



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
MAY 20, 2024**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the Assistant City Administrator with the following councilmembers in attendance: Cole Robinson, Terry O'Toole, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Lori Sharp, Chi Nguyen, Dave Robinson, Greg Shelton, Nick Reddell, Ian Graves, and Terrence Gallagher.

Staff present: Byron Roberson, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; City Attorney Alex Aggen, Hunter Law Group; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Meghan Buom, Assistant City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dave Robinson moved to amend the agenda to include a presentation from Ivan Dyriv, Mayor of Dolyna, Ukraine and the addition of a discussion under new business related to storm debris clean up. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and passed 10-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND SCOUTS

There were no students or scouts present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- Dominic Tutera, The Village at Mission, provided an update on the senior living center.
- Ivan Dyriv, Mayor of Dolyna, Ukraine, Prairie Village's sister city, provided an update on the conflict in Ukraine and impacts to Dolyna via video message.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Tom Clough spoke about remaining calm during the rezoning conversation, and a recall petition for Mayor Eric Mikkelson.
- Norman Kahn spoke on behalf of Kansas Silver Haired Legislature advocating for the needs of seniors.
- Pam Justus spoke about financing a new city hall building.
- Lynn LaNoue spoke in gratitude for the tree replacement following the storm last July, and what recourse a resident might have if a tree species doesn't meet the resident's satisfaction. He also spoke about the curb and gutter replacement on West 73rd Terrace.
- Leon Patton spoke about the May 7 Planning Commission meeting and the notification of the public hearing.
- Rob Kohl spoke against zoning changes and about issues he experienced related to living near a multi-family building.



- Jerry Hughes spoke against zoning changes.
- Sue Jasperse spoke against zoning changes and a desire to retain the small-town feel of Prairie Village.
- Jan Lane spoke against zoning changes.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Consider approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - May 6, 2024
2. Consider approval of expenditure ordinance #3038
3. Consider appointment of youth representative to the Environmental Committee
4. Consider an ordinance approving the Juneteenth Freedom Celebration event as a special event and authorizing the sale, consumption and possession of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages within the boundaries of a barricaded public area of the event
5. Consider request for alcoholic beverage waiver for Harmon Park for the Juneteenth Freedom Celebration
6. Consider design agreement with Olsson for the design of the 2024 drainage program (DRAIN-24X)
7. Consider interlocal agreement with the City of Mission for design of 63rd Street from Roe Avenue to Nall Avenue (2025 CARS project)
8. Consider interlocal agreement with the City of Mission for Roe Avenue from north city limit to 63rd Street

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: "aye": C. Robinson, O'Toole, Selders, Nelson, Sharp, Nguyen, D. Robinson, Shelton, Reddell, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 11-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Commission

Mr. O'Toole spoke about the May 7, 2024 Planning Commission meeting and public hearing. He expressed concern that the comments at the meeting were not relevant to the items being considered and his desire to see a compromise.

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Gallager reported that the committee took their annual parks tour in May. The Harmon Park improvements are ahead of schedule. The McCrum play equipment ordered after the July storm has been ordered and should be installed in short order. The pool opens Saturday, May 25 at noon and he encouraged residents to purchase memberships.

Environmental Committee

Mr. Shelton reported that the community garden is up and running for the 2024 growing season. At the last committee meeting, Johnson County Commissioner Becky Fast presented on the state of the landfills in the metro as they move closer to capacity. The



Recycle Right program will continue this summer. The County is exploring a county-wide composting program.

JazzFest Committee

Mr. Dave Robinson shared that planning for the festival is well underway.

Arts Council

Mr. Nelson reported that the committee held the annual Art of Photography opening in May.

Diversity Committee

Ms. Selders reported that the committee will have a booth at the Prairie Village Art Fair for children to design posters for the upcoming Juneteenth event.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mikkelson reported that he attended the following events and meetings:

- Annual Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony on May 15
- Staff and the Mayor met with First Washington about an upcoming proposal at the Macy's site. Renovations at Corinth Quarter continue.
- Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Graduation including two city staff members - Major Eric McCullough and Deana Scott

The Mayor also noted that Consolidated Fire District No. 2 had held a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Prairie Village Foundation Back to School with a Firefighter event

He notified the council of the following upcoming events:

- The Urban Land Institute will hold a walking tour at Meadowbrook Park on May 29.

STAFF REPORTS

- Chief Steve Chick, Consolidated Fire District No. 2, provided the following update:
 - He noted the value of a strong partnership with the city, especially given the storm response following the EF-1 tornado that touched down in Prairie Village on May 19. CFD2 responded to 55 calls for service.
 - This week marks the 50th anniversary of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Chief Chick recounted a visit from a resident who was saved as a result of life-saving measures by CFD2.
 - CFD2 is developing new quarterly reports for each city.
 - Total call volume is up over 12% for the second year in a row, with EMS calls up 14%.
 - Response times are improved following the completion of the Mission Road improvements.
- Chief Roberson commended the officers who worked during the May 19 severe storm who responded to more than 40 calls for service, with no citizen or officer injuries reported.
- Public Works Director Keith Bredehoeft reported that crews were in overnight and this morning to reopen streets, assess damage, coordinate utility work, and more.



Residents have made good progress on clearing damage, with many inquiries about city-wide collection.

- Assistant City Administrator Tim Schwartzkopf has been in touch with Johnson County Emergency Management regarding the lack of siren activation on May 19. A tornado warning was not issued by the National Weather Service. The tornado was identified based on a damage survey conducted after the event.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

COU2024-38 Consider storm debris collection in response to the severe storm on May 19, 2024

Mr. Jordan stated that City staff has determined most major damage was on a specific path in the north portion of the city. He estimated that a targeted limb pickup would range between \$50,000-\$100,000 based on costs from previous storms.

Mr. Bredehoeft stated that an exact collection plan would be developed following the outcome of the decision of the governing body.

Mayor Mikkelson asked about the possibility of FEMA reimbursements. Mr. Jordan stated that it would be unlikely to meet that threshold, however the City has contingency in the solid waste fund specifically for events like this storm. Mr. Schwartzkopf reported that there are two thresholds that must be met at the County and State levels to qualify for reimbursement.

Mr. Cole Robinson expressed support for storm debris collection. He asked for clarification on the billing process for clean up events. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that an emergency response fee is built into the city's previously bid agreements for tree maintenance and emergency response.

Mr. Shelton asked how many severe events the city budget could absorb. Mr. Jordan stated typically the budget can absorb one to two storms, dependent on size, without tapping into reserves, should the storms not be eligible for FEMA reimbursement.

Mr. Reddell asked if Republic Services would be more lenient over the course of the next few weeks for those who are able to clean up their own limbs. Mr. Jordan stated that working with the subcontractor Compost Collections is typically explored to expediate the clean-up efforts.

Mr. Cole Robinson moved to direct staff to implement curbside storm debris collection in response to the severe storm on May 19, 2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Inga Selders. The motion 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. Reddell and passed 11-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Robinson reminded the members of the governing body that this time is specifically designed for them to talk in more casual conversation before officially considering items in new business.

Community Center Update

Mark Neibling, representing the project's lead architect, BNIM, provided a process update on the Community Center Campus Study. Following the project kickoff and two community-wide public meetings, a third public meeting is tentatively scheduled for August to consider final outcomes based on the thousands of responses from community members.

Mr. Neibling outlined the proposed locations that were considered by the community. Based on community feedback, the steering committee comprised of staff members from the City, the YMCA, and the Johnson County Library recommend the final plan be developed on the northwest portion of Harmon Park near the Prairie Village Pool. He outlined amenities that would be included in the complex.

Mr. Neibling provided an overview of construction cost escalation in the Kansas City metro area. Based on a community center size of 55,000 square feet plus site development, hard costs are estimated to be \$39.5 million, with soft costs estimated to be \$10.2 million, for a total of \$49.6 million. The YMCA capital contribution has not been factored into these numbers. With construction estimated to start in 2026, the escalation brings the cost to approximately \$55 million.

Mark Hulet, President and CEO of the of the YMCA of Greater Kansas City, shared that the Y would commit their land, valued at \$3 million to the project, \$1 million in membership and program revenue, and money raised through a capital campaign for a total contribution estimated at \$7.5-\$10 million.

Council Members discussed impacts to Shawnee Mission East parking, timing of a community-wide vote, impacts on roadways and drainage, costs to run the facility annually, validity of the feedback gathered at the public meetings versus the statistically valid surveys conducted, impacts to the current city pool, community gardens and tennis courts, financial contributions by the Johnson County Library, current YMCA memberships and programs, among other items.

The City Council discussed at length the desire to see a pro-forma from the YMCA before additional project development moves forward, and asked for more information about configurations of the proposed building and parking at 79th and Delmar, should that site be preferred by the Governing Body.

Mr. Shelton moved to direct staff to return to a future Council Committee of the Whole meeting with additional details on the north Harmon Park site including impacts to parking and site construction costs; details on the south Harmon Park site related to grade changes and construction costs related to rectifying said grade issues; and the perennial pro-forma



of the annual operating budget for the proposed facility. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves and passed 11-0.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30 p.m., Mr. Dave Robinson made the following motion:

"I am preparing to make two separate motions to recess into executive session. The distinction is based on the difference in the composition of staff members who can assist in providing essential information for one subject compared to another.

I move the City Council recess into a first executive session for a period of 30 minutes on the subject of a preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). The Governing Body, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Assistant City Administrators, Finance Director, Public Works Director, and City Attorney will be present. The first executive session will conclude at 10:05 p.m., at which time the Finance Director and Public Works Director will be excused from the executive session."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole Robinson and passed 11-0.

Mr. Robinson then made the following motion:

Further, I move the City Council recess into a second executive session at the conclusion of the first executive session, for a period of 20 minutes on the subject of consultations with the City Attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The Governing Body, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and City Attorney will be present. At the conclusion of both executive sessions, the open meeting will resume at 10:25 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Reddell and passed 11-0.

The open meeting resumed at 10:25 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelsen declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Meghan Bum
Assistant City Administrator