

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, March 1, 2021 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 at 6:00 p.m.)

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. CMBR McCormack joined the meeting after the roll was called. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, Assistant City Administrator Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Nichols, Management Intern Verbrugge, City Attorney Felzein, and City Clerk Nielsen.

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

I. Citizen Comments

David Welch (4908 W. 57th) Mr. Welch spoke about what has happened on his street since the pandemic struck. He said a group of neighbors have become a newfound family. They spend time together sharing stories, meals, cocktails, games, and therapy. They laugh a lot and have built trust and genuinely care for one another. They are a diverse group who have become unconditional friends. Mr. Welch said in the depression of a pandemic they are a bright light on a street in Roeland Park. He is proud to live here and no matter where everyone may go, they are a lifelong friendly family.

Mayor Kelly remarked this is a beautiful sentiment. He said he has shared time on Mr. Welch’s porch and added it is a great block in Roeland Park. He said this goes a long way to affirm the choices made by those who lead the City and this makes it all the worthwhile. He said it is a pleasure to serve as Mayor because of exactly these types of stories throughout Roeland Park. He thanked Mr. Welch for lifting their spirits and setting a great tone for the meeting.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Appropriations Ordinance #969

B. Council Minutes February 15, 2021

MOTION: CMBR REBNE MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0)

(CMBR McCormack joined the meeting.)

III. Business from the Floor

A. Applications/Presentation

1. Presentation from United Methodist Church on Food Pantry Program

Mayor Kelly introduced Kristie Schang from the Roeland Park Community Pantry. He noted that CMBR Faidley and CMBR Rebne are involved with the pantry and the amount of good that has flowed through there is enormous. He invited everyone who has the opportunity to help out on Friday mornings.

Kristie Schang, Director of Roeland Park Community Pantry, said she has gotten a chance to work with CMBRS Faidley and Rebne and they have been a great asset to the team. When she joined the pantry in June of 2020, they were distributing about 10 bags per week at the start of pandemic. By June, it was up to 44 bags per week. They were able to get a community grant for \$16,000 which helped the program grow to being able to donate up to 85 bags a week. On February 23rd this year, they gave out 257 bags of food and served 135 people. The most served was the week before helping 190 people. Ms. Schang said there continues to be a huge demand. They did get funds from the Johnson County Coronavirus Relief Fund of \$31,000 and they also receive individual donations, which is the only reason how they can stay open. Each bag distributed has about \$10-\$15 worth of food and a \$10 gift card. During the bad weather, they gave out \$20 gift cards in lieu of actual groceries. Ms. Schang also spoke of the stories she hears from the people that are relying on the food and cards. A lot of people use the cards to buy formula, meat and produce.

Ms. Schang said in February along, they spent about \$22,000. They paired with Neighbors for a Better Roeland Park and put their information in the newsletter. They also continue to get more volunteers with an average of 20 people a week volunteering. The volunteers are coming from the community and are not only church members.

CMBR Faidley gave a big thank you to the Methodist Church, the donors, and the volunteers. She said that food insecurity in the community continues to be significant. She also recommended that people volunteer for a shift to understand what is going on and the lives they are touching.

Ms. Schang said there are three opportunities for volunteering. On Tuesdays from 12-1, they load cars at Aldi's and take groceries to the church. On Wednesday, they bag the food from 9-11, and on Friday distribution times are 9-11 and 11-1.

Ms. Schang thanked everyone who has volunteered and helped to make the program successful.

CMBR Rebne said he appreciates her thankless work. He added the food pantry transitioned from being once a month to weekly and that they are fortunate to be able to meet the need as the food pantry is an essential part of their community. He also encouraged people to volunteer or donate money through the church's webpage. He hoped that people would get together to think about ways to sustain the food pantry going forward.

CMBR Dickens said he was glad the pantry is there to have them help out their neighbors. He asked for ways that people can help who are unable to volunteer or make financial donations. Ms. Schang said there is a box that sits outside of the church for people to drop off food. They also need help spreading the word that they are there every Friday. She said if they meet someone need to please tell them about the pantry.

IV. Mayor's Report

A. Heroes Week Proclamation

Mayor Kelly wanted to recognize the dedication, kindness, and hard work of many people throughout the community during the pandemic. He said a lot of people have been affected. Many of those people work as essential employees at great risk to themselves. Mayor Kelly said they cannot stay the community they are without a lot of sacrifice from a lot of different people. So, to recognize all of their sacrifices and dedication, he is naming March 7-13 as Heroes Week in Roeland Park.

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION MAKING MARCH 7-13, 2021 AS HEROES WEEK IN THE CITY OF ROELAND PARK. (THE 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

No unfinished business was discussed.

VIII. New Business

A. Award Contract for 2021 Street Maintenance - UBAS

CMBR Faidley noted they received only one bid. Public Works Director Scharff responded that McAnany Construction is the only company around that does UBAS.

CMBR Madigan asked how they decide on UBAS treatment versus a chipseal. Public Works Director Scharff said it is based off the Pavement Condition Index (PCI). UBAS is for streets rated 55 (good) and above, which extends life of the street 8-10 years. Chipseal is for the lower rated streets that will need more extensive work later on. That process typically extends the live another 5-7 years.

MOTION: CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR BRAUER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 2021 STREET MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH MCANANY CONSTRUCTION FOR UBAS SURFACE TREATMENT AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$210,000. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

B. Award Contract for 2021 Street Maintenance - Chipseal

CMBR Rebne asked what the long-term plan is for the chipseal streets. Public Works Director Scharff said the chipseal extends the street life. Some of those streets are in serious condition and need to be reconstructed. Applying chipseal now buys them the time to prepare and build a reconstruction/mill and overlay plan for a later time. He also said they keep track of these street projects on a map showing their prioritization.

MOTION: CMBR REBNE MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 2021 STREET MAINTENANCE SURFACE TREATMENTS WITH HARBOUR CONSTRUCTION FOR CHIPSEAL AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$68,677. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

C. Award Contract for Reinhardt Street Project

CMBR Rebne asked to address a sidewalk and street rebuilt for the last northernmost block. Mayor Kelly said they can put that as a discussion topic on a Workshop, but it is not included in the scope of this contract.

CMBR Kelly said it is sad to see that the section from 47th to 48th Street along Reinhardt is not included when it was thought it was. He too requested it be put on a Workshop for discussion.

City Administrator Moody addressed the feasibility sidewalk as a change order to the reconstruction project. The contractor would need to know by mid-summer whether that section would be added. They do have time to establish direction, meet with property owners and discuss the pros and cons of an east vs. west side for the sidewalk. Currently Larkin is working on the estimate. They want to have this information gathered on the alternative options before they engage with residents for their feedback. The cost for a sidewalk on the west side is expected to be higher because more driveways would need to be replaced. This item will be put on the Workshop agenda for March 15th.

CMBR Madigan agreed with the request to add this to the Workshop.

MOTION: CMBR REBNE MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE 2021 NSRP REINHARDT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO KANSAS HEAVY CONSTRUCTION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$887,487. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

D. Award Bid for Police Radio Upgrade/Replacement

Police Chief Morris said this upgrade has been in the works for about four years. All Johnson County agencies are required to have this secure encryption system. Their current radios are not compatible. This also needs to be completed by October 1, 2021, so the department wants to get an early start on their vehicles before the last minute rush. Chief Morris reiterated this is something they do not have a choice in. They have a budget amount of \$100,000 with the price coming in around \$98,000.

CMBR Faidley asked about the timeline for installation. Police Chief Morris said that Ka-Comm will do the installation of the radios in patrol vehicles which takes about a day to a day and a half. They will rotate out their vehicles and hope to have it completed by summer.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO AWARD THE BID FOR POLICE RADIO UPGRADE/REPLACEMENT TO KA-COMM AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$98,138.56. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

E. Council Direction on Use of Aldi 1% for Art Funds, and Other Funding For Mural on 47th Street Retaining Wall and Aldi Stairs

Mayor Kelly said staff is seeking direction related to Aldi's 1 percent for art funds, funding for the mural on the 47th Street retaining wall as well as the stairway leading to Aldi. The Arts Committee is estimating the cost of the mural to be between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

Michael Poppa with the Arts Committee said this is a substantial project that will bring a lot of attention to Roeland Park. Currently the Arts Committee is not concerned with where the funds for the project come from, but just want the Governing Body's blessing to complete it by the end of 2021.

CMBR Faidley said she thought she saw a figure of less than the \$36,000.

Chris Verbrugge said they were considering \$36,000 from the Special Infrastructure Fund for one aspect of the project and any extra funds would come from the Arts Committee's allocation from the General Fund.

CMBR Rebne asked how the mural how themes were selected. Mr. Poppa said they wanted the overarching theme being "Uniquely Rooted" with different artists' renditions of their separate themes to see how they fit together. Currently they do not have a pre-conceived notion for a specific item. They want something that speaks to each theme of and the diversity of community that is Roeland Park.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE MURAL PROJECT ON 47th STREET. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

CMBR Kelly asked for the reason behind using Special Infrastructure Fund monies versus the Aldi fund. City Administrator Moody said the Arts Committee wants to use the Aldi funds for the mural and the other monies for the art on the stairs.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said they can use whatever funding source they want to use. They have money for the mural in the Aldi fund and there is money in the Special Infrastructure Fund. They do not, however, have a cost for the staircase yet.

CMBR Faidley said they already approved the staircase objective with the Aldi funds.

Mayor Kelly said he supports both projects and believes it to be of value and he would like to see it done this year. He also sees the value of the artistic element in the staircase. He said the cleanest way to do this is to cap funding for the projects at the cost of the 1 percent for art and \$36,000 from the Special Infrastructure Fund with any additional amounts to come out of the public art allocation.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO FUND THE MURAL WITH THE SPECIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND RECOMMENDED BY STAFF. (MOTION TABLED)

CMBR Madigan said it looks like an open end to spend money. He asked if there is a limit? Mayor Kelly said they allot \$12,000 for public art and other projects so that would be the upper limit.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR MCCORMACK SECONDED TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO FUND THE ALDI STAIRCASE AND MURAL WITH THE 1 PERCENT FOR ART FROM ALDI'S, AND

UP TO \$36,000 FROM THE SPECIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND WITH THE REMAINDER FROM THE PUBLIC ART ALLOCATION. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

Mr. Poppa thanked the Governing Body for their support of art in Roeland Park.

F. Appointment of Art Committee Member Lynda Leonard as Gallery Director/Art Commissioner

Mayor Kelly said he appreciated working with George Schlegel and is excited about Ms. Leonard taking the reins.

Ms. Leonard said she is blessed and honored to be able to continue Mr. Schlegel's legacy and will work hard to continue the program and to make sure everyone recognizes Roeland Park as a cultural arts center in the community along with Kansas City. She thanked everyone for their support.

Mary Schulteis said on behalf of Arts Committee, they are proud to have Lynda Leonard as she is an excellent choice for the position and noted her dedication to the arts.

CMBR Faidley said Mr. Schlegel's title was Arts Commissioner. She asked if there were other duties in addition to the art shows at City Hall.

Marek Gliniecki also from the Arts Committee said those are the main duties, but they are an integral part of making decisions and helping them function as a committee for the City. The main job is gallery director, which would also be a part of the Arts Committee and also be involved in their activities.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR MCCORMACK SECONDED TO APPOINT LYNDA LEONARD AS GALLERY DIRECTOR/ART COMMISSIONER. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions:

A. Ordinance 1008- Prohibiting Tobacco Products at Parks and Recreation Facilities

CMBR McCormack said she will not be voting yes as this is an encroachment in an outdoor public space which she stated is a bit of an overreach.

CMBR Madigan said he will also be voting no and agrees with CMBR McCormack. He said he didn't understand why they are not following the recommendations of the Parks Committee and the City Attorney and the 15-foot ban.

MOTION: CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1008 - PROHIBITING TOBACCO PRODUCTS AT PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES. (MOTION CARRIED 5-2 WITH CMBRS MCCORMACK AND MADIGAN VOTING NO.)

B. Ordinance 1009 - Unite Franchise Renewal

MOTION: CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1009 FOR A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH UNITE TO ALLOW THEM OPERATE SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

X. Reports of City Officials:

A. JOCO Housing Task Force Report

Ms. Jones-Lacy said they had their second meeting last week. There were presentations by the Bill Ruder, Executive Vice President of the Homebuilders Association, and real estate agent Karen Bergin. They spoke about housing in the KC Metro and Johnson County, specifically to the challenges they have seen that have created an unaffordable housing situation for Johnson County as a whole. Mr. Ruder expressed the Kansas City market does not have a large builder who builds large subdivisions and most of what is seen are from typically smaller builders who are not getting efficiencies in pricing for materials which drives up the cost. Ms. Bergin talked about presentation she gave for older adults who wanted to move into Johnson County with 90 percent of them wanting to spend less than \$300,000. She said there is a lot of competition for homes at that price level.

In their smaller groups, they discussed the top things that could be done to help advance the cause of accessibility and affordability in Johnson County. She said she was in a very diverse group. Some barriers such as excise tax make it pricey for a developer. They also said that neighborhood revitalization programs can be useful especially when they provides property tax incentives. The marketing and communication to the public on the availability of the incentives is important. Also of key importance is if someone builds an affordable home, it needs to stay affordable.

CMBR Rebne said once they see the recommendations the come out of this task force it will give them a feel for where that fits in their decision-making process.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said they have talked a lot about how it will be applicable to their cities and ways they can implement those principles into planning their community. She said it is important for the development directors, City staff and Council to be hearing firsthand the information and keeping it in the forefront. The information will also help with the development of the CIP.

CMBR Faidley asked about Roeland Park's existing housing stock and how it compares among other municipalities in programs for rehabbing older houses to keep them more viable and affordable. Ms. Jones-Lacy said that will be expressed in the housing report. Their program Neighbors Helping Neighbors is also featured in the report. Once completed, they will bring someone in from UCS to present on the final information.

B. COVID Report

Mr. Verbrugge reported that Johnson County announced a partnership for volunteers to help with vaccination effort. There is a link in his report with more information. Johnson County Department of Health and Environment has new hours which are listed on page 2 of the report.

He reminded everyone to keep wearing masks when out and about.

C. City Administrator

City Administrator Moody said that budget objectives are due to today and he will provide them in draft form at the March 15 Council Workshop.

Public Works is already doing the initial installation of the spring banners on Roe Blvd.

D. Police Department

Police Chief Morris said their retail crime enforcement unit will be put in another place next week. He said it is the same vehicle as last time and will be visible out in the community.

E. Assistant City Administrator

Ms. Jones-Lacy said she will be sending out information to the Governing Body for their sponsorship of a lunch in honor of Roesland Teachers' Appreciation Week.


F. Parks and Rec Superintendent

Mr. Nichols said all concrete work and activity pool area features were installed and finished last week. The two slide towers are scheduled to arrive and begin assembly this week. We anticipate all slides and shade structures installed by the next council meeting.

Adjourn:

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor