

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
March 5, 2018**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Laura Wassmer called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Chad Herring, Jori Nelson, Serena Schermoly (via telephone), Ronald Nelson, Tucker Poling, Andrew Wang, Sheila Myers, Brooke Morehead, Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ted Odell and Terrence Gallagher

Staff present: Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director; David Waters for the City Attorney; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Assistant City Administrator; Alley Porter, Assistant to the City Administrator, Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk. Also present was the City's Planning Consultant Chris Brewster.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS & SCOUTS

No scouts or students were in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

Northeast Johnson County Chamber Update

Mayor Wassmer welcomed Deb Settle, President of the Northeast Johnson County Chamber. Ms. Settle thanked the City for its active participation and support of the chamber and particularly Mayor Wassmer for her attendance at ribbon cuttings and

chamber events. The Chamber sponsored a record 250 events during the past year. Ms. Settle noted the new quarterly publication of a chamber magazine with its first edition featuring economic development. The Leadership Northeast program has already completed four sessions with Amy Hunt and Jamie Robichaud attending from the City. Graduation will be May 17th with Will Shields as the guest speaker. Ms. Settle reviewed upcoming chamber events and encouraged council members to participate. Seventy new businesses joined the chamber in the past year bringing the total membership to 375 members. Over the next few months, she will be working to increase Corinth and Prairie Village Center businesses involvement in the chamber. Ms. Settle stated the chamber is funded by membership fees and corporate sponsorships and thanked Prairie Village for its support.

Chad Herring thanked the Chamber for hosting the legislative breakfasts. Mrs. Settle added they are hosting a session on March 7th with County Appraiser Paul Welcome to discuss the recent appraisals. Due to the high demand the location has been changed from the Prairie Village Community Center to the Paul Henson YMCA. Brooke Morehead recognized Deb Settle for her active involvement in all aspects of the chamber and Courtney McFadden for her service on the Chamber Board of Directors.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Linda Cosgrove, 7905 El Monte, addressed the City Council regarding crosswalks. She is pleased with the crosswalk near Hen House in Corinth Square but there is nothing to notify drivers of people in the crosswalk. Mrs. Cosgrove noted the crosswalk by the Meadowbrook development has a button that can be activated for crossing and flashes a notification to traffic. She would like to have the City consider adding these at the crosswalk near Hen House at Corinth Square and possibly at 83rd

and Somerset, noting a utility cabinet prevents traffic turning right from Somerset unto 83rd Street seeing the crosswalk.

With no one else to address the City Council, public participation was closed at 7:45 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wassmer asked if council members wanted to discuss any items on the Consent Agenda. Terrence Gallagher and Dan Runion asked to discuss item #4, the requested easement by WaterOne. Mr. Gallagher noted past discussion on the need for more parking at Porter Park and asked if this easement would prevent that from occurring. Mr. Bredehoeft responded it would not. Mr. Runion asked how large the easement was. Mr. Bredehoeft replied the easement requested is for five feet adjacent to Roe Avenue south of Tomahawk Road.

Dan Runion moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda for Monday, March 5, 2018:

1. Approval of the regular City Council meeting minutes - February 20, 2018
2. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Johnson County for Preliminary Engineering Study for Project: REIST0001: Reinhardt & 84th Terrace Drainage Project
3. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Johnson County for Engineering Design for Project: REIST0001: Reinhardt & 84th Terrace Drainage Project
4. Authorize the Mayor to execute an easement for WaterOne facilities in Porter Park adjacent to Roe Avenue right-of-way
5. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Johnson County for Project: RPAV0004: Roe Avenue 67th Street to 75th Street
6. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Johnson County and the City of Leawood, Kansas for Project MIRD0006: Mission Road from 84th Street to 95th Street
7. Approval of revised Council Policy 001: City Committees

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Schermoly, R. Nelson, Poling, Wang, Myers, Morehead, Runion, McFadden, Odell and Gallagher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COU2018-13 Consider approval of an agreement with Affinis Corporation for the Design of the 2018 Paving Program

Brooke Morehead moved the City Council approve the Design Agreement with Affinis Corporation for the design of the 2018 Paving Program in the amount of \$86,410.00. The motion was seconded by Sheila Myers and passed unanimously.

PC2018-02 Consider approval of a Special Use Permit for 7930 State Line Road PC2018-102 Consider approval of an amendment to the preliminary development plan for 7930 State Line Road.

Chris Brewster stated the requested special use permit is for 7930 State Line Road, which was rezoned from C-0 and R-1B to CP-1 in 2015. The City Council and Planning Commission approved the preliminary development plan and a conditional use permit for a drive-thru restaurant for this location in September of 2015, and the Planning Commission approved the final site plan for this location in October of 2015.

Mr. Brewster noted the drive-thru restaurant was never constructed, and this new proposal to construct a car wash at this site requires an amendment to the approved preliminary development plan. In addition, a car wash is considered a special use in the CP-1 zoning district, which triggers the need for approval of a special use permit. If both the preliminary development plan amendment and special use permit are approved by the City Council, a final development plan will be submitted to Planning Commission for review prior to building permits being issued.

The applicant held a neighborhood meeting in January and a public hearing was held before the Planning Commission on February 6th. One person spoke in opposition to the project at the public hearing.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of both the amendment to the preliminary development plan and special use permit, subject to several conditions to be addressed prior to the approval of the final development plan including landscape requirements as recommended by staff, site plan conditions addressing the fence, screening of utility boxes, light pole heights and locations, projection of lighting, emergency vehicle access requested by the fire department, final elevations and details of the car wash building, canopy, vacuum screen and associated equipment to be supplied including materials, colors, building dimensions and other details.

Mr. Brewster stated all signs shall be approved by a separate permit and meet the City's sign requirements. Any proposed monument signs shall be shown on the final development plan and approved by the Planning Commission. Appropriate drainage permits shall be reviewed and approved by Public Works, including facilities designed to address the water and wastewater quantities and quality associated with the car wash activities.

The Planning Commission has set the hours of operation to be 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. With concern expressed regarding the noise, the Commission required the acoustic measurement study of the Sharpsburg, Georgia site be interpreted for expected noise levels for this particular site plan. Noise impacts on the adjacent residential property shall be mitigated with a combination of vegetation, structural screens, noise regulators on the equipment and/or operational limits. The site shall meet a performance standard measured from any adjacent residential property of a maximum of 65 decibels between 7

a.m. and 9 p.m., and 50 decibels between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Prior to the City Council meeting, the applicant submitted a noise study for this property to refine data and lower the accepted daytime performance level to a maximum of 60 decibels, but in no case more than 65 decibels.

The Special Use Permit shall be valid for a period of 5 years, and shall renew for successive 5 year periods provided no code violations exist and all conditions of the original Special Use Permit continue to be met, and the applicant addresses any unanticipated impacts on adjacent residential properties identified by staff from this use. Mr. Brewster noted this was a change to the standard language, but not uncommon and supported by staff.

Jori Nelson asked how many residents were in attendance at the public hearing. Mr. Brewster replied seven or eight residents were present. Ms. Nelson asked what noise would occur between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. when the business is closed. Mr. Brewster replied none.

Chris Brewster reviewed the following options available to the City Council:

1. Approve the Planning Commission recommendation by a majority vote (including the recommended conditions).
2. Return the application to the Planning Commission with direction to reconsider specific actions, either by a majority vote or by failure to approve or override the Planning Commission recommendation.
3. Override or modify the Planning Commission recommendation by at least a 2/3 vote of the membership of the governing body.

Mr. Brewster noted a protest petition was not filed within 14 days of the close of the public hearing, so a 3/4 vote of the governing body for approval is not needed. If the City Council approves the special use permit and amendment to the preliminary development plan, the applicant may prepare a final development plan, which is subject to final approval by the Planning Commission before building permits can be issued.

Dan Runion confirmed that, if approved, the special use permit would include the recommended conditions by the Planning Commission and these conditions would apply to future owners of this site also.

Terrence Gallagher asked if the noise readings took into consideration the proposed noise abatement fence. Mr. Brewster replied measurements did not factor in the proposed fence.

Chad Herring asked why the request was made for the amended renewal terms and if it was consistent with others. Mr. Brewster replied the request is not uncommon when significant financial investment is necessary for the project. The applicant was not concerned with the time period of five years, but with the clarity of the conditions upon which the renewal would be judged.

Aaron March, 4510 Belleview, attorney for the applicant, introduced the following members of their team in attendance: Petty Hardin, principal with Tidal Wave, and Thomas Wells, development consultant for Tidal Wave. He thanked the staff and the neighbors for their comments and input on this application. He replied to Ms. Nelson that seven people attended the neighborhood meeting and that they had also met individually with neighbors prior to submitting their application. Mr. March reviewed a site plan for the proposed car wash.

Petty Hardin provided history on Tidal Wave which he founded in 2004 in Atlanta. This will be their 37th location. They generally operate their facilities seven days per week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at most locations. This can change with the seasons, generally closing earlier in the winter. Recycled water is used at all locations.

Thomas Wells, development consultant for Tidal Wave, reviewed the site plan for the project and the proposed landscaping. He noted they have taken the existing two

entrances and combined them into one location. The entrance lane comes up to the pay station and circles around to the tunnel where the car wash is done. In response to neighborhood concerns, the tunnel location was moved from the center of the site closer to State Line Road and further from the residential properties. Mr. Wells shared photo renderings from one of their other operations as examples of the building design, elevations and materials. A rendering of the brick vacuum enclosure was shown and Mr. Wells noted that at the request of the neighbors, this also has been moved to a different location than their original plan.

A privacy fence is proposed where this property abuts the residential properties on the northwest side and southwest corner. It is a composite fence with a lifetime guarantee that simulates a rock wall but also has soundproofing qualities. The fence would require zero maintenance once constructed as opposed to a cedar wooden privacy fence.

Mr. Wells reviewed a cross-section of the enhanced landscape buffer location where the fence would be constructed. Their property line is in the backyard of the residential properties to the northwest and an existing chain link fence serves as a barrier between the residential properties and the parking lot of the vacant office building. Their plan is to retain the existing chain link fence and add a landscape buffer by planting some evergreens, large shrubs and small trees along that portion with the privacy fence located on the interior of the site adjacent to the paved area.

Dan Runion asked about the use of recycled water. Mr. Wells responded water conservation is promoted by reducing the amount of “fresh” water needed to provide a quality exterior wash. Car washes done at homes generally use 80 to 140 gallons of

fresh water compared to the 10 to 12 gallons used in their process. Waste water from their operation is filtered prior to entry into the sanitary sewer system.

Brooke Morehead asked why they selected this location. Mr. Wells replied because of the demographics of the area and existing competition. Sheila Myers asked if any of their other locations were adjacent to residential properties. Mr. Wells replied three locations back up onto residential properties and they have been successful in addressing resident concerns.

Courtney McFadden asked if the 30 available spaces for vehicle stacking was sufficient, expressing concern with cars backing onto State Line Road. Mr. Petty responded the car wash process moves quickly and noted that many of their locations only have stacking available for 10 vehicles. Mr. Petty stated he was confident stacking onto State Line Road would not occur. Jori Nelson stated there is another car wash further north on State Line Road. Mr. Petty concurred noting it was approximately a mile away. He stated its operational process is different than Tidal Wave's vision. The other facility also sells gas, does not have vacuums and has individuals drying vehicles. They are full service car wash facility with vacuuming facilities.

Dan Runion asked for further information and clarification on the proposed wall/fence. Mr. Wells reviewed the placement of the existing chain link fence that will remain, the placement of proposed landscape shrubs and trees followed by the construction of the wall. The neighboring residents will not be looking at a massive blank wall. The view of the wall will be buffered by 10 to 15 foot trees and other landscaping. It was noted that the wall would be brought around the corner to further screen their operation and buffer noise.

Aaron March stated sound ratings taken at the proposed location of the wall were between 60 and 65 decibels. Sound levels on the other side of the wall are anticipated to be 50 to 55 decibels. He noted a decibel level taken today at this location with only the normal noise from traffic on State Line Road was 70 decibels.

Chad Herring asked what the anticipated lifetime of the proposed fence was and who would be responsible for damage or repairs. Mr. March responded Tidal Wave would be responsible for maintenance and repair, noting that failure to do so would be a violation of the conditions of the special use permit. Mr. Herring questioned the 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. hours. Mr. March responded. Their normal operating hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or sunset. The extended hours allow for start-up and closing operations. No car washes will take place prior to 8 a.m.

Brooke Morehead confirmed that they are a privately owned business, not a franchise.

Dan Runion asked for further clarification on lighting. Mr. March replied that the city's lighting regulations require a lighting plan be prepared showing 0 foot-candles at the property line. Additional lighting information has been requested by the Commission and will be presented with the final development plan application.

Terrence Gallagher noted that he shared the plans distributed at the neighborhood meeting with Ward 6 residents and only 5 residents from the Meadowlake area were opposed to the plan. There were 3 that favored the plan with 2 of those residents abutting this property.

Jori Nelson expressed concern with the 8 a.m. opening on weekends. She noted that Panda Express does not open until 11 on Sunday and asked if they could open later.

Mr. March replied opening at 8 a.m. on weekends has not been a problem at their other locations.

Mayor Wassmer opened the meeting for public comment.

David Wooldridge, 2115 Somerset Drive, stated when they purchased their property it abutted two small office buildings. His patio is 50' from this operation. He does not want to live with an "I-435" sound barrier type wall in his backyard. He stated that an eight or ten foot fence would not screen the proposed carwash from his view due to the change in elevation between his property and this site. He would still see the full operation of the car wash, 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

Mr. Wooldridge stated he visited the Big Splash car wash and met with its manager to better understand car wash operations. The noise from their vacuums was 83 decibels. This is not an acceptable use for this location. This is not only on State Line Road, it is also adjacent to Somerset Drive. Back scatter from the lights will spill over onto their properties. He stated application goes against the Golden Factors. Prairie Village residents do not deserve to have a giant car wash in their backyard.

Dan Runion asked if neighbors were met with individually as well as the neighborhood meeting. Thomas Wells replied he met with Mr. Wooldridge twice and had telephone conversations with other residents. Five residents attended the neighborhood meeting in addition to Mr. Gallagher.

Mayor Wassmer shared her concerns related to lighting. She noted the office at 75th & Mission turns their lights off early and asked if the lights could be dimmed in the evening or turned off at some pint. Chris Brewster replied this was discussed by the Commission and addressed in condition 2B. Additional lighting information will be

presented with their final development plan. The Commission could place a restriction on lighting at that time.

Ted Odell asked if separate motions were required on the special use permit and the preliminary development plan. David Waters replied both are addressed in the ordinance prepared for the special use permit and one motion would be appropriate. Mr. Odell felt the developers had done a very good job engaging the residents and addressing their concerns. He noted there have been numerous discussions on what is the best use for this unique site. He felt the proposed use was a good fit as long as the conditions of approval are met and the lighting concerns addressed.

Mayor Wassmer questioned if the proposed hours of operation were in agreement with the city's general noise regulations. Wes Jordan confirmed they were. The noise regulations prohibit the operating of equipment before 7 a.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. on weekends.

Tucker Poling asked Mr. Gallagher for his thoughts on the application. Mr. Gallagher noted he reached out to residents in his ward and had not heard significant opposition to the proposed plan. This site has been vacant for a long time. The applicant has been very accommodating to the residents' requests. He acknowledged Mr. Wooldridge's concerns. He remained conflicted as to what would be the best action to take.

Chad Herring confirmed there would be more discussion on lighting during the review of the final development plan. He noted potential safety concerns with lighting in commercial areas need to also be considered. He would like to see minimal lighting. Mr. Brewster replied the lighting regulations include safety provisions. Mr. Wang asked if there were street lights at this location. He noted that even as an office building there

would be evening light. Mr. Brewster agreed; however, in some instances, office lights are set on a dimmer.

Dan Runion moved the City Council adopt Ordinance 2375 approving a special use permit for the operation of a car wash on the property described as 7930 State Line Road; and approving the amended preliminary development plan associated therewith. The motion was seconded by Andrew Wang.

Jori Nelson asked how many vacuums the operation would have. Mr. Wells responded there are 17 vacuum units powered by one 25 hp motor located inside a concrete enclosed building. Most of their locations have between 20 and 25 vacuum units. Mayor expressed concern with the noise from 17 units operating at once. Mr. Wells replied the noise is not from the vacuum units themselves, but from the one motor operating them.

Jori Nelson asked how many vehicles were anticipated per day. Mr. Wells replied 200 vehicles per day is their average. Serena Schermoly confirmed that the vacuums are off when the operation is closed.

Ron Nelson stated he understands the concerns with the noise and lighting, but feels the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission address these concerns. If the noise is above 65 decibels, it is a violation of the special use permit and the permit could be voided.

Tucker Poling thanked the applicant for their presentation and efforts to address residents' concerns; however, noted he was also torn on whether this is the best use for this property.

Mayor Wassmer called for a vote on the motion to approve Ordinance 2375. The following votes were cast: "aye": Herring, R. Nelson, Wang, Morehead, Runion,

McFadden and Odell; voting “nay”: J. Nelson, Schermoly, Poling, Myers and Gallagher. Mayor Wassmer declared the motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wassmer noted that Sonia Warshawski was unable to attend this evening's meeting to receive her Mayor's Award due to illness. The presentation will be rescheduled. Mayor Wassmer reported on the recent meeting with Johnson County Appraiser Paul Welcome. The growing value of Prairie Village homes is great news, but a double edged sword with the impact on the increased property taxes residents will have to pay. Prairie Village is the “hot spot” of Johnson County.

Mayor Wassmer cautioned Council on the significant potential impact if the “dark store” legislation passes and stressed the importance of residents becoming informed on this issue. She briefly explained the proposed legislation and its potential to significantly reduce the amount of taxes paid on commercial properties and thus lower funds received by the city and the school districts.

Mayor Wassmer recently attended the Bike/Pedestrian Plan Open House where positive comments were received by approximately 40 residents. She was pleased to participate in the Mayors' Prayer Breakfast and has been meeting with new committee chairs on committee appointments/reappointments.

Courtney McFadden thanked Mayor Wassmer and DARE Officer Brian Wolf for their participation on February 24th raising \$3300 for Briarwood Elementary School.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety

- Chief Schwartzkopf announced the department's collaboration with First Call to host a panel of experts to share information on teenage alcohol/drug abuse and detection as well as information for parents on teen suicide prevention. The

presentation will take place in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 7th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

- Chief Schwartzkopf provided an update on the recent trash truck accident, noting that the driver's condition was improving. He acknowledged the assistance received from the Highway Patrol and the cities of Lenexa and Shawnee in investigating the accident.

Public Works

- Keith Bredehoeft reported WaterOne will be working on Roe north of 75th through May.
- Johnson County Park & Recreation hopes to have the trails on the south side of Meadowbrook park open early this spring.
- An information gathering meeting will be held Tuesday, March 6th at the Community Center for the development of North Park.

Administration

- Alley Porter reported that the citizen survey is being printed.
- Wes Jordan added that ETC has agreed to have the Prairie Village star on the survey envelope at no additional cost.
- Mr. Jordan noted the March Action Plan for staff was distributed in the packet. He complimented David Waters on his extensive work on the development of the small cell master agreement and related franchise agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

Jori Nelson announced there would be a neighborhood meeting for residents surrounding Homestead on their proposed application coming before the Planning Commission Tuesday, March 6th at 5:30 in the clubhouse.

Dan Runion noted that the rainy season is approaching and expressed concern with the retention pond on the Mission Chateau property. With the increased construction of that site, the need for effective storm drainage is important. He asked what the status was on inspections of the detention pond. Keith Bredehoeft replied that city inspectors have been on site and inspected the pond. The developer is moving toward the seeding/sodding of the retention pond area. Mayor Wassmer asked that this be monitored closely in the coming weeks. Mr. Bredehoeft replied he will discuss Mr. Runion's concerns with the inspectors monitoring the project.

Tucker Poling noted that he, Ms. Nelson and Mr. Herring discussed the “dark store” legislation with representatives recently. Legislative representatives do not feel that any action will take place this session; however, he stressed the need to remain in contact with elected representatives.

Council Meeting Efficiency

Tucker Poling noted included in the Council packet was a sample agenda if the city chose to combine the City Council and Council Committee of the Whole meetings into one meeting. Under the current process, there are two meetings, two meeting times, two separate agendas, two separate packets, two sets of minutes and duplicated agenda items. Also included in the packet was information on the necessary ordinance changes required to take this action. The proposed change combines the two meetings into one Council meeting with the “Committee” meeting last on the agenda.

Mr. Poling noted the confusion caused by the two separate meetings for residents as well as duplicative staff efforts and duplicate council motions and votes. He also noted that most other cities do not have a council committee meeting as well as a City Council meeting as presented in the chart prepared by staff. Only three other cities have a Council Committee of the Whole and it meets on a different day

The proposed agenda is very similar to the existing council agenda. Council action is taken under a consent agenda (routine items), Committee Reports (this is where final action would be taken on matters raised during the council committee session from the past meeting) and New Business (items for which same-night action is requested, which are currently included in both the CCW agenda and the Council agenda, would appear only once on the evening’s agenda).

After New Business, the City Council meeting would recess and the Council Committee of the Whole would come to order dealing with items that do not require same night action with final action being taken at the next or a later Council meeting. Announcements would be given and the meeting adjourned.

Article 2, Section 1-203a of the City Code addressing City Council meetings currently states City Council shall meet at 7:30 p.m. This is the only change that would be required to implement the combined meeting changing the meeting time to reflect the earlier start time. At the last meeting it was also pointed out that Article 2, Section 1-211 entitled "Rules and Order of Business" is out of date and not being followed. Regardless of action taken on the proposed change to the meeting agenda, action should be taken to amend or repeal this section. Mayor Wassmer felt the section could be repealed.

Dan Runion confirmed that essentially the two meetings are being flipped with items #1 to #12 on the suggested agenda related to City Council actions and the items after #12 considered as Council Committee actions.

Chad Herring stated the change to action minutes was not directly related to the proposed meeting change and should be dealt with separately. He would like to see the "approval of the docket/agenda" added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. It would be at this point that items could be added to the published agenda. It would be the decision of the City Council whether or not to add an item. This would allow the option for action on an emergency item and also eliminate "surprise" items being brought up under New Business without the consent of the Council. He is supportive of the suggested change.

Andrew Wang expressed reservations regarding the proposed agenda change resulting in increased transparency and efficiency without any way to measure the

change. He has never sensed that residents were confused by the current process and noted it is the responsibility of the council to provide clarification and information to residents. He does not view the current process as broken or believe the proposed process will improve council efficiency. The time taken to download and distribute digital documents is minimal. The efficiency and time savings from moving to action minutes can be measured and he is supportive of this. He has never felt the current process/format has been a problem.

Courtney McFadden agreed with Mr. Wang that the current format is not a problem. She feels the City goes above and beyond to be transparent. She is supportive of moving to action minutes to increase efficiencies before changing the format of meetings. She noted meeting inefficiency has been discussing this issue for an hour and 45 minutes over the past meetings. Mayor Wassmer agreed that the amount of discussion on items could be reduced.

Ted Odell stated he supports efficiency and focused discussion. He is not sure rolling the two meetings into one will increase efficiency. He questioned the move to a 6 p.m. start time noting that 11 of the 13 cities surveyed start their meetings after 7 p.m.

Tucker Poling agreed it would be difficult if not impossible to measure improvements to efficiency; however, he believes improvements can be made. He noted staff are supportive of the proposed change. He has had residents express confusion with the current process. City meetings should be clear and welcoming to residents. He agreed with Mr. Herring that action minutes are a separate issue and this is not an either or decision.

Terrence Gallagher noted there were currently seven people following the Council meeting on Facebook and that five of them were in the chambers. The amount of chatter

and repetitive comments need to be reduced and it needs to begin with council members. If people are viewing the meeting via live stream and not attending, the proposed change is a moot point.

Chad Herring stated it is wise to be cautious with change; however, he believes the current process is confusing. It was confusing to him as a new councilmember and it is confusing for residents. There have been multiple times when discussion in committee had to be stopped for the start of the Council meeting. The single discussion of an item produces a clearer agenda and packet. He is not sure that 6 p.m. is the best starting time; however, he supports moving forward with the combined meeting.

Dan Runion disagreed with the duplication of items in both committee and council packets noting that the item could be incorporated by reference without duplicating it. If agendas and meeting times are not clear to residents, it is an education issue that needs to be addressed.

Jori Nelson responded to Mr. Gallagher that although only 8 individuals are viewing the transmission of the Council meeting over 548 total views have occurred. Until the issue of the microphones and individuals being able to be heard is corrected, she prefers to continue with full minutes as she does not want to lose the documentation they provide. Regarding the 6 p.m. start time, this is the current start time and she does not view this as a problem. When residents come to the Council meeting at 7:30, they do not realize that the Council has already been meeting for an hour and a half. She noted Council Committee of the Whole minutes are difficult to find and combining them with the City Council minutes would be good.

Mayor Wassmer stated she didn't feel the change would necessarily make the Council more efficient or save time, but she supports the proposed change. She feels it

makes sense and would be clearer and easier for residents to understand when items are being discussed. The production of only one packet will benefit everyone. She really likes the new format and agreed the best way to address meeting efficiency would be the elimination of repetitive and excessive discussion.

Serena Schermoly moved the City Council combine the City Council and Council Committee of the Whole meetings as proposed by Mr. Poling with the amendment by Mr. Herring. The motion was seconded by Ron Nelson.

Chad Herring confirmed the motion was to combine the two meeting consistent with the draft agenda presented with the addition of the approval of the docket/agenda.

Mayor Wassmer noted in the past council members have not been comfortable with new information being presented for action without having prior knowledge. Mr. Herring responded that ordinarily items would come from the previous committee meeting. The Council would have the option of adding or not adding the item.

David Waters stated that changes to agenda are to address items that come up late in the meeting preparation or items needing immediate attention. It is common practice for many entities. Mr. Herring added that a council policy could be written addressing how and what items could be considered under "approval of the docket/agenda". Dan Runion confirmed that most items will continue to come before the committee for discussion prior to Council action.

Terrence Gallagher asked if procedurally the City Council meeting would adjourn or would the meeting continue. Mayor Wassmer replied the Council meeting would be recessed to go into the Council Committee meeting for discussion of items. Basically the concept places the City Council meeting first and the committee meeting second. Mr.

Gallagher asked if the motion approves the agenda presented or the concept reflected in the proposed agenda.

Serena Schermoly clarified her motion as adopting the concept of the combined meeting format presented with the addition of "Approval of Docket/Agenda" at the beginning of the meeting.

Mayor Wassmer called for a vote on the motion as clarified with the motion passing by a vote of 8 to 4. (Wang, Runion, McFadden, Odell)

Serena Schermoly moved the City Council approve the creation of action minutes. The motion was seconded by Ron Nelson and passed unanimously.

Chad Herring noted an ordinance amendment is necessary to make the change to the meeting format and suggested these actions become effective the first Council meeting in April allowing time for the adoption of the change to the code at the next City Council meeting.

Chad Herring moved the City Council implement the change in meeting and minute format effective the first meeting in April. The motion was seconded by Jori Nelson and passed by a 9 to 3 vote (Wang, McFadden, Odell)

Dan Runion asked if the meeting would start at 6 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Wassmer replied there is no established ending time.

Brooke Morehead confirmed the scheduled special meeting on March 26th to discuss the 2019 budget has been canceled.

Ted Odell expressed concern with Council members interacting with residents viewing the live stream of Council meetings. Mayor Wassmer responded staff has asked legal counsel for an opinion on this relative to potential violations of open meeting requirements. David Waters noted communication on social media can have Kansas

Open Meetings (KOMA) implications if there are a sufficient number of council members interacting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

Board of Zoning Appeals	03/06/2018	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	03/06/2018	7:00 p.m.
Tree Board	03/07/2018	6:00 p.m.
Prairie Village Arts Council	03/07/2018	5:30 p.m.
Environment/Recycle Education Subcommittee	03/08/2018	5:30 p.m.
Park & Recreation Committee	03/14/2018	6:30 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	03/19/2018	6:00 p.m.
City Council	03/19/2018	7:30 p.m.

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The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to feature a mixed media exhibit in the R.G. Endres Gallery featuring Anne Garney, Kathleen Connors and Nancy Kramer Bovee during the month of March. The artist reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018.

North Park Planning Open meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Mark your calendar for the 2018 NLC Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. March 11-14, 2018.

The 2018 State of the County Address will be given on Tuesday, March 27th at the Ritz Charles from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Please let Meghan know if you want to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Sheila Myers moved that the City Council meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Tucker Poling and passed unanimously. With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy
City Clerk