



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 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, Andrew Wang, Sheila Myers, Brooke Morehead, Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ted Odell and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Lathrop & Gage; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda for November 18, 2019. Mr. Poling seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS & SCOUTS

Students from Kansas City Christian School were in attendance to fulfill an AP Government class requirement.

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Daniel Mapes, resident of Raymore, Missouri and skate instructor, shared his appreciation for plans to upgrade the City skate park.

With no one else present to address the Council, public participation was closed at 6:07 p.m.

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 - November 4, 2019

Ms. Nelson 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, Wang, Myers, Morehead, Runion, McFadden, Odell, Gallagher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Myers stated that Weise, the consultant developing the civic center survey, piloted the phone survey the previous week, and that field work was underway. The company is also currently testing the online portion of the survey.

She added that the Tree Board planted 26 trees in the Prairie Fields subdivision on November 8, with the support of the Heartland Tree Alliance.

- Mr. Herring said that the Parks and Recreation Committee met on November 13. Jeff Stewart, Executive Director of the Johnson County Parks and Recreation District, gave a presentation on the next phase of the Meadowbrook Park project. Additionally, a discussion was held about recreational fees, and the City of Merriam participating in the pool "superpass" program, since the City's new aquatic center is set to open in 2020.
- Mrs. Schermoly shared information about the 2019 JazzFest event, noting that there were a total of 2,147 paid attendees, and that alcohol sales increased by \$5,700 over the previous year. The JazzFest Committee is considering having additional food trucks in the future, and moving wristband distribution to the beer tent.
- Mrs. Morehead stated that she, Ms. Nelson and Mrs. Myers met with six Ukrainian business leaders to discuss the role of women in local government on November 6.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mikkelson reported the following:

- The Mayor noted that another Ukrainian delegation would be visiting the Police Department later in the week to discuss the role of investigative journalism in exposing corruption in government.
- The Mayor and staff met with U.S. Representative Sharice Davids to discuss ways to further the City's interests at the national level.
- Johnson County and Wyandotte County Mayors met with state legislators to discuss regional issues for the upcoming legislative session.



- The Mayor attended the Johnson County Community College Annual Gala fundraising event. Over \$1,000,000 was raised for scholarships to the College.
- The Mayor spoke at the Countryside East home association meeting the prior week.
- The Mayor and staff met with senior citizens at the Meadowbrook Events Center, and the Mayor met with the Claridge Court Men's Group the previous week.
- Coffee with a Cop took place November 15 at Panera.
- The Mayor attended a Northeast Johnson County Mayors Lunch, at which a presentation was given by Stuart Little, a lobbyist interested in representing cities in the area.
- The Mayor and several Councilmembers attended the Northeast Johnson County Annual Gala on November 15, at which outgoing Chair David Waters was honored.
- The Mayor congratulated newly elected Councilmembers, and recognized outgoing members.
- The annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting will take place November 21 at the Corinth Shops.
- The next Chamber in the Chamber music event will be held on November 22.
- The Kansas City Chamber of Commerce annual dinner will take place November 26.
- A legislative forum to discuss City issues will be held January 9.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works

- Mr. Bredehoeft said that the solar panels at Wassmer Park are now fully functional and should provide enough power for all park needs. Any additional power generated will be returned to the electrical grid.

Administration

- Mr. Jordan stated that packet for the next meeting would be sent out early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. He added that the Citizen Police Academy graduation would be held at the next Council meeting, and that First Washington would give its annual presentation to the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Schermoly congratulated Mr. Waters for being elected Mayor of the City of Westwood, KS.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss the Harmon Park skate park option for the performance pad and discuss project budget

Mr. Bredehoeft stated that the plan to rebuild the skate park began when staff first noticed cracking in the concrete in 2014. At that time, a full replacement of the park was budgeted to be \$350,000. Since then, construction prices have increased, necessitating additional funding to complete the project. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that the Council needed to provide



staff direction on how to proceed, specifically as to whether the skate park and performance pad should be constructed as part of the same project or separately. Additionally, Council approval was needed to apply additional funds toward the total project budget. If approved, two more public meetings will be held to finalize the design, with the goal of opening the facility in the summer of 2020.

Canton Russell, representing New Line Skate Parks, gave a presentation showing different design options for the facility. Four options were presented: three of varying size that included the performance pad, and a fourth in which the park and pad were separated. Mr. Bredehoeft reminded Council that a specific option did not need to be selected; instead, staff just needed a recommendation to either build the park and the pad together or separately.

Mrs. Myers asked if lighting or a cover could be added to the design. Mr. Russell stated that they could be considered as an option or a future upgrade. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that skate park committee had recommended replacing the current park, which is approximately 10,000 square feet, with a new park of the same size. Doing so would require an additional \$150,000 to \$200,000; an additional \$100,000 was added to the project previously for the performance pad. The funding would come from the park reserve fund, which currently has a balance of approximately \$450,000.

Mr. Odell made a motion to incorporate the performance pad into the skate park. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Runion asked what the longevity of the new park would be. Mr. Russell stated it could be expected to last for 20 to 30 years with minimum maintenance each year. Ms. Nelson asked if contributions were made to the park reserve each year. Mr. Bredehoeft said they were, though the amount varied from year to year.

Mrs. Myers made a motion to increase the budget of the skate park by \$200,000, using funds from the park reserve, for a total not to exceed \$650,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Gallagher 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. Nelson and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Consider approval of proposed pilot program for curbside food compost and glass pickup

Mrs. Robichaud gave a presentation on an updated pilot program for compost and glass recycling. The new plan includes 198 homes in all six wards, and will run from February through July 2020. GlassBandit and Compost Collective KC will participate in the



program, and Republic Services, the City's solid waste services provider, will also participate by collecting compost along with yard waste at participating homes. The total investment for the City would be \$18,266, which will be drawn from the solid waste contingency fund. The program will function as follows:

- GlassBandit will offer bi-weekly pickup to 198 homes selected in all six wards. This includes a bin provided by the vendor. The cost is \$2.00 per house per month plus a \$7.00 bin deposit per house, for a total cost of \$3,762 for six months.
- Compost Collective KC will offer curbside compost pickup bi-weekly to 94 homes selected in Wards 1, 2, and 3. This includes a bin provided by the vendor. The cost is \$10.00 per house per month plus an \$8.00 bin deposit per house, for a total cost of \$6,392 for six months.
- Republic will offer curbside compost pickup weekly to 104 homes in Wards 4, 5, and 6. This does not include a bin provided by the vendor. The food compost can be integrated directly with the yard waste or placed in a bucket with a liner at the curb. The total cost is \$13.00 per house per month for a total cost of \$8,112 for six months.

Residents will have the option of opting-out by letting the City know before January 10.

Mr. Odell asked if the test areas could be changed if a certain neighborhood had low participation. Mrs. Robichaud said she would not recommend doing so because the goal is to determine a realistic participation rate among residents.

Mr. Odell moved to approve the pilot program as presented by staff. Mr. Poling seconded the motion.

Mr. Herring noted that some homeowners' associations in the City do not use Republic for solid waste services, and asked how pickup in those areas would be handled if Republic was selected. Mrs. Robichaud stated that staff recommended only including households that are already on the City contract because they are the houses that are currently billed through a property tax assessment.

Ms. Nelson asked why Republic would pick up compost weekly but Compost Collective would only do so bi-weekly. Mrs. Robichaud stated that Republic was unable to provide service bi-weekly because yard waste is required to be picked up every week. Further, staff felt that having the vendors pick up compost at different intervals would provide useful data to determine which pickup frequency is preferred by residents.

Ms. Nelson made a motion to amend the motion to have Compost Collective pick up compost weekly. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poling.

Mrs. Nelson asked how the amendment would affect the cost of the project, and Mrs. Robichaud stated it would increase costs by approximately \$4,000.



The motion to amend the motion failed by a vote of 4-8, with Mr. Nelson, Mr. Wang, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Morehead, Mr. Runion, Mrs. McFadden, Mr. Odell and Mr. Gallagher in opposition.

After further discussion, the original motion passed 10-2, with Mr. Wang and Mrs. Morehead in opposition.

Consider traffic calming on 87th Street from Somerset Drive to Nall Avenue

Mr. Bredehoeft stated that staff had been working with residents on this section of 87th Street for the past year to consider traffic calming options. At a recent resident meeting, the solutions selected included two “neckdowns” close to Somerset Drive and Nall Avenue, as well as two speed display signs at Rosewood Drive and a pedestrian-activated beacon at Cedar Street, which is a school crossing. Mr. Bredehoeft noted that the signs and beacons would be purchased with traffic calming funds, and that the neckdowns would be built as part of the 2020 concrete program.

Mrs. McFadden moved to approve the traffic calming measures as presented by staff. Mr. Poling seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Consider approval of 2020 Prairie Village legislative platform

Mrs. Robichaud shared a version of the platform document showing the differences between the 2019 and 2020 language. She noted the Tax Policy section had been renamed Tax Policy and the Dark Store Theory, and that language had been added clarifying the City’s opposition. Additionally, a section titled Addressing the Climate Crisis as Public Policy Priority was added. Finally, language was added to the Statewide Energy Policy section supporting a policy standard to reduce the dependency on oil “*and other nonrenewable resources, reduce carbon emission, and increase carbon capture.*”

Mr. Odell shared concern with the language in the Climate Crisis section, and felt that the phrase “*consensus reached by the scientific community*” should be removed.

Mrs. Morehead made a motion to insert language into the Tax Policy and the Dark Store Theory section indicating that it only referred to “*large*” commercial properties. Mrs. Schermoly seconded the motion, which failed 4-7, with Mr. Herring, Ms. Nelson, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Poling, Mr. Wang, Mrs. Myers, and Mr. Gallagher in opposition, and Mrs. McFadden in abstention.

Mr. Poling moved to add the language “*we also urge the state government to fund special education at the level required by K.S.A. 72-3422*” to the State Funding of Public Education section. Mr. Herring seconded the motion, which passed 10-2, with Mrs. Myers and Mrs. McFadden in opposition.



Mr. Runion moved to add language to the Addressing the Climate Crisis as Public Policy Priority section stating the City is supportive of elevating the items listed, *“provided that those efforts are mindful of the cost to local residents.”* The motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

After discussion, a motion to call the question was made by Mr. Runion. The motion passed 10-2, with Mrs. Schermoly and Mrs. McFadden in opposition.

The original motion failed by a vote of 4-7, with Mr. Herring, Ms. Nelson, Mrs. Schermoly, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Poling, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. McFadden in opposition, and Mr. Gallagher in abstention.

Mr. Herring moved to adopt the 2020 Legislative Platform as amended. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which tied 6-6, with Mrs. Schermoly, Mr. Wang, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Morehead, Mr. Runion and Mr. Odell in opposition. Mayor Mikkelson cast a tie-breaking vote in favor of the motion.

Mayor Mikkelson shared a handout providing the terms of a proposal with Stuart Little, a state lobbyist offering to help represent the City’s interests. The Mayor asked the Committee if they were interested in discussing further at the next meeting. The majority of members were not interested in pursuing the idea further.

Ms. Nelson moved that the City Council end the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk