

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, June 21, 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○ Erin Winn, Asst. City Administrator○ 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 6:01 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 Kelly was absent. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, Assistant City Administrator Winn, City Attorney Felzein, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, City Clerk Nielsen, Management Intern Verbrugge, and Parks and Recreation Superintendent Nichols.

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

I. Citizen Comments

Mayor Kelly invited citizen comments and wished a happy birthday to Mayor emeritus Joel Marquardt.

Joel Marquardt (5021 Clark Dr) Mr. Marquardt spoke to the need for property maintenance and management rules in the City. He specifically mentioned a property on Clark across from Roesland school that has recently planted trees close to the sidewalk. He said their growth will become a maintenance issue for the City down the line. He would like to see a rule prohibiting plantings so close to the sidewalk which could interfere with their construction and also force people to walk in the street. He also thanked the Governing Body for the work they have done for the City.

Janna Willhaus (4934 Birch) Ms. Willhaus also thanked the Council for their work. She spoke to the mill levy in the City and said her property mill rate has increased 32.8 percent in 5 years. She said she hopes they will consider dropping the mill this year. She also encouraged communication between the Codes, Police, and Animal Control departments within the City.

Mayor Kelly said he will have the Codes and Police Departments reach out to her on the communication piece and added that the Governing Body will be discussing the mill levy at their Workshop following the Council meeting.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #976**
- B. Council Minutes June 7, 2021**

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

III. Business from the Floor - Proclamations/Applications/Presentations

- A. Presentation by Marlborough Community Land Trust - Rebecca McQuillen**

Mayor Kelly introduced Ms. McQuillen and thanked her for being with them at this meeting. He said that CMBR Faidley asked for this presentation regarding the Marlborough Community Land Trust in Kansas City, Missouri.

Ms. McQuillen said she made this presentation for MARC and noted the purpose is to ensure that the community equitably benefits from property. She said land in the trust is owned for the benefit of the community and is associated with affordable housing. She provided an overview of how this creates access to home ownership and safe rentals, as well as stabilizing the community.

Mayor Kelly thanked Ms. McQuillen for introducing them to this concept.

CMBR McCormack said she loves the idea and asked if it is federally subsidized or funded by the city. Ms. McQuillen said they are a not-for-profit. Funding for one house purchase was through HUD and residents have also received private funding. CMBR McCormack also wanted to know if cities can acquire houses throughout their community or do they need to be in a block group area. Ms. McQuillen said that is up to each individual city. She said the land trust boundaries and be determined as each house is acquired. Their preference would be to have it dispersed throughout the community.

CMBR Faidley said she is very interested in the possibility of how they could make this work in Roeland Park. She would like to delve deeper into this with the staff's help.

Mayor Kelly asked about the equity in a home and who keeps the equitable growth. Ms. McQuillen said according to their agreement, the homeowner can retain a 30 percent share of the equity at the time of sale. The rest, 70 percent is unrealized. This allows for the house to continue to be sold under market value.

CMBR Rebne asked staff if there were anything in their codes that would prevent Roeland Park from having a program like this. City Administrator Moody said that there is nothing currently in their code but does believe a policy would need to be developed to ensure they follow appropriate law.

IV. Mayor's Report

- A. Lifeguard Proclamation**

Mayor Kelly served he served six years as a lifeguard remarking that it is rewarding and sometimes calls for sacrifice. He expressed his gratitude for the courage four guards had in a harrowing event where they saved a young woman's life at the pool. He said they are lucky to have such well-trained, brave staff members who did their job with flying colors.

He recognized four guards: Jady Barker, Oliver Sanem, Emma Wilkerson, and Haley Finley. He also recognized he Parks and Rec Superintendent Nichols for his training of the guards and managing the situation.

(Applause)

(Photos were taken)

B. Citizen Proclamation

Mayor Kelly said that sometimes citizens go above and beyond and it takes a community to build a community. He thanked two young girls, Abby Holmes and Maggie Grilliot, for making the situation at the pool known. Mayor Kelly thanked them for their kindness and bravery and gave them a proclamation for lifesaving heroism.

(Applause)

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. Parks Committee Update (Tony Nichols)

Parks & Rec Superintendent Tony Nichols said they continue to obtain quotes for different play features for all of the parks. Sweany Park is the next one they would like to add a play feature to. Their last committee meeting was held at R Park and was a kickoff planning meeting for Phase 3 of the R Park project, an extension of trails and a playground structure. Confluence attended the meeting. They anticipate attending their August meeting and will bring to them a couple concepts with the hope of bringing a recommendation to the Council in the fall for their approval.

Mr. Nichols also said that today they have begun to put up the fence along Cooper Creek fence along.

CMBR Faidley reminded everyone to check out the events/concerts in R Park on July 10 and July 31. She said they will be gathering starting at 6 p.m. with live music to begin at 7 p.m. There will also be a bake sale and asked for donations and baked goods. Proceeds will go towards the elementary music program at Roesland Elementary.

CMBR Hill told Mr. Nichols that she has heard glowing comments and ringing endorsements from many people, her children included, on how wonderful the pool is. She thanked him for doing a great job opening the pool. Mr. Nichols said they are off to a great start, are very busy, and hopefully will see a lot more.

All the Councilmembers expressed their approval of the pool.

B. Racial Equity Committee Presentation on Survey Results (Haile Simms)

Mr. Simms spoke about the results of the voluntary survey they advertised on the City's social media. The goal was to identify any current inequities and help determine priorities for the committee. They are working to create a more welcoming community to all people and positive engagement with the Police Department. Overall, he is pleased with the data and response and plans to use this going forward in the committee.

Mayor Kelly said he looks forward to continuing to work on the committee.

CMBR Madigan said he is concerned that survey results indicated that people think elected officials are not treating them fairly. He said they need to open themselves up to those questions. He also said they need to get information out on what they are doing, as the Roeland Park police is working with health professionals and have implemented new police procedures. Those taking the survey must not be aware of this.

CMBR Hill thanked Mr. Simms for his work on the committee and agreed with the sentiments of CMBR Madigan that they need to do a better job of getting the information out.

Mr. Simms said one goal of the committee is to help the relationship between police and the community by highlighting the right things they do in Roeland Park.

CMBR McCormack said she is interested in reading the comments and sees this as an opportunity to recognize their roles as a city and as individuals. They want to continue to improve and she believes the Marlborough Land Trust program model would be a step forward.

CMBR Rebne also thanked Mr. Simms. He wanted to echo the remarks made by CMBR Madigan and CMBR McCormack. He stated that they are participating in equity and diversity training. He noted the risk of a dominant culture, in that what comes out of the survey is the percentage of people who did not name their race, while 80 to 85 percent identified as white. He said this speaks that race is not meaningful in society to people of color and others who did not identify themselves, and this would also extend to gender. He said that many times people do not recognize the privilege they have comes out as harmful for those that don't share that identity.

CMBR Madigan said he was remiss in not thanking the committee for all the work they have done and stated his appreciation. As individuals, they have to get out into the public and prove to people they are not racist and not looking down on them. He also said it is important that all Governing Body members attend City events and it is important to put themselves out there.

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

VII. New Business

A. Approve Agreement with Fairway for 2022 Buena Vista & 53rd CARS Project.

Public Works Director Scharff reviewed the scope and location of the project as well as the street and sidewalk improvements to be made.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FAIRWAY FOR THE 2022 CARS PROJECT FOR 53rd ST, BUENA VISTA TO MISSION ROAD AND BUENA VISTA FROM 53rd TO SHAWNEE MISSION PARKWAY. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

B. Approve Task Order for Engineering Services for the 2022 Buena Vista & 53rd CARS Project.

CMBR Rebne noted they are starting ahead of time but wanted to know when the project was expected to start. Public Works Director Scharff said they are anticipating a start in either late spring or summer of 2022. They need to start early in order to give them time to obtain any easements they may need.

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ENGINEERING TASK ORDER FOR THE DESIGN AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2022 CARS - BUENA VISTA & 53rd PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$28,913. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0)

C. Approval of Professional Service Agreement with Witt O'Brien's for Services Related to Administering ARPA Funds

City Administrator Moody said that Witt O'Brien provides services to the county and state and have insights to how resources are being allocated. This is a strategic advantage on where their funds could be best employed and ensure they are not duplicated. They have made an hourly arrangement and it is not based on a percentage of allocation of their ARPA funds. He said he does not expect to reach the \$15,000 limit.

Mayor Kelly said the company comes recommended from many partners in the county.

CMBR Faidley said Appendix A and B includes scope and fees, but they are not in the service agreement. City Administrator Moody said they came in later but are now referenced in the agreement.

MOTION: CMBR REBNE MOVED AND CMBR MCCORMACK SECONDED TO APPROVE ENGAGING WITT O'BRIEN'S FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO ADMINISTERING ARPA FUNDS. (MOTION CARRIED 6-0; CMBR MCCORMACK WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.

IX. Reports of City Officials

A. Update on Reinhardt Project

Public Works Director Scharff showed photos of demolition and where they have removed the street surface asphalt. In the next two to three weeks they will be working on the removal of curbs, driveways, and sidewalks. He said that the project managers are phenomenal and are working to maintain open driveways. Everything on the project is still on schedule.

City Administrator Moody said concerns have been expressed over the removal of trees in front of Horizon Academy. He has asked the engineer if they can get an ADA compliant sidewalk, which would need to be 66 inches. They are looking into an option of splitting the sidewalk and making a well to go around the trees. They are also seeking more information about the type, age, and condition of the existing trees noting that the roots are very close to the surface.

CMBR Faidley asked about the type and they are believed to be elm trees, but it is unknown if they are the type subject to Dutch Elm disease.

CMBR Rebne noted that adopting complete streets gives them more flexibility on how to balance pedestrians, bikes and cars in sharing the road. He recommended keeping that in mind in the future.

Public Works Director Scharff said there will be sharrows along the course of the road.

CMBR Faidley said that sharrows are an option they use when they do not have the width for dedicated bike lanes.

B. COVID Report

City Intern Chris Verbrugge said that Johnson County is making personal protective equipment available to different organizations upon request as they recognize the ongoing supply chain disruptions. They want to help them build up a 90-day reserve.

Utility and rent assistance is also available to Johnson County residents with \$18 million still available. Applications and further information are available in the packet.

The *Shawnee Mission Post* is launching the Johnson County COVID-19 Remembrance Project as a way to remember and record those lost due to the pandemic. It will be a way for people to share those stories.

Governor Kelly has also rescinded several emergency Executive Orders which are detailed in the packet.

As of June 15th, 53.2 percent of Johnson County eligible residents were fully vaccinated.

Mayor Kelly put out a plea for everyone to get vaccinated. He said the MARC dashboard had good numbers but noted the Delta variant is starting to creep up. He said that as they begin to feel things become more normal, they are not out of the woods. He added that vaccinations are free.

C. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Moody said the carport structure and solar panels are up. The power and inverter to connect the arrays need to be installed before they are ready to go live. He also said the parking lot paving turned out well. They have also started with ADA compliance improvements on the restrooms in City Hall.

D. Police Report

Police Chief Morris said every year t-shirts are printed up for them free of charge. They will put a couple in their squad cars and will pass them out to people doing the right thing over the 4th. Unfortunately, they do not have one for everyone.

There are also public safety videos coming out that the department has been working on with Katie Garcia, the City's PIO. Chief Morris told everyone to have a safe 4th.

Mayor Kelly asked residents to fill out the resident survey. The results help them budget and set priorities.

Adjourn:

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor