



**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
JUNE 21, 2022**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following Councilmembers in attendance: Chad Herring (via Zoom) Cole Robinson, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Lauren Wolf, Dave Robinson, Piper Reimer (via Zoom), Greg Shelton, Courtney McFadden, Ian Graves, and Terrence Gallagher (via Zoom). Staff present: Byron Roberson, 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; Meghan Boom, Assistant City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda for June 21, 2022. Ms. Wolf seconded the motion, which passed 11-0.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Captain Brady Sullivan and School Resource Officers Matt Huber and Seth Meyer recognized graduates of the 2022 Youth Police Academy.
- Emily Sheldon with BT&Co., P.A., gave a presentation on the 2021 audit of the City. She noted that the company had issued an unmodified audit opinion, which was the best opinion that could be received.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Resident John Anderson, 4402 W. 63<sup>rd</sup> Terrace, shared positive thoughts about the police department.

**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 - June 6, 2022
2. Consider appointment to Tree Board
3. Consider approval of Ordinance 2474, an ordinance deleting Article 8 (Sign Regulations) of Chapter 16 (Zoning and Planning) from the municipal code
4. Consider traffic calming on 69<sup>th</sup> Street from Nall Avenue to Fonticello Street
5. Consider purchase of replacement Bobcat skid-steer loader and disposal of asset #5044

**Mr. Cole Robinson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, C. Robinson, Selders, Nelson, Wolf, Limbird, D. Robinson, Shelton, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 11-0.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Ad Hoc Housing Committee - Consider recommendations from the Ad Hoc Housing Committee to help with preserving access to attainable housing in Prairie Village**

Co-chair Ian Graves stated that the committee was formed in the summer of 2021 and met several times from September 2021 to April 2022 to work on recommendations. The group reviewed proposals derived from the UCS housing toolkit and Village Vision 2.0, and developed recommendations in the following three categories:

- 1) Amend the City’s zoning regulations to allow quality, attainable housing, especially “missing middle” housing in more zoning districts.
- 2) Support the rehabilitation of the existing housing stock to preserve existing attainable housing.
- 3) Ensure the City continues to participate in regional initiatives regarding housing attainability and transit connectivity.

Mr. Graves said that if approved, staff would work on developing an implementation plan for the proposed changes along with the Planning Commission, and that several opportunities for public input would be held prior to any final approval by Council.

**Mrs. McFadden made a motion to accept the Ad Hoc Housing Committee’s recommendations and direct staff to begin working on implementation of the recommended strategies. Mr. Herring seconded the motion.**

Mr. Dave Robinson asked how the success of the proposed changes could be measured in the future. Mr. Graves stated metrics such as number of housing units obtainable versus area median income, or the percentage of the City’s workforce that could afford to live in the City would help determine whether the changes had a positive impact.



Mr. Herring asked how increased density might impact demand for housing in the area. Mr. Graves said that density could improve affordability by providing additional types of redevelopment, rather than just single-family homes.

**After further discussion, the motion passed 11-0.**

- Ms. Selders provided a recap of the Juneteenth celebration that took place at Harmon Park on Saturday, June 18. She also noted that the Diversity Committee met on June 14 to discuss several topics, including a future teambuilding event for members, and potential “coffee with the community” sessions.

### **MAYOR’S REPORT**

- Mayor Mikkelson stated that he had attended the UCS Human Services Summit on June 14.
- The Ad Hoc Civic Center Committee met with Johnson County Parks and Recreation District staff and Johnson County Library staff the prior week to discuss partnership opportunities. Committee members will next meet with representatives from the Shawnee Mission School District.
- The Mayor noted that the Kansas City Ballet had announced it would locating its south instructional campus at the Meadowbrook Shopping Center.
- The Mayor said that Fox 4 Kansas City’s morning show would be live in Prairie Village on Friday, June 24 for its local “zip trip” segment.
- The Mayor reported that a community garden “solstice celebration” would take place at Harmon Park on Friday, June 24.
- The Mayor recognized outgoing Deputy City Administrator Jamie Robichaud’s accomplishments and contributions to the City.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

- Ms. Robichaud thanked the Mayor, Councilmembers and staff for their support during her time with the City.
- Mr. Jordan also recognized Ms. Robichaud and thanked her for her years of service to the community.
- Chief Roberson said that the next Coffee with a Cop event would be held at Hy-Vee on Wednesday, June 22.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to come before the Council.





Mr. Bredehoeft stated that the program consisted of asphalt street repairs at various locations throughout the City, where settlement or deterioration had occurred. He added that staff had reviewed the bid pricing and believed that it accurately reflected the market at the current time. Since the budget for the project totaled \$200,000, locations of repairs would be adjusted to fit the budget.

**Mrs. McFadden made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract with Harbour Construction for the 2022 street repair program at a cost of \$200,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and passed 11-0.**

**COU2022-52          Consider construction contract for the 2022 residential street rehabilitation program**

Mr. Bredehoeft said that the project would repair several streets throughout the City and would include new curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and an asphalt mill and overlay. It would be funded primarily by the 2022 residential street rehabilitation program but would also include funding from other agencies, such as the Johnson County Stormwater Management Advisory Council (for the proposed Windsor Road stormwater improvements) and Kansas City Missouri (for the proposed State Line Road improvements from 75<sup>th</sup> Street to the south City limit). Mr. Bredehoeft added that a future change order would be brought before the Council to include other outside funding sources, including WaterOne, Evergy and AT&T.

City Staff reviewed the bid proposal submitted for the 2022 program and confirmed that pricing was similar to bids submitted to neighboring communities for similar projects. Additionally, staff compared prices from 2021 and noted an acceptable 7% increase in overall project costs given the recent rate of inflation.

Mr. Bredehoeft stated that the contract would be awarded for \$3,456,781, which included the funding from other sources. Change order authorization up to an additional \$200,000 would allow for quick approval of potential changes required to complete the project.

**Mr. Shelton made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract with Superior Bowen for the 2022 residential street rehabilitation program at a total cost of \$3,456,781. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reimer and passed 11-0.**

**COU2022-53          Consider approval of a contract with McConnell and Associates for the Taliaferro Park tennis court resurfacing**

Mr. Bredehoeft said that the City had requested quotes from three vendors for the tennis court resurfacing project. One quote was received from McConnell and Associates, at a



total cost of \$19,948.40. He noted that the budget for the project was \$20,000, and that staff has reviewed the bid for accuracy, found no errors, and recommended awarding the project to McConnell and Associates.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract with McConnell and Associates for the Taliaferro Park tennis court resurfacing (Project BG450003) at a total cost of \$19,948.40. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher and passed 11-0.

Mr. Herring, who was participating by Zoom, made a motion for former Council President Courtney McFadden to serve as the temporary chair of the Council Committee of the Whole during the meeting. Ms. Reimer seconded the motion, which 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. Shelton and passed 11-0.

### COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

#### Preliminary 2023 budget presentation

Ms. Lee gave a presentation on the proposed 2023 budget. She noted that it had been reviewed by the Finance Committee on May 10, 2022 and was unanimously approved by the committee at its May 25 meeting. The preliminary budget included the following decision packages, which had been approved by the Finance Committee:

- Reducing the mill levy by one mill
- Addition of the sustainability program management annual mattress recycling
- Conducting a citizen satisfaction survey
- Funding the Juneteenth celebration
- Contributing to a public arts fund
- Addition of one Information Systems position
- Funding for community development plan review
- Addition of a second mental health co-responder

Ms. Lee added that the “all in number” for expenditures in the budget represented an 8.5% increase over 2022, totaling \$27,286,443. Proposed increases included 5% for contract services, 12% for personnel, 12% for commodities, and 15% for capital outlay. She said that the budget included a contingency fund for personnel based on the results of the forthcoming compensation study from McGrath Consulting. Additionally, even if the mill rate was reduced by one mill as proposed, the budget would still exceed the revenue neutral rate, which would require notification to taxpayers and a public hearing.



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Mr. Dave Robinson asked whether the inflation was considered when calculating the revenue neutral rate from one year to the next. Ms. Lee stated that it was not. Mr. Herring asked whether the City anticipated having to issue any “dark store theory” tax refunds if such legislation were passed by the state, and how doing so would impact the City. Mr. Jordan said that there would not be a significant impact due to the limited number of large commercial entities in the City. Staff had previously estimated an impact of approximately \$100,000 if such legislation was passed.

**Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the preliminary budget recommended by the Finance Committee and send it to the City Council for final approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Selders and passed 11-0.**

**Mr. Shelton 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 8:52 p.m.

Adam Geffert  
City Clerk