

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Roeland Park City Hall**  
**4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205**  
**Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 6:00 P.M.**

- Mike Kelly, Mayor
- Trisha Brauer, Council Member
- Benjamin Dickens, Council Member
- Jan Faidley, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member

- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Michael Poppa, Council Member
- Kate Raglow, Council Member
- Michael Rebne, Council Member

- Keith Moody, City Administrator
- Erin Winn, Asst. City Administrator
- Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk
- John Morris, Police Chief
- Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director

**Admin**  
Raglow  
Dickens

**Finance**  
Rebne  
Hill

**Safety**  
Poppa  
Madigan

**Public Works**  
Brauer  
Faidley

(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. CMBR Hill was absent, and all other Governing Body members were present. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Moeller, Assistant City Administrator Winn, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, and City Clerk Nielsen.

### **Modification of Agenda**

*There were no modifications to the agenda.*

### **I. Citizen Comments**

**Janna Willhaus** (4934 Birch) Ms. Willhaus spoke to the glass recycling program being considered by the City. She stated there is no evidence that such a program will actually offset carbon emissions or that most people would use the service. She felt the City should sponsor more programs towards the removal of invasive honeysuckle and Virginia Creeper as well as putting limits on the type and use of insecticides. She also would like to see the City invest more in carbon reduction and does not believe that will be accomplished through curbside glass recycling when Ripple provides free collection at a variety of locations throughout the area.

**Steve Michnick** (5013 Howe) Mr. Michnick stated he agreed with Ms. Willhaus' assessment on curbside recycling. He said that nowhere in the resident survey was it indicated that such a program would cost the residents. He felt incorporating a recycling fee into the solid waste assessment was not indicated to the residents and would encourage the Governing Body not to vote to move forward with the program.

### **II. Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Appropriations Ordinance #1001**

**B. Council Minutes June 21, 2022**

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

**III. Business from the Floor**

**A. Applications/Presentations**

*There was no Business from the Floor.*

**IV. Mayor's Report**

*No report from the Mayor was given.*

**V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees**

**A. Arts Committee**

Mary Schulteis, co-chair of the Arts Committee, reported that they won the auction for the "Growing Peace, Love and Harmony in KC" Parade of Hearts and thrilled to have it for their City. They have considered placing it on the corner at the Boulevard Apartments, but they will be meeting with the Parks Committee to discuss possible different locations.

The pad has been poured for the Jorge Blanco bench which will be placed soon near the mural wall.

CMBR Faidley asked if the heart has the design on both sides. Ms. Schulteis believes it is painted only on the one side.

CMBR Faidley noted the Parade of Hearts auction was a fundraiser for charity. Ms. Schulteis said that many charities benefitted from the auction. She also noted that Cindy Heller painted the heart with the peace, love, and harmony symbols.

Marek Gliniecki, also a co-chair of the Arts Committee, said they would like to put the "Industrialized" tree sculpture next to US Bank that previously had a fountain that is now deteriorated and not working. He said it would be a good place, but it is on private property, and they will need to discuss placement with the owner. Mr. Gliniecki will continue to keep the Council updated.

Regarding the Gateway Project, the committee is finalizing the call for art document, which they will finalize at their next meeting setting parameters of what they are looking for. There have been suggestions to seek North American Indian participation and inclusion in the work, and they are happy to do that. They want to speak with the staff about City policy and how that should be adhered to regarding the language and also do address inclusion of other groups. Mr. Gliniecki said he did not want to start an issue they do not have to and be able to adhere to City policy.

Mayor Kelly said that yes, the committee should continue working through that language and get the blessing of staff and the City attorney to mitigate any risk with regard to language.

CMBR Faidley said it was her understanding that this is to be a nationwide search. Mr. Gliniecki said they are looking for a regional artist. Their call-for-art is based off of what they have seen in Prairie Village, but they want it to reflect the values, mission, and vision of Roeland Park.

CMBR Poppa thanked the Committee for the work they have done. He said he loves the heart and the desire to use local artists. Mr. Gliniecki said they do have nationally known sculptors in the area. CMBR Poppa added that the Art Committee is looking for volunteers.

CMBR Rebne said he is pleased with the purchase of the heart. He also recommended the Kansas City Indian Center and Haskell Center as great places to contact in helping them be intentional in the call-for-art language.

Ms. Schulteis said that Ashley Corbello will begin on the Aldi staircase July 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. At the next Arts Committee meeting they will discuss a dedication ceremony, which they plan for August or September.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Review Glass Recycling Proposals**

Mayor Kelly thanked staff, Council, and the citizens for their efforts to bring curbside glass recycling to Roeland Park. He said they need to decide on setting a solid waste fee for the budget and provide direction on whether to instruct staff to draft an agreement with Ripple for curbside glass recycling.

Ms. Winn recapped that there was only one response from their RFP which was from Ripple Glass. It was contemplated to be a three-year contract with two additional one-year extensions. The program would begin January 2023 and would include all single-family residences and the Boulevard Apartment. Pickups would be monthly. Single-family residences would receive a 14-gallon tote. Some folks that would benefit from larger bins would be accommodated at no extra charge. Multi-family dwelling units would have bi-weekly collections with a 64-gallon car for every eight units. The units will be provided with reusable plastic bags to transport their glass to the bin. This will be part of the fee and have no additional cost.

Ms. Winn said as part of the contract Ripple will provide special event glass collection, as well as provided community education to schools and committees, and customer service. Their drivers will carry clean-up materials and there is a requirement for regular report for missed pickups or other events.

The all-cost plan for one year is \$94,500. The original discussion was that residents would pay 25 percent (\$7.95 annually) of the program in the form of a solid waste assessment fee with the remaining 75 percent or \$74,000 to be paid out of the General Fund. This would allow for a 0.96 percent reduction in the mill levy. There is also the option to increase residential participation to 30.5 percent (\$9.70 annually), which would allow for a 1 mill reduction. This would be an annual assessment per single-family household.

Mayor Kelly noted that when they did the six-month pilot program, they did not see a measurable decline in the glass collected at the Ripple container at Aldi. In essence, they recycled more with the pilot program and that was only a small chunk of their City.

CMBR Madigan wanted to confirm that residents would have their glass picked up once a month and the Boulevard would have collection bi-weekly. He asked how the cost would be assessed at the Boulevard.

CMBR Rebne asked for someone to comment about the carbon footprint of the recycling truck, the plastic bins, and whether there was information on that. Piercyn Charbonneau from Ripple Glass commented that they collect about 100 tons of glass per year keeping it out of the landfill which comes to about 16 to 20 tons of carbon reduced. He said the program should not generate more than 2 to 3 tons per year.

CMBR Faidley said by not having to drive to the Ripple bin, they save that fuel, although she did recognize that people often combine glass recycling with other errands. She asked if the intent was to move towards electric vehicles and Mr. Charbonneau said Ripple wants to do that which reduce the carbon reduced even further.

CMBR Faidley asked the \$1,200 cost for all of the City. Ms. Winn said they asked Ripple for a cost to collect monthly at City Hall, Public Works, the Community Center, and the Aquatics Center. Staff found they do not fill their bins very often and take their glass to the Ripple container themselves. They did feel it was more important to be able to have collection at special events. CMBR Faidley said it is good optics to also have collections at Nall Park and R Park. Ms. Winn said that Ripple has been very amenable with how they structure this program.

Mayor Kelly agreed with the collection at the two parks and some City facilities as needed but not all of them.

CMBR Madigan again asked who is paying for the recycling at the Boulevard. City Administrator Moody said the General Fund will be paying the \$7,500 cost. CMBR Madigan said that inflation is at a 40-year high, staff is getting a 4 percent pay raise in August and another 4 percent in January. He said that homeowners would like the same courtesy and that an increase in the solid waste bill is repressive. He said they should forget the curbside program for now and that will give them the opportunity to lower the mill levy even more than the projected 1 percent. He also noted that they are being asked to commit to three years and wanted to know what happened to the one year test.

City Administrator Moody stated the program is \$31.80 per household for the first year, and that is before any assessments. .

CMBR Poppa said this is not a small project for the City to undertake. He said it is going to be hard to approve an ongoing expense for the City where they are right now. He said he would like to see them take the \$90,000 and give a further reduction in the mill noting that everyone can benefit from a reduced burden. He also asked if it was possible to do a six-months City-wide as a pilot program. Ms. Winn said that Ripple Glass experienced a loss in their pilot program. She also said that annually they have the opportunity to discuss the source of funding for the recycling program. CMBR Poppa said other companies offer \$7-\$10 for bi-weekly or a monthly service and it is hard for him to get behind this right now. Ms. Winn said the solid waste assessment would be an annual charge not monthly.

CMBR Rebne said he was taking one step back in trying to review the connection between the mill levy, glass recycling, and changing the assessment percentages. City Administrator Moody said staff's initial recommendation was a 1.55 mill reduction before they even began a glass discussion. They put in an

estimated cost for recycling with the anticipation of it all being paid out of the General Fund. There was then a discussion of a 0.55 mill reduction and 100 percent of the recycling cost being paid by the City. Further Workshop discussion was that 25 percent of the fee could be paid by residents allowing for a further mill reduction of 0.96. There was then discussion of what it would take to get to a full mill which brought them to the 30.5 percent contribution to the program. For reference, roughly \$120,000 is the estimated amount of one mill.

Mayor Kelly said he supports adding to the solid waste fee assessment as it signals that this is a service that the City provides to its residents. By paying a portion, they are trying to help educate residents that this is being provided to you and have an opportunity to participate. He does not see this as a trade off by glass recycling with a mill levy reduction. He said they need to decide is this a service they want to provide at a reasonable cost that the residents would participate in. If he were voting, he would support a drafting of the agreement. He also added that one-fifth of the landfill is glass, and this would help to reduce their carbon footprint.

CMBR Faidley said she recycles her glass regularly and crunched the numbers. For her this works out to be less than \$1.00 a month. She said she is also hearing from a lot of residents that want the program to come back.

City Administrator Moody said they did contemplate a three-year initial term on the RFP. Ripple Glass was not comfortable making the capital investment they would need to make to operate a City-wide program with only a one-year commitment. They would need a three-year term to be able to recover their capital investment. =

Mr. Charbonneau said there are also labor requirements and also most of their truck leases are for three years. (He made further comments away from the microphone.)

CMBR Poppa stated he appreciates the conversation and feedback he has received from the residents, and the work and time staff has put into this program. He does want the ability to hear more from the residents and to get more information to make sure that they are doing the right thing for their City.

CMBR Dickens said it's amazing that the closer they get the more opinions they begin to receive. He said he would support moving forward with drafting an agreement.

CMBR Madigan said he has a problem that if 30 people participate in the program and 70 percent of the people are paying for something they do not want.

CMBR Rebne asked for staff to address the perception that the percentage creeps up with plans to increase to 100 percent of the cost to residents. Ms. Winn said they will evaluate the funding source annually and this is not something needed in an agreement with Ripple. CMBR Rebne stated he would like a commitment to stick to a percentage for a period of time and not to look like as though it is a planned increase. City Administrator Moody said the intent behind the percentage is to continue with a mill reduction as the program continues. They will continue to do the math and show that equivalent mill is going towards the curbside recycling program. They will develop their recommendation for the mill based on how much of the recycling program is incorporated into the solid waste assessment.

**MOTION:** CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE DRAFTING AN AGREEMENT WITH RIPPLE FOR CURBSIDE GLASS RECYCLING. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1 WITH CMBR MADIGAN VOTING NO.)

CMBR Faidley said it makes sense to do a full mill reduction and would support the 30.5 percent assessment to residents.

CMBR Rebne said he is struggling coupling the mill levy reduction and a solid assessment to try and match the numbers. He said he sees this as an ongoing headache trying to make the them match. Mayor Kelly said the two items are not coupled on an annual basis but is for the budget process this year only. Annually they will be given an opportunity to review how best to pay for the program going forward. Ms. Winn added that it is just an equation to make sure they are capturing enough revenue to balance the expense.

Ms. Winn summarized that they would move forward in drafting the contract with Ripple to include monthly City services at the Community Center, R Park, and Nall Park. Residents' portion will be 30.5 percent of the cost of the program in the form of a solid waste assessment. When complete, Ms. Winn will bring the draft contract back to the Governing Body for review.

**MOTION:** CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR POPPA SECONDED TO APPROVE A SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT AT 30.5 PERCENT OF THE COST OF THE GLASS RECYCLING PROGRAM. (THE MOTION CARRIED 5-2 WITH CMBRS MADIGAN AND REBNE VOTING NO.)

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Approve ARPA Funding Plan**

Mayor Kelly said he appreciated the conversation they had regarding the ARPA funding plan at their last Workshop. Ms. Winn addressed some of the changes as a result of that discussion. She said the \$90,000 for the bike structure in R Park will added to the Community Center project. It was also discovered that the police in-car cameras is not a good fit as that cost is split out over five years. Those funds will now be allocated towards the license plate reader objective at a lesser cost. They have also increased funds toward the tornado siren replacement. To balance the fund, adjustments have been made to the proposed partnerships. Ms. Winn added that she will be next week to develop metrics with those partners.

CMBR Faidley asked why the police cameras are spread out over five years. City Administrator Moody said the agreement that was approved by the Council was reflective of five \$8,000 payments spanning a five-year period.

CMBR Rebne mentioned that a potential partnership could be undertaken with the Racial Equity Committee's minority small business subcommittee. Ms. Winn said that subcommittee is not in existence. CMBR Rebne had a general concern that it might show favoritism partnering with the NEJC Chamber as many on the Governing Body are members and serve on committees. Ms. Winn said as the grantor of the funds, they can decide what that partnership looks like.

Mayor Kelly said the goal was to provide funds to existing organizations to benefit Roeland Park and not create something new to put on staff.

**MOTION:** CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ARPA FUNDING PLAN AS PRESENTED. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

**B. Consent to Publish Notice of Public Hearing on the Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate on the Adoption of the 2023 Budget and to Amend the 2022 Budget**

Mayor Kelly said the required forms are attached in the packet with the public hearing scheduled for August 22, 2022.

**MOTION:** CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR BRAUER SECONDED TO APPROVE PUBLISHING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE INTENT TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE, ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET, AND AMENDMENT OF THE 2022 BUDGET. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

**VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions**

*There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.*

**IX. Reports of City Officials**

**A. COVID Report**

The report is enclosed in the agenda packet.

*Police Chief Morris' comments were made away from the microphone.*

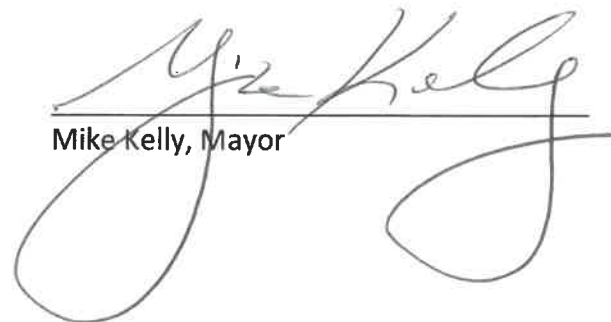
Mayor Kelly thanked staff for the Sunday night fireworks. He said it felt good to be able to get back together again and begin to restart their community traditions.

**Adjourn:**

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.)

  
Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk

  
Mike Kelly, Mayor