

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, March 18, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

- Mike Kelly, Mayor
- Erin Thompson, Council Member
- Jan Faidley, Council Member
- Michael Poppa, Council Member
- Claudia McCormack, Council Member

- Tim Janssen, Council Member
- Jim Kelly, Council Member
- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member

- Keith Moody, City Administrator
- Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. Admin.
- Kelley Bohon, City Clerk
- John Morris, Police Chief
- Donnie Scharf, Public Works Director

Admin

Madigan
Thompson

Finance

Faidley
McCormack

Safety

Janssen
Poppa

Public Works

Hill
Kelly

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN

City Clerk Bohon swore Jan Faidley in as the newly elected Councilmember for Ward I.

(Applause)

Ms. Faidley said it is a great honor and she is still learning and wants to hear from all her constituents and wants to represent her City and her ward.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Bohon called the roll and all Governing Body members were present with CMBR Thompson appearing by phone.

MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Duane Daugherty (5229 Howell) Mr. Daugherty, member of the Sustainability Committee, stated that the committee believed the Community for All Ages would benefit all citizens of Roeland Park. They did a charrette and it came out there was a need for more accommodation and more amenities in City parks. They have also been made aware of people who cannot access certain features in the park because of accommodation issues such as there are no fully accessible ADA compliant restrooms. He supports continuing with the master plan for R Park and the features included in the plan as it would benefit all people and make Roeland Park a more accommodating city.

Mary Schulteis (5347 Nall) Ms. Schulteis said she would like to see the rules put on the back of the comment cards.

Galen Hansen (5536 Juniper) Mr. Hansen said there is a big have and have-not issue that has to do mostly with information and communication in the City. He has seen on NextDoor a frustration voiced on when agendas are posted and that all citizens should have the same information. He added that there were comments that residents did not know about Roe 2020. He also felt a chart to show progress at R Park was needed. He said citizens not on the committees should be able to voice their opinions and should receive information with time to digest it. Mr. Hansen also stated that the pay-as-you-go method used by the City needs to be better defined.

Greg Smith (5511 Juniper) Mr. Smith said he worked on the committee for R Park and is pleased with what has been done with the support of the Council. He said it is a fully-functioning park that is being utilized. It still needs shelter resources. Mr. Smith supports continuing with the master plan for the pavilion, tables and a permanent restroom facility.

Todd Zimmer (5621 Roe) Mr. Zimmer said he is enjoying the new tennis courts and appreciates the work that went into them. He, too, supports the master plan for R Park.

Tom Hyde (5113 W. 58th) Mr. Hyde supports the pavilion, the restroom and the R Park master plan. He also called on others in the audience to stand who also support the master plan.

Jim Grebe (5820 W. 57th) Mr. Grebe noted that in 435 magazine was an article for best neighborhoods for 2019 and Roeland Park was listed for first-time time home buyers. He encouraged maintaining the momentum and to keep improving and supporting the R Park master plan.

Ian Zimmer (5621 Roe) Mr. I. Zimmer said he greatly supports the pavilion and bathrooms at R Park. He has to walk back and forth from his house to use the restroom and this is an inconvenience. He also said if there was a pavilion in the park they would be able to stay longer without worrying about the weather.

Austin Zimmer (5621 Roe) Mr. A. Zimmer said it would be nice to have the restrooms at R Park as well as a pavilion to get out of the weather. It would allow them to stay at the park longer, host parties and play more games.

Loretta Carson (5532 Roe) Ms. Carson stated she has lived in Roeland Park for 46 years. She spoke in support of the shelter, restrooms and a need for shade. She added that the shelter can be a welcoming place and noted that this project has been in the works for several years.

Trudy Nepstad (4937 Wells) Ms. Nepstad said as a former runner she can attest to the importance of a restroom and also a need for shade. She said when this is built the City will have the thanks of every walker in northeast Johnson County.

Mary Bruner (5306 Rosewood) Ms. Bruner likes to use the park with her grandchild but has to skip days that are hot and rainy as there is no shelter. She also said the need for a restroom is very important. Ms. Bruner said she loves the neighborhood and is looking forward to many years at the park.

Teresa Smith (5511 Juniper) Ms. Smith stated that in her group of moms they go to different parks every week and Roeland Park is off the list because there is no restroom and no meaningful shade.

Moffett Ferguson (4721 W. 55th) Ms. Ferguson said as the poster child for skin cancer shade is essential. She, too, would love to have a bathroom in R Park.

Tate Coe (5346 Sherwood) Mr. Coe would like a shelter at R Park because it would provide shade during the summer days and provide a place for families to gather. He added that I9 Sports players would have a place to eat snacks or meals before and after games.

James Curtright (4749 Canterbury) Mr. Curtright stated he had a problem in that taxes are going up and he does not understand why the elected cannot get anything done. He said the Mayor came up twice and questioned the progress of the Council but stuff is still not getting done together.

Deb McLaren (5125 W. 57th) Ms. McLaren said she would support the park's master plan to the finish.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Appropriation Ordinance # 926

B. February 18, 2019 Council Minutes

MOTION: CMBR THOMPSON MOVED AND CMBR JANSSEN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

II. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A. APPLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Consolidated Fire District 2 Update

Steve Chick, Deputy Chief for Consolidated Fire District 2, said the district serves Roeland Park and seven other cities in northeast Johnson County. He provided an updated on a fire at the daycare at Southridge Presbyterian Church that Fire District 2 responded to. They used 12 pieces of apparatus and the fire chief, police officers and medic units also responded. They were able to extinguish the fire completely in two hours and there were no injuries.

Fire Marshal Todd Kirkoff said the damage was approximately \$250,000 and it was an accidental fire. He added that anytime a fire occurs in a childcare center they are obligated to notify the state fire marshal's office and if a fire is in a church, they are obligated to notify the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. He said the fire originated in the attic above the childcare center in a northwest corner small bathroom in a junction box. The origin of the fire was electrical and accidental.

Chief Chick said the Roeland Park Police Department was phenomenal. Officer Brooks & Magidos worked hard and he appreciates their support.

2. R Park Sculpture Plaque

Gretchen Davis (5206 W. 58th) welcomed Jan Faidley to the Council and thanked the Council for all the work they do plus all the attention they give to so many details.

Ms. Davis said the R Park Sculpture Work Group is seeking Council approval of the sculpture plaque that will be installed in R Park. Both the Arts and Parks Committees have given their consent. The plaque is identical to the plaque at the Nelson-Atkins Museum Sculpture Garden. It is the same color as the other plaques in R Park and complies with Community for All Ages guidelines and relates to Goal 5(a), (b) and (c) of the Strategic Plan. There is no cost to the City for the plaque.

CMBR Hill said the design looks wonderful. She questioned whether the "Please do not touch" on the plaque could be in a different font. Ms. Davis said they would take that under advisement as they have not placed the order yet and still need to get more feedback. If the phrase is not included on the plaque, then they would have to pay for and construct a separate sign that would be closer to the sculpture. They do not want to do this as might impede viewing of the entire sculpture.

Ms. Davis said the City staff is planning to construct the sculpture foundation in light of Ian Duncan being in the hospital. The cost of the materials will be still be covered. Ms. Davis asked the Council if they would approve City staff's help if Mr. Duncan's crew is not able to do the work in early April.

City Administrator Moody said it is a 4x4x4 foot cube foundation. He said they would rent a mini-excavator to dig the footing. The Arts Committee said they will pay for those extra materials if staff is able to complete the work. They also expect to have Mr. Duncan's insight before they begin the project. The foundation should be completed so it has time to cure before the sculpture is mounted.

Ms. Davis stated that if it ends up that Mr. Duncan is not donating the materials, they will be paid for from a private source.

CMBR Hill asked if the Public Works department was comfortable building this foundation and Public Works Director Scharff stated they are.

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR THOMPSON SECONDED TO APPROVE CITY STAFF TO HELP AND BUILD THE FOUNDATION FOR THE R PARK SCULPTURE. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

Ms. Davis said the dedication celebration event in R Park set for July 29th is going to have costs that include a banner on Roe, activities for children, and a 15-foot rented tent so the event can be held rain or shine. She also added that the expense of renting a tent is another reason they need a pavilion at the park. There will also be a performance for the children by Mr. Stinky Feet. The sculpture dedication ceremony will be followed by cake for everyone as well as an Arbor Day commemoration by the Parks Committee with a tree scavenger hunt. The Werner's food truck will also be there. The total cost for this event is \$1,150.

All of the existing committees are sharing the cost to put on this City-wide event. As there is no longer an Events Committee, the R Park group requests that the Council approve \$500 from what would have been from their 2019 committee budget to help cover their share of the expenses. Ms. Davis also requested a police presence at the event as is customary for events held in parks.

CMBR Poppa said that, technically, there is still an Events Committee, and will discuss this topic later in the meeting. He also recommended waiting on approving Events Committee funds as he anticipates them to step back in to help plan the event. Ms. Davis asked if someone from the Events Committee would please contact Mary Schulteis, who is co-sponsoring the event.

CMBR Hill said there is an upcoming Events meeting if Ms. Davis would like to attend, and she will confirm the date. Ms. Davis said they have the cost of the tent to cover and if the Events Committee does not have that in their budget they would like to come back to the Council for approval.

CMBR Hill asked if the City had tents. Ms. Jones-Lacy said the Events Committee purchased smaller sized tents last year for an event. Ms. Davis said those tents can be used to put tables under or for the children's activities but they want a good-sized tent for Mr. Stinky Feet to perform in and to be able hold the dedication ceremony, regardless of the weather.

Mayor Kelly invited Ms. Davis to come back and address the Council if the Events Committee is unable to allocate those requested funds.

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PLAQUE DESIGN FOR THE SCULPTURE IN R PARK. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

3. Committee Report – Arts

Marek Gliniecki, Chair of the Arts Advisory Committee, updated the Council on an art project which involves applying for a grant through the AARP Community Challenge. He said they are looking to coordinate with the Community for All Ages concepts. Approval from the Council will enable the Arts Committee to develop an art action to include members of the community. The project will involve adults age 50 years and older. The hope is this will help Roeland Park to move forward into the gold category for Community for All Ages. The application deadline is April 17, 2019.

The Arts Committee is also working with the Parks Committee for a sculpture for Nall Park that will fit specifically to the site.

There is a piece of sculpture, Reda Carr's "Mother's Passing" that they want to deaccession (remove from inventory). The artist has an attachment to that piece and would like it back.

CMBR Poppa commended the Arts Committee for bringing the opportunity of a grant to the Council. Mary Schulteis found the grant for the committee and they have been working hard with the other committees to make Roeland Park a better place.

Mr. Gliniecki said the committee is also discussing moving the sculptures that have been placed at the community center and adjusting their positions. In speaking with staff, they were a concerned about the arts' proximity to where children play. He also thanked Public Works for the help they have received moving the sculptures around as they try to find the best possible locations for the art, especially during the Roe 2020 project.

Mayor Kelly thanked the Arts Committee for all the work that they do. He said that every time he brings a group of guests into the Council chamber space they get to see the beautiful updated art and it's very impressive. He thanked them for helping them put their best foot forward to their guests.

III. MAYOR'S REPORT

No report was given

IV. WORKSHOP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

V. REPORTS OF CITY LIAISONS

A. Pool Advisory Committee- Approval of Climbing Wall Purchase

Marshall McKinney with Johnson County Parks and Recreation (JCPRD) said that in the Water's Edge report the 3 meter high dive was no longer recommended to be used. The Pool Advisory Committee then worked to find a solution. After reviewing several options they are recommending a 16-foot climbing wall that would be attached to the side of the pool. No other pool in northeast Johnson County has this feature at their outdoor pool.

Mr. McKinney also thanked CMBRS Madigan, McCormack and Kelly for their work on the advisory committee.

The committee is seeking purchase approval and JCPRD would fund half the cost, but they would like the purchase to go through the City's purchasing policy.

CMBR Hill asked if the wall is limited to one child at a time. Mr. McKinney stated it would be for one person at a time and showed a picture of the wall to the Governing Body. The panel is 16-feet tall and will be placed in a roped off area with one in, one out.

CMBR Faidley said she understands the wall can be removed and placed in another location. Mr. McKinney said it can be moved but it has to be within certain specifications of water depth as it needs deep water.

CMBR Janssen asked if water cascades down the wall. Mr. McKinney said it does not.

Mr. McKinney said they received an official quote on cost and they may have to move the low dive over to achieve the splash basin. The cost to move the low diving board is approximately an additional \$2,000.

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR THOMPSON SECONDED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADD A NOT TO EXCEED PRICE FOR ROELAND PARK'S SHARE OF \$12,000. (MOTION CARRIED 7-1 WITH CMBR MCCORMACK VOTING NO.)

CMBR Hill asked CMBR McCormack why she voted no. CMBR McCormack said they are still sharing this cost and things always happen at the pool when they're doing improvements.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED THE PURCHASE OF THE CLIMBING WALL TO REPLACE THE HIGH DIVE AT THE POOL AT A NOT TO EXCEED PRICE FOR THE CITY'S SHARE OF \$12,000. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

Mayor Kelly thanked everyone from JCPRD who has been a partner on the Pool Advisory Committee and said they do appreciate their efforts.

CMBR Madigan said the Pool Advisory Committee is working to make the pool unique. He said that Mr. McKinney and Johnson County Parks & Rec have been very happy to help with ideas. They will also be the only pool in the Super Pool Pass pack that has heaters early in the season and at the end. He felt that might be a draw to the pool if it's cooler out or before the other pools have heated up. CMBR Madigan said they are doing many things to be unique.

B. Events Committee

Mayor Kelly said that due to lack of participation and volunteer retention it was suggested the Governing Body discuss the committee's mission. He said they could focus more on a community engagement committee and be more of an outreach arm to citizens by citizens to foster more communication amongst the citizens and also being a liaison to the business community as well as the residents and City staff. Some things might participate in would be welcome baskets for new residents or small pop-up events, supporting the Pool Advisory Committee, and local block parties. Some other areas would be supporting local charity endeavors, particularly the runs held each year.

CMBR Poppa recommended instead of putting on large events two or three times a year, which is backbreaking work for a few volunteers, they could be more of a community engagement committee in front of the public and engage their participation.

Ms. Jones-Lacy added the Youth Advisory Committee has started up again. She said they need young volunteers that would like to get involved in City business, learn about the City and also help support some community volunteer efforts. More information about this is available online and in the newsletter. There is also an online application for volunteers.

CMBR Hill spoke to the changes in the committee. She there was a huge turnover and all that's left is herself, one volunteer and one member from JCPRD. She added that three people cannot host the huge events.

CMBR Janssen asked what kind of pool support they could provide and CMBR Hill replied that possibly community events could be held at the pool.

Mayor Kelly said the new purpose would be to help people, giving them a list of best practices on what to do for a block party or event, things not to forget, and other information they might need.

CMBR Janssen asked what the recommended age is for the youth Council. Ms. Jones-Lacy said it is 13 or 14 to 19 and they might consider an eager 12 year old.

CMBR Madigan said that at the Roe 2020 meeting they met the new manager of Walmart who stated that he and his employees are wanting to engage with the City and are willing to do things. He recommended the City use them when they can. CMBR Madigan said it is the first time he has seen Walmart reach out like that.

CMBR Poppa said he has been working with Justin (the Walmart manager) to get them involved in some of the community events.

CMBR Faidley asked how many people are on the Events Committee. CMBR Hill said they need new volunteers and the committee has one member. Mayor Kelly added that volunteers have not stayed over multiple year stretches to provide continuity for the events.

CMBR Thompson said there are ordinances that dictate what the Events Committee needs to be and asked if the ordinances can be changed. Mayor Kelly said it would be prudent to amend the ordinance along with the mission of the committee.

CMBR HILL said they are trying to put on an Easter Egg Hunt without a committee and asked for volunteers to help with the event.

There was unanimous support of the changes, but the ordinance still needs to be amended.

CMBR Madigan said he thought the community center was putting on the Easter Egg Hunt. Mayor Kelly said the community center and JCPRD in concert with volunteers in lieu of the Events Committee is putting on the Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th. Breakfast will begin at 8:00 and the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled to begin at 10:00.

CMBR Hill said JCPRD is putting on the breakfast.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND SECONDED BY CMBR MCCORMACK TO CHANGE THE EVENTS COMMITTEE TO THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AS DETAILED IN THE AGENDA. (MOTION WAS TABLED PENDING ORDINANCE REVIEW)

MOTION: CMBR THOMPSON MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO TABLE THIS ITEM PENDING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT. (MOTION CARRIED 7-1 WITH CMBR HILL VOTING NO.)

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Award Bids for 2019 Street Surface Maintenance Contracts

This is a follow-up to a request by the Governing Body to Public Works to determine if they could increase the use of UBAS on City streets as opposed to the amount of chip seal proposed.

Dan Miller from Lamp Rynearson reviewed the differences between chip seal and UBAS. The advantage to chip seal is it is the lowest cost surface treatment on the market. The disadvantage to UBAS is it is two to three times more expensive than chip seal and still requires crack sealing but not as much as a mill and overlay. It is also not used on streets that are in poor condition.

Mr. Miller said they have finished the 2018 pavement inspection and have categorized the streets according to the Standard Pavement Condition Index. After reviewing the collected data, the top three proposed in the contracts are UBAS candidates. The next batch of streets were on a chip seal list using available funding and treating the streets in the most reasonable manner.

The pavement condition index (PCI) takes into account an average of the whole street. The streets were maintained last summer and the inspection then took place in October. Most of the streets in the chip seal category rated below satisfactory. The PCI helps them decide that road treatment to use but they do not exclusively use that. They also take into account traffic issues and the length of the street.

The Street Maintenance Program has two contracts, chip seal and UBAS. It is recommended to use chip seal on the blue streets and UBAS on the red streets as reflected in the slide presentation. Following this

recommendation they worked with City staff to develop an alternative programs for complete UBAS which was not recommended as it would require doubling the pavement maintenance budget as it resulted in an 84 percent increase. If they went to a complete mill and overlay the cost would be a 200 percent increase to almost 3/4 of a million dollars and is also not recommended.

Mr. Miller proposed a mix of UBAS and chip seal which would need a budget increase to change all the streets that are fair or above (yellow) to UBAS. If there is a PCI below 55 this reflects streets that have a problem with the base and structure and UBAS is not recommended. Four streets as listed in the presentation would move to UBAS. It would result in about a \$43,000 increase. They are asking the Council to accept the contracts as presented and then a change order would be submitted to reflect the changes to increased use of UBAS.

Public Works Director Scharff said he agreed with Mr. Miller's assessment. He said the funds are available. He also said UBAS is great product but it does come down to budget pricing.

CMBR Hill said they had previously discussed not chip sealing streets that did not have sidewalks. Public Works Director Scharff said the chart notes sidewalks, but there is not any correlation between pedestrian accessibility and the street condition. He added that trying to build a street maintenance program around the presence of sidewalks is not possible. CMBR Hill said she had huge concerns putting chip seal on a street where there are children and no sidewalk.

CMBR Kelly said he thought when it was discussed earlier the material being used is different than what they are using now. Mr. Miller said the 1/4" granite aggregate that they are using is the smallest, most appealing one that they could use and is best for both performance and acceptance of the residents.

CMBR Poppa said he had requested to see the actual contract in the packet. City Administrator Moody said they are not to that point yet. Mr. Miller added the contracts are virtually identical to what they have used the past two years.

CMBR Janssen asked for more information on the additional funding being proposed. City Administrator Moody said there are two funding sources for the street surface maintenance program, \$210,000 from the General Fund and \$115,000 from the Special Infrastructure Fund. The Special Infrastructure Fund received \$175,000 more in transfers from the General Fund than projected as the General Fund had a larger than anticipated 2018 ending fund balance. He added there are sufficient resources to increase the budget by \$45,000 and will bring the total allocation for the 2019 surface treatment program to \$370,000.

CMBR McCormack said she has concerns about the safety for kids of mill and overlay but will follow the recommendations. She believes it is a consideration that should be made with the street improvements as to what is the best aggregate for children who might fall in the street. Public Works Director Scharff said the road does smooth out over time usually following a winter season. He also added that the aggregate is much better than what was used a few years ago.

CMBR Janssen said his street was chip sealed and acknowledged that it was a rougher surface when it was initially put down, but it is a much smoother road now and the children were able to ride their bikes, use their skateboards and roller blades without problems.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Miller and Public Works Director Scharff for coming back and providing them the updated information.

Mayor Kelly asked Public Works Director Scharff to document any comments from citizens and present to the Council after the program and let them know how it went, what the conditions were, what the comments were from residents and if he has a recommendation going forward for 2020.

MOTION: CMBR THOMPSON MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO ENTER INTO THE 2019 UBAS STREET MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH MCANANY CONSTRUCTION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$178,000. (MOTION CARRIED 6-2 WITH CMBR POPPA AND CMBR HILL VOTING NO.)

MOTION: CMBR THOMPSON MOVED AND CMBR JANSSEN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 2019 CHIP SEAL AGREEMENT WITH HARBOR CONSTRUCTION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$112,000. (MOTION CARRIED 6-2 WITH CMBR POPPA AND CMBR HILL VOTING NO.)

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance 975 an ordinance regulating the sale of cereal malt beverages and beer not containing more than 6% alcohol by volume within the City of Roeland Park, Kansas, amending existing sections 3-101, 3-201, 3-202A, 3-208, 3-212 and 3-213 of The Code of the City of Roeland Park, Kansas.**

CMBR Faidley stated that as a new Councilmember she had no idea she would be reading such interesting material.

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR POPPA SECONDED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 975 AS PRESENTED. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adopt R Park Phased Development Plan

Mayor Kelly congratulated and thanked the Parks Committee for all the work that they have put into the program. He thanked them for their dedication and their willingness to hear feedback from citizens and forward their recommendation to the Governing Body.

The recommendation from the committee is attached to the agenda. It is a 2018 objective that has been carried over. There are projected cost estimates as well as notes to reflect the committee's preferences with regard to the first phase.

City Administrator Moody said the Parks and Trees Committee met twice since the last time this item was before the Governing Body. The incorporated changes reflect feedback that they received from residents during their meetings. The first, second and third phases of the plan have notes added to document stating the preferences the Parks Committee.

In the first phase, the northeast asphalt area is shown to be removed and returned to greenspace. The Parks committee wanted to continue to add more greenspace at the park. The second phase shows parking and the note says that additional parking is not preferred. Again, the preference would be to maintain as much greenspace as possible. However, there is a placeholder, and if after the first phase of improvements there is a need for additional parking, it is accounted for. Minor changes were made to the identified locations for art.

CMBR Poppa asked, that in adopting the plan are they adopting the notes as well? City Administrator Moody said everything that's reflected on all four pages of the attached development plan is what the Governing Body would be adopting.

CMBR Hill noted the idea of a traffic garden has been struck from Phase 2. They would like to keep it in as a possibility, but with another concept to incorporate it into a greenspace.

City Administrator Moody said the request for the traffic garden could be added as a note to Phase 2.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR POPPA SECONDED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADD A NOTE TO PHASE TWO TO INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF A TRAFFIC GARDEN IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

CMBR Janssen asked if anyone had thought about the basketball court being an interruption to a birthday party or an event at the pavilion and said a possibility would be moving the basketball courts further north and switching the greenspace.

CMBR McCormack said in the meeting they were trying to keep the amenities that they have and moving the courts would be an added expense when they are trying to keep expenses down.

Jennifer Provyn, Parks Committee, stated there was not a discussion to move the basketball goals. The committee wanted to retain them because they see a lot of use. They are not full courts so there is not a concern with a disruption to the pavilion. The idea was to keep the activities concentrated for parents to keep an eye on their children at different activities and not break up the areas.

CMBR Madigan said he gets e-mails from residents about the location of the restroom and what it will look like. He also asked for a definition of a three-door restroom. City Administrator Moody said they are about three months out of having drawings of the restroom.

CMBR Hill said they were discussing the three-door restroom as being compliant with ADA and having a companion or a disabled facility and possibly a changing station. Rather than have men and women's, they would just be restrooms that would be accessible for those needs.

Mayor Kelly said the Parks Committee considered the issue and added a note to provide sufficient landscaping to be able to shield the bathrooms.

It was also stated that the budget includes landscaping and amenities.

CMBR Poppa said it is reflected in the drawing that the pathway to the restrooms actually face away from the inner park, but restroom door should open to the park and not toward the street and will be changed in the next rendering.

MOTION: CMBR KELLY MOVED AND SECONDED BY CMBR MCCORMACK TO ADOPT THE PARKS AND TREES COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION, AS AMENDED, TO ADOPT THE R PHASED PARK PHASED DEVELOPMENT PLAN. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

B. Cereal Malt Beverage License for CVS

MOTION: CMBR THOMPSON MOVED AND CMBR JANSSEN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR CVS. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

C. 2019 Mowing Agreement

Mayor Kelly said there had been a request to talk about native planting as opposed to seeding and mowing on The Rocks.

Public Works Director Scharff provided additional information and a comparison from the City Engineer of turf grass vs. native plantings. The engineer's recommendation is to keep The Rocks site turf grass given the longevity and time it would take to establish native grasses and plantings. He reviewed the cost of removing the hydro-seeding that took place last year and the labor and time it would take for native plantings.

CMBR Madigan he was concerned that The Rocks is a dangerous place to mow which is why he suggested native plantings. From a sustainability and an aesthetics standpoint he thinks it would be a great place to have some native grasses and plants.

CMBR Madigan asked for direction regarding treatments. Public Works Director Scharff recommends three treatments, a weed control and a pre-emergent in the spring in a liquid form and fertilizer in the summer and a winterizer in the fall, both of which would be in granular form.

CMBR Hill expressed concerns that they are trying to sell the property and have it developed and the money spent on grass that will eventually be ripped out. City Administrator Moody said the \$7,800 does include The Rocks property as well as all the other properties the City has mowed. He added that there have also been quite a few comments about the amount of dandelions on City property.

CMBR Madigan questioned the types of chemicals, their toxicity and where the run-off would go.

CMBR Hill added that she would like to hear input from the Sustainability Committee with regards to the use of chemicals to treat the weeds.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO AWARD THE 2019 BUILDING, PARK & TRAFFIC LAWN MOWING AGREEMENT WITH JAKE'S LAWN & LANDSCAPE. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

MOTION: CMBR THOMPSON MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE THREE TREATMENTS USING JAKE'S LAWN & LANDSCAPE WHICH WOULD NOT EXCEED \$7,800.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED CMBR HILL TO TABLE THIS ISSUE PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TYPES OF TREATMENTS. (MOTION CALLED 8-0)

D. Award 2019 CARS Construction Project

Public Works Director Scharff stated this is part of a five-year CARS submittal that Roeland Park was to give to project future projects. It was bid out in early February for the location at 50th Terrace and Cedar Street. The project includes mill and overlay, concrete curbs, the removal of the median as well as some sidewalks. Some storm inlets will also be corrected. They received seven bids and McConnell & Associates was the lowest bidder. They were also awarded the contract for the R Park tennis courts construction and installation.

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2019 CARS – 50th TERRACE & CEDAR STREET PROJECT TO MCCONNELL AND ASSOCIATES AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$182,256. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

E. Selection of Firm to Administer Bid Process for Health Insurance

Ms. Jones-Lacy said that Midwest Public Risk currently administers the City's health insurance and is part of a larger pool. Their rates are impacted by the health of the pool. She sits on the financial advisory committee and learned that the rates are scheduled to increase substantially next plan year which begins July 1. During budget they typically budget about a seven percent increase. This year it is projected to be a 22 percent increase. Staff feels it is prudent to go out to bid on procuring alternative health insurance for their employees and to utilize Bob Charlesworth with Charlesworth & Associates. There is also the option of using them as a broker to process their open enrollment and assist them with documents so it is not incumbent on staff to provide and process all of the information.

CMBR Kelly asked for clarification of the 22 percent increase. Ms. Jones-Lacy said it would be a 22 percent increase over what the existing rates are today and would be over-budget by about \$10,600 in 2019. In 2020, they can expect the City's expense to be approximately 47 percent higher than what was paid in 2018. Currently the City's annual portion of insurance is approximately \$380,000.

CMBR Faidley asked how certain the 22 percent increase would be and Ms. Jones-Lacy said they're fairly certain at this point. She said there is a slight tiered pricing for your individual group if it is performing well and could result in a one to two percent discount. Conversely, if your group is performing poorly there are additional penalties.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR JANSSEN SECONDED FOR STAFF TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING OUT TO BID FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE 2019-2020 PLAN YEAR, AND RECOMMENDS USING BOB CHARLESWORTH OF CHARLESWORTH CONSULTING TO LEAD THE PROCESS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

F. Property Tax Rebate Committee

Mayor Kelly presented a list of candidates that he asked the Council to confirm for the property tax rebate program. He thanked Ms. Jones-Lacy for going through the program and added it will be a nice opportunity to aid some residents who are in need.

CMBR Janssen said that since this item is coming out of the Finance Department, he would like to see a member of the Finance Committee to sit on this committee.

Mayor Kelly said they had suggested that and talked with the Finance Committee but they also wanted to have Councilmembers who could make a time commitment to be able to do so. Ms. Jones-Lacy added that CMBR Faidley is on the Finance Committee.

CMBR Madigan said he did not recall this being brought forward before the Council.

CMBR Faidley said she was approached by Ms. Jones-Lacy who indicated that this might take one meeting to do and would be a minimum commitment of time. Ms. Jones-Lacy agreed that was their expectation as they have an application deadline. They will have all the applications to review at one time where they will determine how to allocate funds.

CMBR Janssen asked if there would be efforts to keep the applicant's name anonymous as those seeking the rebate may not want to be a part of the public forum. Ms. Jones-Lacy said that is a good point but as a public entity they cannot guarantee anonymity. As much as legally possible they can try to mask that, but if someone has filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) application it would be released.

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR THOMPSON SECONDED TO APPOINT CMBRS JAN FAIDLEY AND JIM KELLY; COREY GREGORY, VICE PRESIDENT WITH US BANK TREASURY MANAGEMENT; MATT HEITMANN, RESIDENT AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR WITH EDWARD JONES; JUDY ORTH, RESIDENT AND CHAIR OF THE ROELAND PARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD TO THE PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAM COMMITTEE. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

X. WORKSHOP ITEMS

There were no items presented.

XI. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. 2018 Annual Report

Ms. Jones-Lacy highlighted items from the annual report and noted that they implemented the new leaf collection program with the new vacuum truck. The City also received two CDBG grants, \$100,000 for the Birch Street improvements and \$135,000 for El Monte resurfacing. The tennis courts in R Park are also complete with the help of grant funding.

Also of note is that the Business District Crime Prevention Program was a success in its first year and reduced crime in that district by 25 percent due to the efforts of the Police Department and the officers placed outside of the shopping centers. The new K-9 unit, Rango, is on duty and there is also a new school resource officer.

Volunteers with the Parks Committee, the Arts Committee and the Citizens Initiative for R Park helped raise the \$62,600 for the R Park Sculpture. Ms. Jones-Lacy added that they are very fortunate to have such committed and dedicated volunteers in the City.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said that code compliance in 2018 has been outstanding due to the work of Wade Holtkamp, Neighborhood Services Officer. There were zero special assessments because he was able to gain full compliance with every single person he cited and this is a testament to his ability to work with people and getting them into compliance.

City Administrator Moody said that Ms. Jones-Lacy binds the report all together and the Governing Body sees parts of it as it is compiled. They hope to continue to bolster the annual report and for it to become a better resource for people to find answers. Staff has also begun putting the quarterly plan together and they have incorporated the progress report for the strategic implementation plan into the annual report. He said it becomes more robust with each iteration.

B. Review Leaf Pickup Costs

Public Works Director Scharff said the new leaf pickup machine is a well-deserved switch and has allowed his department to focus on other items that have not been able to focus on before. He said the cost of the program averaged \$81,000 in previous years. For 2018-2019, it was a little over \$51,000. He said that participation was down over previous years but they picked up a greater amount of leaves. Leaves are taken to Missouri Organics and the City does not handle composting the leaves any longer.

CMBR Madigan said the satisfaction will build when the residents know approximately when the leaf pickup machine will be in the neighborhood.

C. Review Tree Debris Pick-Up Costs

City Administrator Moody said the 2018 storm events did not qualify the City for FEMA reimbursements, but it did give them a good idea that it costs between \$30,000 and \$40,000 for them to pick up tree debris following a weather event.

XII. ADJOURN

MOTION: CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

(Roeland Park City Council adjourned at 8:29 p.m.)



Mike Kelly, Mayor



Kelley Bohon, City Clerk