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**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
JULY 15, 2024**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, July 15, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following councilmembers in attendance: Terry O'Toole, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Lori Sharp, Chi Nguyen, Dave Robinson, Greg Shelton, Nick Reddell, Ian Graves, and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; Attorney Jeff Deane, Lauber Municipal Law; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Reddell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dave Robinson and passed 10-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

There were no students or scouts present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The following individuals shared their thoughts about the proposal to change the pickleball court configuration at Windsor Park:
 - Tom Heintz, 7152 Cherokee Drive
 - Connie Carlyle, 7200 Canterbury Street
 - Sara Rhodes, 7818 Aberdeen Street
 - Priscilla Banker, 7304 Canterbury Street
 - Teresa Hannon, 3725 W. 79th Street
 - Jessica Keane, 4101 W. 73rd Street
 - Derek Sandstrom, 3909 W. 73rd Street



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- Rachel Boden, 7136 Cherokee Drive
 - Ann Custer, no address provided
- Jo Yun, 7140 Buena Vista Street, noted her support of the Mayor.
- Barbara Cantrell, 8236 Nall Avenue, shared her concern over divisiveness in the City.
- Mike Kelly, Ward 3, stated his appreciation for the Mayor, Councilmembers, and staff.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Consider approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - July 1, 2024
2. Consider approval of expenditure ordinance #3040
3. Consider amendment to cooperative agreement with Johnson County for participation in the Johnson County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME)
4. Consider approval of short-term special use permit for the KU Kickoff event at Corinth Square

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Mr. Reddell asked that item #3 be removed for further discussion.

A roll call vote on items #1, #2, and #4 was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": O'Toole, Selders, Nelson, Sharp, Nguyen, D. Robinson, Shelton, Reddell, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 10-0.

Mr. Reddell asked for additional information about the amended agreement with Johnson County for participation in the CDBG and HOME grants. Mr. Jordan stated that all cities in Johnson County participated in the program, which utilized federal funds to help citizens in economic need. For residents that qualified for assistance in cities such as Prairie Village, funds would be provided from the county for distribution; some larger cities, such as Overland Park, received funds directly from the federal government and managed their distribution. He added that the City did not contribute any funding to the program, and had participated in it since 2003.

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the amendment to the cooperative agreement with Johnson County for participation in the Johnson County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) as presented. Mr. Shelton seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



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- Ms. Selders noted the passing of Susan Bruce, a long-time Prairie Village resident that had volunteered on many City committees through the years.
- Mr. Nelson noted that a new art exhibit had been installed at city hall.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor shared information about events that had taken place since the prior Council meeting:
 - The annual VillageFest celebration on July 4
 - A meeting with Mission Road Bible Church to discuss the potential purchase of the property by the City

STAFF REPORTS

- Mr. Jordan said that a discussion on the YMCA pro forma with regard to the proposed community center would likely be held at the next Council meeting, after initial review by the Finance Committee.
- Mr. Bredehoeft shared information about recent storm damage to the Delmar-Fontana drainage system that had been installed in 2020. Public Works staff had met with contractors to make emergency repairs at a cost of approximately \$100,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider final changes to the pickleball court configuration at Windsor Park

Mr. Gallagher stated that he, Mr. Bredehoeft, and the Mayor had met with residents adjacent to Windsor Park and pickleball players in the community to discuss the pickleball court situation at the park. He noted that surrounding neighbors were concerned about the noise and traffic generated by the courts, whereas players shared their thoughts on how much they enjoyed the game and how popular it had become. Mr. Gallagher suggested that regardless of the decision on the courts at Windsor Park, the Council should give thought to installing courts at other parks in the City that were farther from residential properties, such as Weltner Park, Harmon Park and Franklin Park.

The following points were made at a meeting that was held with residents to discuss the pickleball courts at Windsor Park:

1. A small group wished that the courts be removed altogether, but were agreeable to a modified solution
2. Better control of use times in the morning and late evening
3. Respect for the neighborhood: improve player behavior and reduce overflow into other park amenities



4. Eliminate tournament play but leave courts open for resident use
5. More control of parking on Windsor, and ensuring cars are not parked on resident lawns
6. Residents should not have to “police” the park to ensure players follow rules
7. No need for sound deadening products due to cost and appearance

Mr. Gallagher said multiple options were discussed, and ultimately two were selected for Council consideration: either repainting the facility for two tennis courts with pickleball striping, or leaving two pickleball courts and installing one tennis court with pickleball striping. He added that the impact of the initial installation of six courts had not been appropriately studied.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to authorize Public Works to reconfigure the Windsor Park pickleball courts at a cost of \$29,000 and amend their use conditions to the following points:

- 1. Leave two existing pickleball-only courts and reconfigure the remaining site to one tennis court with pickleball lines added**
- 2. Install time locks on the gates establishing use time as 8:00 a.m. to dusk, and update appropriate signage to control play outside of that time period**
- 3. Add language to rules of play to remind players of other park amenities and that reservations need to be respected for all to enjoy the City’s community parks**

Mr. Graves seconded the motion.

