



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
JANUARY 21, 2020**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, January 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following Council Members in attendance: Chad Herring, Jori Nelson, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Tucker Poling, Bonnie Limbird, Sheila Myers, Piper Reimer, Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ian Graves and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police; Major Byron Roberson; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Lathrop & Gage; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director; Meghan Boom, Assistant City Administrator; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda for January 21, 2020. Mr. Herring seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS & SCOUTS

A student from Shawnee Mission West was in attendance as a requirement of his Journalism class.

PRESENTATIONS

Stuart Little and Mallory Lutz of Little Government Relations spoke about representing a coalition of Northeast Johnson County cities as lobbyists in Topeka. The firm has represented the City of Merriam for many years, and has recently agreed to work with the cities of Mission and Westwood Hills. The fee to represent Prairie Village would be \$10,000 annually.

Ms. Nelson asked what services would be provided to best suit Prairie Village. Dr. Little stated that items such as economic development tools and transportation planning could be tailored to the City's needs.

Mr. Herring asked how the company would address situations in which Prairie Village's interests did not align with its other clients. Dr. Little stated that issues which might conflict



with existing clients would be clarified prior to an agreement being finalized and continuously throughout the duration of the contract.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Mikkelson said that this public participation session was only for issues not related to the Breed Specific Language Ordinance discussion. With no one present to address the Council on other topics, public participation was closed at 6:19 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Mikkelson asked if there were any items to remove from the consent agenda for discussion.

Mrs. McFadden asked that item #3 be considered separately, as she would need to abstain from voting.

Mrs. Myers moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda of January 6, 2020 with the exception of item #3:

1. Approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - January 6, 2020
2. Approval of expenditure ordinance #2986
3. Consider approval of the two-year renewal agreement with AT&T for Dedicated Internet and Voice Bundle Services
4. Consider agreement with the Kansas City Crime Commission for the TIPS Hotline Crime Stoppers Program
5. Consider approval of the 2020 contract with Challenger Sports
6. Consider 2020 recreation fee schedule
7. Consider interlocal agreement with Johnson County for Project ROAV0006: Roe Avenue, 83rd Street to 91st Street
8. Consider interlocal agreement with the City of Overland Park for street maintenance on streets shared with Prairie Village

A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Myers, Reimer, Runion, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher.

Ms. Limbird moved for the approval of Consent Agenda item #3. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Myers, Reimer, Runion, Graves, Gallagher. Mrs. McFadden abstained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Nelson reported that the Future of the Arts Reception was held on January 10. He noted that attendance was good even though the weather was poor.



- Mrs. Myers said that the survey results for the proposed civic center were available to be viewed on the City website.
- Ms. Reimer shared that she attended the first 2020 meeting of the United Community Services' Drug and Alcoholism Council. A Sheriff's Deputy gave a presentation on trends in illegal drug use in Johnson County.
- Mrs. McFadden stated that the VillageFest Committee would meet on January 23. The committee is open to volunteers.

On January 15, Ms. Selders and Mrs. McFadden hosted a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, at which a presentation was given by Dennis Patton on the Wassmer Park demonstration garden.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mikkelson reported the following:

- The first legislative forum sponsored by Prairie Village was held at the Meadowbrook Clubhouse on January 8. The event was very well attended.
- The Mayor and Ms. Nelson attended a Climate Action KC meeting and happy hour.
- The Mayor attended the kickoff meeting for the Faith Always Wins "Seven Days" event, which will take place in April.
- The Mayor attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new location of Osteo Strong.
- The Mayor hosted Northeast Johnson County Mayors for lunch on January 17 at Caffeteria.
- The Mayor attended the Johnson County NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. dinner, at which Major Byron Roberson received a law enforcement award.
- Local Government Day in Topeka will take place on Wednesday, January 22.
- The Northeast Johnson County State of the Cities annual luncheon will be held on Thursday, January 23.
- The Mayor will take a tour of the YMCA program at Highlands Elementary with Representative Sharice Davids on January 23.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony for Growing Days, a home goods store owned by HGTV's Tamara Day, will take place on January 23.
- A special meeting to discuss the results of the civic center survey will be held on January 27 at the Meadowbrook Clubhouse.
- A Council work session will be held on February 15.
- The next Coffee with a Cop event will take place at The Big Biscuit on January 24.
- The Mayor will attend a mayoral roundtable at Representative Sharice Davids' office on January 31.
- The Mayor will attend a D.A.R.E. graduation at Briarwood Elementary School on January 31.
- The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held in Kansas City on February 25, and will feature Chiefs' punter Dustin Colquitt as guest speaker.



- The Mayor thanked the Police and Public Works Departments for their work during the ice storm the previous weekend.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety

- None.

Public Works

- Mr. Bredehoeft said that the third and final skate park meeting would be held on January 22 to review design plans.

A neighborhood meeting will also be held on January 22 to discuss the rezoning of the Public Works facility.

Administration

- Mrs. Santa Maria said that the City had received the Government Finance Officers Association certificate for excellence in financial report for the 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).
- Mr. Waters reminded Councilmembers to be aware of the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) when having discussions during breaks at Council meetings.
- Mr. Jordan recognized Major Roberson for the award he received from the Johnson County NAACP.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Runion asked if a proposed plastic bag ban discussion item would be brought before Council in February, and whether grocery stores in the City had been included in discussion. Mayor Mikkelson said the Environmental Committee had been working on a proposal that will likely be heard at one of the February Council meetings. Part of the proposal includes public sessions to which grocery stores and other retailers will be invited.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SPECIFIC TO AGENDA ITEMS)

The Mayor stated that speakers would be given three minutes to comment about the Breed Specific Language Ordinance, and asked that the discussion remain civil.

The following individuals spoke in favor of repealing the Breed Specific Language Ordinance:



- Francie Wendlandt - 4400 W. 71st St., Prairie Village, KS
- Melissa Gard - 7325 Birch St., Prairie Village, KS
- Eric Quisenberry - 2716 W. 75th Pl., Prairie Village, KS
- Liz Musil - 2300 Somerset Dr., Prairie Village, KS
- Jill Sandler - 6339 Beverly Dr., Mission, KS
- Lance Trammell - 4224 W. 73rd Ter., Prairie Village, KS
- Heather Trammell - 4224 W. 73rd Ter., Prairie Village, KS
- Keagan O'Rourke - 4000 W. 67th Ter., Prairie Village, KS
- Bryan Keefer - 34601 W. 86th St., De Soto, KS
- Emily Coleman - 445 S. Chestnut St., Olathe, KS
- Rachel Boden - 6837 Fontana St., Prairie Village, KS
- Ashley Flores - 13721 W. 121st St., Olathe, KS
- David Leathers - 7812 Aberdeen St., Prairie Village, KS
- Melody Huff - 1301 Asheville Rd., Beloit, KS
- Steve McLane - 7705 Reeds Rd., Prairie Village, KS
- Ashley Stark - 5032 Rock Creek Ln., Mission, KS
- John Coleman - 2216 W. 72nd Ter., Prairie Village, KS
- Maureen Kierl - 5307 W. 70th St., Prairie Village, KS
- Meagan Dowell - 8915 Birch Ln., Prairie Village, KS
- Katie Barnett - 2140 Haskell Rd., Lawrence, KS
- Ann Lintecum - 7705 Reeds Rd., Prairie Village, KS
- Christine Gaughan - 7816 W. 100th Pl., Overland Park, KS
- Sandy Siecgrist - 7921 W. 80th St., Overland Park, KS
- Esmee Bond - 3540 Campbell St., Kansas City, MO

The following individuals spoke in opposition to repealing the Breed Specific Language Ordinance:

- Maghen Farris - 2319 W. 76th St., Prairie Village, KS
- Julie Degrandpre - 2501 W. 76th St., Prairie Village, KS

Mr. Poling made a motion that the City Council move to the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COU2020-04 Discussion regarding the removal of Breed Specific Language as specified in Ordinance 2-105



Mrs. Myers asked Chief Schwartzkopf to provide information about how vicious animals are handled in the City. The Chief stated that in 2017, an Ordinance regarding potentially dangerous, dangerous and vicious animals was passed by Council and added to City Municipal Code. He noted that the language was added under the assumption that the Breed Specific Language Ordinance might be repealed in the future.

Ms. Nelson gave a presentation showing the difficulty determining the breed of a dog based on appearance alone. She provided information stating that aggressiveness is not specific to a dog breed, but rather to individual dogs themselves. Finally, she noted that 28 Kansas cities had repealed pit bull bans since 2008, and that Prairie Village was one of only seven cities in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area that still had bans in place.

Ms. Nelson moved for staff to draft an ordinance that repeals Section 2-105 of the Municipal Code. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poling.

Mr. Gallagher suggested that the motion be retracted and the issue be continued to the February 3, 2020 meeting, so that those in favor of maintaining the ban had an opportunity to speak. Ms. Nelson stated she would not retract the motion.

Mrs. McFadden said that the number of dog bites in the City were still high, and felt that more work needed to be done to reduce them before repealing the Ordinance. Mr. Runion stated that he would support a motion to have staff further review information on the topic. Mr. Nelson added that federal law prohibited cities from banning pit bulls if they are being used as service animals.

The motion passed 9-3, with Mrs. Myers, Mr. Runion and Mrs. McFadden in opposition.

2019 Exterior Grant Program changes

Mrs. Robichaud stated that at its January 6 meeting, the Council Committee of the Whole approved raising the appraised value threshold for the 2020 Exterior Grant Program to \$250,000, but directed staff to come back with a list of options for adding projects to the eligible projects list that would improve environmental sustainability as well as identify additional funding options. She noted that staff had identified three options for consideration:

- Option 1: Continue the Exterior Grant Program as it currently operates and consider creating a new, separate grant program to assist residents with paying for environmentally-friendly improvements.
- Option 2: Expand the Exterior Grant Program to include environmentally-friendly projects that are on the exterior of the property only.



- Option 3: Revise the Exterior Grant Program to include projects on both the exterior and interior of the home that would include projects that improve a home's environmental sustainability.

Mrs. Robichaud said that staff recommended proceeding with Option 1 and setting the 2020 Exterior Grant budget at \$68,000. Additional funding would include \$18,000 from the minor home repair program. Furthermore, a portion of the current \$400,000 in unallocated funds could be utilized to finance an environment sustainability grant program.

Mr. Herring asked how many exterior grant applications were unfulfilled in 2019 due to a lack of funding. Mrs. Robichaud stated that there were seven projects, which could have been funded with the proposed 2020 budget.

Mr. Herring made a motion to move forward with Option 1, set the 2020 Exterior Grant budget at \$68,000, and direct staff to draft environmental grant program options for the Council's consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson, and passed unanimously.

Ms. Limbird moved that the City Council end the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk