



**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, February 6 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, Cole Robinson, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Lauren Wolf, Bonnie Limbird, Dave Robinson, Piper Reimer, Courtney McFadden, Ian Graves, and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Spencer Fane LLP; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Meghan Buum, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Nelson made a motion to amend the agenda by moving the old business item regarding Ad Hoc Housing Committee recommendations to immediately follow public participation. Ms. Reimer seconded the motion, which passed 11-0.

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS**

Girl Scouts from Daisy Troop 3137 were present at the meeting to earn their “respect authority” petal.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Police K-9 “Blitz” was given a supervisory recognition award for outstanding performance on a case in which he and handler Officer Ben Overesch assisted the Mission Police Department.
- Mr. Cole Robinson read a proclamation declaring February as Black History Month in Prairie Village.
- Mayor Mikkelson recognized Councilmembers for their service and presented their annual ceremonial checks.



- The City's Urban Forestry Specialist, Bridget Tolle, along with Tree Board members Kevin Dunn and Mark Morgan, gave a presentation on accomplishments resulting from the tree protection ordinance.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following residents voiced concerns regarding certain proposals recommended by the Ad Hoc Housing Committee.

- Leon Patton, no address provided
- Brian Lee, 5401 W. 83<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Bill Meeker, 4401 W. 69<sup>th</sup> Terrace
- Tom Clough, 8510 Delmar Lane
- Jori Nelson, 4802 W. 69<sup>th</sup> Terrace
- Pam Justus, 7627 Chadwick Street
- Barb Wheeler, 5204 W. 81<sup>st</sup> Street
- Mike Sullinger, 7908 El Monte Street
- Karen Gibbons, 2904 W. 71<sup>st</sup> Street
- Jan Lane, 4100 W. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Kirk Carpenter, 4 Coventry Court
- Mike Levin, 4927 W. 88<sup>th</sup> Street
- Tom Ward, 22 Coventry Court
- John Stacy, 8200 Briar Street
- Brent Hoover, 4508 W. 74<sup>th</sup> Terrace
- Jim McGrath, 7178 Buena Vista Street
- Lauren Fischer, 2504 W. 78<sup>th</sup> Street
- Mark Vianello, 5209 W. 83<sup>rd</sup> Terrace
- Barbara Cantrell, no address provided
- Dan Runion, 8417 Reinhardt Street
- Tim Swanson, 7328 Cherokee Drive
- Lisa Mann, no address provided
- Michael Shook, no address provided

The following individuals voiced support of the proposals made by the Ad Hoc Housing Committee:

- Jacob Wagner, 3615 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> Terrace
- Tucker Poling, 3321 W. 74<sup>th</sup> Street
- Lauren Martin, 8411 Somerset Drive
- Bonnie Cutler, 4217 W. 74<sup>th</sup> Street
- Elaine Dalgleish, 8826 Juniper Street
- Johanna Comes, 7800 Canterbury Street



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- Clayton Harper, 7325 Canterbury Street
- Madelyn Samuel, 7325 Canterbury Street
- Cameron Garrison, 4303 Homestead Drive
- David Magariel, 4210 W. 69<sup>th</sup> Terrace
- Dennis Solis, 7339 Mission Road
- Sherri Solis, 7339 Mission Road
- Dennis Boody, 7639 Chadwick Street
- Dr. Jameelah Lang, no address provided
- Karen Heath, 6003 W. 75<sup>th</sup> Terrace
- Trudy Williams, 7801 Colonial Drive
- Dr. George Williams, 7801 Colonial Drive
- Dawn Olney, 8936 Cedar Lane
- Marty Dressman, 2101 W. 79<sup>th</sup> Street
- Michael Jones, 7437 Belinder Avenue
- Margaret Thomas, 8401 Roe Avenue
- Chi Nguyen, 7416 Springfield Street
- Jessica Fick, 5205 W. 104<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, KS
- Dan Tilden, 7656 Canterbury Street
- Cathy Wolters, 7516 Windsor Street
- Kira Lillard, 7421 Village Drive
- Whitney Wilson, 6737 Granada Lane
- John James, no address provided

Terry O'Toole, 4610 Homestead Drive, and Brian O'Laughlin, 8104 Granada Street, voiced concerns regarding certain proposals recommended by the Ad Hoc Housing Committee and spoke in opposition to the proposal to allow Councilmembers to participate in the City's health, dental and vision insurance plans with the same cost-sharing as full-time City employees.

**OLD BUSINESS**

COU2023-05      Consider removing references to R-1, R-2, and by-right in the "Amended Council Recommendations" that were previously sent to the Planning Commission concerning attainable housing

Mrs. McFadden said that she and Mr. Dave Robinson had brought the agenda item to Council in an effort to address concerns regarding the attainable housing discussion. Mr. Dave Robinson added the goal was to temporarily pause the discussion and reduce the level of apprehension and misunderstanding among residents.



Mrs. McFadden made a motion to remove references to R-1, R-2 and by-right in the “Amended Council Recommendations” based on the Ad Hoc Housing Committee recommendations that were previously sent to the Planning Commission for consideration. Specifically, the following items would be removed:

1. Amend the City’s zoning regulations to allow quality, attainable housing, especially missing middle housing by-right in more zoning districts in the following ways:
  - ~~Promote and remove impediments to Accessory Dwelling Units in R-1A and R-1B districts~~
  - ~~Consider “neighborhood-scale” housing options in R-1A and R-1B in the form of small-lot detached, single-family houses~~
  - ~~Council recommends Planning Commission to exclude multifamily units traditionally associated with other Residential zoning districts including but not limited to duplexes, 3 and 4-plexes, row houses, and apartments from consideration in R-1A and R-1B zones.~~
  - ~~Improve the R-2 district for wider range of small-scale, multi-unit types, such as:
    - ~~Smaller lot duplexes~~
    - ~~3 and 4-plex “multi-unit” houses~~
    - ~~Row houses (small lot)~~~~

Mr. Dave Robinson seconded the motion.

Mr. Cole Robinson made a motion to amend the motion to add back in language regarding R-2 districts [fourth bullet point above] so that they would still be considered by the Planning Commission. Mr. Herring seconded the motion.

After discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, C. Robinson, Nelson, Wolf, Limbird, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher; “nay”: Selders, D. Robinson, Reimer. The motion to amend the original motion passed 8-3.

Ms. Selders and Mr. Nelson stated that they were opposed to removing any items from the recommendations sent to the Planning Commission. Mr. Gallagher added that the goals of the process were confusing and unclear and needed to be given more consideration.

Mr. Herring noted that “by-right” already existed in the City’s zoning regulations, and that as long as a project met the requirements of a zoning district, it could be completed without the approval of surrounding residents. He added that he did not see a benefit in stopping the process.

Mr. Cole Robinson stated he was supportive of sending R-2, R-3, and R-4 forward to the Planning Commission, but to table R-1. Mr. Graves said that he was not supportive of the motion, as he preferred to have the Planning Commission determine what specifically needed to come back to Council to consider and develop proposals.



After further discussion, Ms. Reimer made a motion to add back the “by-right” reference as well as the first three bullet points regarding R-1 with an indication that those items would not be sent to the Planning Commission at this time, but instead be brought back to Council for further review and discussion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Wolf, Limbird, D. Robinson, Reimer, Graves, Gallagher; “nay”: Herring, C. Robinson, Selders, R. Nelson, McFadden. The motion to amend the motion passed 6-5.

A roll call vote on the original motion as amended was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: C. Robinson, Wolf, D. Robinson, Reimer, McFadden, Gallagher; “nay”: Herring, Selders, R. Nelson, Limbird, Graves. The original motion as amended passed 6-5.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Consider approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - January 17, 2023
2. Consider 2023 recreation fee schedule
3. Consider approval of Ordinance 2480, an ordinance regarding nondomiciled contractor licenses amending Sections 5-101, 5-103, 5-106, and 5-110 of Article 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 5 (Business Regulations) of the Municipal Code
4. Consider amendment #1 renewing the agreement with Witt O’Brien’s, LLC to provide consulting services to the City regarding the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds

Mrs. McFadden 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, Reimer, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 11-0.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mrs. McFadden stated that the VillageFest Committee had met the prior week to continue planning for the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> event.
- Ms. Reimer said that the Teen Council participated in a public works learning session with Mr. Bredehoeft prior to the meeting. She also noted that the Environmental Committee had passed its 2023 budget, which would include partnering with Overland Park on a recycling event. Additionally, a second recycling event would be held in conjunction with other Northeast Johnson County cities in September.
- Mr. Graves noted that he had attended his first Tree Board meeting as council liaison and learned a great deal about trees in the City.



### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- The Mayor stated he had attended the following events since the prior Council meeting:
  - The Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce's State of the Cities event
  - The League of Kansas Municipalities Local Government Day event in Topeka
  - A MARC Board of Directors meeting
  - A United Community Services of Johnson County board meeting
  - A Prairie Village Foundation meeting
- The Mayor noted the following upcoming events:
  - A meeting with Representative Sharice Davids on February 10
  - A City Council work session on February 11

### **STAFF REPORTS**

- Mr. Jordan stated more information about the Tree Board's presentation related to the tree protection ordinance would be shared in the annual report and other publications. He added that the monthly plan of action was included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Gallagher asked when the phone survey portion of the community center market sustainability study would begin. [Mr. Jordan later shared a timeline with Councilmembers that stated phone surveys began the week of January 30].

Mr. Dave Robinson asked where he should direct residents that needed help with the online survey. Mr. Jordan said the Johnson County Library system had offered to provide assistance and access to the survey via computers at library facilities.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the Council.

Mr. Herring 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 Ms. Limbird and passed 11-0.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

- COU2023-04 Consider change in CP001 - City Committees



Mr. Schwartzkopf said that on January 10, 2023, the Diversity Committee recommended a change to its leadership structure, which would include the addition of a second vice-chair position to be filled by a member of the Diversity Committee. Additionally, the committee voted to meet at 4:00 p.m. monthly rather than every other month.

Mr. Schwartzkopf shared the following proposed changes recommended in bold text:

Council Policy 001 - City Committees (Section VII)

11. Diversity Committee

- a. The Diversity Committee will consist of a voting Chair and Vice-Chair, each a City Council Member appointed by the Mayor without the consent of the City Council. Nine additional voting members shall be appointed by the Mayor, including a representative from the Planning Commission, with the consent of the City Council. **In addition, the Chair will select a second Vice-Chair from the Committee members. The second Vice-Chair will be confirmed by the Committee and will serve a one-year term.** A non-voting representative from the Police Department shall serve on the committee. There may be two non-voting youth representatives.
- b. The Diversity Committee will normally meet at ~~5:30~~ **4:00** p.m. every ~~other~~ month

**Mrs. McFadden made a motion to recommend approval of the revisions to CP001 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herring and passed 11-0.**

- Discussion on adding members of the Governing Body to the City's health, dental and vision insurance plans with the same cost sharing as if they were full-time City employees

**Mr. Cole Robinson made a motion to table the item until the March 6, 2023 City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dave Robinson and passed 11-0.**

**Mr. Herring moved that the City Council end the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole Robinson and passed 11-0.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Adam Geffert  
City Clerk