Mr. Shelton noted that the general recommendation was for pickleball courts to be located at least 500 feet from residences. He noted though that neighboring residents adjacent to the pickleball courts at Meadowbrook Park were still able to hear game-related noise at distances greater than 500 feet, even with sound barriers installed on the courts. He recommended that the number of courts be limited if courts were installed at other parks, as that was the most significant driver of noise.

After further discussion, Mr. Dave Robinson made a motion to amend the motion to remove pickleball striping from the proposed new tennis court. Ms. Nguyen seconded the motion, which failed 7-3, with Ms. Selders, Ms. Nguyen, and Mr. Dave Robinson in support.

A vote on the original motion passed 10-0.

NEW BUSINESS

COU2024-41

Consider Resolution 2024-03 of the City’s intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate and establishing the date and time of a public hearing for the 2025 budget

Mr. Hannaman stated that the Council and staff had worked to develop the 2025 budget over the past several months, and that the Council approved the preliminary budget on



June 17. The proposed budget would maintain the same level of services as the 2024 budget. The 2025 proposed budget included a total mill rate of 18.325, the same as the 2024 rate. Mr. Hannaman said that the final mill rate could vary slightly based on the results of ongoing appraisal appeals.

Per Senate Bill 13, the proposed budget required a revenue neutral rate hearing to exceed the rate provided by the County Clerk. During the 2021 legislative session, the tax lid was removed and the legislature enacted SB13 and HB2104, establishing new notice and public hearing requirements if a proposed budget would exceed the property tax levy's revenue neutral rate.

Mr. Hannaman explained that the revenue neutral rate was the tax rate in mills that would generate the same property tax in dollars as the previous tax year using the current tax year's total assessed valuation. In Prairie Village, the revenue neutral rate for 2025 would be 17.365 mills; since the proposed budget necessitated 18.325 mills, a public hearing was required. The public hearing would be held at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. The budget public hearing and adoption of the 2025 budget would immediately follow the revenue neutral rate hearing. Approval of this item would authorize the publishing of both the budget and revenue neutral rate public hearings.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 of the City's intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate and establishing the date and time of a public hearing for the 2024 budget. Mr. Shelton seconded the motion, which passed 8-2, with Ms. Sharp and Mr. Reddell in opposition.

Mr. Nelson 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 10-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COU2024-42 Consider approval of storm siren license agreement with Kansas City Christian School and purchase of a new outdoor warning siren

Mr. Schwartzkopf said that the City's outdoor warning siren contractor, Blue Valley Public Safety (BVPS), was informed by Kansas City Christian School (KCCS), that due to the installation of a new turf field at the school, access to the siren with heavy equipment would no longer be permitted. He noted that the current siren was located in a utility easement near the southwest corner of the property. The school had allowed access to the siren across their grass field for at least the past 30 years.

In collaboration with KCCS, BVPS, and City staff, a new location was selected on the southeast corner of the school property. Staff and BVPS researched other locations in City



owned right-of-way, however based on overhead lines, access to power, and elevation, the chosen site would offer the best coverage to provide the proper warning to residents.

Mr. Schwartzkopf stated the proposed plan would be to install the new siren, confirm operational readiness with BVPS and Johnson County Emergency Management, and then decommission the existing siren. He added that the existing siren was reaching the end of its life as it was installed in December 1999.

The cost for the new siren and installation would be no more than \$39,000.00 (including a 5% contingency) and be funded from the General Fund in Building & Ground Operations and Maintenance. The City Attorney had reviewed the agreement with KCCS.

Mr. Dave Robinson asked if the existing siren was located in an easement. Mr. Schwartzkopf said that it was located in a utility easement in the backyard of an adjacent home, but the only way to access it was through the school property.

Mr. Shelton asked if there was any charge to the City to utilize the land on which the siren would be placed. Mr. Schwartzkopf said there would be no fee charged to the City.

After further discussion, Mr. Reddell made a motion to recommend approval of the agreement with Kansas City Christian School and the purchase of a new outdoor warning siren. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves and passed 10-0.

Revisit Council work session items

Mr. Dave Robinson said that the list of items for discussion included in the packet had initially been gathered in February 2024 based on Councilmember suggestions. He noted that the goal of the conversation was to determine which items were still of interest or worth continuing to discuss.

Mr. Gallagher requested that the process of selecting a Council president be added to the list. Ms. Selders suggested sending out a survey to Councilmembers to develop an updated list of priorities. Mr. Dave Robinson agreed, stating that an online survey would be sent to Councilmembers and the top items would be discussed further.

Mr. Nelson moved that the City Council end the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reddell and passed 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:07 p.m., Mr. Dave Robinson made the following motion:



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"I move the City Council recess into executive session for a period of 20 minutes for a discussion of the acquisition of real property, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). The Governing Body, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, Finance Director, Public Works Director, and City Attorney will be present, either in person or via video conference. The open meeting will resume at 8:30 p.m." The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and passed 10-0.

The open meeting resumed at 8:30 p.m.

At 8:31 p.m., Mr. Dave Robinson made the following motion:

"I move the City Council recess into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for a discussion of the acquisition of real property, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). The Governing Body, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, Finance Director, Public Works Director, and City Attorney will be present, either in person or via video conference. The open meeting will resume at 8:41 p.m." The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and passed 10-0.

The open meeting resumed at 8:41.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelsen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk