

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
Roeland Park City Hall  
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205  
Monday, March 21, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mike Kelly, Mayor</li><li>○ Trisha Brauer, Council Member</li><li>○ Benjamin Dickens, Council Member</li><li>○ Jan Faidley, Council Member</li><li>○ Jennifer Hill, Council Member</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Tom Madigan, Council Member</li><li>○ Michael Poppa, Council Member</li><li>○ Kate Raglow, Council Member</li><li>○ Michael Rebne, Council Member</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Keith Moody, City Administrator</li><li>○ Erin Winn, Asst. City Administrator</li><li>○ Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk</li><li>○ John Morris, Police Chief</li><li>○ Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director</li></ul> |
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**Admin**  
Hill  
Raglow

**Finance**  
Madigan  
Rebne

**Safety**  
Faidley  
Poppa

**Public Works**  
Dickens  
Brauer

(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. Mayor Kelly and CMBRS Faidley, Dickens, Hill, and Rebne were present in-person at City Hall. CMBRS Madigan, Poppa, and Raglow appeared virtually. CMBR Brauer was absent. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Mauer, Assistant City Administrator Winn, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, and City Clerk Nielsen.

### **Modification of Agenda**

Mayor Kelly suggested taking the COVID report prior to the discussion of Item B, Unfinished Business, regarding masking at City-owned buildings and testing of unvaccinated employees.

#### **I. Citizen Comments**

*There were no citizen comments.*

#### **II. Consent Agenda**

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #994**
- B. Council Minutes March 7, 2022**
- C. Renew Mowing Service Agreement for 2022 Season**

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

#### **III. Business from the Floor - Proclamations/Applications/Presentation** Approve Ukraine Sculpture - Joe Williams

Joe Williams, an artist and veteran, approached the Arts Committee regarding a sculpture he would like to create in support of Ukraine. The Arts Committee supported his request and Mr. Williams came before the Governing Body seeking their support.

Mr. Williams provided a background of symbolism on the proposed sculpture “KC Hedgehog” and explained the hedgehog’s use as a defense to stop the war machine. The sculpture in Roeland Park would have the blue and yellow colors of Ukraine to bring awareness of what is going on. He was requesting a location on City property and also asked for help from Public Works to install a concrete pad or anchor to secure the sculpture. He was not asking for funds to create the art.

CMBR Poppa, is Council liaison to the Arts Committee, and said that following Mr. Williams’ presentation they agreed to host one of the sculptures, the idea of it being the first of many in the region. The committee supported the artistic design and insight behind the piece. The Arts Committee also felt that the median on Roe would be a good location.

Public Works Director Scharff said the median is a good location and City Administrator Moody added it should be at a wider area and they will also work with the artist on how to secure it.

CMBR Dickens said he is impressed with the concept and cannot wait to see it. He thanked Mr. Williams for bringing it to them.

CMBR Faidley wanted to clarify the art would not include any text and asked for a timeline on installation. Mr. Williams said it would not take very long.

Michael Wickerson from Wickerson Studios and the Kansas City Arts is supporting Mr. Williams on this sculpture and jumped on the project. They said they can make it fairly quickly within a week or so.

CMBR Faidley asked if the installation involves a concrete pad. City Administrator Moody said they need to work out whether pad is necessary or not.

Mr. Williams said they could sink an anchor to secure the sculpture.

CMBR Rebne said his heart goes out to Ukrainian people and he is proud of Roeland Park doing this. However, he is wrestling with the violence and invasion within their own City limits and how they as a City should consider how they respond when other peoples are invaded like the Palestinians, Iran, and Iraq. Mr. Williams responded that this sculpture is a defensive object and not symbolizing and offense. It goes more to how we defend ourselves and to visually voice our opinions to stop the war.

CMBR Poppa said some additional locations the Arts Committee considered were the corners of Skyline Drive or 48<sup>th</sup> Street off of Roe. He said if the Council is not able to decide, the Arts Committee has an upcoming meeting and would be able to offer suggestions for location of the sculpture.

Mayor Kelly said he would like to see it on Roe but at the discretion of Public Works so long as they do not have concerns with its placement.

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR POPPA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE “KC HEDGEHOG” SCULPTURE IN THE MEDIAN ON ROE BOULEVARD AS SHOWN IN IMAGE NUMBER 1. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

#### **IV. Mayor's Report**

*There was no Mayor's Report.*

#### **V. Reports of City Liaisons**

##### **A. MARC - Bike & Pedestrian (Jan Faidley)**

CMBR Faidley report is included in the agenda packet. She said in the report are two opportunities where MARC is looking for volunteers to both the newly-formed Climate & Environment Council as well as for a working group on VMT (vehicle miles traveled) and EV (electric vehicle) target setting.

##### **B. Planning Commission**

Ms. Winn said the Planning Commission met last week to discuss the provisions of the 47<sup>th</sup> & Mission Overlay District. They will finalize that ordinance at their April meeting. The Commission was also presented with the Land Use Calendar. At the April meeting, the Commission will review the Comprehensive Plan

#### **VI. Unfinished Business**

##### **A. Approve Amendment Extending Due Diligence Period for Sunflower Development**

Mayor Kelly said that Sunflower Development has requested another 30 days for due diligence. City Administrator Moody said their discussion is regarding splitting the site into two lots.

CMBR Madigan said he would vote in support of the extension for now but said he wouldn't do it again.

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 30-DAY DUE DILIGENCE EXTENSION FOR SUNFLOWER DEVELOPMENT GROUP. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

(The meeting continued to the COVID Report)

##### **B. Direction Concerning Masking in City-Owned Buildings and Testing of Unvaccinated Staff**

Mayor Kelly said they have been following the county recommendations which suspended about four weeks ago the testing of unvaccinated employees. The lapsing of their own ordinance would also remove required masking in City facilities.

Ms. Winn attached resolution approved in December that required masking for reference. City Attorney Mauer said the ordinance passed at the last meeting supersedes that resolution and so masking has lapsed and is not required.

CMBR Madigan asked how many employees remain unvaccinated. Ms. Winn said they have two employees. Over 95 percent of their employees have submitted proof of vaccination. CMBR Madigan asked if that was a condition of employment. Ms. Winn said that is not their policy. CMBR Madigan said he would support Option 4

CMBR Hill asked if those who are unvaccinated are working in close proximity to other staff or the public. Ms. Winn said that most any role in the City has close interaction with staff and with the public.

CMBR Dickens asked if anyone had tested positive in the past few months. City Clerk Nielsen said she did not have those numbers available for the meeting.

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO ADOPT OPTION 4, MAKING MASKING A PERSONAL CHOICE AND SUSPENDING WEEKLY TESTING REQUIREMENTS OF CITY EMPLOYEES. (THE MOTION CARRIED 4-3 WITH CMBRS HILL, POPPA, AND REBNE VOTING NO.)

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Approve Land Purchase Agreement #1 – 4812 Johnson Dr and Vacant Lot from the Hoy Trust**

City Administrator Moody said the acquisition of this property is in line with the City seeking opportunities to encourage investment in the community by assembling property for redevelopment

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE LAND PURCHASE AGREEMENT #1. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

### **B. Approve Land Purchase Agreement #2 – 4800 Johnson Dr from the Ryan Trust**

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE LAND PURCHASE AGREEMENT #2. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

### **C. Approve Art Treatment for Aldi Stairs**

Mayor Kelly thanked CMBR Hill for her concept of this project. Two artists, Ashley Corbello and Sol Anzorena, were recommended by the Arts Committee for the Council's final consideration.

CMBR Poppa said the Arts Committee was impressed with all of the submissions they received and could imagine all of the designs on the staircase. "Sunflower" was their first design choice with Sol Anzorena's "Sunrise" as their second choice. The committee felt that "Sunflower" by Ashley Corbello was more compatible for the staircase. Anzorena's art is currently featured in their mural.

CMBR Faidley said she thought Sol Anzorena's work was stunning and would have supported that.

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE ASHLEY CORBELLO'S "SUNFLOWER DESIGN ART TREATMENT FOR THE ALDI STAIRCASE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

### **D. Appoint Melissa Castillo to the Sustainability Committee and Reappoint Matt Heitmann to Community Engagement Committee**

Ms. Castillo comes as a recommendation from the Sustainability Committee. Mr. Heitmann is currently serving on Community Engagement and wishes to continue his involvement with them.

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR RENE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MELISSA CASTILLO TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AND THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MATT HEITMANN TO THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

**VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions:**

*No ordinances or resolutions were presented.*

**IX. Reports of City Officials**

**A. COVID Report**

Ms. Winn reviewed her report that was included in the agenda packet. She said there is no major news to report. She has added a column for Jackson County for a better representation of the metro-wide picture. Currently Johnson County's status remains low with Wyandotte County remaining high and Jackson County medium. Further statistics are outlined in the report.

CMBR Rebne asked if they had any information on the Deltacron variant that they are seeing in the U.K. Ms. Winn said she has not read any data on that but will keep everyone up to date as information comes out.

(The meeting returned to the masking/vaccination discussion)

**B. Distinguished Budget Presentation Award - 2022 Budget**


Mayor Kelly said this is the fourth year in a row they have received this GFOA award and said it is even more significant as the standards have increased. He said it shows how well the City is being served by their staff.

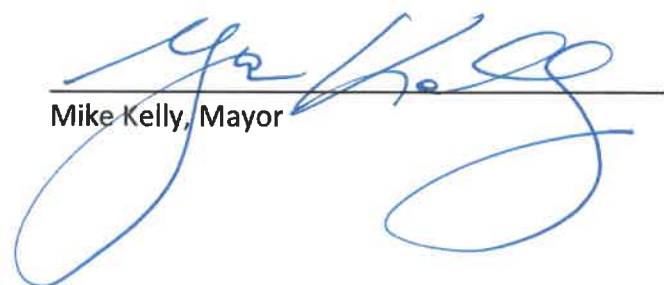
(Applause)

**Adjourn:**

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.)

  
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Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk

  
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Mike Kelly, Mayor