



**PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
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**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
APRIL 20, 2026**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 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, Betsy Lawrence, Ian Graves, and Jim Sellers. Staff present: Eric McCullough, Chief of Police; Keith Bredeoeft, Public Works Director; City Attorney Alex Aggen, Hunter Law Group; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Meghan Boom, Assistant City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS**

Four Girl Scouts were in attendance to achieve their "Democracy for Daisies" merit badge.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Mr. Vallette read a proclamation proclaiming Earth Day as April 22 in Prairie Village, and the "Mayor's Monarch Pledge", affirming the community's commitment to protecting and restoring monarch butterfly habitats.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Anne Melia, Ward 6, shared her support for proposed committee budgets and the food drop-off compost program.
- Anna Gepson, Ward 2, noted her objections to the compost program, and the amount of waste generated by homes being torn down in Prairie Village.

*\*\*Councilmember Nick Reddell joined via Zoom during public participation.*



### **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 - April 6, 2026
2. Consider approval of expenditure ordinance #3061
3. Consider approval of construction observation contract with TREKK Design Group for inspection services at Windsor Park Trail (BG900005)
4. Consider award of contract to Tandem Paving for 2026 Street Repair (P5001)
5. Consider approval of construction observation contract with TREKK Design Group for inspection services on the 2026 Residential Paving Program (PAVP2026)
6. Consider approval of a drone show display agreement with Sky Elements, LLC

**Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Robinson, O’Toole, Selders, Nelson, Logan, Bartelt, Vallette, Reddell, Lawrence, Graves, Sellers. The motion passed 11-0.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Ms. Selders shared information about the city’s upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary parade on May 2.
- Mr. Graves provided a summary of a recent First Suburbs Coalition meeting, at which a panel was held to discuss community engagement strategies.

### **MAYOR’S REPORT**

- The Mayor shared information about events that had taken place since the prior council meeting:
  - Meetings with several residents, mayors’ groups, the media, and others
  - A meeting with Creative Services, the consultant hired by the city to develop the public arts master plan
  - The Johnson County State of the County Address
  - A World Cup promotional event in Kansas City, MO
- The Mayor shared information about the following upcoming events:
  - A leadership academy panel with area chambers of commerce to discuss regionalism on April 21
  - The Jewish Community Relations Bureau’s 2026 Unity Seder event on April 27
  - An Arbor Day event on April 25 at Porter Park
- The Mayor also noted the following:
  - House Bill 2745, which would reduce municipalities’ budget control had advanced to the governor, who was expected to veto the bill.



### **STAFF REPORTS**

- Mr. Jordan provided an update on the citizen satisfaction survey, noting that it would be presented to the council on May 18. He added that several items discussed at the council work session would be brought to an upcoming meeting for further discussion.
- Mr. Bredehoeft said that a public outreach effort for the transportation safety action plan would begin later in the week.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to come before the council.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Consider approval of residential food compost drop-off program**

Ms. Buum said that in an effort to help divert food waste from local landfills, the city launched a pilot program in partnership with KC Can Compost for community food composting in 2025. She noted that 27% of waste sent to the Johnson County landfill was food waste, and that the landfill was projected to reach its end of life in the late 2030s or early 2040s.

The program began July 1, 2025, and since that date, almost 72,000 pounds of food waste have been diverted. 600 households have registered to use the program. Ms. Buum said that the pilot program was nearing its end, and that the council was being asked to consider permanent adoption of the program.

KC Can Compost provided a cost estimate of less than \$36,000 per year. For the 2027 budget, staff recommends that the expense be moved from the general fund to the solid waste fund to cover the continued costs of the program. If approved by the governing body, the amount would be brought forward to the finance committee and a contract with KC Can Compost would be considered on a future city council agenda.

**Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the residential food compost drop-off program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sellers and passed 11-0.**

**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. Vallette and passed 11-0.**

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** **2027 Budget**



- **2027 Decision packages**

Mr. Hannaman noted that the only decision package that had been received was put forward by Mr. Reddell. The proposal would remove charitable donations from the general fund.

Mr. Reddell stated that he did not feel that taxpayer money should be used for charitable donations, and that they should be handled by the Prairie Village Foundation instead. Specifically, he noted that the city's portion of social and safety support services provided by groups in United Community Service's Human Service Fund, the annual Shawnee Mission East graduation party, and support for the city's sister city, Dolyna, Ukraine, should be removed from the budget.

Mr. Hannaman said that the decision package would next be vetted by the finance committee at its May 12 meeting, then brought back to the full council for a vote.

- **2026 Estimated revenue and 2027 preliminary general fund revenue assumptions**

Mr. Hannaman shared the following information about the 2026 city budget, and preliminary general fund revenue assumptions for the 2027 budget:

- Most large revenue sources had shown no sign of significant drops, although the prior rapid growth in sales and use tax collections appeared to have leveled off. Local sales tax (on-premise retail sales) was down 2.7% in 2024 but rebounded to 5.2% in 2025.
- Countywide sales and use tax collections were up just over 3%, a portion of which was shared with cities. Total sales tax revenue was expected to decrease in 2027.
- The Kansas Legislature debated several property tax bills that could have had a significant impact on the city's ability to increase revenue over time. No major property tax bills were signed into law in 2026 (pending HB 2745 on the governor's desk), but they would likely be considered again by the legislature in the future.
- The county public safety sales tax ends on April 1, 2027, which would result in a reduction of \$570,000 to the city's general fund. The earliest it could be reestablished is January 1, 2028.
- Franchise fees were flat or slightly decreasing due to the decline in cable television subscriptions. The impact of collecting franchise fees on streaming and data services is still uncertain.
- Rising costs and inflation also affect city expenditures. The effects of construction and labor cost increases, health care inflation, and vehicle and equipment supply chain challenges will lead to increased expenditures for 2027.
- Overall general fund revenue is projected to increase by 3.1% (\$966,006) over the 2026 budget, and only 0.4% growth over 2025 actuals (not including



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one-time federal reimbursements), assuming the total mill levy is held flat at 18.057. A large driver of this is the non-renewal of the county public safety sales tax.

- Valuations for the Meadowbrook TIF area are expected to increase by 5%, and the TIF bonds are expected to be paid off in 2027.
- The Johnson County Appraiser's Office projects a total assessed value increase of 6.3% for 2027. If the total mill levy were held flat at 18.057, this would result in a corresponding 6.3% increase in 2027 total property tax revenue over the 2026 budget. Property taxes make up 42% of the general fund.

- **Consider 2027 budget requests**

Mr. Hannaman said that committee budgets, with the exception of the environmental committee, were funded by the transient guest tax (TGT), which was applied to room reservations made at the Inn at Meadowbrook. He noted that TGT funds had restricted uses, such as efforts to bring residents to the community and other tourism-related activities.

- **Consider funding for VillageFest in the 2027 budget**

Mr. Kinney presented the proposed VillageFest budget, noting that attendance had continued to grow through the years, with an estimated 4,500 attendees in 2025. In 2026, attendance was expected to increase due to the World Cup, but return to a more typical level in 2027. He noted that the committee was requesting \$42,500 for VillageFest in 2027, a 7.6% decrease from 2026.

**Ms. Bartelt made a motion to approve the 2027 VillageFest budget as presented. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed 10-0. Mr. Reddell was counted as an abstention due to a lack of response while participating via livestream.**

- **Consider funding for JazzFest in the 2027 budget**

Mr. Kinney presented the proposed JazzFest budget, stating that the committee was requesting \$35,000 for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual event, which was equal to 2026. He noted that a typical JazzFest costs roughly \$63,000 to produce, and that event accounts should have at least \$25,000 in them to start the season, based on gate and beverage revenues from previous festivals. That, added to the \$35,000 budget allocation the event had received annually from the city since 2022, should be sufficient to fund the event.



In 2025, JazzFest accounts contained approximately \$42,000. In order to drawn down the balance, the committee used \$20,000 of the 2025 budget allocation to cover 2025 costs. The balance at the beginning of 2026 is \$31,200, so the committee intends to access the entirety of the \$35,000 budget allocation until final costs and revenue for 2026 are known. The committee aims to return excess balance, if any, once final costs and revenue for 2026 are known.

**Ms. Selders made a motion to approve the 2027 JazzFest budget as presented. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, which passed 10-0. Mr. Reddell was counted as an abstention due to a lack of response while participating via livestream.**

○ **Consider funding for Arts Council in the 2027 budget**

Mr. Graves presented the proposed arts council budget, noting that the committee was requesting a budget of \$15,000 and a \$10,000 contribution to the public arts fund for 2027. Historically, the arts council's core activities were its art openings and juried events at city hall and at the Meadowbrook clubhouse. Recently, the arts council had been working to expand its events to include collaborations with other partners.

The arts council continues to need funds to support its regular programs, which include the following:

- State of the Arts (juried annual competition)
- Art of Photography (or an alternative juried annual competition)
- Prairie Village Arts Fair sponsorship
- Art shows in city hall and Meadowbrook Park
- Shooting Stars (high school art awards) sponsorship
- Kansas Special Olympics art show (new in 2026)

In addition to these activities, the public arts fund was created in 2023 and had been accumulating a balance for future arts purchase. Mr. Graves noted that the committee was also currently working on a public arts master plan which was expected to be presented to council before the end of the year.

**Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the 2027 Arts Council budget as presented. Mr. Logan seconded the motion, which passed 10-0. Mr. Reddell was counted as an abstention due to a lack of response while participating via livestream.**

*\*\*Councilmember Nick Reddell left the meeting prior to the discussion of the diversity committee budget.*



○ **Consider funding for Diversity Committee in the 2027 budget**

Mr. Nelson presented the proposed diversity committee budget, stating that the committee was requesting \$18,000 for 2027. This requested budget included funds for the annual MLK celebration, Hispanic Heritage event, a Pride event (new), town hall events, and other miscellaneous projects that support the committee's efforts in diversity, equity, and inclusion. For 2027, the diversity committee requests funding in the amount of \$33,000: \$18,000 for the committee budget and \$15,000 for the Juneteenth celebration.

Mr. Vallette asked what the primary expenses were for the Juneteenth celebration. Mr. Nelson said that bands and other types of entertainment, such as bounce houses, were the main expenses.

**Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the 2026 Diversity Committee budget as presented. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.**

○ **Consider funding for the Environmental Committee in the 2027 budget**

Mr. Sellers presented the proposed environmental committee budget, stating that the committee continued to shape initiatives to meet the "Cities Race to Zero" commitment established in 2021. He noted that the committee's approved budget for 2026 was \$10,900. For 2027, the committee requests the same budget to be used in the following manner, along with a \$1,000 management reserve:

- OP Recycling Extravaganza: \$1,400
- Promotions/Marketing: \$1,500
- Waste Diversion Program \$3,000
- NEJC Shredding/E-Cycle Event: \$1,000
- Supplies for Events: \$500
- Community Gardens: \$500
- School Sustainability Program: \$2,000

**Mr. Sellers made a motion to approve the 2027 environmental committee budget as presented. Mr. Vallette seconded the motion, which passed 10-0.**

**Mr. Nelson moved that the city council end the council committee of the whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lawrence and passed unanimously.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements were included in the council meeting packet.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Adam Geffert  
City Clerk