

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, October 5, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mike Kelly, Mayor○ Trisha Brauer, Council Member○ Benjamin Dickens, Council Member○ Jan Faidley, Council Member○ Jennifer Hill, Council Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jim Kelly, Council Member○ Tom Madigan, Council Member○ Claudia McCormack, Council Member○ Michael Rebne, Council Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Keith Moody, City Administrator○ Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. Admin.○ Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk○ John Morris, Police Chief○ Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director |
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Admin
Brauer
Hill

Finance
McCormack
Madigan

Safety
Rebne
Faidley

Public Works
Kelly
Dickens

(Roeland Park Council Meeting Called to Order)

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. All Governing Body members were present. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, Assistant City Administrator Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, City Clerk Nielsen, and City Attorneys Chrissy Roto and Debbie Moeller.

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications made to the agenda.

I. Citizens Comments

Mary Schulteis (5347 Nall) Ms. Schulteis is Co-Chair of the Arts Committee. Ms. Schulteis is also on the Historical Committee along with Jim Grebe and CMBR Madigan who asked her to speak. She said as a committee they have not been able to meet yet. When they do meet, they will decide whether to do the historical book. Police Chief Morris has done an outline for the historical committee, but he has also has not been able to meet with anyone.

Karen Grotewohl (5049 Parish) Ms. Grotewohl commented on the Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park ordinance. She said she is happy to see how the community has become diverse in a lot of different ways over the years. She said she appreciates the Police Department and was encouraged by their policy of non-participation with ICE. She strongly supports having an ordinance because it can make everyone safer. Ms. Grotewohl also spoke to the issue of those being afraid to call the police in the immigrant community and she does not want to see that in Roeland Park.

Miel Herrera (5230 Buena Vista) Ms. Herrera spoke of her father’s emigration from Argentina to America and her experiences of racism when she moved to Kansas City when trying to locate a place for her

business. She and her husband operate Café Corazón in Westport. As U.S. citizens, they live in fear of being detained by ICE. She said she has great respect for first responders. She added that they have learned from the Black Lives Matter movement that racism still exists and, therefore, supports the Safe and Welcoming Roeland Park ordinance.

Curt Herrera (5230 Buena Vista) Mr. Herrera said his grandparents came from Mexico to work the fields in western Kansas. He said the immigration raids were traumatic for him as a child and to this day he still has a fear of police officers. He did not want his children to go through what he did and now he sees that it is happening again. He brought his family to Roeland Park for a better life and still sees them having to explain who he and his family are.

CMBR Rebne commented on the passionate comments and having to relive some of trauma to do it. He wanted to acknowledge their hard work and investment in democracy in Roeland Park and express his gratitude that they continue to show up and do this.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #959
- B. Council Minutes September 21, 2020

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

III. Business from the Floor

- A. Applications/Presentations

There were no applications or presentations.

IV. Mayor's Report

- A. Energy Efficiency Day Proclamation

Mayor Kelly said that this is held nationally the first week of October. He expressed his gratitude for the members of their community as well as the Sustainability Committee and the Council for taking steps to improve energy efficiency. He said that not only does it save fiscal resources but also has an impact on environment and their quality of life.

MOTION: CMBR REBNE MOVED AND CMBR MCCORMACK SECONDED TO ADOPT OCTOBER 7, 2020, AS ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY IN ROELAND PARK. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

V. Workshop and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

VI. Reports of City Liaisons

No reports were given.

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Discuss Buena Vista Sidewalk Extension Options

Mayor Kelly said there is a potential new option as it relates to a design for parallel on-street parking on the north side of Buena Vista. This would allow them to complete a sidewalk in an existing right-of-way and not have to obtain temporary construction easements or condemnation.

City Administrator Moody said the property owner of 5500 Buena Vista said they prefer Option B4. Another property owner has confirmed they are looking at the options, but he has not received any feedback yet.

CMBR Hill asked how many parallel spaces there will be as opposed to what exists currently. City Administrator Moody said the option would have 11 parallel spaces as opposed to the 20 on-street parking spaces currently on Buena Vista.

CMBR Faidley asked about their ordinance that requires four parking spaces for 1,000 square feet of operable space in a business. City Administrator Moody said that requirement applies to Planned Office development.

CMBR Kelly recommended they move ahead with the parallel parking option and later adjust the four parking spaces per 1,000 feet since in his line of work the average is three spaces per thousand.

CMBR Rebne says he never sees half the spaces filled when he goes by but recognizes that is not in the spirit of the ordinance. He asked if parking on the west side is included in the calculation. City Administrator Moody said the parking calculation also includes the off-street parking.

MOTION: CMBR Hill MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO PROCEED WITH OPTION A1 AND B4 OF THE BUENA VISTA SIDEWALK ALIGNMENT OPTION. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

VIII. New Business

A. Committee Reappointments

MOTION: CMBR BRAUER MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE AND APPOINT CHRISTINE WEBSTER TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE, COURTNEY CRAIG TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, LEONARD TOCCO TO THE AQUATICS COMMITTEE, MELISSA DOBBIN TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND RUSSELL MCCORKLE TO THE PARKS COMMITTEE. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

B. Agreement with Mission Woods for Code Enforcement Services

Mayor Kelly said it is always a pleasure to work with other cities for the acquisition of services and it is good to find opportunities to improve efficiency by working together. The agreement has received preliminary approval from the City Council of Mission Woods and is slated to be approved at their next meeting.

CMBR Faidley asked if they checked with Mr. Jacobson regarding his current workload. City Administrator Moody said they spoke with Mr. Jacobson and got an idea of how much time he thought it would take. Mr. Jacobson does not have any concerns with being able to maintain the workload with Roeland Park as well as provide the periodic assistance to Mission Woods.

Ms. Jones-Lacy clarified it would be Wade Holtkamp from Codes Enforcement performing the service and the amount of time requested by Mission Woods is minimal.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR MCCORMACK SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MISSION WOODS TO PROVIDE CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Resolution 684 - Fees - New Shelter Reservation Fees

Tony Nichols, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, said he surveyed the surrounding communities of what they were charging for similar park shelters. He recommended waiting before setting the rules regulating the amount of times the shelters can be rented. Since January, he has had one request for renting the shelter in Nall Park and currently there are two requests for the R Park pavilion once it is complete.

CMBR Hill said she would like to see different rates for residents and non-residents as the Roeland Park residents are already paying for the pavilion with their tax money and donations. She said that Roeland Park citizens should be able to make priority reservations before opening it up to non-residents. Mr. Nichols said there is a difficulty with priority rentals on the shelters as there are no set days.

CMBR Hill said she would also to see that the shelters are not available every day of the weekend.

CMBR Brauer asked if the Parks Committee commented on the fee structure. Mr. Nichols said they have not as he was asked in a staff meeting to develop a fee structure and an update to the ordinance.

CMBR McCormack said she agreed with some of the resident feedback that they are selling themselves a bit short on the fee structure. She said that priority should be given to Roeland Park residents if they had a significantly reduced fee as they would be more likely to rent. She felt they could go higher on the rates for non-residents and is interested in limiting how often the shelters can be rented out to encourage spontaneous use by their residents.

CMBR Kelly also said there is room on the written fee structure page to spell out items and not use abbreviations, which he said could eliminate some confusion. He also said that in reserving a week ahead of time per the policy gives them the ability to set priorities if they need a specific day.

CMBR Faidley concurred with CMBR McCormack they need to consider the spontaneous use of parks. She also added there is not a fee for the Nall Park shelter currently.

CMBR Rebne thanked Mr. Nichols for drawing up this up but felt they should hold off on charging fees for a year given the pandemic, plus he did not feel like they would miss out on much revenue. He said the Community Engagement Committee has had conversations about having a regular Friday event at the shelter to keep it available.

CMBR Hill felt like the fee was too high for residents and would like it amended to \$50 for a half day and \$100 for a full day.

CMBR McCormack said she would agree with the amendment but would like to see it sent to the Parks Committee, so they have an option to discuss it.

CMBR Hill said she would also like to see more feedback from Parks but noted they can vote on the fee. She does not want it to turn into people renting it for huge events.

CMBR Rebne said he would like everyone to be able to enjoy it for at least a year, so they know what it is before they start charging for rentals.

Mayor Kelly said one reason for charging a fee is it provides security that someone can plan an event on a certain day. Reserving without a fee keeps someone from precluding others from using it especially if they do not show up.

Mr. Nichols said they do anticipate the use of part-time staff to clean the shelter and restrooms on the weekends. One reason in seeking a fee is to hopefully offset some of those anticipated expenses. If you reserve a shelter, then there is an expectation that there is no debris and trash from a previous party and that the grill is clean.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO CHANGE THE RENTAL FEE FOR RESIDENTS TO \$50 HALF/\$100 FULL DAY. (MOTION CARRIED 6-2 WITH CMBRS REBNE AND BRAUER VOTING NO.)

CMBR Madigan said they charged no fee at Nall Park and now they are going to charge \$50 which seems excessive.

CMBR Brauer said it is hard to give something for free and then to start charging. Her opinion is to give residents an opportunity to enjoy the shelter. If they give something away for free that is how it will be treated. She said reasonable fees prevent a lot of unintended consequences.

CMBR McCormack would like to propose another amend to increase the non-resident fees to at least \$100 for a half day and \$200 for a full day. She said they spent a lot of taxpayer money and there was a lot of love from residents. She said it is unique and exciting and would be in high demand.

CMBR Dickens questioned about leaving the Nall Park rates the same.

Mayor Kelly clarified the proposal is for the reservations at R Park to increase the non-resident fee.

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO INCREASE NON-RESIDENT FEES TO \$100 PER HALF DAY AND \$200 PER WHOLE DAY. (NO VOTE WAS TAKEN.)

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO TABLE THE NON-RESIDENT FEE AMENDMENT. (MOTION CARRIED 6-2 WITH CMBRS HILL AND DICKENS VOTING NO.)

CMBR Faidley thanked Mr. Nichols for the work he put in on the fee structure. She said she has heard from residents that getting input on this process from Parks is important.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 684 SETTING THE SHELTER RESERVATION FEES FOR R PARK AND NALL PARK. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

X. Workshop Items

No items were discussed.

XI. Reports of City Officials:

A. COVID-19 Update

Chris Verbrugge reported that Johnson County has the addition of several ballot boxes where mail-in ballots can be dropped off. The City has received feedback from the county on the 15 COVID project submittals. The City is looking to provide follow-up information to get the “maybe” and “no” responses turned into “yes.”

Ms. Jones-Lacy said the Kansas City Symphony will have a quartet in R Park October 24th at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and would ask that everyone adhere to the social distance guidelines. They expect a great turnout.

XII. Adjourn

MOTION: CMBR HILL MADIGAN AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:09 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor

