

**GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**Roeland Park City Hall**  
**4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205**  
**Monday, July 10, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

- Michael Poppe, Mayor
- Trisha Brauer, Council Member
- Benjamin Dickens, Council Member
- Jan Faidley, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member
- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Castagna-Herrera, Council Member
- Kate Raglow, Council Member
- Michael Rebne, Council Member
- Keith Moody, City Administrator
- Open, Asst. Admin.
- Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk
- John Morris, Police Chief
- 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 7:11 p.m.)

**ROLL CALL**

CMBR Hill called the meeting to order. All Governing Body members were present.

**I. MINUTES**

**1. Governing Body Workshop Committee June 20, 2023**

*The minutes were approved as presented.*

**II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Review CIP Equity Scoring Component Concept and CIP Investment Per Census Block**

City Administrator Moody presented the Equity and Inclusion Scoring components proposed to be used for CIP projects. He said United Community Services (UCS) helped them put this together trying to keep it simple as they do not have a DEI staff.

CMBR Faidley thanked City Administrator Moody, the City engineer, and UCS for compiling the data and creating the rubric. She said it is groundbreaking and is glad they are doing it as a way to hold them accountable. She said the information included is very revealing.

CMBR Faidley also noted that Census Block 501-1 has the least amount allocated for street maintenance. City Administrator Moody said there are not a lot of residential streets in this block area and is largely commercial and also contains the Community Center, the Aquatics Center, Nall Park, and the Boulevard Apartments. Since there aren't as many streets to maintain, there is less spent. The Street Maintenance line item includes the annual street maintenance program consisting of chip seal, UBAS, and mill and overlay. That item does not include the cost of street reconstruction projects. Also, Roe Boulevard is a large part of that census block and if they look at the total investment, it's quite significant.

City Administrator Moody also reviewed the upcoming street projects noting a significant number of projects will be done in the next two years. They will come very close to touching every street in the

community within a ten-year period which is exceptional noting that the condition score for roads continue to get improve.

City Administrator Moody did make observations of investment numbers when he was going through the report. He said it is a challenge to produce insights without a regional or national benchmark to compare to. He said they are investing significantly more per minority resident and low to moderate income resident compared to the investment per capita because these groups make up a relatively small percentage of the total population. This based strictly on the math.

CMBR Madigan asked who decides the boundaries of the census block. City Administrator Moody said the federal government does through the U.S. Census Bureau. CMBR Madigan said the people on the west side of Nall were not included any of the census blocks reflected on the map.

CMBR Rebne said he appreciates the graphics and that a lot of information has been given. He said it clearly shows that Census Block 501-1 includes on average a lower income, more diverse population. The area is seeing more capital investment, which is a good thing. He said they make resolutions and ordinances expressing their sentiments, but when it comes to where the money is going, it doesn't necessarily follow equity projects and it would be good to see it that way. There have been larger projects such as the Community Center, the pool, and Nall Park.

City Administrator Moody said the pool and Community Center projects were distributed to all the census blocks based upon percent of population of the entire city. Nall Park is located entirely in 501-1 and is considered a neighborhood park, the costs of the Nall Park projects have been attributed to that one census block. Improvements at City Hall were allocated across all census blocks.

CMBR Rebne asked that when they look at equity assessment on budget items and write an objective, they show an intent that the money follows the equity objectives. Even though an investment is spread out among different census blocks, could they state that the money was invested in a certain area because it had more lower income people.

City Administrator Moody said they did not have any DEI rubric for the CIP yet. He said they did apply for CDBG funds for areas that have a higher concentration of low to moderate income folks, but they were unsuccessful in securing those grant funds for the Community Center projects. They did receive CDBG funding for improvements to Elledge and El Monte. He said they will continue to pursue grants that leverage our local resources.

CMBR Faidley asked about the problems finding a benchmark and whether MARC or UCS were of any help. City Administrator Moody said MARC had nothing available as a benchmark despite all the data they have. Mr. Moody said he can reach out to them again. He also added that he did not ask UCS as this type of CIP focused reporting might be outside their area of expertise.

CMBR Madigan said that even though Nall Park is a neighborhood park, they extended multi-purpose trails to the Boulevard, and he sees their tenants using it and they probably consider Nall as their neighborhood park too. He said it is one of the best moves they made, and the park is utilized more now.

CMBR Faidley said there is no direct access to the park from the Boulevard. CMBR Madigan and Faidley agree to discuss this at another time.

City Administrator Moody commented that if the Governing Body voted to move forward with the DEI element, it would be implemented for use in their 2025 budget. He did not envision going back through the CIP projects on the upcoming budget and making changes. He also added that updates need to be completed to the CIP software to include the additional DEI component. They will use this rubric going forward when approved.

CMBR Rebne would like to see the language be more concrete and measurable before finalizing for the Consent Agenda.

City Administrator Moody said he is open to a measure, but needs someone to show him how that measure correlates to the intent.

Mayor Poppe said they need to be careful of demographic information collected as a government agency they become open records. He said he is not sure the information of gym attendants at the Community Center is pertinent for the CIP and infrastructure projects.

CMBR Castagna-Herrera this information is good but slightly misleading. Because someone is in a certain neighborhood and they're able to pull out onto a good road, that's good. She said that the capital improvements they make should be connecting those minority populations to those improvements such as a path from the Boulevard to Nall Park.

CMBR Hill requested that CMBR Rebne get any information regarding more concrete language to City Administrator Moody before their next Council meeting.

Consensus to move to move forward with the DEI component.

## **2. Executive Session**

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS PURSUANT TO THE NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL MATTER EXCEPTION, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) WITH THE OPEN MEETING TO RESUME IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:55 P.M.

## **III. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

*No items were presented.*

## **IV. ADJOURN**

CMBR Hill adjourned the meeting.

(Roeland Park Governing Body Workshop Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.)