

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, August 2, 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 6:00 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. All Governing Body members were present with CMBRS Madigan, Dickens and McCormack appearing virtually. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, Assistant City Administrator Winn, City Attorney Felzien, Public Works Director Scharff, Public Works Superintendent VandenBos, City Clerk Nielsen, Management Intern Verbrugge, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Nichols, and Police Chief Morris.

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

I. Citizen Comments

There were no public comments made.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #979**
- B. Council Minutes July 19, 2021**

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

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

- A. Dr. Bowne from JCCC - Return to Campus Plan**

Dr. Andrew Bowne, President of Johnson County Community College, said he is proud to serve the community and thankful for Roeland Park's support. He said the college serves over 35,000 students.

He noted that the past year has been challenging and most of the instruction was delivered online. This fall, however, at least 50 percent of instruction will be in person and it has been a request of the students to be in a face-to-face environment. There are many students who also want access to online courses. The Arts Center has reopened and summer camps are in full swing. All employees are also back on campus. Dr. Bowne also said they are offering the Kansas Promise Scholarship program that helps with expenses after all other grants and scholarships are paid. Tuition at the college for Johnson County residents is \$94 per credit hour.

Mayor Kelly said he was glad to hear the performance center is open and asked about capacity restrictions. Dr. Bowne said to allow for spacing it will be at less than 50 percent capacity.

CMBR Rebne said as a Council they have been having discussions about diversity and equity assessment. He asked Dr. Bowne if they have things that they look at in terms of reaching equity, gender, race, income, and graduates from programs. Dr. Bowne said this started with the prior president and have a diverse faculty, staff and students. He said they are midway through their strategic planning process and they are embracing the equity standpoint of wanting everyone to feel a sense of belonging at the college.

IV. Mayor's Report

Mayor Kelly said they will be receiving a COVID update later in the meeting, but he did say they are making strong recommendations to wear masks, maintain social distancing and to get vaccinated. This recommendation continues to be in line with Johnson County Health and Environment. He said that Roeland Park will continue to follow the public health guidance as well as follow the science. He said he appreciates everyone's cooperation and patience. They will continue to evaluate the situation as it pertains to the Roeland Park staff, Governing Body, and those that live and visit Roeland Park. The City will also keep everyone informed through their website, Constant Contact, and the media. Mayor Kelly also asked that everyone be kind to one another. He again encouraged vaccinations noting it's not a guarantee they won't get COVID but said the symptoms are milder.

V. Reports of City Liaisons

A. Racial Equity Committee Update

Haile Sims said the committee is creating a business advisory subcommittee. They will be reaching out to City businesses asked them what they can do and if there is anything the City can do to make it easier for existing businesses and whether there are any obstacles to opening a business especially as it relates to people of color. They want to address any concerns and also make sure that Roeland Park is welcoming to visitors of Roeland Park.

Mr. Sims also said they are continuing their work on the restrictive covenants in the City. He said the meetings are open to the public and there are opportunities on various subcommittees.

Mayor Kelly said the committee has a robust set of goals and he appreciates a committee that's focused on a good foundation for moving forward.

CMBR Faidley wanted to confirm that money has been approved to determine how many properties would be affected for removal of covenants. City Administrator Moody said \$7,500 was approved. Mayor Kelly added that under state and federal law they are unenforceable.

CMBR Madigan said he had several citizens reach out to him if and when a hard copy report will be made by the Racial Equity Committee. He said he heard it was forthcoming.

It was asked if a committee appointed by the Governing Body can create a subcommittee that has not been approved by the Governing Body.

Mayor Kelly said they could. City Attorney Felzien also said a committee can create its own subcommittee. Mr. Sims said their subcommittee consists of only existing committee members. City Attorney Felzein will prepare a memorandum addressing subcommittee members who are not members of the Racial Equity Committee. Mr. Sims said they want to create a racial covenant subcommittee and would like to add some who may not necessarily be on the Racial Equity Committee.

CMBR Rebne said the racially restrictive covenants is part of the story they tell themselves and how accurately it is told is important. He said this also intersects with the Historical Committee as well. He said that if anyone has a racially restrictive covenant on their home, the Racial Equity Committee and the Historical Committee would be interested in seeing that.

B. Sustainability Committee Update

Judy Hyde provided an update on the Sustainability Committee's recent activities. In order to signal support of biking as a healthy activity, they have purchase two bike repair stations, both of which include a fix-it stand and a pump. They were purchased in collaboration with the City of Westwood, the Roeland Park Community Engagement committee and BikeWalkKC. One will be put at 47th & Mission and the second one is still to be determined. There is also the plan to add additional bike racks in the future.

BikeWalkKC presented their report on Complete Streets to the Governing Body and the Sustainability Committee recommended a Complete Streets ordinance. Ms. Hyde met with CMBR Faidley and Michael Kelley from BikeWalkKC to develop a draft ordinance which was then sent to the National Complete Streets Coalition for scoring. The coalition has completed their review, sent the score and the City will review the results. The committee will also review the results and, if needed, off their suggestions.

At their June meeting the Citizens' Climate Lobby gave a presentation in support of the H.R. 2307, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act which has a plan to reduce carbon pollution to net zero by 2050. The Sustainability Committee is recommending the Council adopt a resolution in support of the bill.

To promote sustainable practices in the community, they will join with the City of Mission, and hopefully other northeast Johnson County cities, to hold an environmental fair in the spring of 2022. This will be with for-profit and not-for-profit organizations to help educate the public about environmental best practices.

The Committee had also developed and submitted a list of sustainability-related questions for the citizen survey and looks forward to reviewing the results in the future. They continue to do outreach through publicity, submit items for the *Roeland Parker*, post articles to the Committee’s Facebook page. Ms. Hyde noted that they continue to hold their meetings virtually.

Mayor Kelly said he is appreciative of their hard work and especially excited about the bike fix-it stations. He did note that the Complete Streets is on the Workshop agenda following the Council meeting.

CMBR Rebne said he too is excited about the fix-it stands and asked when they might be up and running. Ms. Hyde said she didn’t know exactly when they would be installed and that they were only delivered today.

C. MARC - Bike & Pedestrian

Mayor Kelly said the Bike and Pedestrian committee information is in the packet for reference.

D. MARC - First Tier Suburbs (Jan Faidley and Benjamin Dickens, Alt.)

Mayor Kelly said this report is also in the packet.

CMBR Faidley said the Committee is considering whether to ask Christie Bowman to speak on the affordable housing recommendations from the Johnson County housing study that was recently completed and to tailor the report specifically to the City of Roeland Park City and its community. They would also like to follow-up with another speaker, Ron Farmer, a principal at CHES (Credit & Homeownership Empowerment Services, Inc.), who works in credit counseling and financial education. They are a HUD certified nonprofit organization.

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

VII. New Business

A. Approve Fall Banners and Winter Decoration for Street Light Poles

Mr. VandenBos presented the fall banners to the Governing Body for their review.

CMBR Faidley said she liked the banners but had a little consternation with the phrase “Y’all” in Banner 2, and that it sounds a little southern for Roeland Park.

CMBR Hill agreed with CMBR Faidley and would like to see them use Banner 4 in lieu of Banner 2.

CMBR Kelly said that not everyone in Roeland Park is from Roeland Park and he is sticking with Banner Option 2.

CMBR Rebne said he understands the tension but does not have a problem with Banner Option 2. He wanted to make sure they honor the work and the choices from the committee. He recognizes their recommendations are not law and that the committee put a lot of time into choosing the banners.

CMBR Madigan said they are advisory committees.

CMBR Faidley said she did not want to take anything away from the committee but that the “Y’all” is a little hillbilly when Roeland Park is trying to be more metropolitan.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION AND REPLACE BANNER OPTION 2 WITH BANNER OPTION 4. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-2 WITH CMBRS KELLY AND REBNE VOTING NO.)

MOTION: CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE BANNERS AS AMENDED, REPLACING BANNER OPTION 4 FOR OPTION 2. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-2 CMBRS KELLY AND REBNE VOTING NO.)

Mr. VandenBos reviewed the winter pole decorations for wreaths and snowflakes, the various sizes and prices.

CMBR Hill asked if they are choosing one design or several. Mr. VandenBos said it is cheaper to go with one design. City Administrator Moody added that with the spacing that more variety will be less impactful. The winter banners will go on alternating poles from the lighted winter decorations.

Mayor Kelly said he felt that a wreath has become a more secular symbol and would not be opposed to that.

The Governing Body reviewed the Engagement Committee’s recommendations.

CMBR Madigan said he had a problem with the cost and would find it hard to explain why they would spend \$1,200 on a wreath.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR MCCORMACK SECONDED FOR THE OPTION NUMBER 8 SNOWFLAKE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

B. Approve Artist Concepts for 48th Street Retaining Wall Mural

Marek Gliniecki and Mary Schulteis, co-chairs of the Arts Committee presented the designs for the retaining wall mural on 48th Street.

Before his presentation, Mr. Gliniecki said they have had some openings in their committee, and they are looking for new members.

Mr. Gliniecki said that most of the artists for the mural were present at the meeting. They have created drawings to represent their seven themes of prehistory, history, connections, family and pets, community and business, art, and giving back. The individual works together form a whole and blend into each other from theme to theme.

Mr. Gliniecki said their supervisor artist had to step down. The Committee reviewed Brittany Noriega's qualifications and she was chosen as the new supervisor of the project.

Ms. Noriega thanked the Governing Body for this opportunity and introduced the artists to the Governing Body.

Mayor Kelly thanked Ms. Noriega for stepping into this role noting that she herself is a talented artist.

Mr. Gliniecki asked for direction from the Council before they go further to start the painting process.

CMBR Faidley asked about the dimensions of the mural. Mr. Gliniecki said it will be the full height of the wall and the length is about 311 feet.

CMBR Faidley also asked about the Native American imagery and whether that was something that was researched to the tribal connections that lived here. Rodrigo Alvarez, who is painting the prehistory portion, said that he contacted several tribes in the area but did not get a response. He said he is aware that this needs to be right and will have a Shawnee tribe member pose for him to stay true to the community.

CMBR Faidley asked about the animals or imagery sources. Mr. Alvarez said they are all from the Shawnee tribe.

CMBR Hill said these designs far exceed her expectations.

Ms. Noriega said that Alex Eickhoff will be painting the tree, laying down the roots. Isaac Tapia will be doing family land pets. Emily Alvarez will be painting the history portions which reflects three types of indigenous people.

CMBR Rebne said the artwork is gorgeous across the board. He said the story they tell about themselves as a community is something they will be proud of. He said he would like to see them do this in concert with the tribes and the people that are represented on the artwork and does not feel that they can move forward until they have that permission. He would hope this is meaningful as an ongoing relationship and that they will continue to reach out to tribal members who are active in their community.

Ms. Noriega said she personally contacted the chief of the Shawnee tribe who has approved everything they portray.

Mr. Gliniecki noted that Jessica Rogers' mural is still in progress and preliminary images have been submitted for review. She has had a family emergency, but they will finalize the designs when she is back.

Mayor Kelly said he would like to see some history reference to when Roeland Park was established in the painting. Mr. Gliniecki said he will speak with Ms. Rogers when she is available on how to incorporate that into her drawings.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ARTISTS' CONCEPTS FOR THE 48TH STREET RETAINING WALL MURAL. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

(Applause)

Mr. Gliniecki thanked the Public Works staff and how they have worked with them on this project.

CMBR Faidley hoped they could video the project and maybe have a live mural-cam. Mr. Gliniecki said that is part of the grant.

C. Approve Agreement for Curbside Glass Recycling Pilot Program

Mayor Kelly said the Governing Body recommended to approve the curbside glass recycling program at their last Workshop.

City Administrator Moody said they are shooting for an October 1st start date and hope to have the community education and bins delivered in time for that.

CMBR Faidley said she received public comments about the program and wanted to note that they are making a commitment to the pilot program and not committing to a final plan at this time.

CMBR Madigan said that in their agreement Ripple will supply an 18-gallon tote. City Administrator Moody said it will be a solid tote.

CMBR Hill also asked about a rolling bin. City Administrator Moody said that Ripple has not committed to putting wheels on them.

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CURBSIDE GLASS RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM WITH RIPPLE GLASS. (MOTION CARRIED 7-1 WITH CMBR MADIGAN VOTING NO.)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions:

There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.

IX. Reports of City Officials:

A. COVID Report

City Intern Chris Verbrugge reported that Johnson County Department of Health and Environment has recently issued school guidance and recommendations for the year. Included in his report is also a map showing vaccinations by state as well as a map of the states and their COVID rates noting that two-thirds of all states in the U.S. fall under the substantial or high transmission areas and that the Kansas City Metro area is a high-risk category.

The CDC has provided guidance that masks are worn indoors by all people, even those who have been vaccinated. They also stress social distancing and getting the vaccine. Federal workers will have to show proof of vaccination or submit to weekly testing. Mr. Verbrugge noted that more employers are following this requirement. It was also noted that the CDC eviction moratorium has lapsed and efforts

to extend it have not succeeded. In the report is also a travel quarantine list. Mr. Verbrugge said that Gov. Kelly is requiring that masks be worn indoors at all state buildings regardless of vaccination status.

CMBR Faidley also noted the link in the report to an article on how full the animal shelters are with the return of “pandemic pets.” She said if anyone could fit another pet into their life to please do it as these pets are a part of the consequences to the pandemic.

There was a question on whether there was a plan to offer money to get vaccinated. Mr. Verbrugge said at this time most decisions regarding incentives have been made. He said that discussions are always ongoing, and he will keep the Council updated.

Mr. Verbrugge noted that as of today, the United States hit a vaccine milestone where at least 70 percent of the population has received at least their first dose. Also today, the JCDHE moved its vaccination clinic to Mission. The Olathe vaccine site will remain open.

B. 2nd Quarter Financial Report

Assistant City Administrator Winn said on page 4 of her report is where the actual revenue funds are compared to the budget. She said the revenues show healthy key trends noting that a couple of funds are at or over 100 percent which is due to collecting more sales tax and a budget amendment will be made.

C. City Administrator’s Report

City Administrator Moody recommended that everyone take a drive down Roe Boulevard at night and look at the entryway signs. He said the lights are up and the plants are in the ground. He is excited to see that component of the roadway project coming to a close. They still have bulbs to plant which will be done this fall. He added that he has received a lot of positive remarks from residents and visitors to Roeland Park about the transformation.

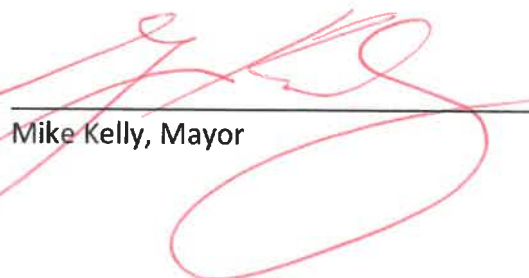
CMBR Faidley said the plantings look stunning.

Adjourn:

MOTION: CMBR BRAUER MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.)


Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk


Mike Kelly, Mayor