

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, September 20, 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. All Governing Body members were present with CMBRS McCormack and Rebne appearing virtually. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, Assistant City Administrator Winn, City Attorney Felzien, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, City Clerk Nielsen, and Management Intern Verbrugge.

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

I. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments made.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #982**
- B. Council Minutes September 7, 2021**

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

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

A. Leading the Way Award Presentation

Recognized by ETC with Leading the Way Award in recognition of citizen satisfaction, top 10 percent of cities nationwide.

A video by Chris Tatham, CEO of ETC, was played for the Governing Body. In the video, Mr. Tatham said that Roeland Park had received their Leading the Way award, an award given to local governments they have worked with who have performed in the top 10 percent of three key areas:

- Overall quality of service delivery
- Overall quality of customer service provided by employees
- Overall value that residents think they get for their taxes and fees.

Roeland Park was rated in the top 10 percent overall but they also rated in the 10 percent in specific categories some of which include:

- Maintenance and condition of City streets and sidewalks
- Overall cleanliness of streets and public areas
- Communication with residents
- Stormwater efforts
- Visibility of police in neighborhoods and the efforts of police to prevent crime
- Enforcement of local traffic laws
- Snow removal
- Availability of information
- Level of public involvement

Mr. Tatham said that the City is exceptional when compared with other cities. He offered his congratulations and said Roeland Park is something to be proud of. He said it takes good leaders who listen to the needs of the community and then direct the resources to meet those needs.

Mayor Kelly also congratulated the City staff.

(Applause)

City Administrator Moody thanked the Council. He said they have received a number of awards and so they have ordered a trophy case to proudly display their accomplishments. Mr. Moody said they are progressive and are able to achieve greatness. He said he is happy to be able to share this with the Governing Body and the rest of the staff.

B. Special Event Taco Truck at the Boulevard Apartments

Mayor Kelly said there has been a request for a *de facto* permit for the allowance of a food truck to operate and remain at the Boulevard Apartments. Ms. Winn said staff does not recommend approving the special use permit as-is since this would be a permanent food truck in residential zone. She said this request does bring up questions about spot zoning. They are working on bringing suggestions back to the Governing Body in the future.

It was noted that the Boulevard owners have expressed their support in that they would like to be able to provide an alternative venue for their residents.

CMBR Madigan said he would be in favor of a 30-day trial period. He said this would give them a chance to try it and see how it works out. Mr. Madigan said he was not in support of just allowing a blanket operation.

CMBR Faidley said she could support 30 days a year but not 30 days in a row. She said this type of venue is better for a commercial property and not on residential.

Mayor Kelly said they can always rescind the permit if it becomes a nuisance. Ms. Winn said this would be an action of the Council as it is outside of what's allowed in the zoning.

CMBR Madigan reiterated his support of 30 continuous days versus 30 days total in a year as this will not tell them whether the permit is working.

CMBR Hill asked where the food truck would be located. Ms. Winn said it would be in the Boulevard Apartment complex.

CMBR Kelly asked names of who requested this permit. Ms. Winn said she will get that information.

CMBR Dickens asked if the Council would have a say where the food truck would be located at the complex. Ms. Winn said she would look into it.

CMBR Rebne requested more background information to find out whether it was the property owner or food truck owner that made the request for the permit. Ms. Winn said the application was made by the food truck owner but is endorsed by the property owner.

CMBR Kelly said they could give them 30 days and they would get a chance to see if it works out on both sides.

City Administrator Moody said the 30 days is for a year but they could choose whether to bundle it all at once. Upon gathering information from other cities, they see the tendency is to discourage permanency. Permanency leads to ongoing facility requirements such as trash, restrooms, a water source, and the use of extension cords versus a generator. Mr. Moody said they are also working with Confluence on licensing language for food truck operation in the City.

CMBR Dickens said he would be opposed to permanency but likes what it could bring to the community.

Ms. Winn said they will bring a plan on food trucks to the next Workshop.

CMBR Rebne said he sees this as an opportunity to grow creatively and in diversity. He asked to have the food truck owners come before the Council. He also wanted to amend the motion made by CMBR Madigan to give them 60 days.

CMBR Faidley said a policy needs to be in place.

CMBR Madigan said a generator is loud and might affect residents and for that reason he thinks 30 days is sufficient. He also said this is a 30-day trial period.

MOTION: CMBR REBNE MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO AMEND THE FOOD TRUCK SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT THE BOULEVARD APARTMENTS TO 60 DAYS. (MOTION FAILED 1-6 WITH CMBRS FAIDLEY, MADIGAN, KELLY, HILL, MCCORMACK, BRAUER VOTING NO.)

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR BRAUER SECONDED TO ALLOW A 30-DAY SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A FOOD TRUCK AT THE BOULEVARD APARTMENT COMPLEX. (MOTION PASSED 6-1 WITH CMBR FAIDLEY VOTING NO.)

IV. Mayor's Report

No report was given.

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. Ad Hoc Historical Committee

Mayor Kelly said the Historical Committee is tasked with the preservation of Roeland Park's history as well as sharing it with the community.

Chris Wolff from the Historical Committee said they are looking at ways to showcase Roeland Park's history as it is a perishable resource. He noted there was only one history book about Roeland Park. Mr. Wolff reviewed the historical properties and geological features that have already been removed to make way for development. The committee is looking for ways to commemorate them. They have partnered with the National Park Service to document Roeland Park's part of the Santa Fe Trail. They also want to place markers at historic locations and have various interpretative signs. There is also an Otocast app they would like to use for a virtual tour of the City.

In their partnership with the National Park Service, they are able to get free signage to mark historical trails. The signs can also be customized. Mr. Wolff showed examples of various spots throughout the City they would like to place the signs. The signs are free but the cost estimate for shipping and installation about \$1,000 or less.

For the historical location signage, Mr. Wolff showed examples from neighboring communities.

CMBR Faidley asked about the material used and Mr. Wolff said they would be cast aluminum which does not tarnish like brass.

CMBR Kelly asked about their placement and proximity to sidewalks. Mr. Wolff said they would be close to the sidewalks with some having to be placed across the street from a site.

Mr. Wolfe provided suggested locations of the signs and the type of historical signs. They can be personalized and there is even an opportunity to add photographs. The estimate is between \$1,980 and \$2,380 to do them all. The proposal is included in the packet information.

Mr. Wolfe then spoke to the interpretative signs. He said these allow for a better discussion of history better, allowing for more graphic elements to be able to tell more of the story. They could create a location and make an interpretative walk through a series of signs.

The Committee discussed possible locations for the interpretative signs such as in the area around St. Luke's and Commerce Bank. He said they would need to acquire the land but it would allow them to sculpt it. He said it is a very shady spot which would prolong the life of the signs. He said the area is

not highly traveled now but if the Mission Gateway comes to fruition, it would be traveled more. Other options for an interpretative walk that were considered were Cooper Creek and in front of City Hall.

The Committee is suggesting seven signs with an estimated cost of \$7,818 for this project to include the custom signs and installation.

Mr. Wolff spoke to the Otocast app that they could use for a virtual historic tour of Roeland Park. Currently the cities of Mission and Merriam use the app. It offers a new way to tell the City's history and draw attention to different features of Roeland Park that are now gone and that they wouldn't necessarily commemorate with a sign.

Mayor Kelly said this presentation is excellent work from the committee. He likes the Otocast option, and the ability to use voice and images, and would give them an opportunity to help discuss difficult topics and be able to tell the full story.

City Administrator Moody said they have set aside \$35,000 for historical markers.

CMBR Madigan said these are only recommendations by the Committee and the Council will need to make the final approval.

(Due to technical difficulties, the system was recessed briefly at 6:56 p.m.)

B. Arts Committee

CMBR Hill said they have already had an issue with graffiti on the mural wall. The Arts Committee would like to seal the mural as it is being completed. Mr. Ben Watson has been recommended and given a cost of \$2,000. Once the mural is sealed it will be easier to remove the graffiti.

CMBR Dickens said they were going to seal the mural regardless but they are requesting to do it panel by panel.

City Administrator Moody said they will look to the Arts Committee for direction and on what to seal it with and who should perform that work.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Discuss Resolution 692 - Masking Requirement

Mayor Kelly said when Resolution 692 went into effect Johnson County was at a high level of COVID transmissions. He said transmissions still remain in that high level. As a Governing Body they have always been advocates for vaccination and it is becoming more prevalent. He said they put forward the resolution based on science and medical professionals in that wearing masks have a substantial reduction of transmission. He said their hope is to work together as a community to lower the spread of COVID in Roeland Park and the surrounding area.

He said that he recently received calls, emails, and door visits from residents expressing concerns of businesses and Bishop Miege High School not requiring masks. He said the City's goal was to lead voluntary cooperation. They agreed to take an education first approach to business owners and

property operators, asking for compliance, and then assistance by Roeland Park. He said the roots run deep with Miege and the relationship has been mutually beneficial for decades. He would recommend that they continue the education first approach and let them know what their expectations are.

CMBR Hill said they have to be a community mindful of others and taking care of each other. She too fielded calls and text messages from citizens. All of those she received were anonymous as they felt like they would be retaliated against. CMBR Hill read the letters into the record.

CMBR Madigan asked whether the current ordinance is a law or a suggestion?

Mayor Kelly said the resolution does require wearing a mask at any indoor space in Roeland Park and is an operation of law for the City.

CMBR Madigan said he is amazed by the letters Ms. Hill received. He asked how far the City is willing to go in enforcing the resolution. Mayor Kelly said the first step was education. He said they will always try maintain an open line of communication. His recommendation is to make it clear in no uncertain terms that they feel Resolution 692 is for all spaces in the City and he invites a dialogue with Miege about this and how to protect the community is the first step.

CMBR Brauer said she feels her time spent in public and out in the community that folks are viewing it as optional when it is not supposed to be. She thanked the Police Department and the City for getting signs made and put out. She said they do need to begin discussing and thinking about next steps for folks who think it doesn't apply.

CMBR Rebne said he feels for the families and students at Miege and they should be better protected. He said he is glad that Roesland is requiring and following through with masks. He asked how much conversation has happened between Miege and the City and from the parent group that expressed such sentiment in letters.

Mayor Kelly also commended Roesland and the area school districts requiring masks. As it relates to communications with Miege, he said he appreciates his talks with Dr. Salisbury and others of the community. Again, he suggested putting it in no uncertain terms for their community what is expected and to continue the education process.

CMBR Hill said that Miege sent out a letter last Friday that was sent to families and it was forwarded to her.

CMBR Faidley said this is an opportunity to look at an actual ordinance and include enforcement measures.

City Attorney Felzien said they do have home rule authority.

Mayor Kelly said they will continue to discuss this at each Council meeting and should the necessity arise, they will meet together to take action to keep their community safe. He does invite robust conversation from the community as the pandemic continues.

VII. New Business

A. Change KS Unemployment Enrollment Method

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO APPROVE CHANGING TO THE "REIMBURSEMENT" METHOD OF ENROLLMENT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EFFECTIVE 1/1/22. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

B. 2022 IT Agreement with Johnson County DTI

Mayor Kelly said agreement being recommended will cost \$31,244 for renewal which represents a 5 percent cost increase.

CMBR Faidley asked if they have helped in the past working the best solutions for them to help with their hybrid meeting. City Administrator Moody said they are not AV experts and that staff is working with KC Audio Visual to put together something to enhance that area for City Hall and the Community Center.

MOTION: CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR BRAUER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY DTI FOR 2022. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

No ordinances or resolutions were presented.

IX. Reports of City Officials:

A. COVID Report

City Intern Chris Verbrugge presented his COVID report for the first of half of September. He noted that Governor Kelly has set up a Safer Classrooms workgroup to continue to find solutions to protect students and teachers in the classroom.

Mr. Verbrugge encouraged everyone to get their vaccines and stated it reduces the risk and severity of the flu which also would relieve medical resources. He also said the "cheat sheet" provided to talk to people about the vaccine also applies to flu vaccines.

A map of the United States was shown and it was noted that the Kansas City metro is still an area of high transmissibility.

Mr. Verbrugge spoke to the elements of President Biden's six-prong plan to combat COVID. As always, people are encouraged to stay safe, social distance, get the vaccine, and wear a mask.

A glossary of terms that Mr. Verbrugge put together is included in the packet. He reviewed some of those terms for the Governing Body.

B. City Clerk Report

City Clerk Nielsen said the Community Shred event will be September 25 from 8:30 to noon. Electronics can also be dropped off.

Mr. Verbrugge made comments away from the microphone which was followed by cheering.


C. Aquatics Center Report

Mr. Nichols reminded everyone there is a free concert on October 2nd from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. featuring Miss Major and her Minor Mood Swings.

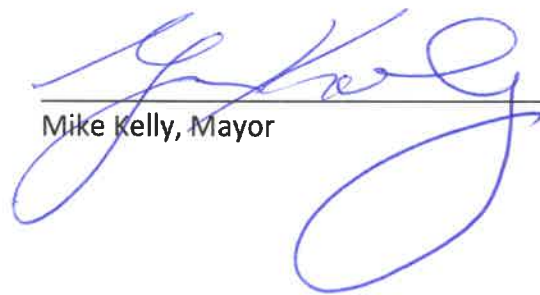
Adjourn:

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor