

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE
September 4, 2012
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers**

AGENDA

DAVID MORRISON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Update on Northeast Johnson County Chamber Activities
Deb Settle

Update from Consolidated Fire District 2
Chief Hodgdon

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
September 4, 2012

The Council Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Council President David Morrison with the following members present: Ashley Weaver, Dale Warman, Ruth Hopkins (arrived late), Steve Noll, Laura Wassmer, Brooke Morehead, Charles Clark, Ted Odell and David Belz. Staff Members present: Captain Wes Lovett; Bruce McNabb, Director of Public Works, David Waters representing the city attorney; Quinn Bennion, City Administrator; Dennis Enslinger, Assistant City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

Update on Northeast Johnson County Chamber Activities

Deb Settle, Executive Director of Northeast Johnson County Chamber, thanked the City for its support of the Chamber. Over the past three years she has been with the chamber, she has seen great progress. She expressed appreciation for the service of Councilman Dale Warman who serves as an Ambassador for the chamber. During the past year the chamber celebrated ribbon cuttings at UltraMax Sports, American Family Insurance and Tide Cleaners in Prairie Village. Prairie Village businesses make up 14% of the over 300 chamber members. Thirty-two new businesses joined the chamber in the past year and Ms Settle stated the chamber is very proud of its 90% retention rate for memberships.

The Mission of the Chamber is “Helping Small Businesses Grow”. The chamber has just finished a new Northeast Johnson County Map that can be distributed to new residents in the community. Registrations for the 2013 Leadership Northeast Program which begins in January will kick off on October 25th with an alumni and recruitment day for LNE. The highly recognized program provides an opportunity for individuals to gain insight and information on local, county and state government as well as area business and offers an excellent opportunity to network. The 2013 class will offer a new component addressing serving the area’s aging population.

Ms Settle explained the shared Kansas City Area Development Council membership that allows cities to join KCADC under the umbrella of the Chamber. All cities have been invited to attend the September 20th meeting of the KCADC. She encouraged council members to be added to their mailing list to receive the monthly calendar of chamber events.

The annual chamber gala will be held November 17th at the Marriott in Overland Park. Council members were encouraged to attend this optional black tie event that features a silent auction, dinner and dance.

Brooke Morehead asked how membership fees were established. Ms Settle stated they were based on number of employees.

David Morrison, a recent graduate of the Leadership Northeast program, encouraged any council and staff members to participate in this program.

Dale Warman noted he has been on the board for the chamber since 1992 and has seen great improvements over the past few years under the leadership of Deb Settle. He encouraged Council members to attend the annual gala in November.

Update from Consolidated Fire District 2

Chief Phil Hodgdon with the Consolidated Fire District #2 reported on activities of the fire district. The District served 760 calls in Prairie Village to date in 2013 with 1 fire loss of approximately \$6,000. For the year ending 2011, the District responded to 1100 calls with \$1.3M in fire loss. Their 2013 budget has been approved with a mill levy of 10.18; however, they have cut \$500,000 from their operating budget. A new pumper truck has been ordered for the station at 90th & Roe at the cost of \$565,000 with a pre-pay discount of 4%.

Chief Hodgdon stated the 60+ year old fire station at 90th & Roe will be relocated next year as it is too small for operations and due to the increasing cost of maintenance for the existing building. A study on the relocation was conducted in conjunction with neighboring emergency service providers with a defined set of criteria considered. A new site has been selected and they are in the process of finalizing the purchase agreements. The location will be announced in a few weeks.

David Morrison confirmed the new site would be in Prairie Village.

Laura Wassmer asked what would be done with the property at 90th & Roe. Chief Hodgdon responded the property will be listed by Zimmer Associates for sale. They have already sold the easement for the cellular tower on the site.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety

- Captain Lovett had no report.

Public Works

- Bruce McNabb reported Somerset would be closed later this week and would remain closed for up to 60 days.
- Public Works is working with the bonding company for the repair of the trail in Franklin Park.

Administration

- The Endres Art Gallery will host an opening for the Dolyana Photography Art Exhibit on display this month.
- The Prairie Village Shopping Center improvements will be presented at the September 11th Planning Commission meeting in concept - formal action and presentation and the public hearing will be at the October 2nd meeting.

- Building Official Jim Brown was recognized for his extra effort and hours spent during evenings and weekends to oversee the extended hours construction at Indian Hills Middle School as well and several other commercial projects.
- Municipal Court Supervisor Bettina Jamerson was recognized for her work in the recent installation of new court software that will enable the issuance of e-ticketing in the near future.
- Quinn Bennion reported on the Fiber Space tour with other Prairie Village officials and staff.
- He remains in contact with SureWest regarding the city's continued interest in their offering services to Prairie Village residents. Several PV residents have also made contact with SureWest expressing their interest. SureWest will announce their 2013 build out location and schedule in November.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shaffer's reported he represented the City at the following events during the past weeks: Goggle Fiber space tour, ribbon cutting for American Family Insurance, Relay for Life event at Franklin Park. He reported on the city's involvement with MARC's continued sustainability initiative with the review of building codes. Mayor Shaffer was pleased to participate in the annual Lancer Day parade and celebration which was not dampened by the rain.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council Committee of the Whole, Council President David Morrison adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

David Morrison
Council President