

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, August 3, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

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| ○ Mike Kelly, Mayor | ○ Jim Kelly, Council Member | ○ Keith Moody, City Administrator |
| ○ Trisha Brauer, Council Member | ○ Tom Madigan, Council Member | ○ Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. Admin. |
| ○ Benjamin Dickens, Council Member | ○ Claudia McCormack, Council Member | ○ Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk |
| ○ Jan Faidley, Council Member | ○ Michael Rebne, Council Member | ○ John Morris, Police Chief |
| ○ Jennifer Hill, Council Member | | ○ Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director |

Admin
Brauer
Hill

Finance
McCormack
Madigan

Safety
Rebne
Faidley

Public Works
Kelly
Dickens

(Roeland Park Council Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.)

Public Hearing

Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing to approve the 2021 budget.

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll for the public hearing. CMBR McCormack was absent; all other Governing Body members were present.

Mayor Kelly provided the opportunity for public comment and no one commented. The hearing was then closed.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. CMBR McCormack was absent. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, Assistant City Administrator Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, City Clerk Nielsen, and City Attorney Chrissy Roto.

Modification of Agenda

CMBR Kelly requested Item X. A, Ordinance 997, Amendment that Allows Firepits in Roeland Park be added to the Consent Agenda.

I. Citizens Comments

Sharon Obenland (4739 Catalina) Ms. Obenland spoke on behalf of the Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park Committee and the ordinance petitioners. She thanked the Mayor and Council for working to pass Resolution 682 on racial equity and looks forward to supporting the Ad Hoc Police Policy Review Committee as well as the Racial Equity and Diversity Ad Hoc Committee.

Andrea Klingner (3712 W. 52nd Terr.) Ms. Klingner said she is also on the Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park Committee. She thanked the Governing Body for including the immigrants of color in the resolution on racial equality. She also spoke to her own family as immigrants and said they would have appreciated having an ordinance like this in place on racial equality when they came here.

CMBR Hill read a public comment from Linda Mordan (4908 Sycamore) into the record.

“Mayor and City Councilors, please include immigrants and migrants of color in the racial equity resolution that is currently under review. Our nation’s views toward immigrants and migrants have resulted in discriminatory policies and social relations based on race and ethnicity. I want Roeland Park to be welcoming to all regardless of skin color or national origin. I’ve been so proud of our town as you made the decision to provide PPE for people. And now we have the opportunity to again lead and show that we care for all people within the borders of our City. Thank you for being inclusive. Linda Mordan.”

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #955
- B. Council Minutes July 6, 2020
- C. Ordinance 997: Amendment that Would Allow Fire Pits in Roeland Park (Moved from Item X. A)

MOTION: CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

III. Business from the Floor

There were no items presented.

IV. Mayor’s Report

A. Distinguished Budget Award

The City of Roeland Park was awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the second year in a row from the Government Finance Officers Association. Mayor Kelly stated his appreciation of the work that has gone into the budget by staff to make it as exceptional as it is.

Ms. Jones-Lacy thanked the Mayor for his comments.

V. Workshop and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

VI. Reports of City Liaisons

- A. MARC - Bike & Pedestrian (Jan Faidley)
- B. MARC - First Tier Suburbs (Jan Faidley and Claudia McCormack)

Reports from the MARC meetings were included in the packet

C. COVID-19 Update

Mayor Kelly acknowledged the work of the Governing Body, the City staff, and the Police Department in providing free PPE to residents, workers, and the patrons of Roeland Park businesses. He said it shows a proactive approach and he appreciates that.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said they have given to residents, and some have come into City Hall to make a request. Their Police Department was also giving them to businesses, and this has been a well-received process. She said it is good for Roeland Park, the residents, and their businesses.

She also said that this week Shawnee Mission Schools select a learning model for instruction, whether that be in-person or remote, and is to be completed by Wednesday, August 5th. They are planning to start school after Labor Day.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Appoint Advisors to the Police Policy Review Committee

Mayor Kelly said they have received a lot of outstanding applications but could only select six given their ordinance on ad hoc committees. They do have an opportunity to provide advisors. He said he spoke with Fred Jones, Sr., a member of the Johnson County NAACP, who is a great source of knowledge and lived experience of relations with people of color within Johnson County. He felt that a representative from that group would serve them well on the committee. He also asked the Governing Body to consider El Centro President/CEO Irene Caudillo as an advisor to the committee representing the Latino community in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties.

CMBR Faidley asked they are permitted to add additional advisors once the committee is formed. Mayor Kelly said there is no prohibition per the ordinance regarding the timing of appointment of advisors.

CMBR Rebne asked if someone was not appointed to the committee and wanted to come and share ideas and speak would there be a process for that. Mayor Kelly said the process will be consistent with other committees and likely provide the opportunity for public comment. He also wanted to make certain the public knows the meetings are open and there will be no executive sessions of the ad hoc committee. The recommendations of the committee will come before the Governing Body which always provides for public comment.

CMBR Madigan said he believed in his previous experience on ad hoc committees that appointments do not need to come before Council. Mayor Kelly and City Administrator Moody clarified that all appointments come from the Governing Body.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE FRED JONES, JR. (NAACP) AND IRENE CAUDILLO (EL CENTRO) AS ADVISORS TO THE POLICE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

VIII. New Business

A. Consider Adoption of the FY 2021 Budget

Mayor Kelly thanked everyone for having substantive and productive discussions on budget objectives, prioritization, as well as feasibility although they did not always agree. He said they arrived at the right budget for Roeland Park for 2021.

CMBR Madigan commented that capping the mill levy at the present rate while requesting a doubling of the sales tax on the November ballot will prevent him from voting in support of the budget because he does not believe this is the will of his constituents. He added that he cannot agree with borrowing money when there is money in the bank.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO ADOPT THE 2021 BUDGET. (MOTION CARRIED 6-1 WITH CMBR MADIGAN VOTING NO.)

B. Appoint Racial Equity Ad Hoc Committee Members from Governing Body

Mayor Kelly said they have received several applications from City residents and anticipates receiving more. They are limited by ordinance as to the makeup of that committee, and he wanted to provide an opportunity to let all residents who may be interested apply knowing that there will be more applications than spots.

CMBR Faidley requested to let CMBR Dickens take her spot on this committee.

CMBR Madigan asked if by appointing a fourth Councilmember would that allow for two more citizens to be on the committee. Mayor Kelly said that is correct, but the reason it was not done was to make the committee a manageable size.

CMBR Faidley suggested that if there was sufficient interest for citizens to serve, she will be happy to serve as well. The Governing Body will wait on an appointment of CMBR Faidley to see if there are enough applications to require her appointment.

CMBR Madigan asked who decides who is chosen and who is not chosen to represent the ad hoc committee. Mayor Kelly said the appointment process is appointment by the Mayor followed by confirmation from the Governing Body. Mr. Madigan asked if they could see the applications of those who were not picked, and it seems the committee itself could have some input. Mr. Madigan agreed to discuss this at another time.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPOINT CMBR DICKENS, CMBR REBNE, AND MAYOR KELLY TO SERVE AS THE ELECTED REPRESENTED TO THE RACIAL EQUITY AD HOC COMMITTEE. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

C. Appoint Brittnay Noriega to the Arts Committee

Mayor Kelly noted Ms. Noriega has done an exemplary job of running a community pantry at the Boulevard Apartments and he is excited for her to be more involved with the City.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPOINT BRITTNAY NORIEGA TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0)

IX. Workshop Items

No items were presented.

X. Ordinances and Resolutions

~~A. Ordinance 997: Amendment that Would Allow Fire Pits in Roeland Park~~ *(This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.*

B. Resolution 682: Resolution on Racial Equality

Mayor Kelly thanked the Governing Body, community members, and others outside of the Roeland Park community for providing comments on this resolution. He said he is looking forward to moving on these action items but said this is not the end but a prelude to the beginning.

CMBR Rebne stated this is an important resolution and he appreciates everything that is in it to acknowledge that black people and people of color have spent their lives throughout history making sure their lives matter. To say "Black Lives Matter" in the resolution is important and echoed the Mayor's statement that this is an intermediate step to make sure they are taking action on equity. He said that the history of racialized segregation continues. He said one of the vestiges of that is the way the schools are funded through property taxes and the unequal nature of that which gives them a flavor of how challenging it can be to lean into the equity issues. He wants to make sure that they have the knowledge to handle those tough conversations.

CMBR Faidley thanked everyone who contributed to this resolution with their comments, residents who work in Roeland Park and those who shop in the City. She said their first job as a Council is to listen and believes this ad hoc committee will begin with the listening process and hopes that suggestions for concrete steps and action items will come out of this process.

CMBR Madigan said he's seen a lot of changes since the Equal Rights Amendment of 1964 was passed. He said that while it is important that they have people of color on the committee who have experienced issues of inequality, it is very important to have people of color of different age groups because what was discrimination in the 60s is much different than what it is today and they need to be able to draw on all experiences.

MOTION: CMBR REBNE MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 682. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

XI. Reports of City Officials

City Administrator Moody said with the adoption of the budget, they will press forward in developing what they anticipate being the third year of an award-winning budget document for the City.

The Police Policy Review Committee is set for an introductory meeting on August 6. They will establish a chair and co-chair at that time.

Staff will be submitting reimbursement requests to Johnson County for CARES Act fund for expenses they have incurred related to COVID-19. The county is still working to clarify what is included for reimbursement. With regard to whether those distributions can then be given to businesses, the City would need to be responsible for those sub-distributions and ensure that whoever received those distributions used the funds in concert with the federal requirements, and would require them to make certain they were being used in compliance with the CARES Act restrictions.


They have reached out to local organizations that provide food, utility and rent assistance to assess the magnitude of need. Mr. Moody said he realized the Governing Body would like to be able to provide assistance to the local residents and local businesses, but they need to make sure if they do they do not put the City at risk of running afoul of federal restrictions.

Ms. Jones-Lacy reported that the Comprehensive Plan is on the agenda for the next Workshop and Confluence will be at the meeting to help guide the conversation. There will not be a fee from them for this work session. She thanked everyone who has contacted her stating their requests for items they would like to hear more about at that meeting.

XII. Adjourn

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor