robichaud said that there was not a clear



variance process in the code, and in cases such as this one, the Planning Commission would have to potentially overrule the Building Official's interpretation of the code.

After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

COU2022-30 Discussion of 2023-2027 parks capital improvement program (CIP)

Ms. Prenger stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee had met to discuss current park needs, with the following priorities:

- Inclusivity
- Signage / universal theme
- Trails
- Lighting
- Maintenance

Ms. Prenger provided details and cost estimates for future projects at City parks, including lighting, shelter construction and the installation of historical markers. She also shared information about the renovation of the restrooms and pavilion at Harmon Park, which were not included in the CIP due to the estimated cost of over one million dollars. She asked Councilmembers to consider approval of the proposed 2023-2027 CIP as well as a timeline for restroom and pavilion upgrades at Harmon Park.

Ms. McFadden shared concern that no funds were allocated for the pool complex in the CIP. She also suggested moving the proposed Harmon Park projects to the 2023 and 2024 budget years. Mr. Bredehoeft noted that the only pool repairs needed at the present time were small patches in the lap pool, which would be brought before the Council separately at a later date.

After discussion, Mr. Cole Robinson made a motion to recommend approval of the 2023-2027 CIP as presented, excluding the renovation of the Harmon Park restrooms and pavilion. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion that Council Committee of the Whole continue discussing the potential for moving the Harmon Park renovations up in the schedule in addition to hearing back from staff and/or the Parks and Recreation Committee for pool budgeting plans over the next five years, to include updates to the pool complex at its next meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk