

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
Monday, March 7, 2005
7:30 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IV. 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:

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2. Approve Claims Ordinances #2586 through #2589
3. Approve the disposal of Asset 0900 Scag Riding Mower and Asset 0991, the leaf vacuum attachment.
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5. Ratify the Mayor's approval of a short-term special use permit to Prairie Baptist Church for a 3' x 5' banner to be placed on the corner of Tomahawk & Roe from February 28th through March 26th promoting a community-wide Easter Egg Hunt to be held at Porter Park on Saturday, March 26th and the waiver of the permit fee
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By Committee:

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V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park & Recreation Committee – Kay Wolf

Consider upgrade of Recreation Management software

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

If any individual requires special accommodations -- for example, qualified interpreter, large print, reader, hearing assistance -- in order to attend the meeting, please notify the City Clerk at 381-6464, Extension 4616, no later than 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, comments may be received by e-mail at cityclerk@PVKANSAS.COM

**COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
March 7, 2005
-Minutes-**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Shaffer called the meeting to order with the following Council members responding to roll call: Al Herrera, Bill Griffith, Steve Noll, Ruth Hopkins, Greg Colston, Andrew Wang, Laura Wassmer, Jeff Anthony, Kay Wolf, Diana Ewy Sharp and David Belz.

Also present were: Barbara Vernon, City Administrator; Charles Grover, Chief of Police; Bob Pryzby, Director of Public Works; Doug Luther, Assistant City Administrator; Jamie Shell, Finance Director; Josh Farrar, Assistant to the City Administrator and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one was present to address the City Council. Mayor Shaffer acknowledged the presence of a Shawnee Mission East High School student attending the meeting for her American Government class.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jeff Anthony asked that item #8 on the Consent Agenda be removed for discussion. Mayor Shaffer turned the meeting over to Council President Al Herrera and left the room. Bill Griffith moved approval of the Consent Agenda for Monday, March 7, 2005 as amended :

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8. Removed

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting “aye”: Griffith, Noll, Hopkins, Colston, Wang, Wassmer, Anthony, Wolf, Ewy Sharp and Belz.

Jeff Anthony stated his concern with the perception given by the City awarding the contract for Planning Services to Bucher, Willis & Ratliff when Mayor Shaffer is a principal of that firm. He agrees there is no problem now, but feels the City would be exposing itself to a tremendous liability if problems were to occur with the services of Bucher, Willis & Ratliff.

Laura Wassmer noted her reservations, but stated she supports the approval of the agreement because of the City’s current involvement in redoing the Comprehensive Plan and the extensive history and knowledge Ron Williamson possesses from his past ten years of working with the City.

Diana Ewy Sharp opposes the renewal of the agreement, but still feels there is another answer to resolving the issue. She does not want to lose the services of Ron Williamson as Planning Consultant because of his expertise and knowledge, but has discomfort with awarding the contract to the Mayor’s company.

Laura Wassmer noted discussion of this item at the last committee meeting received considerable press and asked what resident response had been received by the City. Barbara Vernon replied she received only two comments and both individuals did not see any conflict and were surprised by the concerns expressed by Council members. Ms Wassmer stated she had not received any strong opinions/comments from residents.

Kay Wolf expressed her opposition. She noted in conversations with other government officials they were surprised the City was taking such action. She feels the Council needs to protect the City and its residents and not renew this agreement. She is not sure residents understand the implications of government contracts and the need for scrutiny of agreements.

Diana Ewy Sharp pointed out that if the recommendation of the school speed zone study done by Bucher, Willis & Ratliff had said school speed zones were not needed for

Corinth Elementary, the residents could have made an issue and challenged the work of BWR.

Laura Wassmer stressed she does not want to lose the continuity provided by continuing with Bucher, Willis & Ratliff during the review of the comprehensive plan and feels to continue that work on a contract basis while not renewing the agreement for planning services would not be appropriate.

Ruth Hopkins stated the individuals she has talked with feel the comprehensive planning consultant has access to the information needed to move forward with the comprehensive plan. She expressed some reservation with continued input from Bucher, Willis & Ratliff on the plan because of their history and possible pre-determined concepts of the City. She wants to ensure a fresh perspective.

Andrew Wang does not see a problem with continuing the agreement through 2005. He feels the Council has the power to vote on issues based on their merits.

Andrew Wang moved the City Council approve the agreement with Bucher, Willis & Ratliff for Planning Consultant Services for 2005 with the following change: the last sentence of Article I shall read as follows: “The consultant shall perform the above services only upon the authorization of the City Administrator, the Assistant City Administrator, or the Planning Commission Chairman,” and authorize a change in City procedure to follow state legislation which empowers the Planning Commission to “... contract for such services as the Commission requires...” The motion was seconded by Steve Noll and passed by a vote of 6 to 5 with the following votes cast: “aye” Noll, Colston, Wang, Wassmer & Belz and “nay” Griffith, Hopkins, Anthony, Wolf and Ewy Sharp” with Council President Al Herrera voting aye to break the tie.

Mayor Shaffer returned to chair the remainder of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park & Recreation Committee

PK2005-01 Consider Upgrade of Recreation Management Software

Kay Wolf stated the City’s current recreation software is ten years old and being discontinued with service no longer provided to users after 2006. Staff had planned to include in the 2006 budget an upgrade of the software. However, with the

discontinuation of the software and the company offering significant incentives to companies to upgrade, staff has requested funding to make the upgrade now.

On behalf of the Park & Recreation Committee, Kay Wolf moved the City Council authorize a transfer of \$10,000 from Contingency to the Swimming Pool Contract Services budget, account number 01-06-42-5160 for a recreation software upgrade. The motion was seconded by Al Herrera.

Andrew Wang asked if there were competing vendors for this software. Josh Farrar responded there are several vendors; however, RecNet is regarded as the best and with the significant discount of \$5,000 being offered, it is no more expensive than others.

Steve Noll questioned if the cost was \$10,000 or \$13,000. Mr. Farrar stated the transaction fees are based on the amount of revenue that goes through the system and based on past history, this should cost \$8550 with training costs of 1,500 for a total of \$10,000.

Kay Wolf reminded the Council the service for the software will be discontinued so a change will have to take place either this year or next year.

The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Al Herrera asked Mr. Pryzby the status of the relocation of the crosswalk from The Village Church to Prairie Elementary School. Mr. Pryzby stated he did not know the status but would look into it.

School Zones

Laura Wassmer expressed concern with the length of the school speed zones on Mission Road. She questioned the need for a school speed zone particularly by Indian Hills Middle School, noting the two lane road, the controlled intersection at Mission and 63rd Street and the inability of Prairie Village to enforce a speed zone located in the City of Fairway. She noted 63rd Street is also a two lane road with an existing lower speed limit and is not a heavily traveled residential street. She has had several residents voice concern to her regarding the placement of school speed zones all along Mission Road. Ms Wassmer stated she is not comfortable with the length of the school speed zones and asked where staff was in the process.

Mr. Pryzby stated at this time he is costing out equipment. Chief Grover responded he is in the process of contacting the individual schools for input, looking at each school for its particular needs and concerns and continuing their analysis.

Ms Wassmer asked what flexibility the City had in establishing the school speed zones.

Mr. Pryzby responded the MUTCD does not give much flexibility in the design. Once you decide to establish them, there are specific criteria to be followed. Before you divert from that criteria he recommends the City Attorney be consulted to see if the City would incur additional liability in doing so.

Ms Wassmer stated she doesn't see what would be accomplished by the school speed zone. The traffic is already slow, it is a two-lane road in a residential area as opposed to a four-lane road in a commercial area. It doesn't make sense.

Al Herrera agreed the traffic is slowed between 67th Street and 63rd Street and agrees the addition of school speed zones in this area could create more of a problem than it would solve. Mr. Griffith confirmed the speed limit at 67th Street is already 25 mph and asked why the school speed zone was proposed. Mr. Pryzby noted the speed limit will not change, but the area will be marked as a school speed zone.

Ruth Hopkins stated if the City is going forward with school speed zones, she does not want to start micro-managing their implementation and encouraged the Council to leave it in the hands of staff. She advised as a former PTA member, she is sure if Prairie Elementary and Indian Hills are dropped from the school speed zones, the parents will be upset. She said that the only accident she is aware of was on 67th Street where the speed is set at 25, which says that lowering the speed to 25 mph will not resolve the problem.

Laura Wassmer moved to remove the proposed school speed zones at Mission and 67th Street for Prairie Elementary School and 63rd & Mission for Indian Hills Middle School. The motion was seconded by Al Herrera.

Andrew Wang stated recent statistics from the Kansas Department of Transportation on accidents per 100,000 miles of travel covering 55 cities in Kansas that have the City of Prairie Village ranked fourth from the bottom for accidents with the only metropolitan city rated lower being Roeland Park. The three pedestrian accidents

involving children under the age of 15 occurring in Prairie Village all occurred on local residential streets, not on arterial or urban collector streets. Yet, statistics and experts have stated the proposed establishment of school speed zones on Mission Road will force additional traffic onto area residential streets thus increasing the danger where accidents have already been documented. This action is increasing the danger to the children in our community, not reducing it.

Ms Wassmer stressed the school speed zone for Indian Hills would be primarily located in the City of Fairway and would not be able to be enforced by the City of Prairie Village.

Chief Grover confirmed the location of the school speed zone would be in Fairway and the city would not have any enforcement authority in that jurisdiction. He stated 63rd & Mission is very similar to 83rd & Mission in that they both are controlled intersections with traffic already slowing down because of the traffic signals.

Diana Ewy Sharp reminded the Council the recommendation of the study stressed the importance of taking uniform action Mission Road. It said if one school speed zone was established other school crossings should be handled uniformly. She feels it is insanity to go back and start looking at school speed zones to remove from the clear recommendation of the study. Ms Wassmer disagreed stating the report called for consistency not uniformity.

Bill Griffith called the question. The motion was seconded by Ruth Hopkins and passed unanimously.

A vote was taken on the motion to remove the proposed school speed zones at Mission and 67th Street for Prairie Elementary School and 63rd & Mission for Indian Hills Middle School. The motion was defeated by a vote of 8 to 3 with Herrera, Wang and Wassmer voting “aye”.

NEW BUSINESS

Belinder Elementary

Chief Grover advised the Council the Belinder Elementary School will begin construction of a 5,000 square foot library addition the end of this month. This will result in the closing of the driveway and increased traffic on Belinder. The construction is expected to last eight months.

Left-hand turns into Shawnee Mission East

Chief Grover advised the Council of a resident’s concern with the difficulty experienced by northbound traffic on Mission Road making a left-hand turn into Shawnee Mission East High School in the morning. He has asked Chief Grover to place patrol officers at the location and periodically stop traffic mid-block to allow cars from the south to enter. Chief has advised the resident this would create more problems than it would solve and that he does not have the manpower to cover this request during the peak hours of the morning commute.

Bob Pryzby reported the resident spoke with him requesting the traffic signal at 75th & Mission stop traffic for approximately 10 seconds periodically between 7:30 and 7:40 a.m. to allow the backed-up left-turn traffic to clear out. Mr. Pryzby advised him to approach Shawnee Mission East from the north to solve his problem entering the high school.

Skate Park

Bob Pryzby reported that construction is going well on the skate park with the contractor estimating completion in late April. He and Kathy Peterson have set the date of Saturday, April 30 at 10 a.m. for the dedication of the skate park. He encouraged Council members to mark the date on their calendars and plan to attend.

Mr. Pryzby also advised that he and Kathy Peterson have discussed possible art for the skate park. Artist Rick Johnson, who’s work is on display in the City of Overland Park, is willing to create a piece based on commission subject to the approval of the completed work. The work would incorporate items related to skateboarding and would be of the more avant garde nature. Kathy Peterson will be discussing this with the Arts Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

Park and Recreation Committee	03/09/2005	7:00 p.m.
Sister City Committee	03/14/2005	7:00 p.m.
Prairie Village Arts Council	03/16/2005	7:00 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	03/21/2005	6:00 p.m.
City Council	03/21/2005	7:30 p.m.

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Mayor Shaffer confirmed the date of the Council worksession set for Saturday, April 9th has not changed.

Mayor Shaffer encouraged interested Council members to attend the discussion sponsored by the Mid-America Regional Council on March 31st on considering a smoke-free ordinance. The session would be held from 7 to 8:30 in the Prairie Village Council Chambers.

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to feature the Sister City/Student Art in the Glass Case and City of Prairie Village owned art exhibit sharing the R. G. Endres Gallery during the month of March.

The National League of Cities Congressional Conference will be held on March 11th -16th in Washington D.C.

There will be a Public meeting of the Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee on March 9th at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Mark you calendars and try to attend to hear what the community wants for the future of Prairie Village:

April 25, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Shawnee Mission East cafeteria
April 26, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Mission Valley Middle School
May 4, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Indian Hills Middle School
May 5, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Briarwood Elementary School

The date has been set for the City's Annual Large Item Pick-up. Mark you calendars for Saturday, May 14, 2005.

The 50th Anniversary books, Prairie Village Our Story, are being sold to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk