



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

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, November 7, at 6:00 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 (via Zoom), Ian Graves (via Zoom) and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Spencer Fane LLP; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Meghan Buom, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

Teen Council members Ainsley Pyle, David Allegri, Abigail Swanson, Sneha Thomas, and Ava Van Alstyne were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Herring made a motion to approve the agenda for November 7, 2022, with an amendment that the consent agenda be considered after presentations. Mr. Cole Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

There were no students or scouts present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor Mikkelson read a proclamation recognizing November as Native American Heritage Month.
- Gregg Zike with First Washington Realty provided an update on the Prairie Village and Corinth shopping centers, highlighting improvements made and significant events that had taken place throughout the year.



CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Consider approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - October 17, 2022
2. Consider memorandum of agreement with Little Government Relations for government relations and lobbying services in 2022
3. Consider renewal of Blue Valley Public Safety contract for the City's outdoor warning siren system maintenance for 2023
4. Consider renewal of information technology services between Johnson County DTI and the City of Prairie Village
5. Consider purchase of new secondary storage server and backup software for City data
6. Consider appointment of Arts Council youth representative
7. Consider appointment of City Prosecutor
8. Consider appointment of City Engineer

The Mayor noted that the recommended appointee to the City Engineer position was unable to attend the meeting, so the appointment would be removed from the consent agenda and instead take place at an upcoming Council meeting.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the consent agenda with item #8 removed. 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following residents voiced concerns regarding certain proposals recommended by the Ad Hoc Housing Committee.

- Pam Justus, 7627 Chadwick Street
- Ted Odell, 7916 Aberdeen Street
- Mark Johnson, 4905 Somerset Drive
- Tom Clough, 8510 Delmar Lane
- Jori Nelson, 4802 W. 69th Street
- Karen Gibbons, 2904 W. 71st Street
- Beth Brown, 5201 W. 84th Street
- Lauren Fisher, 2504 W. 78th Street
- Mike Levin, 4927 W. 88th Street
- Julianna Lagerstrom, 4603 Homestead Drive
- Bob Gibbons, 2904 W. 71st Street
- Susie Sallee, 2501 W. 79th Terrace
- Brooke Morehead, 7921 Fontana Street



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- Brad Downs, 4841 W. 76th Street
- Christine Adams, 4910 W. 69th Street
- Kate Sullinger, 7908 El Monte Street
- Jim McGrath, 7178 Buena Vista Street
- Michelle Vianello, 5209 W. 83rd Terrace
- Nikki McCray, 2401 W. 71st Street
- Joan Shields, 3629 Somerset Drive
- Barb Wheeler, 5204 W. 81st Street
- Lindsey Stewart, 3400 W. 71st Street
- John Cantrell, 8236 Nall Avenue

PUBLIC HEARING

COU2022-71 Consider approval of Ordinance 2477, approving vacation of the right-of-way adjacent to 4401 Somerset Drive

Mr. Bredehoeft said that the owners of the property at 4401 Somerset Drive had requested that the excess right-of-way located adjacent to their property be vacated by the City. The owners recently became aware that they did not own this specific area of land; after review, it was determined that this situation had existed since the property was originally platted in the 1950s. Property owners of the residence had always maintained the area, even though it technically belonged to the City.

Mr. Bredehoeft added that the City's current subdivision regulations did not address the process by which public property could be vacated. After consulting with City Attorney David Waters, vacating the easement would require the City to follow state statute requirements absent its own regulations. In order to vacate the easement, the City must take the following steps:

1. The Governing Body must adopt a resolution to set the date for a public hearing in consideration of the easement vacation. **Resolution 2022-15 was approved by the City Council on September 6, 2022.**
2. Staff must issue public notice to the Legal Record and notify all public utilities of the date of the public hearing at least 20 days in advance. **Public notice was made on October 11, 2022, and all public utilities were contacted.**
3. The Governing Body must hold a public hearing and adopt an ordinance authorizing the vacation of the easement.
4. Staff must publish the ordinance summary and send copies of the ordinance to the County for recording.

Staff sent out notices to all utilities on October 3, 2022 and received responses from each company indicating that they had no concerns with the vacation.



Mayor Mikkelson opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. With no one present to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Shelton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2477, vacating the right-of-way adjacent to 4401 Somerset Drive. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dave Robinson. 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 three Teen Council members would be attending the National League of Cities “City Summit” conference as youth delegates later in the month in Kansas City, MO. She also noted that the Environmental Committee met on October 26 to establish its 2023 goals and priorities.
- Ms. Limbird shared that the Arts Council currently had a glass and photography exhibits at City Hall, along with a second photography exhibit at the Meadowbrook Park clubhouse. She added that the committee would meet on November 10 to finalize its 2023 exhibit schedule. Ms. Limbird also stated that the First Suburbs Coalition recently met to hear presentations on the “Communities for All Ages” program, which had successfully been implemented in Grandview, MO.
- Mr. Shelton said that the Tree Board met the prior week to complete its “Tree Canopy Vision and Plan”, a document laying out the goals of the committee, specifically its efforts to sustain and replace the City’s aging tree canopy over time. He also stated the Planning Commission would next meet on December 6 to handle regular business as well as continue discussions on the Ad Hoc Housing Committee’s recommendations.
- Mr. Gallagher said that the Parks and Recreation Committee’s November meeting had been postponed until December.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Mikkelson reported that he had continued to meet with individuals and small groups of residents to discuss housing initiatives.
- The Mayor stated that he had attended the following events since the previous Council meeting:
 - The Mainstream Coalition’s gala on October 19
 - The League of Kansas Municipalities’ legislative lunch on November 3
 - A United Community Services board meeting
 - A Johnson County/ Wyandotte County Mayors meeting in Overland Park



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- The Mayor recognized the Shawnee Mission East boys cross country team for winning the state championship, and the girls team for placing second.
- The Mayor shared a letter noting the death of the son of a Ukrainian sister-city representative.
- The Mayor reported that he would be attending the following events:
 - The National League of Cities conference November 17 - 19
 - The Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce annual gala on November 19

STAFF REPORTS

- Chief Roberson discussed the third quarter crime statistics report that was included in the meeting packet. He noted that crime rates were relatively normal compared to previous years, though thefts from vehicles had increased. He urged residents to ensure their car doors were locked and garage doors closed every evening. He also stated that four new officers were currently in training to help fill vacancies in the department, and that the next “Coffee with a Cop” would be held on November 16 at Panera.
- Mr. Bredehoeft reported that no bids had been received for the planned project to repair leaks in the lap and adult pools at the pool complex. He noted that Public Works had begun discussing a more limited version of the project with two contractors that did not submit bids and stated that more information would be shared at the November 21 Council meeting.
- Mr. Geffert said that City staff and the Mayor had met with management from Republic Services on October 27 to discuss issues with trash, recycling and yard waste collection. Like many companies, Republic stated that they were short on drivers and limited in the number of overtime hours their current drivers could work due to federal regulations. Company management reported that they had begun offering more lucrative pay and benefit options, had new drivers in training, and were hopeful that pickup issues would be resolved once they became fully staffed.

Mr. Geffert advised residents to contact the City directly when they experienced delays in service. Additionally, he noted that the City could fine Republic for continued missed pickups, and would do so when necessary.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Council.



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 Mr. Shelton and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Discussion of possible changes to public comment period at Council meetings

Mr. Jordan asked the Council Committee of the Whole to consider whether modifications should be made to the public comment period to ensure City business was performed in a timely fashion. He noted that staff had experienced challenges with timing when speakers were present to discuss items not on the agenda, and that it had been difficult coordinating outside parties who needed to be present for agenda items with respect to their time.

Mr. Jordan noted that consideration had been given to dividing the public comment period into multiple sessions. One option would be for the first public participation session to be held as normally scheduled, prior to most City business, for a period not to exceed one hour, if needed. If all participants had a chance to speak during that period, public participation would conclude, and the City would then handle remaining City business items. If one or more speakers who were signed up and present at the first session did not have a chance to speak, a second public comment session would be opened after other City business concluded to give an opportunity to those individuals to speak.

The goals of the proposed changes included the following:

- a. To allow all who want to speak to be able to do so
- b. To better anticipate when business items (and third-party presenters for those business items) would be brought forward for consideration and discussion
- c. To allow City business to conclude timely

Ms. Wolf proposed giving speakers interested in sharing their thoughts on items that were on the agenda the opportunity to speak first to ensure that their comments were heard before Council considered specific items.

Ms. Limbird stated that she was not supportive of making changes at the present time due to the amount of public comment regarding the Ad Hoc Housing Committee's recommendations. Mr. Dave Robinson, Ms. Reimer, Mr. Cole Robinson, Mrs. McFadden, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Herring shared similar thoughts.

After further discussion, Councilmembers determined that no action should be taken, and that future agendas could be modified to ensure that City business gets completed and that external parties are able to give presentations to the Council in a timely fashion.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelsen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk