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**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
MAY 4, 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, Tyler Agniel, Betsy Lawrence, and Jim Sellers. Staff present: Police Captain Joel Porter; Keith Bredeoeft, Public Works Director; City Attorney Alex Aggen, Hunter Law Group; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Meghan Buum, Assistant City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

Two Shawnee Mission East students were present as a requirement of their American Government class.

PRESENTATIONS

- Paul Greenwood with the Jewish Community Relations Bureau | American Jewish Committee (JCRB | AJC) gave a presentation on American Jewish Heritage Month.
- Mr. Nelson read a proclamation declaring May as Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
- Mr. O'Toole read a proclamation declaring May 11 through May 17 as Police Officer Memorial Week.

*** Councilmember Nick Reddell arrived during presentations.*



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Pam Justus, Ward 6, shared her objections to spending by the governing body
- Rob Kohl, Ward 2, expressed his concerns about topics discussed at the council work session that had been held in February, and would be considered by the council later in the meeting.
- Anne Melia, Ward 6, noted how much she enjoyed the city's 75th anniversary parade that was held on May 2
- Greg Raymond, Ward 4, shared his appreciation of the city's pool complex
- Pat Daniels, Ward 4, expressed his admiration of city services and the community

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 20, 2026
2. Consider approval of the purchase and installation of traffic cameras and LPRs at the 83rd Street and Mission Road intersection
3. Consider approval of the interlocal agreement with the City of Leawood for Somerset Drive UBAS, State Line to Mission Road

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, Agniel, Reddell, Lawrence, Sellers. The motion passed 11-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Ms. Selders provided a summary of the 75th anniversary parade that had been held on May 2, noting that event had been very successful.
- Mr. Vallette shared a preview of the May 5 planning commission meeting, at which an application for the redevelopment of the former YMCA site at 79th and Delmar Street would be considered.
- Mr. Sellers stated that the environmental committee's native plant sale would be held on May 9 at the municipal complex. He also noted that he had attended a Climate Action KC event at which composting was discussed.

Mr. O'Toole noted that when 2027 committee budgets had been presented at the April 20, 2026, meeting, money had been allocated for a Pride event in 2027. He added that the diversity committee was also planning a Pride event for 2026, but that no money had been budgeted for it in 2025, nor had the council had an opportunity to discuss it. He asked Mr. Nelson for additional information about the event. Mr. Nelson stated that the 2026 event would be held on June 6 and was being considered the inaugural event for the committee. He added that \$2000 in unallocated funds would be used for the event.



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Mr. O’Toole shared concern that the event was not discussed ahead of time nor budgeted for, and that staff did not have the resources to help plan the event.

Mr. O’Toole made a motion to cancel the Pride event in 2026 and instead wait to hold the inaugural event in 2027. Mr. Reddell seconded the motion.

Mr. Reddell stated that he preferred to see plans for events prior to events taking place. Ms. Lawrence said that if staff was supportive and had the resources to plan the event, there was no reason for it not to be held in 2026. Mr. Agniel felt the timeline was rushed for an inaugural event. Ms. Bartelt noted that the two committee members in charge of the event were working with the city’s events coordinator J.D. Kinney to help ensure it would be successful.

After further discussion, A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: O’Toole, Agniel, Reddell; “Nay”: Robinson, Selders, Nelson, Logan, Bartelt, Vallette, Lawrence, Sellers. The motion failed 8-3.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- The Mayor shared information about events that had taken place since the prior council meeting:
 - Several meetings with residents and the local mayors group
 - MARC Search Committee meetings to select a new executive director for the organization
 - A chamber of commerce leadership academy on regionalism
 - An Arbor Day event at which a tree was dedicated at Porter Park for Prairie Village native Sarah Milgram, who had been tragically killed in an act of terrorism and hate
 - The Jewish Community Relations Bureau’s Unity Seder event
 - A meeting with the owner of an Argentinian restaurant in Shawnee, who potentially would be opening a pop-up in the Scratch space in the Village Shops
- The Mayor shared information about the following upcoming events:
 - A ribbon-cutting event at Clairvaux in the Village Shops
 - The opening of the Big Grove Brewery in the former Macy’s building at the Village Shops later in the month
 - Consolidated Fire District #2’s pancake feed on May 9
 - A Policer Officers Memorial Service on May 13
- The Mayor also noted that Governor Laura Kelly had vetoed House Bill 2745, which would have reduced municipalities’ budget control.

STAFF REPORTS

- Captain Porter shared details of the first quarter of 2026 crime statistics.



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- Chief Steve Chick of Consolidated Fire District #2 provided a summary of the department's fourth quarter.
- Mr. Jordan noted that a line-item budget review would be held May 6 for councilmembers interested in attending. Additionally, he provided an update on the citizen satisfaction survey, noting that results would be presented to the council at its May 18 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the council.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the council.

Mr. Robinson 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. Agniel and passed 11-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2026 Legislative update

Stuart Little, the city's lobbyist, shared details of the 2026 Legislative session. Specifically, he focused on bills that most impacted local municipalities, including the following:

- HB2043 - Property tax lid: restrictions on municipality budget increases. Vetoed by Governor Kelly.
- HB2481 - World Cup: temporary changes to short-term rentals, alcohol sales, and transient guest tax collection.
- SB418 - By-right housing development: applications meeting certain requirements must be approved "by-right".
- Sub for SB244 - "Bathroom Bill": restrictions on multi-occupancy private spaces including restrooms and locker rooms, requiring them to be gender-specific.

Ms. Lee shared information on how the approved bills would impact the city directly.

2027 Capital Infrastructure Program budget update

Mr. Bredehoeft gave a presentation on the following items:

- Infrastructure condition
- Park funding



- Drainage funding
- Street funding
- Building funding
- Sidewalk and curb funding

City council work session follow-up discussion

Mr. Robinson said that the council met for a work session on Saturday, February 28. At the session, councilmembers worked in small groups to brainstorm ideas for improved meeting effectiveness, and a list of proposed ideas was compiled for future discussion. He noted that the goal was to review work session outcomes and prioritize suggestions for staff to research for future council consideration.

Mr. Robinson went through each item individually and asked for councilmembers to vote on whether they should be reviewed by staff:

- Item #1: Provide meeting packets earlier in the week to allow adequate review time.
 - Votes in favor: 1 (Lawrence).
- Item #2: Use a consistent item format that includes an executive summary, key history, fiscal impact, and timeline.
 - Votes in favor: 10 (Robinson, O'Toole, Selders, Nelson, Logan, Valette, Agniel, Reddell, Lawrence, Sellers).
- Item #3: Utilize recorded staff presentations when appropriate so meeting time can prioritize dialogue and decision-making.
 - Votes in favor: 3 (Selders, Agniel, Reddell).
- Item #4: Have staff compile and distribute a summary of questions received outside meetings so all members have access to the same information.
 - Votes in favor: 7 (O'Toole, Selders, Logan, Bartelt, Reddell, Lawrence, Sellers).
- Item #5: Expand the use of consent agendas for routine or administrative items and explore process for removing items from the consent agenda.
 - Votes in favor: 7 (Robinson, Selders, Bartelt, Valette, Agniel, Lawrence, Sellers).
- Item #6: Place transactional or procedural items primarily in the packet and reserve meeting discussion for policy-level issues.
 - No vote taken as the item was deemed too similar to item #5.
- Item #7: Include estimated discussion timeframes on agenda items when possible.
 - Votes in favor: 0
- Item #8: Consider structural adjustments, such as moving public participation to a different point in the agenda, to support meeting flow.
 - Votes in favor: 2 (Nelson, Sellers).
- Item #9: Review the purchasing policy, including:
 - Administrative approval thresholds for budgeted purchases



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- Expenditure ordinance descriptions and frequency
- Votes in favor: 9 (Robinson, O'Toole, Selders, Nelson, Bartelt, Valette, Agniel, Lawrence, Sellers).
- Item #10: Review policy for filling council vacancies - added by Ms. Bartelt
 - Votes in favor: 7 (Selders, Nelson, Bartelt, Vallette, Reddell, Lawrence, Sellers).
- Item #11: Standardization of committee report format - added by Ms. Lawrence
 - Votes in favor: 9 (Robinson, O'Toole, Selders, Nelson, Logan, Bartelt, Agniel, Reddell, Lawrence).

Mr. Jordan asked for further clarification on item #2, noting that the new agenda management software being used by staff had a standard, consistent format. Ms. Lawrence explained that she was referring specifically to presentations and committee reports.

Mr. Robinson stated that staff would review the six items with the highest vote totals and bring information back to a future council meeting.

Mr. Agniel 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 11-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk