

GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, April 17, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

- o Michael Poppa, Mayor
- o Trisha Brauer, Council Member
- o Benjamin Dickens, Council Member
- o Jan Faidley, Council Member
- o Jennifer Hill, Council Member
- o Tom Madigan, Council Member
- o Castagna-Herrera, Council Member
- o Kate Raglow, Council Member
- o Michael Rebne, Council Member
- o Keith Moody, City Administrator
- o *Open*, Asst. Admin.
- o Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk
- o John Morris, Police Chief
- o Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director

Admin

Raglow
Dickens

Finance

Rebne
Hill

Safety

Castagna-Herrera
Madigan

Public Works

Brauer
Faidley

(Governing Body Workshop Called to Order at 8:01 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

CMBR Hill called the meeting to order. CMBR Brauer was absent from the meeting.

I. MINUTES

1. Governing Body Workshop Meeting Minutes April 3, 2023

The minutes were approved as presented.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review and Preliminary Approval of 2024 CIP

City Administrator Moody presented a ten-year look at the CIP. He has updated 2022 for actuals and 2023 and the outyears are based on what they know now and have estimates for today. He gave the Aquatic Center system as an example that once they get a component into the system, they are able to track it, its lifespan, when it should be replaced, etc. They continue to add items as they move forward.

CMBR Faidley noted that a lot of priority number have “N/A.” City Administrator Moody said they do not priority score pieces of equipment such as vehicles; they anticipate useful life. They only score infrastructure not equipment.

Mr. Moody also noted the 2022 Community Center improvements for Phase 1 renovations and the improvements planned for Nall Park in 2026.

CMBR Madigan asked how they determine priority. He specifically wanted to know why Nall Park was discussed for 2025 and pushed out versus the Community Center improvements. City Administrator Moody said the Nall Park figures for 2026 were not in the original plan, and that if there was an expectation in 2025, he is not sure where there came from.

Mayor Poppa asked how long the frisbee golf course has been on the plan. City Administrator Moody thought it might have been on there since 2015.

CMBR Faidley said a lot has to happen in the Nall Park Master Plan. She also asked them to remember the wastewater treatment plant work is not scheduled to be finished until 2029. She would like to see work in Nall Park similar to what was completed at Cooper Creek and to reestablish the habitats. She added that Nall Park has real assets that are being neglected. She does not want the work being done or access to the park impeded by what is going on at the water treatment plant.

CMBR Rebne said he can see more emphasis and a push for improvements and investment in the area given the racial equity assessment. He said he appreciates CMBR Faidley and CMBR Madigan for continuing to bring this up.

City Administrator Moody reviewed the equipment schedule for Public Works. He also went over the upcoming street projects, timelines, and costs to be paid. He also said that when they began the residential street reconstruction allocation, they budgeted \$8 thousand every other year. They have exceeded that amount every year, but have been able to do it because some other projects have come in under budget, and also the residents approved the extension and increase of the Capital Improvement sales tax. This has contributed to them being able to do more than planned and expand the scope of their projects.

CMBR Faidley said that maybe \$8 thousand is not a realistic number and it could possibly be adjusted in the budget. City Administrator Moody said they basically scale the projects to stay within that \$8 million amount, but they haven't needed to since implementing the program. They will continue to do what the Special Street Highway Fund will afford. They have also been able to leverage grant and local dollars through CARS, CDBG sources, and this is a great benefit for the residents.

City Administrator Moody said the stormwater sewer replacement costs reflects increases due to the assessment.

In 2022, they spent about \$4.4 million on the CIP. In 2023, they anticipate spending about \$10.7 million mostly for Public Works renovations and purchase of the building. In 2024, they project about \$8.25 million and \$4.25 million in 2025.

There was consensus to move forward with the Capital Improvement Plan.

2. Discuss 2024 CDBG Project Options

Public Works Director Scharff said he looked at all area projects that would be CDBG eligible. He said that based off all parameters the sidewalk extension between El Monte and Delmar is a good plan. It is currently not included on the sidewalk master plan, but is a good option for the children who live on El Monte to be able to walk to Roesland without having to go out to City Line.

CMBR Hill said this idea was originally brought to her by a resident. She recently responded to them that she did not think this would happen. The possibility of it happening now is exciting. She also asked about the vegetation that would need to be removed.

Public Works Director Scharff said there will also be stormwater improvements made in the area.

CMBR Hill asked if it could be a meandering sidewalk to avoid cutting down trees. City Administrator Moody said that yes, it could meander. They will need construction easements from four property owners, two of which would be permanent. City Administrator Moody said this sidewalk will not be ADA compliant due to the slope. There is an ADA compliant way around to Roesland even though it is longer.

CMBR Faidley expressed concern about the sidewalk not being able to be compliant. She also noted on page 10, Question 9 of the application the year should be changed from 2022 to 2024.

City Administrator Moody said they have been successful with their CDBG street-related requests but not those pertaining to the Community Center.

CMBR Hill said knowing this is a project that residents requested, and staff is recommending, she asked if there was Governing Body support.

There was unanimous support for the project, but CMBR Faidley did express her reservations about the sidewalk not being ADA compliant.

Mayor Poppa asked if the alternative way to the school is out of the way. CMBR Hill said to get to the school from El Monte that yes, it is accessible, but longer. A similar example would be the Aldi staircase, which is not compliant, but there are other ways to get around to the same area.

City Administrator Moody said that Larkin is working on a map that takes all of the capital investment the City has made since 2015 and assigns it to each census block. From there, they are able to calculate the capital investment per capita, per low to moderate income capita for the City since 2015. He said this will help to address the equity question in how the City's capital investments benefit low to moderate income residents.

CMBR Hill said they talk a lot about safety and being able to walk to school. For those on El Monte, the only way to walk to school is to do go down County Line Road, so they need this sidewalk. She also said she is excited to be emailing the resident of its possibility and hope they get the funding.

There was consensus to move forward with the CDBG application.

3. Review Committee Operations Guide

Madison Wiseman, Management Intern, provided an overview of the operations guide for committee members. She said it is to make them more familiar with standard operating procedures, code of ethics, and rules relating to the Kansas Open Meeting Act.

CMBR Raglow thanked Ms. Wiseman for putting this together and she found it helpful as committee members do have a lot of questions. She suggested removing the "ad-hoc" phrase from the Racial Equity Committee since it has become permanent. Ms. Wiseman said she did receive suggestions from the Governing Body for changes. She did say that she was leaving the Youth Committee in, even though it is not active because it is in the City charter.

CMBR Madigan also noted the financial stewardship to the committees needs to be corrected. He also mentioned the term limits to serve on a committee as they are trying to get more people to volunteer. He said their biggest problem is quorum and the Open Meetings Act. He also noted that the handbook references their website, which should be outlined for them. Finally, he said as elected officials that serve as liaisons to the committees, they are better equipped to explain quorum or the Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Poppa said they would like to review the handbook again.

III. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

No items were presented.

IV. ADJOURN

CMBR Hill adjourned the meeting.

(Roeland Park Governing Body Workshop Adjourned at 8:43 p.m.)