

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, October 3, 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. CMBRS Raglow and Rebne were absent. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Moeller, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Marshall, and City Clerk Nielsen.

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

I. Citizen Comments

Gretchen & Ardie Davis (5206 W. 58th) Mr. Davis stated he and his wife are advocates for their right to vote, but will support appointment by the Council for an interim mayor to hold the position until the next election.

Susan Sanders - Mayor Kelly read Ms. Sanders' comments into the record stating a support for an individual's right to vote. However, she understands the expense of a special election is too great and trusts the Governing Body to appoint an interim mayor.

Judy Hyde - City Clerk Nielsen read Ms. Hyde's comments into the record of being a strong advocate of the right to vote. In this potential case, she would support an interim mayoral appointment so the City will not go without representation. An appointment by the Governing Body will ensure that all wards are represented.

Jill Clemens - Ms. Clemens' comments were read into the record by Mayor Kelly. She expressed concern of the City being without a mayor if one were not appointed. She would prefer a special

election but understands that is not possible at this time and would support a Governing Body interim mayor appointment.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1006**
- B. Council Minutes September 19, 2022**

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

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

There was no Business from the Floor.

IV. Mayor's Report

A. Indigenous People's Day Proclamation

Mayor Kelly said this is the first time in Roeland Park that Indigenous People's Day has been formally recognized by the City and reviewed the proclamation.

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY FOR OCTOBER 10, 2022, IN THE CITY OF ROELAND PARK. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. MARC - Bike & Pedestrian

Mayor Kelly thanked CMBR Faidley for her service on the MARC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Her report is in the agenda packet. There is also a link to the Complete Streets Assessment by MARC and also details about how streets in Roeland Park are rated. It was also noted that MARC received the RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) grant after a very competitive process, something they feel lucky to have received.

B. Arts Advisory Committee

CMBR Poppa reported that the Parade of Hearts heart has been installed at the northwest corner of 48th and Roe Boulevard. He said the mural was defaced but has been cleaned and repaired. The bird from the Jorge Blanco bench has gone missing and the artist will be replacing it. Also, there is a call for art for the City's Gateway project and that has been posted in various places seen by artists.

CMBR Madigan asked what steps they can take to keep the bird from disappearing. CMBR Poppa said some suggestions would be to install a security system in the area, but that would not prevent a theft. They could also consider moving the bench if it continues to happen. CMBR Madigan asked if Mr. Blanco would be agreeable to not having the bird. CMBR Poppa said they would like to get the bench back to its former glory and see if the problem persists.

Mayor Kelly thanked the Arts Committee for their contributions to the City. He also stated he appreciates Mr. Blanco for his work, dedication, and partnership with Roeland Park. Mayor Kelly added that he hopes to have the bench art piece as intended for their community.

C. Parks Committee

Sarah Martin from the Parks Committee said they are finishing Phase 3 of R Park. They are planning for a celebration in November if Phase 3 is complete. She said the traffic garden has been getting a lot of use. They will also be installing a fireplace screen and she thanked Mr. Marshall for figuring that out noting that he is a great person to work with. The committee has settled on a color palette for the bike sculpture in the park.

The Cooper Creek Park sign has been installed and Daniel is building natural play structures for the park.

The committee is turning their focus onto Nall Park improvements and are dedicated to making it a shining star.

Ms. Martin will speak further about the wildflower garden planned for R Park at the Workshop following the Council meeting.

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business discussed.

VII. New Business

A. Approve Agreement with the Chamber for ARPA-Related Services

CMBR Poppa said he was excited about the opportunity to partner with the Northeast Chamber to build a business community in Roeland Park.

Mayor Kelly thanked staff for their work on these unique partnerships.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR POPPA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ARPA-RELATED SERVICES. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

B. Approve Agreement with Habitat for Humanity for ARPA-Related Services

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR POPPA SECONDED TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY KANSAS CITY FOR ARPA-RELATED SERVICES. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

C. Committee Reappointments

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR BRAUER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS OF: LYNDA LEONARD, MAREK GLINIECKI, MARY SCHULTEIS, AND JONNA CROSBY TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE; LAURA SAVIDGE, JAMIE DAVIS, LINDA THORNBURGH,

SARAH MARTIN, KAILEE NOLAND, AND LINDA HEINEN TO THE PARKS COMMITTEE; DAVID SMITH AND MELISSA CASTILLO TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE; AND CHRIS BURT TO THE AQUATICS COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

Mayor Kelly reminded everyone if they would like to continue serving on their committee to make their intentions known to City Clerk Nielsen by the last Governing Body meeting in December.

CMBR Faidley thanked those interested in serving on a committee for filling out an application. She said they appreciate it, and it does help with their selection process.

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Charter Ordinance 38 - Filling Vacant Governing Body Seats

Mayor Kelly expressed his appreciation to the staff and Council for working through this process.

CMBR Madigan asked if this would go through the racial and equity impacts that they have discussed. Mayor Kelly responded that that is part of a budget item in and is a process being worked on; however there is nothing specific as of yet and no specified timeline as to such.

City Administrator Moody said they will coordinate that with Ms. Winn's return after her leave of absence.

CMBR Faidley said she is not ecstatic about the Election Commission process, but she supports their staff in this challenging time and would like for them to be a help in that process.

CMBR Poppa said it does put residents at a disadvantage in that they are not equitably represented for a period of time to avoid overlapping elections. The appointment process they have worked on feels adapted to fit their community and ensures residents are equitably represented by an interim mayor and then everyone has the opportunity to vote at the next election.

CMBR Hill said the special election is important and that the residents want to vote. She said they will most likely not have a full Governing Body for longer than they would have to wait for that special election. She does feel they should go forward with the appointment process, but wants the residents to know that if she feels this process is being used to benefit a candidate for a reelection, then she will call the item back to table as this has to be an honest and truthful process.

As this is a charter ordinance, a roll call vote was taken with the Mayor also casting a vote.

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 38 - FILLING VACANT GOVERNING BODY SEATS. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1 WITH CMBR MADIGAN VOTING NO.)

B. Ordinance 1035 - Prohibiting Parking on Elledge

Mayor Kelly thanked everyone for their work on this and also the school for their input.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 1035 - PROHIBITING PARKING ON ELLEDGE. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

CMBR Faidley asked about the cyclists going to school and if there has been any feedback from parents, educators, or neighbors. City Administrator Moody said he has met with the school district and Police Department, but could also get feedback from the crossing guards. He would like to give it until the end of the school year to see if there are any improvements or changes that should be made before the start of the next school year.

CMBR Hill asked if car riders, walkers, and cyclists are all dismissed at the same time. CMBR Faidley said she believe it is by grade.

CMBR Madigan asked the City Attorney what their preference would be for the signs. Ms. Moeller said they preferred Option 3.

Mayor Kelly said it is a necessity to continue follow-up on the process as it is so important.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE SIGN OPTION NO. 3. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

IX. Reports of City Officials

A. Review 3rd Quarter Objectives Progress Report

City Administrator Moody said they have completed five of eleven objectives adopted for 2022. Some were not completed within their timeline and those reasons are outlined in the report. Some progress has been made on historical signs and they are looking into Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area as a local historian.

The traffic garden and Phase 3 objectives for R Park will be completed soon. The marquee sign objective for Roe has been withdrawn. And the Neighborhood Services electric vehicle objective was completed in August.

CMBR Faidley asked if Freedom's Frontier works with tribal leadership. City Administrator Moody agrees this is a studious step and will ask the Freedom's Frontier director to provide contact information for groups they view as active in our region to attempt to get feedback. CMBR Faidley said she felt their group focused on white settlement and she does not want to get too far along with them if they do not meet the needs of what they are looking for in covering all the stories.

B. Review 3rd Quarter Strategic Plan Progress Report

City Administrator Moody said the report highlights the initiatives that have seen progress. He notes the strategic plan is a significant document since they began five years ago and reflects a \$27 million investment with 162 initiatives.

C. Review 3rd Quarter Public Safety Report

Police Chief Morris said they have been extremely busy with a lot of calls. He reviewed the UCR statistics from his report. He noted that there has a been a higher number of arrests and they are seeing more amphetamine.

At this time he did not have a report from the co-responder or animal control. Also, officers will be working security at the Bishop Miege homecoming game this weekend.

CMBR Madigan asked if they met their requirement for a permit. Police Chief Morris said they have met all the requirements and the person doing fireworks will pay the \$100 fee.

CMBR Faidley asked about the crime classification categories of mental disorder and mental disorder, not applicable. Police Chief Morris said for every call that has a report, if mental disorder is checked, then it immediately goes to the co-responder for follow-up care.

CMBR Faidley also asked about the high numbers for Officer Budde. Police Chief Morris said he is a traffic patrol uniformed officer on a motorcycle which accounts for his higher traffic numbers.

CMBR Poppa noticed the bump in activity midweek and asked if that was a trend or if there was a reason. Police Chief Morris said you always think of Friday and Saturday as being days for a higher spike, and could not explain the midweek stats.

Police Chief Morris said on Saturday, October 8th from 3-7 p.m. at the Community Center will be their Community Safety Day. Rango, the City's K-9 will be there as well as food, a bounce house, and public safety equipment on display.

D. Review 3rd Quarter Public Works Report

Public Works Director Scharff reviewed staff hours and how they were divided up over the third quarter, the majority of which being spent on parks and green space maintenance. He also provided project updates for Elledge Drive with a wrap-up anticipated by October 21st. He also reviewed the progress on the Buena Vista project and that it should be complete mid-October. Mr. Scharff showed before and after pictures of the completed Johnson Drive project.

Public Works Director Scharff also included the leaf collection map in his report, stating that collection will start October 31st. He also reviewed the street sweeping schedule to date.

Also covered in Public Works Director Scharff's report was the 2022 UBAS and surface treatments, Phase 2 of the streetlight maintenance, and the Phase 3 improvements at R Park.

CMBR Madigan asked if they ever start leaf collection on the east side of town rather than the west. Public Works Director Scharff said that has never been done while he's been with the City. The program starts in the upper northwest portion of the City. The map has been posted and there is an interactive map to track the truck.

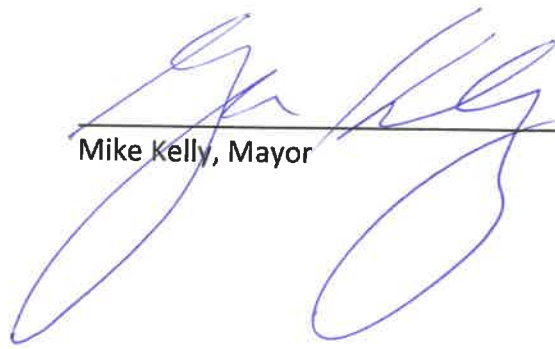
Adjourn:

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor