

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, April 18, 2022, 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">○ Tom Madigan, Council Member○ Michael Poppa, Council Member○ Kate Raglow, 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
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. CMBRS Madigan, Rebne, Faidley, Poppa, Dickens, Brauer, and Mayor Kelly were present at City Hall. CMBR Hill attended virtually. CMBR Raglow was absent. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Mauer, Assistant City Administrator Winn, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Officer Don Brooks, and City Clerk Nielsen.

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

I. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #996**
- B. Council Minutes April 4, 2022**
- C. Ordinance 1029 - Temporary Ordinance Allowing Consumption of Alcohol in R Park for Free Summer Concerts**
- D. Renewal of Lease to Scenic Road**
- E. Approval of 2023 Pay Scale**
- F. Reappoint Mike Ryan and Xavier James to the Racial Equity Committee**

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

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

A. Presentation on goDotte Program by the UG

Gunnar Hand with the Unified Government presented their strategic mobility plan called goDotte. He thanked City Administrator Moody, Mayor Kelly, CMBR Faidley for reaching out to them. He said they are working to create a county-wide strategic mobility plan. He said that further information can be found at www.godotte.com.

They have been discussing transportation futures and hope to incorporate this and corridor plans into a single document. Their county commissioners have existing priorities of equity, public health, economic vibrancy, connectivity, and safety, and they will focus on incorporating them into their plan. Mr. Hand said they are also thinking about the 18th Street Expressway and a partnership with Roeland Park to provide cohesiveness with Roe Boulevard.

Mr. Hand also noted that Wyandotte is a more diverse and disadvantaged area when compared to the region. He said the area has been geared towards an automobile-related society which creates health impacts but also their more disadvantaged population do not have cars. He said they are not building a balanced system and are now looking at all modes of alternative transportation systems. They are also beginning to have conversation on updating their transit and connections to their surrounding neighbors. KDOT is also beginning to look at alternative transportation infrastructure projects.

18th Street Expressway is a priority for Wyandotte, and they want to rethink it conceptually. Mr. Hand also stated that the infrastructure is crumbling, and this is a good opportunity to look again at bike/pedestrian options and, therefore, sees this as an opportunity for partnership with Roeland Park.

CMBR Rebne said it is always good to seek collaboration. He asked how they were working on an equity approach and how their decisions impact different communities, and also where they get their information on equity. Mr. Hand said they have created an access to opportunity that has quantifiable metrics and is something they use in identified priority corridors. The Planning department works with the Community Development to identify disadvantaged populations.

CMBR Faidley asked if Mr. Hand had any specific ideas on how to collaborate or coordinate on the 18th Street Expressway. Mr. Hand said the federal government has released the next round of funding for mega and infrastructure projects, but 18th Street was not part of that plan. He said they need to work together with the mayors, MARC, and city administrators/managers and those conversations need to be now. They need to identify what they want to do together and then they will be better informed on how to proceed in obtaining funding to pursue those projects. Currently Wyandotte County is working with Westwood to rethink the use of Rainbow Blvd.

B. First Quarter Social Media Report - Katie Garcia

Katie Garcia, the City's Public Information Officer, reviewed the statistics for the first quarter of 2022. Their main social media focuses were around COVID-19 resources, community and committee news, snow and Public Works updates. Ms. Garcia reviewed the responses to emails sent through Constant Contact noting they were getting good open rates. She noted the top posts were about COVID resources, videos from the Racial Equity Committee, and the snow reports. They had did have an audience growth of about 4 percent overall across Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and all their social channels. The videos they are posting are receiving a good response, and the engagement of their posts is also doing well.

IV. Mayor's Report

A. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Kelly said that Roeland Park has been a long-time recipient of the Tree City award, and they have an ongoing discussion as to the benefit and value of trees and what they bring to their city.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR POPPA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION FOR APRIL 29, 2022. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

B. Earth Day Proclamation

Mayor Kelly said that Roeland Park continues to live its values which benefits the public health and quality of life for all the residents.

MOTION: CMBR BRAUER MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION for APRIL 22, 2022 . (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

C. Municipal Clerks' Week Proclamation

Mayor Kelly said they are fortunate to have a City Clerk such as Ms. Nielsen who shares her passion for the City.

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MUNICIPAL CLERKS' WEEK PROCLAMATION MAY 1-7, 2022. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

D. National Police Week Proclamation

Mayor Kelly said he sees the bonds of trust that their Police Department builds with their community through their K-9, Holiday Kindness, and Walk to School programs. He said they are always working to find ways to build on that trust.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION MAY 11-17, 2022. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

E. National Public Works Week

Mayor Kelly said he sees the hard work that Public Works Director Scharff and his staff put into the infrastructure of the community. He said the theme from the American Public Works Association this year is "ready and resilient." Mayor Kelly sees that "ready and resilient" attitude in the Roeland Park Public Works Department and because of that it increases their quality of life.

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION FOR MAY 15-21, 2022. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committee Reports

A. Arts Committee

Marek Gliniecki, co-chair of the Arts Advisory Committee provided an update to the Governing Body. He said the George Schlegel art gallery contains an exhibition from the Senior Arts Council of Kansas City.

He also noted the new cabinet in the Chambers and expressed appreciation to City Clerk Nielsen for her help in obtaining it. Currently on display is work by Sol Anzorena, a Roeland Park artist that contributed to the mural and was also a finalist for the staircase. He said they are proud to display her artwork. The Arts Committee feels that her work is exemplary, and they would like to look at possibilities to display it in some venue, possibly at City Hall, the Community Center, or through a public-private partnership.

Mr. Gliniecki said that he worked with Public Works to confirm the position and placement of the Jorge Blanco bench. It will have wheelchair access and be at an angle to allow people sitting there to view the mural.

The Aldi staircase is under way and the excavation work has begun. Ashley Corbello will be doing the artwork for the staircase and has begun procuring materials. It is anticipated to be completed with the planned timeframe.

Mr. Gliniecki said the Committee would also like to acquire a heart from the auction at the conclusion of the Parade of Hearts. He anticipates they will spend between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Once the committee has selected possibilities, they will present their choices to the Governing Body.

The "Eucalyptus" sculpture in Nall Park was damaged and they would like to find another location for it and put another sculpture in its place at Nall Park.

The Ukrainian sculpture is in place, and once that situation is resolved, the artist will remove it.

The Committee continues to look for a major Gateway art piece. They are going to have their third tranche of \$7,000 at the end of the year which will give them \$21,000 towards the project. They recently had a \$2,000 donation from a resident. They are looking at artists and their sculptures and will present something to the Governing Body. The goal is to have a piece installed within the next two years.

CMBR Faidley asked for clarification on the Gateway piece and Mr. Gliniecki said it would be more towards the north end.

City Administrator Moody said they didn't replace a tree that didn't make it on Roe Boulevard because of the "Industrialized" art. CMBR Poppa said they thought about "Industrialized" as originally presented for the median, but that it was better suited for a more secure place. They are still working on a replacement piece for the median and that "Industrialized" is anticipated for the northeast campus.

CMBR Poppa asked when the Parade of Hearts auction is, and Mr. Gliniecki said it is June 17th.

City Administrator Moody said they have been working with Embree who built the hospital. Embree has chosen to donate their 1 percent for art in lieu of providing a piece of art on their site. That will be about \$70,000 available for art.

CMBR Dickens said he would be interested in knowing what it would take to keep the Ukrainian piece after everything is over. He said he also seen children playing all over Eucalyptus in Nall Park. Mr. Gliniecki said they are taking this as a lesson in that they have not provided enough protection for the piece.

CMBR Madigan said he would like to see “Eucalyptus” at the Community Center where more people will see it. He also asked about the metal tree and what is needed to approve its placement.

There was agreement to review the minutes to see if the placement of “Industrialized” had been discussed previously in a Workshop and it will be brought back at the first meeting in May.

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business discussed.

VII. New Business

A. Award Contract for Elledge Project

Staff’s recommendation is to award the contract to Phillips Paving Co., Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$1,230,415.17. Public Works Director Scharff said they will be receiving \$620,000 from CARS funding and \$125,000 from CDBG funds are also expected.

MOTION: CMBR BRAUER MOVED AND CMBR POPPA SECONDED TO APPROVE PHILLIPS PAVING CO., INC. FOR THE ELLEDGE PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED 1,230,415.70. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

B. Award Contract for Buena Vista Project

Mayor Kelly said this contract is for the 2022 Buena Vista project. Kansas Heavy, LLC came in at a cost of \$366,227.60 with Roeland Park’s share of the project at \$251,756.30 and Fairway’s portion will be \$114,471.30, half of which will be covered by CARS funding.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO APPROVE KANSAS HEAVY, LLC FOR THE BUENA VISTA PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$366,227.60. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

C. Authorize Hiring Seasonal Public Works Maintenance Staff for Parks and Roe Blvd as a Pilot Program

Mayor Kelly said that the Public Works staff has requested hiring a seasonal maintenance work staff to help maintain the landscaping on Roe Boulevard and the City’s parks. The Roe portion will be paid through available TIF 1 resources and the remainder will be paid for from Grounds Maintenance. The pilot program is estimated to be about 1,600 manhours.

Public Works Director Scharff said in the attachments to the agenda are details of the scope and that would be needed. The request from staff is for two positions.

CMBR Rebne asked whether these expenses were anticipated at the time of the Roe project to care for the plantings. Public Works Director Scharff noted the available TIF funds and the budget for grounds maintenance.

CMBR Rebne also asked if the position that Laura Savidge from the Parks committee is the same as was requested from their last meeting. City Administrator Moody said they have rolled the two requests together.

CMBR Madigan said there was a problem mentioned at the Parks meeting that someone had rented the pavilion the same as the Easter Egg Hunt. City Administrator Moody said they are aware that this happened and have taken steps to make sure there are no conflicts in the future.

Mayor Kelly said that the positions are definitely warranted. They have made a significant investment in their parks and also landscaping, so by keeping them cared for and viable will save them money in the long run and ensure that everyone is able to benefit from them.

CMBR Faidley asked if they could foresee having trouble hiring for this position. Public Works Director Scharff said he was not sure. CMBR Faidley said if there is a problem, they may need to incorporate this as a full Public Works position.

City Administrator Moody said they originally looked for a landscaping company, but the work was too detailed, and they didn't get any response, so the thought is to test the waters for seasonal workers. They have been short in staff for Public Works which has contributed to them falling behind in landscape maintenance. He added that he is glad they are able to provide these improvements to the citizens because it is what they want, but it does require extra time on staff. He said that spending money is a lot of work and is demanding on everyone's time. Mr. Moody said they are not trying to build an empire, but just finding the time to keep their arms around the work that they have already done.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF TWO SEASONAL PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE STAFF FOR THE CITY PARKS AND ROE BOULEVARD . (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Resolution Identify Public Need for Condemnation of Easements for Elledge Drive Project

Mayor Kelly said this is the first step to obtain both temporary and permanent construction/utility easements that are necessary to ensure the timely completion of the Elledge Drive street project.

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR POPPA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION DECLARING A PUBLIC NEED TO ACQUIRE EASEMENTS TO COMPLETE THE ELLEDGE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

IX. Reports of City Officials

A. COVID Report

Ms. Winn and Ms. Moorhead put the recent COVID report together, and it is included in the agenda packet.

Ms. Winn said that the Racial Equity Committee, for their April series, will focus on environmental justice in celebration of Earth Day. More information can be found on the City's website and social media. Ms. Winn invited everyone who had an hour on Wednesday to join the conversation.

Adjourn:

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:16 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor