



PRAIRIE VILLAGE
KANSAS

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

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, March 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, Piper Reimer, Greg Shelton, Courtney McFadden, Ian Graves, and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; Melissa Prenger, Public Works; Cliff Speegle, 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 Boom, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Mikkelson stated that public comment regarding the sustainability program management agenda item as well as consideration of its approval would be moved up on the agenda to take place prior to regular public participation.

Mr. Shelton made a motion to approve the modified agenda. Ms. Selders seconded the motion, which passed 11-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

No students or scouts were present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- Mrs. McFadden read a proclamation declaring March 2023 as Women's History Month in Prairie Village.

NEW BUSINESS

**COU2023-09 Consider approval of agreement with KERAMIDA for sustainability program management
Meghan Boom**



Prior to considering approval of the agreement, Prairie Elementary School students Evie Lewis and Harper Shivers, as well as resident Melinda Lewis, 4630 W. 70th Street, shared their support for sustainability projects in the City.

Ms. Buum stated that during the 2023 budget process, the Environmental Committee, represented by Ms. Reimer and Mr. Shelton, proposed a decision package for sustainability program management in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The request was approved by both the Finance Committee and City Council. Staff issued an RFP in late 2022.

Three bids were received; based on its background and strong understanding of the City's needs, KERAMIDA was the vendor selected. Ms. Buum added that the City was no longer under an agreement with Dynamhex, which had previously provided greenhouse gas emission mapping for the City.

Mr. Shelton said that utilizing KERAMIDA's services would provide information that would allow the Council to make informed choices and investments in facilities, vehicles, and other infrastructure in an effort to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2040.

Mr. Gallagher asked if parks would also be evaluated along with City infrastructure. Mr. Shelton and Ms. Reimer indicated that they would.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve the agreement with KERAMIDA for sustainability program management for the year 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and passed 11-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The following residents voiced concerns regarding certain proposals recommended by the Ad Hoc Housing Committee:
 - Jennifer Deitchman, 5307 W. 79th Terrace
 - Tom Ward, 22 Coventry Court
 - Julianne Lagerstrom, Homestead Drive
 - Jori Nelson, no address provided
 - Chet Hanson, 4620 W. 72nd Street
 - Patricia Uhlmann, 8221 Nall Avenue
 - Michael Shook, 5501 W. 81st Street
 - Hoyl Lockett, 4505 W. 93rd Street
 - John Anderson, 63rd Terrace
 - Betsy Hornbeck, 3631 Somerset Drive
 - Kate Faerber, 4806 W. 68th Street



- Terry O'Toole, 4610 Homestead Drive, shared his 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.
- Alan Bauman, no address provided, expressed his support for the adoption of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2021, addressing energy efficiency.
- Steve Snitz, 4310 W. 70th Terrace, spoke about the benefits of carbon dioxide.

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 - February 21, 2023
2. Consider appointment of committee members
3. Consider award of contract with Vance Brothers, Inc. for the 2023 crack seal/micro surfacing program
4. Purchase request for police vehicles

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Ms. Limbird said that the Arts Council's new exhibit was on display at City Hall and would remain through April. Additionally, the show currently on display at Meadowbrook Park would stay up through June.
- Mrs. McFadden provided a summary of the Diversity Committee town hall event held on February 25.
- Mr. Cole Robinson said that the Diversity Committee had held a second planning meeting for its annual Juneteenth event, as well as a strategic planning session with Julie Brewer from United Community Services of Johnson County.
- Mr. Graves noted that the Tree Board met on March 1. Discussions included possible ways to partner with the Environmental Committee in 2023.
- Ms. Reimer stated that the newest issue of the Village Voice included several items related to the City's sustainability efforts.



MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor said he had attended the following events since the prior Council meeting:
 - A Johnson County/Wyandotte County Mayors meeting, at which the proposed bill eliminating city-level food sales taxes was discussed. The Mayor noted that the group would be writing a letter to state legislators in opposition to the bill.
 - A UCS Board meeting
 - A Mid-America Regional Council Board meeting
 - The U.S. Bank ribbon-cutting event at the Village Shops
- The Mayor noted the following upcoming events:
 - A meeting with the Johnson County Appraiser on March 9
 - The State of the County address on April 4

STAFF REPORTS

- Mr. Jordan stated that the March plan of action was included in the meeting packet. Additionally, he shared that staff recently learned that the Johnson County Building Officials Association would be working together toward implementing the 2024 International Building Code along with staff from other Johnson County cities. Previously, staff had intended to adopt the 2021 International Building Code. Mr. Jordan said that he wanted Council to be aware that this was under consideration and there would be more follow up once staff had the opportunity to discuss further.
- Chief Roberson gave a presentation on the COPS Technology and Equipment grant that the Police Department had received. A total of \$638,000 had been awarded for the acquisition of license plate recognition technology and traffic cameras that would provide real-time crime information to patrol officers and help them locate and identify criminal suspects. He noted that policies and procedures were in place to limit access and restrict unauthorized use.
- Mr. Speegle provided an update on the project to address flooding issues at 68th Street and Mission Road. He stated that construction work would take place on Mission Road between Tomahawk Road and 67th Street and was anticipated to begin in the summer of 2023. The project cost would be split between the City and Johnson County.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS



COU2023-11 Consider construction contract for the 2023 residential street rehabilitation program

Ms. Prenger said that the annual program would include work on many streets throughout the City. Improvements would consist of new curbs and gutters, sidewalk, and an asphalt mill and overlay, and be funded by the 2023 residential street rehabilitation program.

She reported that staff had reviewed the bid proposal submitted by Superior Bowen for the 2023 program and confirmed the fairness of the proposed pricing based upon established bids from neighboring communities for projects of similar nature. Additionally, staff compared prices from 2022 and noted an acceptable 8% increase in overall project costs, given the recent rate of inflation.

Ms. Prenger stated that the contract would be awarded for \$2,495,000. Change order authorization up to \$200,000 additional dollars from the unallocated street account was also included, should the need for quick approval of changes required to complete the project arise. She added that the CIP Project, PAVP2023, funded approximately \$3,000,000 in construction annually, and that remaining funds would be used for the 68th Street and Mission Road project.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve the construction contract with Superior Bowen for the 2023 residential street rehabilitation program for \$2,495,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves and passed 11-0.

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 Mr. Shelton and passed 11-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
2024 Budget goals and objectives

Mr. Hannaman said that the next step in the budget process was to discuss goals and objectives for 2024, adding that the goals and objectives were developed under the framework of the Council's organizational priorities:

- Quality of life
- Superior services
- Community safety
- Be mindful of tax burden
- Invest in public realm
- Environmental sustainability



Mr. Hannaman noted that each year, the Council reaffirmed its goals and objectives specific to the upcoming budget year. The draft 2024 document carried forward the adopted 2023 budget goals and objectives with two recommended updates:

- Edit the reference to “maintain employee stability” to recognize the implementation of the 2022 salary and benefits study
- Edit an objective under “maintain quality streets, parks, and infrastructure” to emphasize long-term planning for capital needs, possibly including City facilities

Mr. Hannaman stated that due to the increase in compensation as a result of the salary study at the end of 2022, staff recommended a minimal amount of decision packages for 2024.

Mr. Shelton asked whether the City’s insurance provider had offered any incentives for the achievement of sustainability goals. Mr. Hannaman said he was unaware of any incentives.

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve 2024 budget goals and objectives as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves 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. Schwartzkopf stated that at the January 17 meeting, Council had asked staff to research what type of compensation surrounding cities offered their mayors and councilmembers. A chart was included in the meeting packet that showed one city offered health insurance at the employee rate, one provided a subsidy, and the rest provided no discount. All cities polled offered a salary to their mayor and councilmembers, with an average of approximately \$1,200 per month for mayors and \$600 for councilmembers. Mr. Schwartzkopf added that he had contacted the City’s insurance broker and was told that a plan change would not be required to add councilmembers to the policy.

After discussion, no motion was made to continue consideration of the item.

COU2023-10 Consider financial donation to the Shawnee Mission East PTA for senior after-graduation party

Mr. Jordan said that for the past 12 years, the Shawnee Mission East PTA had provided a drug and alcohol-free party following its graduation ceremony to ensure the safety of students and celebrate their accomplishments. Approximately 99% of graduating seniors have historically attended the party, which included dinner, games, and raffle items. He noted that all funds for the event were raised through corporate and personal donations,



and that staff estimated nearly half of the 2023 graduating class were residents of Prairie Village.

Mayor Mikkelson said that some students in the City also attended other high schools, such as Kansas City Christian and Shawnee Mission South, for which donations might also be considered. He also noted that as Mayor, he had the discretion to make a donation without Council authorization but preferred to have buy-in from Councilmembers. The Mayor recommended a donation of \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Several Councilmembers shared their support for the proposed donation. Ms. Limbird and Ms. Reimer both noted that parents of students at Shawnee Mission East and local businesses already supported the event financially. Mr. Gallagher asked if the Prairie Village Foundation should be responsible for donations to schools within the City. Mr. Jordan said that asking the Foundation to manage these donations was not recommended, as it had a very small budget, and a contribution to an after-graduation party could take away funds from other charitable organizations. He added that a donation of the proposed amount would have a minimal impact on the City's budget.

After further discussion, Ms. Limbird made a motion to allow the Mayor, at his discretion, to allocate \$2,500 to \$3,000 toward the event. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McFadden and passed 9-2, with Ms. Selders and Mr. Gallagher in opposition.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk