

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
October 4, 2010  
7:30 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL**
- IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed below are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion (Roll Call Vote). There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

**By Staff:**

- 1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes - September 20, 2010
- 2. Approve the pricing agreement with ADP, Inc. for payroll services.
- 3. Authorize the Mayor to execute a proclamation for "National Colonial Heritage Month" in October.

VI. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

VII. **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Council Committee of the Whole**

COU2010-52 Consider Project 190890: 2010 Bond Project - Construction Change Order No. 5 adding the 2010 Drainage Improvement Program - Michael Kelly

COU2010-53 Authorize staff to publish the amendment to the 2010 Budget as required by State Statutes - Michael Kelly

**Park and Recreation Committee - Diana Ewy Sharp**

VIII. **STAFF REPORTS**

IX. **OLD BUSINESS**

X. **NEW BUSINESS**

XI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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cityclerk@pvkansas.com**

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE**  
**October 4, 2010**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, October 4, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

Council President Charles Clark called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with the following Council Members present: Al Herrera, Dale Warman, Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Michael Kelly, Andrew Wang, Laura Wassmer, Dale Beckerman, David Morrison, Diana Ewy Sharp and David Belz.

Also present were: Wes Jordan, Chief of Police ; Keith Bredehoeft, Interim Public Works Director; Katie Logan, City Attorney; Quinn Bennion, City Administrator; Karen Kindle, Finance Director; Chris Engel, Assistant to the City Administrator and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

Council President Charles Clark led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Five boy scouts from Troop 91 were present to earn their communications and citizenship and community merit badges.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Michael Kelly moved approval of the amended Consent Agenda for October 4, 2010:

1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes - September 20, 2010
2. Approve the pricing agreement with ADP, Inc. for payroll services.

3. Authorize the Mayor to execute a proclamation declaring October “National Colonial Heritage Month”

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting “aye”: Herrera, Warman, Hopkins, Noll, Kelly, Wang, Wassmer, Beckerman, Morrison, Ewy Sharp and Belz.

### **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Due to the Mayor’s absence, there was no Mayor’s Report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

#### **COU2010-52 Consider Project 190890: 2010 Bond Project 2010 Drainage Improvement Program**

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Michael Kelly moved the Governing Body approve construction change order #5 for additional drainage work on Project 190890: 2010 Bond Projects with O’Donnell and Sons Construction in the amount of \$110,849.85 bringing the new contract amount to \$7,401,613.66. The motion was seconded by Dale Beckerman and passed unanimously.

#### **COU2010-53 Request Permission to Publish an Amendment to the 2010 Budget**

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Michael Kelly moved the Governing Body authorize staff to publish an amendment to the 2010 Budget as required by State statutes. The motion was seconded by Laura Wassmer and passed unanimously.

## **Park and Recreation Committee**

Diana Ewy Sharp gave an update on the Franklin Park Improvements and encouraged Council members to visit the park. Her favorite element in the new park was the drainage ditch with its native grasses. She noted it will be a challenge to complete the park by November 22<sup>nd</sup> and advised that the Park & Recreation Committee has decided to hold the ribbon cutting and dedication of the park next spring.

Ruth Hopkins confirmed that the restroom facilities would be operational year-round.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Public Safety**

Reported at the Council Committee of the Whole meeting

- Last Saturday evening Dispatch received over 70 calls regarding fireworks at a wedding reception in Mission Hills.
- Live strong tour de BBQ bike tour was completed last weekend without incident.
- The meeting with the neighborhood regarding the Christmas house on Falmouth was successful. Chief and Captain Schwartzkopf will meet with the Babick's this week to discuss some of the suggestions and recommendations from the meeting.
- The Code Red message regarding recent burglaries was well received and appears to have had an impact.
- Over the past weekend more than 37 sites in the City had Graffiti written on streets, signs, etc. Chief thanked Mike Helms for his efforts to removed it quickly.
- Chief Jordan and Captain Tim Schwartzkopf will be participating in an NAACP forum at Johnson County Community College.

### **Public Works**

- Keith Bredehoeft noted the biggest concern with the timely completion of the Franklin Park project is with the installation of the prefabricated structures as the contractor has been having problems with the supplier. In the meantime, they are focusing on getting everything else completed.
- Mr. Bredehoeft acknowledged and thanked Mike Helms for his efforts this past weekend on the removal the graffiti at several locations in the City.
- The 75<sup>th</sup> Place CDBG Project is processing well with the new curbs and driveways in place.

## **Administration**

- Quinn Bennion announced that Dennis Enslinger was attending the informational meeting being held at Shawnee Mission East regarding the changes proposed by the Shawnee Mission School District.
- The Department of the Army has acknowledged Chief Jordan for his assistance and cooperation with the investigation regarding the July 4<sup>th</sup> Chinook landing.
- This week is “Peanut Butter Week” throughout the City. Mr. Bennion acknowledged the participation of the schools, churches and area businesses in this food drive.
- Quinn Bennion announced he would be attending a City Manager’s conference and would not be present at the October 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
- The League of Kansas Municipalities will be having its annual meeting this next week beginning with pre-conference activities on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing through October 12<sup>th</sup>. Five council members will be attending along with Mayor Shaffer and the City Administrator.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to come before the City Council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Presentation by Highland Elementary School**

Dale Warman attended the ribbon cutting and dedication of Highland Elementary School on Sunday on behalf of Mayor Shaffer and was presented a picture by the school in appreciation for the City’s support during the reconstruction of the school. He noted the facility is excellent and the event was very well attended.

Ruth Hopkins asked what area of Prairie Village attends Highland. Mr. Warman responded the western portion of Ward 1, primarily the Countryside East area.

### **Discussion on Shawnee Mission School District Proposals**

Diana Ewy Sharp felt that based on the strong community interest in the proposed changes that impact Prairie Village residents that the City Council should discuss the proposals. Michael Kelly agreed noting this will have a large impact on the community and should be considered by the City.

Ruth Hopkins felt it would be inappropriate for one governing body to tell another governing body how to run its programs. The City has always supported the school district and if the school board has decided this is the action that needs to be taken, so be it. She noted they are very open about the proposals and have provided several opportunities for residents to get information and to express their opinions.

Dale Beckerman stated he agreed with Mrs. Hopkins regarding the proposed closing of the school; however, he questioned if the City should take a position on the proposed boundary change that would move Kenilworth residents out of Shawnee Mission East to Shawnee Mission South High School. He feels the school district is trying to move students to South otherwise they would be closing Indian Woods Middle School, not Mission Valley.

David Belz agreed with Mrs. Hopkins in principal noting that the City is not aware of all the information the School Board has in making the proposed changes and it would be inappropriate to make a stance against another governing body. He stated that when the Kansas City School District decided to close 26 schools, the Kansas City City Council did not challenge them.

Al Herrera felt the City should get involved with the boundary change as it splits a Prairie Village community. He feels the City boundaries should be left untouched and noted the proposed change has minimal financial impact. At least the residents should be given an option to transfer to Shawnee Mission East.

Andrew Wang would like to have someone from the school district talk to the Council regarding their recommendations. He feels it is the role of the Council to be advocates on behalf of Prairie Village residents. He would like to know why they have proposed drawing the boundary through a community.

David Morrison expressed concern for the impact on the communities in the southern part of the City noting the potential loss of a school and the recent loss of a post office.

Diana Ewy Sharp stated she supports having a school representative come to the Council and provide information and facts. She noted she does not feel the City should get involved in a debate over closing Mission Valley or Indian Hills. However, the closing of a neighborhood school will have an impact on the community and the demographics of the City. She does not feel it is divisive to ask questions of the school district.

David Belz stated there is a difference between asking the school district to provide information and telling them not to do something within their jurisdiction. He noted based on the information he has received, the residents are well informed and equipped to challenge the school board and does not need the city's support.

Michael Kelly feels it is important for the Council to have a clear understanding and be educated to better be able to respond to residents.

Charles Clark stated he has been working with residents of Kenilworth who are well organized and committed to address the school board with their questions and concerns. He noted the school looks at attendance areas - it does not look at city boundaries.

Quinn Bennion asked for if the Council was directing staff to have a school representative attend the October 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to explain the proposals have impact Prairie Village residents. He noted the school district is already holding several informational meetings presenting that information. He asked if this would be a public

hearing with comments or solely a presentation. Council members responded they wanted a presentation for the education of the Council.

Michael Kelly asked if it would be better to have staff meet with school officials and relay the information to the Council or perhaps a small committee of staff and Mayor.

David Belz stated ideally he would like to have them present as Council members may have questions that the staff are unaware of, but noted it would probably be better to have staff meet and report back.

Andrew Wang stated he would like to have representatives here for the Council to be able to ask questions.

Charles Clark stated because the presentation is at a public meeting, the public will attend and will want to speak. Dale Beckerman agreed that public comment cannot be prevented and if someone of the school district is on the agenda, the public will attend. He noted that the information Mr. Enslinger is getting at tonight's meeting may be what the Council wants to know. He prefers to have staff gather information and report before bringing someone from the District to speak.

Quinn Bennion stated that staff can summarize the information it is given but noted a number of views have been expressed.

Michael Kelly suggested that the Mayor together with staff meet with the school district to get information and report back to the Council at the next meeting. The suggestion was supported by a majority of the Council.

Quinn Bennion asked what the Council wanted staff to find out. Council members responded with the following questions:



- What is the rationale for redrawing the boundary line for Shawnee Mission South High School to include a section of Kenilworth in Prairie Village?
- What alternatives or options are available?
- What other uses are being projected for the Mission Valley Middle School building and property?
- What is driving the closing of Mission Valley Middle School?
- How was the decision arrived at?
- How will the additional student traffic be handled?
- What is the District's long term plan and cities repopulated and student enrollment grows?
- With the re-greening of Northeast Johnson County, will there be a capacity issue in the upcoming years?

Al Herrera stated all of these questions can be answered by Council members attending one of the informational meetings instead of asking staff to spend their time researching and meeting with school officials.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:**

Municipal Foundation	10/05/2010	5:30 p.m.
Board of Zoning Appeals	10/05/2010	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	10/05/2010	7:00 p.m.
Sister City Committee	10/11/2010	7:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Committee	10/13/2010	7:00 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	10/18/2010	6:00 p.m.
City Council	10/18/2010	7:30 p.m.

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The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to announce the annual State of the Arts exhibit in the R. G. Endres Gallery for the month of October. The reception will be held on October 8th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Three prizes of \$1,000 will be awarded including the R. G. Endres Memorial Best of Show, and the Viewer's Choice Award of \$500. The awards will be announced at 7:30 p.m.

**Prairie Village Peanut Butter Week is October 4th - 8<sup>th</sup>.**

The City Clerk's office has a new style of ceramic coffee mug for sale. They are \$5.00 each.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary books, **Prairie Village Our Story**, are being sold to the public.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy  
City Clerk