



PRAIRIE VILLAGE
KANSAS

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the city clerk with the following councilmembers in attendance: Cole Robinson, Terry O'Toole, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Andy Logan, Shelby Bartelt, Nathan Vallette, Tyler Agniel, Nick Reddell, Betsy Lawrence, Ian Graves and Jim Sellers. Staff present: Eric McCullough, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; Melissa Prenger, City Engineer; City Attorney Alex Aggen, Hunter Law Group; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Meghan Boom, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Logan and passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

There were no students or scouts present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- Willie Woods and Wandra Minor of the Northeast Johnson County NAACP presented a silver lifetime membership award to the city.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The following individuals expressed their opposition to a Prairie Village-based development company providing assistance to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement in acquiring property for detention facilities:
 - Jame Gleason, Ward 1
 - Renee Duval, Ward 1
 - Molly Albers, Ward 3
 - Sherelle Simmons, no address given



- Jim Robserg, Ward 1, shared his objection to comments made by councilmembers regarding immigration enforcement at the February 2, 2026 council meeting.
- Rob Kohl, Ward 2, noted his opposition to the immigration enforcement resolution approved at the February 2, 2026 council meeting.
- Amy Bagnall, Ward 6, urged councilmembers to support the proposed public arts master plan.
- Ryan Bowden, Ward 4, expressed his concern about the appearance of city property near his home in the Village Parks Townhomes.

Mr. O'Toole asked that the immigration enforcement resolution that was approved at the February 2, 2026 meeting be included in the meeting minutes. The full text of the resolution is below:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis has become the focus of an unprecedented federal immigration enforcement operation, causing widespread fear, trauma, and disruption within the community; and

WHEREAS, Alex Jeffrey Pretti, a 37-year-old ICU nurse and Minneapolis resident, was shot and killed by federal agents during an encounter with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Border Patrol officers in Minneapolis on January 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Renee Nicole Good, a 37-year-old mother of three and former resident of Kansas City, was shot and killed by an ICE agent in Minneapolis earlier the same month, sparking concern and protest over use-of-force protocols in federal enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, these deaths have prompted calls for transparent and impartial investigations into the circumstances of the use of force and whether appropriate procedures and de-escalation measures were followed; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the rights of free speech, peaceful assembly, and petitioning the government, which are foundational to civic engagement and must be respected and safeguarded.

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers, first responders, and public safety personnel serve their communities with dedication, professionalism, and courage, often placing themselves in harm's way to protect the lives, rights, and safety of others; and



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***WHEREAS**, these individuals are entrusted with the difficult responsibility of enforcing the laws enacted through democratic processes, frequently under complex, high-risk, and rapidly evolving circumstances; and*

***WHEREAS**, the vast majority of police officers, federal agents, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and other first responders carry out their duties honorably, lawfully, and with a deep commitment to public service; and*

***WHEREAS**, effective law enforcement and emergency response are essential to maintaining public safety, protecting constitutional rights, and preserving the rule of law upon which this nation is founded; and*

***WHEREAS**, public discourse surrounding law enforcement actions can at times contribute to misunderstanding, erosion of morale, and diminished trust, underscoring the importance of measured dialogue, due process, and factual review; and*

***WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution affirms both the rule of law and the fundamental rights of its citizens, requiring a careful balance between public safety, civil liberties, and accountability.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Prairie Village, Kansas, that we express our deep sympathy to the families of Alex Pretti, Renee Good, and all others affected by the recent fatal shootings and unprecedented federal immigration enforcement operations in Minneapolis; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** by the City of Prairie Village, Kansas, that the City expresses its strong support and appreciation for law enforcement officers, first responders, and public safety personnel at the local, state, and federal levels who faithfully serve in accordance with the laws of this nation; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City stands in solidarity with the people of Minneapolis and the broader community affected by these events, affirming the importance of human dignity, safety, and equitable justice; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City urges prompt, transparent, and independent investigations into the fatal shootings of Alex Pretti and Renee Good and all related use-of-force incidents, consistent with applicable law and best practices, to ensure accountability and public confidence; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City calls on all relevant authorities to prioritize de-escalation, restraint, and respect for human life in all enforcement actions and to engage constructively with community stakeholders to reduce tensions and prevent further harm; and*



***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City reaffirms its commitment to the protections guaranteed by the First Amendment, including the rights to free speech and peaceful assembly, and calls on all governmental entities to uphold these rights while maintaining public safety; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City recognizes the professionalism, restraint, and judgment required of those tasked with enforcing the law, often under circumstances that involve uncertainty, personal risk, and intense public scrutiny; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City affirms its belief in due process and the importance of allowing investigations, reviews, and legal proceedings to proceed objectively and without prejudice or presumption; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City encourages mutual respect, constructive engagement, and open communication between communities and public safety agencies to strengthen trust, understanding, and cooperation; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City acknowledges the critical role of first responders in safeguarding lives, responding to emergencies, and upholding the rule of law that underpins a safe and orderly society; and*

***BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution be transmitted to the Minneapolis City Council as a statement of the City's position, support, and values, and that it also be transmitted to appropriate local, state, and federal public safety agencies as a statement of the City's support, gratitude, and commitment to lawful governance and public safety.*

***ADOPTED** this 2nd day of February, 2026.*

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 - February 2, 2026
2. Consider approval of expenditure ordinance #3059
3. Consider financial donation to Shawnee Mission East PTA for senior after-graduation party
4. Consider changes to CP001 - City Committees
5. Consider appointment of committee members
6. Consider design agreement with Trekk Design Group, LLC for the design of the 83rd Street and Nall Avenue signal (83ST0003)
7. Consider interlocal agreement with the City of Overland Park for signal replacement on traffic signals shared with Prairie Village
8. Consider approval of Windsor Park play equipment (BG900005)



9. Consider interlocal agreement with Johnson County for Project DRAIN-26X: Culvert Replacements
10. Consider approval of the design agreement for the Prairie Village “Safe Streets and Roads for All” project with Kimley-Horn
11. Consider mattress removal and reuse agreement with Sleepyhead Beds

Mr. Reddell asked to remove item #3 for further discussion.

Mr. Reddell made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item #3. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Robinson, O’Toole, Selders, Nelson, Logan, Bartelt, Vallette, Agniel, Reddell, Lawrence, Graves, Sellers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reddell stated that he did not believe taxpayer money should be used to fund an event at a specific school in the city. He suggested that the funding come from the Prairie Village Foundation or by holding a fundraiser instead.

After discussion, Mr. Graves made a motion to approve item #3 as presented. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Robinson, O’Toole, Nelson, Logan, Bartelt, Vallette, Agniel, Lawrence, Graves, Sellers; “nay”: Selders, Reddell. The motion passed 10-2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. O’Toole noted that the insurance committee had held its introductory meeting for the year the prior week. The next meeting to discuss non-healthcare insurance costs would be held in 6 - 8 weeks.
- Mr. Nelson gave a recap of the most recent diversity committee meeting, stating that newly appointed applicants were present to discuss planning for the year.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- The Mayor shared information about events that had taken place since the prior council meeting:
 - A ribbon-cutting event for the Club Pilates facility that opened in Corinth Quarter
 - MARC Board and Total Transportation Policy Committee meetings, as well as a search committee meeting for the next MARC Executive Director
 - A Mayors Council meeting at which the KC2026 group spoke about upcoming World Cup events in the region
- The Mayor shared information about the following upcoming events:
 - A Johnson County United planning meeting on February 18 to discuss regional World Cup events



- The annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast event in Kansas City, MO on February 19
- A meeting with the Johnson County Appraiser on February 27
- A council work session on February 28
- The city's 75th Anniversary 5K walk/run event on March 28
- The Mayor also noted that representatives from many cities across the state, including Ms. Lee and Mr. Hannaman, had travelled to Topeka on February 12 to speak in opposition to House Bill 2745 regarding property tax relief.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief McCullough provided a summary of the asset forfeiture trust fund program and shared details of circumstances in which assets were seized by the police department.

- Mr. Jordan gave an update on the Johnson County Library's plan to rebuild its Corinth branch in Prairie Village. He noted that discussions were being held by the library's board about potentially moving to the municipal complex campus.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the council.

NEW BUSINESS

COU2026-10

Consider approval of an agreement with Group Creative Services for development of the public arts master plan

Ms. Lee said that the council had approved using up to \$40,000 of transient guest tax (TGT) funds for a public arts master plan at its November 3, 2025 meeting. In 2023, the council supported the creation of a public arts fund to generate additional public art throughout the community. Each year since then, the fund had received a contribution from the TGT fund to be spent on public art. A council policy outlined a procedure for the purchase of public art including potential funding options, purchasing mechanisms, purchasing approval, and placement of the art. Ms. Lee noted that it was anticipated this would be a collaborative process between the arts council, parks and recreation committee, and council.

Since receiving approval, the arts council had been developing a plan for the roll out of a public arts program while building a balance in the public arts fund, which currently totaled \$50,169 as of 11/1/2025. \$10,000 of this fund would be used along with the TGT funds to pay for the plan. A master plan would help the arts council and community develop and successfully roll out a public art program with public engagement and a comprehensive funding plan for public art which could include public and private dollars.



If approved, the arts council along with a team of staff would begin the master plan process. Ms. Lee said the process would be detailed on a website and include public engagement. The completed master plan would come back to the council for approval in approximately one year.

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the agreement with Group Creative Services for the development of a public arts master plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bartelt and passed unanimously.

COU2026-11 Consider design agreement with Affinis Corporation for the design of the 2026 residential street program (PAVP2026)

Ms. Prenger stated that public works had requested proposals from firms to provide engineering services for the city for 2024-2026 in December 2023. The selection process consisted of submitting proposals, ranking to select for interviews, conducting the interviews and selecting the consultant for the design work. Engineering services were selected based on qualifications. The selection committee consisted of councilmembers Dave Robinson and O'Toole along with staff. Affinis Corporation was selected as the city's design consultant for the paving program from the three firms interviewed.

Ms. Prenger said that the proposed agreement was for the design of the 2026 residential street program, which would begin in the summer after the contractor completed streets from the 2025 program. Doing so would allow time for engineers to complete street plans and give them to the contractor as they continue to work through the summer on residential streets. She added that due to the number of visitors scheduled to be in the metro area during the 2026 World Cup, no construction would be undertaken on arterial or collector streets from June 1, 2026 to July 20, 2026.

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the design agreement with Affinis Corporation for the design of the 2026 paving program in the amount of \$244,110. The motion was seconded by Mr. Agniel and passed unanimously.

COU2026-12 Consider construction contract with Superior Bowen for the 2026 residential street rehabilitation program (PAVP2026)

Ms. Prenger stated that the 2026 street rehabilitation program would include work on many streets throughout the city. Improvements would generally include curb and gutter repair or replacement, sidewalk repair, and an asphalt mill and overlay. The program would be funded by the 2026 residential street rehabilitation program, PAVP2026.

On May 7, 2018, the council approved an agreement with Superior Bowen (previously O'Donnell and Sons) based on an evaluation of services and competitive pricing from 2015-2018. Since that time, Superior Bowen had provided quality service to residents and



maintained the same project manager for Prairie Village. Given their performance and competitive pricing, staff recommended utilizing them again in 2026.

Ms. Prenger noted that staff had reviewed the bid proposal submitted for the 2026 program and confirmed the reasonableness of the offered unit pricing based upon established bids from recent projects of a similar nature. Additionally, staff compared prices from the prior year and noted an acceptable increase of approximately 2% in overall project costs.

The 2026 paving program would include a mill and overlay of Cambridge Street from Somerset Drive to State Line Road, along with a traffic signal replacement at the intersection of Cambridge Street and State Line Road. The City of Kansas City, Missouri (KCMO), owner of the traffic signal, would administer the traffic signal project. Ms. Prenger said that the City of Prairie Village had an agreement with KCMO to perform necessary work to maintain the signal, and would construct geometric improvements at the intersection in conjunction with the traffic signal project.

Ms. Prenger stated that the contract would be awarded for \$3,125,000, with change order authorization up to \$200,000 to allow for quick approval of possible changes required to complete the project.

Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the construction contract with Superior Bowen for the 2026 residential street rehabilitation program (PAVP2026). Mr. Agniel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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. Logan and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COU2025-13 2027 budget calendar

Mr. Hannaman said that staff created a budget planning calendar each year to schedule activities that must be completed to create and develop the annual budget. He noted that the calendar contained some flexibility if needed, but that staff intended for the presented timeline to be followed. The 2027 budget calendar, similar to the 2026 calendar, would allow for the city to meet all statutory deadlines as well as submit the budget for the Government Finance Officers Association award program.

Mr. Hannaman noted that the calendar included two separate scenarios related to the current revenue neutral rate (RNR): one scenario exceeding the RNR and one which did not exceed the RNR. He added that the revenue neutral rate was equivalent to 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, and that Johnson County would provide the city with the revenue neutral rate in June. The 2026 budget did exceed the RNR.

Lastly, Mr. Hannaman stated that the Kansas Legislature was actively working on bills that could alter or even eliminate the existing RNR process and replace it with a yet-unknown system. Specifically, House Bill 2745 would cap a municipality's budget growth by 3% annually, and a protest petition of 10% of voters that voted in the prior presidential election in the municipality could overrule the elected local government's budget if it exceeded that 3%. Additionally, the bill would significantly impact the timing of the budget process.

Mr. Reddell moved that the city council end the council committee of the whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vallette and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk