



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
AUGUST 5, 2024

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, August 5, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

Prior to the calling of the roll, Mayor Mikkelson made the following statement:

“Due to the lack of a quorum of councilmembers present tonight, the published meeting agenda will be modified, and no binding action will be taken.

The following items will be presented and discussed this evening:

- *Consideration of an annual contribution to the Johnson County Homeless Services Center
 - *Joe Connor, the Johnson County Assistant County Manager, and Stephanie Boyer with reStart will provide information about the proposed shelter in Lenexa, and the request for Johnson County cities to contribute financially to its operation.*
 - *The presentation will be followed by a council discussion on the proposal, during which a suggested motion for a non-binding indication of interest or disinterest in contributing may be made.**
- *Public participation will proceed as normal, with speakers given three minutes to discuss any topic of their choosing.*
- *The consent agenda will not be considered for approval due to the lack of a quorum.*
- *A discussion will be held regarding the YMCA’s pro forma of estimated revenues and expenses related to the proposed community center. The pro forma was originally reviewed by the Finance Committee at its July 30 meeting.*
- *Reports from other committees, a mayor’s report and staff reports will follow, including a quarterly report from Consolidated Fire District #2 Chief Steve Chick.*
- *The planned executive session will not be held due to the lack of a quorum.”*

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following councilmembers in attendance: Cole Robinson, Ron Nelson, Dave Robinson, Tyler Agniel, 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; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator; Meghan Buum, Assistant City Administrator; Jason Hannaman, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

Homeless Services Center presentation

Mike Kelly, Chair of the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners, Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager, and Stephanie Boyer, CEO of reStart, provided information about the proposed homeless services center that would be located in a former hotel building in Lenexa, KS. A formula noting the cost per capita per city was shared, as well as the need for housing services for the estimated 250 homeless individuals in the county.

Ms. Boyer noted that reStart had been established in 1980, and served approximately 1,400 people per year. The proposed center would be able to accommodate 75 individuals: 50 within a non-congregate shelter, and 25 in transitional housing with support services. She noted that both emergency medical services and incarceration were substantially more expensive than housing and supportive services. The process of applying for a special use permit with the City of Lenexa was underway, along with public engagement and stakeholder gatherings. If approved, the anticipated opening of the center would be the fall of 2025.

Mayor Mikkelson asked if the goal was to get funding commitments from cities, or just a general willingness to provide funding contingent on the approval of the special use permit. Ms. Boyer stated that current goal was simply to get a “will to commit” from cities, and that if the special use permit were approved, a request to sign a funding agreement would be brought back to the council for approval.

Mr. Cole Robinson noted that the financial request from Prairie Village would be roughly \$17,000 annually, or \$0.76 per resident per year.

Mr. Agniel asked what feedback had been received from businesses and hotels surrounding the location of the proposed center. Ms. Boyer stated that a significant number of businesses had attended meetings with the county and reStart, and that the general feedback toward having a shelter in the county was positive. Several local businesses also shared an interest in potentially offering employment to residents of the center.

Mr. Gallagher asked if the per capita contribution rate would increase if some cities declined to participate. Ms. Boyer said the rate would not change, regardless of whether some cities did not participate.



STAFF REPORTS

Chief Steve Chick gave a second quarter report for Consolidated Fire District #2 and shared upcoming plans for the department.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The following individuals stated their opposition to the proposed homeless services center:
 - Charlotte O'Hara, 15712 Windsor Street, Overland Park
 - Steve Wirtz, 3915 W. 102nd Street, Overland Park
 - Ben Hobert, 2208 W. 49th Street, Westwood Hills
 - Bill Copher, 7844 Tomahawk Road
 - John Cantrell, 8236 Nall Avenue
 - Jill O'Connor, Overland Park
- Debbie Doud, 3621 W. 73rd Street, and Jacob Wagner, 3615 W. 73rd Terrace, expressed their support of the homeless shelter
- Pam Justus, Ward 6, shared concerns about City spending
- Kira Lillard, 7421 Village Drive, and David Lowland, 7421 Village Drive, noted their opposition to the attempt to recall the Mayor
- Paul Gorelick, Corinth, shared his frustration with divisiveness in the City
- Amy Aldrich, 2301 W. 72nd Street, stated her objection to the proposed community center

NEW BUSINESS

COU2024-43 Consider annual contribution to Johnson County Homeless Services Center

The following councilmembers stated their support for the City making an annual contribution to the proposed center:

- Mr. Cole Robinson
- Mr. Nelson
- Mr. Dave Robinson
- Mr. Graves

Mayor Mikkelson said that he was supportive of the contribution, contingent on the special use permit for the center being approved by the City of Lenexa. He added that future councils could end up deciding not to fund the center, even if it was approved by the current council.



Mr. Agniel stated that he supported the opening of the center, but was unsure about contributing City funds since it was a county project.

Mr. Gallagher also shared concerns about contributions from the City, noting that the county had not provided adequate funding for the project. He asked if a scaled-back model at the opening of the center had been considered to reduce costs. Mr. Connor said that reStart would begin renovating the building as soon as it was purchased from the current owner, so there was no way to truly slow the process down or scale it back. Further, the number of staff employed was based on the number of beds in the center, and could not be reduced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

- Prairie Village community center YMCA pro forma discussion

Mark Hulet, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Kansas City provided an estimate of revenues and expenses for the operation of the proposed community center. He noted that the Finance Committee had unanimously recommended the consideration of the YMCA's "conservative" scenario pro forma to the Council for further review and discussion. The pro forma anticipated price points, the number of members expected, and the revenue and costs associated with those estimates.

Angie Lassley, Chief Operating Officer of the YMCA of Greater Kansas City shared information about the equipment, amenities and programs that would be offered at the proposed center.

Councilmembers discussed the pro forma and programs presented, with no action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mikkelsen declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk