

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Roeland Park City Hall**  
**4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205**  
**Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 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**  
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**

CMBR Dickens 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 CMBR Brauer appearing virtually. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Felzien, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Sgt. Stamper, and City Clerk Nielsen. Asst. City Administrator Winn also appeared virtually.

**Modification of Agenda**

*There were no modifications to the agenda.*

**I. Citizen Comments**

**Aaron Otto** (5113 W. 58<sup>th</sup>) Mr. Otto recognized the quality of work by City staff, the Police Department, the Public Works Departments, and all departments on behalf of Roeland Park. He also thanked the elected officials for their work and for the leadership of Mayor Kelly and said that he is excited Mayor Kelly will be joining the county team. Mr. Otto also spoke to initiative with Ripple Glass begun Roeland Park as well as the improvements to the Council Chambers and throughout the City.

**II. Consent Agenda**

**A. Appropriations Ordinance #1011**

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

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

*There was no Business from the Floor.*

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

*No report was given.*

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

##### **A. Arts Committee**

Before offering his report, Marek Gliniecki from the Arts Committee thanked Mayor Kelly for his service and support for the arts in the City.

Mr. Gliniecki said the committee has created a Gallery Director position. Duties of the director will be to find artists to showcase their work in the Schlagel Art Gallery. They will be expected to coordinate monthly receptions for the artists as well as develop and maintain videos about the current exhibitions. They are to also contact social media outlets and provide information for the City's newsletter current exhibiting artists, gallery events, and receptions.

Mr. Gliniecki also stated the committee desires to increase the current \$100 a month stipend to \$200. The extra \$100 a month will come from the committee's art budget. He added that the duties of the gallery director deserves that if not more.

CMBR Faidley asked if the Arts Committee was asking the Council to modify the ordinance to allow for the increase. Mr. Gliniecki said that is not what they were asking, but if the Governing Body would like to do that, the committee would accept it. City Administrator Moody said it would require an amendment to the City code, but it would not affect the City's budget. CMBR Faidley said she sees incorporating this change into the ordinance to make it a permanent change and suggested this be placed on a Workshop for further discussion. She said that would make a statement about the value they place on art in the gallery space.

CMBR Poppa agreed with CMBR Faidley regarding the changes and did not think the additional \$1,200 should come from the Art budget as that is to be used for the purchase of art. He too would support this as a Workshop item.

CMBR Rebne expressed his appreciation for the Arts Committee and the great works that are going up around the City. He also recommended that the gallery director consider diversity in terms of finding artists as well as the use of medium. Mr. Gliniecki said he would take that recommendation to the committee.

Mr. Gliniecki said they have put out their call for art for the gateway sculpture. The deadline is February 1, 2023 and there have been a couple of responses as well as several inquiries. The committee is also producing a brochure that will show all the art in the City and will be coming out soon.

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

*There was no Unfinished Business*

#### **VII. New Business**

### **A. Accept Mayor Kelly's Resignation**

Mayor Kelly thanked his fellow Governing Body members and wished them the best of luck. He said the City is in great hands with their leadership. He also noted they have a great staff and told them not to be afraid to lean on them that given their expertise and their desire to have Roeland Park be a great community. He said he hopes to continue to serve Roeland Park in his role as county chairman and concluded stating that he is still your neighbor.

(Applause)

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO ACCEPT MAYOR MIKE KELLY'S RESIGNATION. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

(Mayor Kelly stepped down from the dais.)

### **B. Elect New Mayor from Existing Council**

CMBR Poppa accepted the nomination to serve as mayor and that he has been honored to serve on the Council. He continues to be honored to serve Roeland Park as mayor.

*There were no other mayoral nominations.*

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO ELECT CMBR MICHAEL POPPA AS ROELAND PARK MAYOR. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

CMBR Faidley noted this interim mayoral term will be until the next election in November. There is also a process to select his successor on the Council, which will consist of a committee of three, an application review and selection process, with final approval by the entire Council.

CMBR Poppa said the application is now live on the City's website for his Ward 4 position under Volunteer Opportunities.

### **C. Swear in the New Mayor**

Michael Poppa was sworn in as the next Mayor of Roeland Park by City Clerk Nielsen.

(Applause)

(Photos were taken)

Mayor Poppa expressed his appreciation that his fellow Governing Body members have entrusted him with this position. He said it is an honor serving Roeland Park and he looks forward to continuing doing so as mayor. He added that one person does not govern the City, but it is a leadership team that includes staff, the Governing Body, and volunteers. This is what makes the City move forward.

Mayor Poppa also thanked his husband stating it is your partner, family, and loved ones who support them, and he thanked all families for making that sacrifice that allows them to serve Roeland Park.

#### **D. Council President Election**

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO APPROVE CMBR JEN HILL AS THE NEW COUNCIL PRESIDENT. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

Asked for a comment, she said her OCD and organizational skills are thrilled to get started.

#### **E. Approve Tree Services Agreement**

Public Works Director Scharff said staff recommendations for the tree services agreement is Arbor Masters for 2023-2025 time period. Staff does not have the manpower or the equipment to handle all the issues that arises. Mr. Scharff also noted the company is located in Shawnee and their response time is fairly quick.

CMBR Faidley recognized this agreement came about to deal principally with storm damage. She asked what they do for ongoing maintenance and do they do inspections. Public Works Director Scharff responded that is included in the agreement they have. They do tree trimming, have certified arborists on staff, and perform inspections. They also offer a wide variety of services outside the emergency portion of the contract. CMBR Faidley asked if they are on a scheduled inspection of all the trees in the City's right-of-way. Public Works Director Scharff they are not, but they can look at adding that. He did note that when the inventory was conducted, the trees were evaluated. CMBR Faidley asked if a certified arborist oversees any work and Public Works Director Scharff said they do.

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE TREE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARBOR MASTERS FOR 2023-2025. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

City Administrator Moody said in the past they have used a task order for trees that were trimmed on public property and they will continue to employ that approach in the future. They will also continue to use Public Works' efforts with storm debris, but there are some things that are beyond their capabilities.

#### **F. Approve Mowing Services Agreement**

Mayor Poppa noted that Hometown LawnCare came in about \$9,000 less than the other company responding to their RFP.

Public Works Director Scharff said the price was a key point. Hometown has done a lot of work with area corporations and the Bonner Springs School District. They have come highly recommended through his contact. They will also do the preemergent, weed control, and fall fertilizing.

CMBR Faidley asked about the application of weed control and fertilizing if all mowed areas would be receiving those application. Public Works Director Scharff said that Nall Park does not and possibly Cooper Creek.

CMBR Faidley also noted that fuel costs have come down, so the increase must be related to staffing. She also asked about lawncare companies moving towards electric equipment. Public Works Director Scharff said some may be using electric for smaller pieces of equipment, but from a mowing standpoint, they are not seeing that change.

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 2023 MOWING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HOMETOWN LAWCARE. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

**G. Approve Task Order with Lamp Rynearson for Public Works Renovations**

City Administrator Moody said the Governing Body previously approved the SFS task order that covers renovations inside the building. This task order will cover the exterior site-related design. Also, the RFP for construction manager at-risk is out, and that will be the next process they go through.

CMBR Faidley asked if the construction manager at-risk will handle the site improvements and also coordinate with SFS. City Administrator Moody said the construction manager at-risk, to the extent they have them, will have their direct employees complete work inside and outside the building. They are also responsible for getting bids. For tradesmen they do not have, they will find those contractors. This keeps the process competitive.

**MOTION:** CMBR REBNE MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO APPROVE TASK ORDER WITH LAMP RYNEARSON FOR SITE (NOT BUILDING) IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

**H. Approve Community Center Operations Agreement with JCPRD**

Mayor Poppa said this is an annual agreement. There is one change that reflects the City will be ordering supplies and services incurring those costs directly rather than JCPRD purchasing the items and the City reimbursing them.

CMBR Madigan asked for the status on the asbestos testing at the Community Center. City Administrator Moody said they are waiting on test results. Terracon, an environmental specialty firm, will be at the site to meet with an environmental remediation firm to go over a draft cleaning plan. Mr. Moody said he is not certain the test results indicate a need to clean, but if so, they want to be able to move forward as quickly as they can.

CMBR Madigan asked if anyone was fired over this as someone was supervising. City Administrator Moody said he does not know the status of the contractor's supervisor, but he will get them that information.

CMBR Poppa said the air tests came back negative. City Administrator Moody said one of the two tests completed was for air quality, which is under the threshold established by Kansas Dept Health and Environment. No asbestos has been detected outside of Room 6, which is where the asbestos-containing drop ceiling tiles were located.

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY CENTER JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH JCPRD. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

**I. Committee Reappointments**

CMBR Poppa thanked the volunteers for their dedication to the City. He said they were looking forward to great things from them this year.

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR REAPPOINTMENT: JUDY HYDE AND RUSSELL MCCORKLE TO THE PARKS COMMITTEE; JUDY HYDE TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE; MICHAEL CALOVICH AND JASON WIENS TO THE AQUATICS COMMITTEE; JIM GREBE, ALLEN FOLEY, AND IAN TOMPKINS TO THE AD-HOC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE; XAVIER COMEAUX, HAILE SIMS, EMILY SCHLITZ, CARRIE PAULETTE, AND DIANE MORA TO THE RACIAL EQUITY COMMITTEE (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

**VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions**

*There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.*

**IX. Reports of City Officials**

**A. City Administrator’s Report**

City Administrator Moody said they did look into electric mowing, and it was incorporated as a bid alternate. The two that responded to their RFP did not provide pricing for electric mowing services.

**B. Mayor’s Comments**

Mayor Poppa thanked CMBR Dickens for his service as Council President this past year.

CMBR Dickens said he appreciated the kind words, and it was a good experience.

Mayor Poppa said it was a good experience for them as well.

**Adjourn:**

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:44 p.m.)

  
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Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk

  
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Michael Poppa, Mayor