

MINUTES
CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MEETING
ROELAND PARK
Roeland Park City Hall - 4600 W 51st Street
October 16, 2017 6:00 P.M.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joel Marquardt, Mayor ○ Becky Fast, Council Member ○ Tim Janssen, Council Member ○ Ryan Kellerman, Council Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teresa Kelly, Council Member ○ Sheri McNeil, Council Member ○ Michael Poppa, Council Member ○ Michael Rhoades, Council Member ○ Erin Thompson, Council Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keith Moody, City Administrator ○ Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. Admin. ○ Kelley Bohon, City Clerk ○ John Morris, Police Chief ○ Jose Leon, Public Works Director |
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Admin

Poppa
Fast

Finance

Kelly
Janssen

Safety

Thompson
Rhoades

Public Works

Kellerman
McNeil

CMBR Fast called the meeting noting that Councilmember Kelly and Kellerman were absent.

I. MINUTES

1. July 10, 2017 Workshop Minutes

2. July 24, 2017 Workshop Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Introduction of New Code Enforcement Officer

Ms. Jones-Lacy introduced Wade Holtkamp, the City’s new Code Enforcement Officer. She said that in the two weeks he has been with the City he has been able to get the property management company of an abandoned home to take action and clean it up.

Mr. Holtkamp thanked the City for the opportunity and said he was thrilled to be here and working with the citizens of Roeland Park. He said he will work to try to make the City a better place as far as the environment and the way it looks.

Mayor Marquardt thanked Mr. Holtkamp and said he appreciates what he has done and thanked him for choosing Roeland Park.

Ms. Jones-Lacy added they are lucky to have him.

2. Review Logo Options with Vireo

Lindsey French from Vireo discussed the next round for the City’s new logo. At the last meeting the Council pared down to two concepts and she has created some more finalized logos. She presented the different concepts and color variations for potential designs and the Governing Body offered their feedback.

CMBR McNeil said she liked the second concept but that the trees look like they’re floating under a dome.

CMBR Rhoades said he did not like the font in Concept 2 or the trees in the air.

Mayor Marquardt said he liked the abstract drawing of Concept 1, but was drawn towards Concept 2 as representing Roeland Park.

CMBR McNeil said she really likes the retro font in Concept 2. CMBR Thompson agreed and said her preference has switched to Concept 2.

CMBR Janssen said he was going back and forth over the weekend, but Concept 2 is now his preference.

CMBR Poppa said he loved the first concept, and he too was going back and forth, but thinks there is something about Concept 2 that brings in the community feel with the house and with the retro font it represents the City.

CMBR Fast said she likes the Roeland Park font and it goes with the 50s theme. She agreed with CMBR Rhoades that she would like to see a better placement of the trees.

Ms. French said she could do a few more iterations and would submit them to Mr. Moody. CMBR Poppa also asked to be able to see them in black and white as well.

CMBR Kelly said she did not like the color gray. She liked the two colors with the font of Concept 2. She said the trees looked like clouds and do not look like they're in the background.

After a brief discussion, there was majority agreement to move forward with Concept 2.

3. 3rd Quarter Safety Statistics

Police Chief Morris said his department has made some good arrests the past couple of months. He said they wrote approximately 2,500-3,000 citations. Chief Morris said that theft at the shopping centers continue to be the City's highest crime statistic. Also included in the quarterly report was a year-to-date report and statistics.

As always, Chief Morris advised everyone to stay safe.

4. Discussion on Invasive Weeds

Ms. Jones-Lacy reviewed the background on this item as some city residents have expressed concerns regarding excessive growth from their neighbor's yard into their yard. Staff has put together language that would define excessive growth as eight inches in height on a developed parcel of land, or more than 12 inches in height on undeveloped parcels. They are not changing or any language that identifies what is or is not an invasive or noxious species. She worked with Carly Iverson from the City Attorney's office to draft the recommended language. Item C provides added clarification that this is not for the intention of a tree branch causing shade in a neighbor's yard.

CMBR McNeil said she is not in favor of these changes.

CMBR Thompson said she does not have a good feeling for this and has not heard from residents who have these types of issues. She did add that if there are residents who have concerns, she would like to hear from them.

CMBR Kelly said she would be happy to look further into the different types of species that are considered noxious and invasive, but at this time did not support this code amendment. The Council agreed to have Ms. Kelly look further into this.

5. Discussion on Sidewalk Obstruction by Vegetation

Ms. Jones-Lacy worked with the Mayor Marquardt to determine what the code changes would look like. The code would allow the city to notify someone once and if they do not resolve the issue, then the city would be able to take further abatement measures.

CMBR Kelly said to make sure to add information on the setback of plantings near the sidewalk.

The remaining items will be discussed at the 9/18/17 City Council meeting on the Workshop portion of the agenda.

6. Discussion of Insurance Coverage Amount for Dangerous Animals

7. Leaf Pickup Postcard

8. Community Forum Agenda

III. NON-ACTION ITEMS

There were no items to discuss.

IV. ADJOURN

CMBR Fast adjourned the meeting.

(Roeland Park Governing Body Workshop Adjourned)