



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following Council Members in attendance: Chad Herring, Jori Nelson, Serena Schermoly, Ron Nelson, Tucker Poling, Sheila Myers, Brooke Morehead, Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ted Odell and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police; Major Byron Roberson; Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works; Melissa Prenger, Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Lathrop & Gage; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Alley Porter, Assistant City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Morehead made a motion to approve the agenda for September 16, 2019. Mrs. Schermoly seconded the motion, which passed 11-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS & SCOUTS

No students or scouts were in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

- Commissioner Becky Fast gave a presentation sharing how tax funds are spent by the County. She also provided an update on programs and activities sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners, including progress on the construction of the new courthouse, the success of Meadowbrook Park, storm and wastewater management, jail improvements and property appraisals.
- Lee Kellenberger, Johnson County Stormwater Manager, gave a presentation on the County's stormwater management program strategic plan implementation. The plan includes the creation of watershed organizations and addresses funding for flooding issues, water quality improvements and system management.

Ms. Nelson asked about the 68th Street and Mission Road water-remediation project that was submitted for county funding but not approved. Mr. Kellenberger stated that the 2020 budget had already been established, but the project would be under



consideration for 2021. He explained that project selections were based on a cost and need-based scoring system, taking many factors into account, such as public safety, property damage, and water depth and speed.

Mr. Herring asked how areas outside of the county affected local watersheds. Mr. Kellenberger stated that water generally sheds out of Johnson County due to its geographically high location. The County does work with downstream neighbors to address flooding that originates locally.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Kathy Jennings, 2422 W. 71st Terrace, thanked Chief Schwartzkopf and the Police Department for their help in locating her husband when he went missing in August.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - September 3, 2019

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

A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Schermoly, R. Nelson, Poling, Myers, Morehead, Runion, McFadden, Odell, Gallagher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Myers reported that Wiese Research Group was selected to develop the civic center survey (subject to Council approval of the contract). Although \$50,000 was budgeted for the project, the total cost will be \$30,600, with the City contributing \$12,240.
- Mrs. Morehead noted that the second “Chamber in the Chambers” music series concert would take place on Friday, September 20, and the State of the Arts reception would be held on Friday, October 11.
- Mr. Herring stated the Parks and Recreation Committee met twice to discuss pool operations with the public.
- Ms. Nelson said that she had attended the Metro Kansas City Climate Action Coalition conference, which had over 700 attendees. She shared information from the meeting describing how environmental issues can be addressed at the local level.
- Mr. Poling added that he had also attended the climate conference, noting that it was very informative and that four members of the Environmental Committee were present.
- Mrs. Schermoly reported that the JazzFest event was successful and well attended.



MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mikkelson reported the following:

- The Mayor thanked those who made JazzFest a success, adding that it was one of the most highly attended in the 10-year history of the event.
- The Mayor stated that he had attended two community-visioning sessions to discuss the updated strategic plan, known as Village Vision 2.0. He added that an online survey was also available for residents through the end of September.
- The Lancer Day parade and pep rally took place on Thursday, September 12.
- The Mayor attended the annual NAACP Freedom Fund banquet with Chief Schwartzkopf and Police Department command staff on September 8.
- A public discussion of proposed changes to the City's zoning regulations will be held on September 17.
- An event to celebrate the addition of water lines to historic Highland Cemetery will be held on September 18.
- A public meeting to discuss ideas for a new skate park will be held on September 19 at the Meadowbrook Clubhouse.
- The 35th annual Peanut Butter Week will take place the week of September 30 - October 4. The food drive is sponsored by Harvesters, a regional organization that assists hungry families.
- The Mayor met with David Warm, Executive Director of the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), to discuss the City's participation in regional projects. He added that Sheila Myers had been elected to fill a vacancy on the MARC Solid Waste Committee.
- The Mayor attended the Shawnee Mission School District's annual Foundation breakfast with other Councilmembers and Staff on September 5.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety

- Chief Schwartzkopf thanked Mrs. Jennings for sharing her story during Public Participation. He stated that National Coffee with a Cop day would take place on October 2 at Starbucks in the Village Shops. Additionally, the Citizens Academy would begin on September 18.

Public Works

- Keith Bredehoeft stated that the Roe Avenue road reconstruction project was progressing and would be completed in a few weeks. The Delmar-Fontana project was also nearing completion, and Somerset Drive should reopen in October. Several wooden logs in the playground area at Weltner Park were replaced due to poor condition. The replacement logs are made of concrete and should last longer.

Mr. Herring noted that a historic tree stump located at Bennett Park would soon have a sign describing its history, due to the efforts of the Tree Board and Parks and Recreation Committee.



Mr. Nelson thanked Mr. Bredehoeft for the forthcoming installation of a bench along the Tomahawk Creek trail.

Administration

- Lisa Santa Maria said that she had spoken to Amy Kramer from the Kansas Department of Revenue about countywide use sales tax refund costs. The refund for the use tax will cost the City \$20,000 in October, and another \$44,000 is anticipated in November.
- Wes Jordan stated he attended a regular quarterly meeting with CBIZ, the City's health, dental and vision insurance broker. The approved 2020 budget projected a 12.5% increase in health insurance costs, but staff was told at the meeting that there would actually not be an increase, which amounts to approximately \$170,000 in savings. Insurance renewals will be brought before Council at its October 7 meeting.

Mr. Jordan added that a date for the Wassmer Park opening celebration would be determined soon, and will likely take place in late October.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative roundtable discussion

Mayor Mikkelson stated that the City meets with its area legislators in preparation of each legislative session, and that several had expressed interest in holding a "city issues" roundtable to discuss topics such as local control and property tax concerns. Related to that, he suggested that a Councilmember could serve as a legislative liaison to work with staff during the session to implement legislative priorities.

Ms. Nelson said that she supported the idea, and asked Council to consider giving the City's legislative platform to legislators earlier in the year to make it easier for them to pre-file bills that could help the City. Mr. Poling added that the City's platform does not always match the platforms of surrounding cities or the League of Kansas Municipalities, so it would be valuable to speak to legislators directly. Mr. Gallagher suggested the Council President could serve in the liaison role.

Mrs. Morehead made a motion that the City Council move to the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher and passed 11-0.



COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Discuss website redesign

Ashley Freburg stated that Granicus currently provides website management and hosting services for the City. Content is created in-house using Granicus's content management system. Every five years, the website qualifies for a redesign to improve functionality and incorporate new technology. The cost of the redesign was included in the 2020 budget, but work will begin in late 2019.

Adam Isern of Granicus gave a presentation on potential website redesign options, noting that Granicus is the largest government software provider in the world. One focus of the redesign will be accessibility features to make the site easier to navigate. Mr. Gallagher asked if a mobile app of the website would be developed to function better on mobile devices. Mr. Isern stated that although an app would not be created, the website would be designed to work well on mobile devices. Mr. Herring asked that the mobile design contain some aesthetic features rather than just a utilitarian series of buttons.

Mr. Odell made a motion to authorize staff to move forward with a contract with Granicus for website redesign services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poling and passed 11-0.

Discuss conceptual layout options and estimated costs for building reconstruction at the Public Works facility

Melissa Prenger stated that in March 2019, staff was directed by Council to develop a design concept and determine the cost of reconstruction at the Public Works facility. Four concepts were created, and the cost of each had been shared with the Finance Committee. Ms. Prenger stated concept #3, at a cost of \$9,610,000 was the preferred option for budgeting purposes. This plan would include the demolition of Buildings A, B, and the dirt barn, as well as the construction of a new building with a separate wash bay. Additionally, five staff members from the Building Inspector's Office would relocate from City Hall.

Ms. Prenger introduced Rick Wise of Clark Enersen Partners, who provided information on the various levels of LEED certification for resource-efficient buildings. Costs range from approximately \$40,000 for basic certification to \$800,000 for platinum certification. Elements affecting cost include energy-metering, installation of solar arrays, geothermal heating and cooling, and enhanced sustainability strategies.

Mr. Runion asked if the City could lease solar power systems; Ms. Prenger stated that MC Power, the company selected to install solar panels at Wassmer Park, provided Public Works the cost for both purchased and leased systems. In a lease arrangement, MC Power would maintain the equipment. It is unclear whether leasing would provide a cost savings to the City, as it would be dependent on what is charged for the energy produced. Mayor Mikkelson stated it would be easier to determine the sustainability value if an estimate



could be made of the amount that would be saved for each level of certification. Mr. Wise stated that the design team would make that determination as the project moves forward.

Ms. Nelson and Mr. Poling were in support of spending funds to make the new building as sustainable as possible. Mrs. McFadden stated that she preferred to obtain the LEED Gold standard rather than LEED Platinum, and suggested looking into “LEED Cities” certification. Mrs. Schermoly asked where existing Public Works equipment and materials would be stored during construction. Ms. Prenger said that a 25% to 35% contingency fund had been included in the cost estimates, which incorporated the use of trailers at the site for staff. Mr. Odell added that there were few examples of LEED Platinum buildings in the Kansas City region because certification is difficult to achieve.

Ms. Prenger stated that the project would be paid via bond financing. The City currently has an annual debt service of \$1.3 million dollars, which will be retired in 2023. Once this happens, the City would have the capacity to take on the same annual debt payment and have no impact on the current budget.

Mr. Poling made a motion to authorize staff to move forward with the implementation of building project option #3 for the Public Works facility, with the goal of LEED Platinum certification. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nelson and passed 10-1, with Mrs. Morehead in opposition.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Council Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Nelson moved that the City Council end the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. Mr. Poling seconded the motion, which passed 11-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council packet.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk