

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
SPECIAL CALL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, August 5, 2019 6:00 P.M.**

- Mike Kelly, Mayor
- Jan Faidley, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member
- Tim Janssen, Council Member

- Jim Kelly, Council Member
- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Claudia McCormack, Council Member
- Michael Poppa, Council Member
- Erin Thompson, Council Member

- Keith Moody, City Administrator
- Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. Admin.
- Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk
- John Morris, Police Chief
- Donnie Scharff, 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.

Roll Call

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. CMBR Madigan arrived after roll call and then all Governing Body members were present.

Modification of Agenda

Mayor Kelly asked to add a Mayor's Report to the agenda.

I. NEW BUSINESS

A. Outstanding Service Award

City Administrator Moody recognized the service of Donnie Scharff and Daniel Vandenbos, the leads in Public Works, as well as Equipment Operators Doug Thorell, Franky Reeves and Kyle Keeney. He read their achievements as listed in the agenda packet.

(Applause)

Mayor Kelly said they are proud to have two promotions from two internal hires and they are people that understand the community and what they are building together. He said the City's hopes are reflected in the physical makeup and Public Works makes that happen. He said he also appreciates that what they are trying to do as a Governing Body with their parks, streets and sidewalks because of their hard work.

B. Public Hearing

Review of the Proposed FY 2020 Budget

Public Comment

James Cartwright, Sr. - Mr. Cartwright questioned why there was \$70,000 spent for a statue and when there are other things they need to do in the City. He said he spoken to the Governing Body previously about speeders and parking on Canterbury and felt that nothing has been done to fix that.

Karen Kenney (5306 Roe) Ms. Kenney said she requested a Q&A meeting for the residents affected by Roe 2020 to get answers on how the project will affect property owners, why they are doing the project and taking out lanes and intersections. She added that every resident was to get a flyer of the meeting and is disappointed not everyone did. Ms. Kenney also stated that they do not need an 8-foot sidewalk. She continued to express her overall displeasure with the Roe 2020 project.

II. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 671 Adopting the FY 2020 Budget

Mayor Kelly said the budget presented reflects a lower bond amount to be borrowed of \$1.25 million, an unchanged mill levy, and the use of existing resources for the majority of their capital improvements.

City Administrator Moody added that they are only adopting the 2020 budget, but the information provided reflects three years of actual data, their current budget and the projected 2020-2022 budgets. The CIP is also included in the packet of information as well as Goals and Objectives. These are also supporting documents in the budget process.

Mr. Moody added that that the "See Red Run" sculpture is listed in the budget and noted that the Citizens for R Park Initiative Group are the ones that raised the resources to pay for the sculpture. The funds were raised for that specific purpose and used only for that acquisition and placement of the sculpture in R Park.

CMBR Thompson clarified that tonight they are only approving the 2020 budget.

CMBR Madigan asked if the bond reduction would cover both the pool and R Park improvements. City Administrator Moody said the Special Infrastructure Fund will pay the balance and is the fund where the bond proceeds will go. This fund will continue to maintain a positive balance even with the reduced projection for bonding. CMBR Madigan asked if bonding \$1.25 million is sufficient for both projects especially with the \$1.5 million that is required at just the pool. City Administrator Moody said they are using sales tax resources that flow into the Special Infrastructure Fund as well as reserves transferred from the General Fund to cover the balance. The plan is to complete the R Park improvements in 2020 and the pool improvements will begin at the conclusion of the 2020 season and be complete before the opening of the 2021 season.

CMBR Faidley clarified there were no public funds used for the statue and all monies were privately raised. City Administrator Moody stated that is correct.

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO AMEND RESOLUTION 671 DELETING THE PHRASE, "WHEREAS, THE CITY CLERK SHALL CAUSE THIS RESOLUTION TO BE PUBLISHED ONCE IN THE OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER." (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

City Administrator Moody said they do not, as a matter of practice, publish resolutions.

CMBR Faidley asked at what point they should begin the bonding process. City Administrator Moody said they can start the process now, but the need for resources will likely present itself after June of 2020. They have time to go through the approval procedures and issuance.

CMBR Madigan asked for clarification that since the funding is anticipated to be included in the 2020 budget it's possible it could be voted on by the next sitting council.

CMBR Poppa said that if they bond sooner than it is needed, then they will be paying interest on an amount they are not using. City Administrator Moody said they could complete the approval procedures and then direct the actual issuance to occur at a future date.

CMBR Janssen said this could impact future councils with this type of a decision. City Administrator Moody said the budget to be adopted is anticipating acquiring those resources and the construction project would come before a new council for awarding of that contract. If this Council had not taken the steps necessary to put those resources in place, then at that time of the new council's decision, City Administrator Moody would definitely bring that to their attention.

CMBR Thompson said she has thought a lot about bonding and after listening to her neighbors, fellow Councilmembers, and especially CMBR Faidley, and appreciates the compromise and supports where they have ended up and added that this is a good use of public funds.

CMBR Janssen said he was not going to be able to support the budget when Roeland Park has the fifth highest mill in the county and the eighth highest in the northeast, and is not something the budget addresses. He said they have a property that has sold for \$1.2 million, and additional layering on of debt is not something he is willing to do.

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 671 AS AMENDED, ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET. (MOTION CARRIED 6-2 WITH CMBRS MADIGAN AND JANSSEN VOTING NO.)

Mayor Kelly thanked the hard work of the staff for putting the budget together, and especially to Ms. Jones-Lacy and City Administrator Moody and to all department heads for their diligent work. He also thanked his fellow Councilmembers for their reasonable, substantive conversations and finding places of compromise to continue to move the City forward.

B. Ordinance 983 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DESCRIPTION AND SURVEY OF LANDS NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROE BOULEVARD, JOHNSON DRIVE TO JOHNSON COUNTY LINE, KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 46 N-0661-01 AND PROCEEDING TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION NO. 670, PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY ON JULY 22, 2019.

Mayor Kelly noted this is the second step of a two-part formal process. A survey is required for this project and the City engineer will provide a certificate showing the results of the survey. The ordinance has been prepared by the City attorney and is in compliance with the K.S.A. pertaining to eminent domain.

CMBR Faidley asked if any other property owners have signed their easements since the last time they met. City Administrator Moody said they have 65 easements of the required 91.

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR THOMPSON SECONDED TO APPROVE Ordinance 983 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DESCRIPTION AND SURVEY OF LANDS NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROE BOULEVARD, JOHNSON DRIVE TO JOHNSON COUNTY LINE, KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT 46 N-0661-01, AND PROCEEDING TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION NO. 670, PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY ON JULY 22, 2019. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

III. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kelly said that he was saddened to hear of the passing of resident Molly Sheehan-Corkill. She had been a resident of Roeland Park since 1988, and was actually a former Roeland Park Police officer. He said she was a vibrant neighbor and a fixture on 48th Street and will be missed by those who knew her. On behalf of the City he expressed his condolences to her family and to the community that she had served.

The following is a statement from the Mayor regarding gun violence in the nation.

The second part of tonight's Mayor's Report is addressing an issue that's been brought up to several Governing Body members over the weekend and today about what Roeland Park is going to do to address gun violence in our community in a nation that's been plagued by gun violence. I think that all of us recognize that these kind of tragic events have been happening with too much regularity for us not do some amount of soul searching and to examine the ways they we can reduce violence.

Now, as many of you know, Kansas may preempt local governments regulating firearms or ammunition or any component of either. Additionally, Kansas preempts regulation on the carrying of concealed handguns and from suing firearm manufacturers and dealers. But just because there's nothing we can do from policy or an ordinance standpoint doesn't mean we should ignore an issue that's important to our residents.

We are the leaders of this community and this issue requires leadership. So, there's still things that we can do and that is advocating. We can advocate to our state legislators. If you feel that we deserve more of a say in what goes on in our community, tell them to give us more local control and home rule. We can also advocate to our federal representatives. For example, sitting in front of the Senate majority leader right now is a bipartisan background checks act as well as a gun violence prevention research act. We can advocate to Senator Moran and Senator Roberts to allow these pieces of legislation the opportunity for a vote.

So, as long as I'm Mayor we'll do what we can to address these issues that affect the safety and well-being of Roeland Parkers. That's what we've been elected to do and we're very proud to serve.

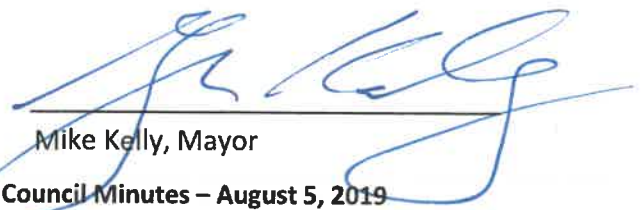
IV. ADJOURN

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR JANSSEN SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:32 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor