

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
October 2, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

- Michael Poppa, Mayor
- Trisha Brauer, Council Member
- Benjamin Dickens, Council Member
- Jan Faidley, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member

- Miel Castagna-Herrera, Council Member
- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Michael Rebne, Council Member
- Kate Raglow, Council Member

- Keith Moody, City Administrator
- Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. City Admin.
- Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk
- John Morris, Police Chief
- Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director

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Finance
Hill
Castagna-Herrera

Safety
Madigan
Brauer

Public Works
Faidley
Raglow

(Roeland Park Council Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.)

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Poppa called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. CMBR Castagna-Herrera was absent. All other Governing Body members were present. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Walker, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Public Works Superintendent VandenBos, Police Chief Morris, and City Clerk Nielsen.

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

I. Public Comments

Karen Grotewohl (5049 Parish) Ms. Grotewohl started a petition in her area to address traffic concerns around Parish and Wells, and request a status update. She also spoke about the need for a tree ordinance to limit the removal of trees and green space by development, noting the trees are necessary to mitigate climate changes and heat.

Mayor Poppa said they have conducted a traffic study and are doing the follow-up from which they will decide their next steps.

Mayor Poppa also noted that Wards 1 and 4 have held forums regarding a tree ordinance for the City and Wards 2 and 3 are scheduling theirs. After that, Mayor Poppa will hold a city-wide forum.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1029**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes September 5, 2023**
- C. City Council Meeting Minutes September 18, 2023**
- D. Governing Body Workshop Meeting Minutes September 18, 2023**

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

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

A. Life Saving Award

Police Chief Morris recognized Police Corporals Jeff Magee and Angela Dietrich who responded to two separate incidents where someone was not breathing. They performed CPR and other life-saving measures until emergency personnel arrived, where both individuals survived thanks to their efforts. Chief Morris said that even though they are working short-handed, they are still taking care of their citizens.

The officers were congratulated for a job well done.

(Applause and photos with the Governing Body were taken.)

Mayor Poppa stated Roeland Park has the best police department in Johnson County and CMBR Madigan said there is no doubt about that.

IV. Mayor's Report

A. Roesland Elementary Blue Ribbon Award Proclamation

Mayor Poppa noted that under Principal Kelly Swift's leadership Roesland Elementary School has received the 2023 Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education as one of only four schools in Kansas and one of 353 nationwide.

(Applause)

Ms. Swift said she is honored to accept the award. She said that the excellent opportunities they provide the students in Roeland Park are top notch. She also said they are a hidden gem in the Shawnee Mission School District. Ms. Swift expressed thanks for the support she receives from the district, Mayor Poppa, City officials and community members. She hopes to continue to promote a nurturing, inclusive environment for learning with a focus on academic excellence. Ms. Swift said this award belongs to everyone.

Ms. Swift introduced Special Education Resource teacher Gina Moorehouse, 5th grade teacher Jennifer Thomson, 6th grade teacher Michelle Tapko, and Emily Hage from the school's PTA board. Two 6th grade students from Roesland's student council were also present.

Emily Hage expressed gratitude for the Roesland PTA. She said that Ms. Swift worked through a tricky situation when it came to COVID and the award for the whole school and community, noting that they

are the only public school in Roeland Park. Ms. Hage also thanked the Council and staff for their support.

(Applause)

Ms. Swift said she will be going to Washington, D.C. in November for a two-day conference to accept the award, at which time she will collaborate with other principals and sharing ideas that she hopes to bring back to Roesland.

Mayor Poppa said this award proves that public education works and that students can excel in public school, especially at a time when public schools are under attack. Mayor Poppa then read the proclamation into the record.

(Applause and photos were taken.)

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. Arts Committee

City Administrator Moody showed photos of the progress on the fabrication of the Gateway sculpture noting that progress is being made, but will not be complete before the end of the year. The base, however, will be installed before year's end.

CMBR Faidley wanted to make certain the base did not obscure the view of the sculpture. City Administrator Moody said the base will be round, similar to the posts that hold up their carport. It will act as a pedestal for the sculpture and also serve to protect the piece should a car stray off the roadway. By being elevated, it will allow better protection.

VII. Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business was discussed.

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

No ordinances or resolutions were presented.

IX. New Business

A. Award Bid for Lining and Spot Repairs for Storm Sewer Under Roe Boulevard

Public Works Director Scharff showed photographs of the 60-inch pipe that runs under Roe Boulevard, east to the west side of Roe Parkway, noting this is the pipe they want to line and do spot repairs on.

CMBR Faidley asked if it is still the goal of the City to replace all CMP (corrugated metal pipe). Public Works Director Scharff acknowledged it is still the goal. CMBR Faidley said this process is not as permanent as putting in concrete and would this qualify as that replacement? Public Works Director Scharff said the cost to dig up this entire pipe is astronomical, and lining is the best option due to the fact the pipe is not as deteriorated as they originally believed.

Dan McGhee, the City's engineer from Lamp Rynearson said this is the best option for this pipe even though lining is not normally utilized in Roeland Park.

CMBR Dickens noted the budget from US Infra Rehab Solutions is much less and asked if the City has used them previously. Public Works Director Scharff said they have checked and verified all of their references. CMBR Dickens said these are impressive savings.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR BRAUER SECONDED TO APPROVE US INFRA REHAB SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR THE LINING AND SPOT REPAIRS TO THE STORM SEWER UNDER ROE BOULEVARD AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED 607,614. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

B. Committee Reappointments

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF:

- MARY SCHULTEIS, JONNA CROSBY, AND TIM ROSS TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE
- ERIK HAGE TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
- ARDIE DAVIS TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
- SARAH MARTIN AND RUSSELL MCCORKLE TO THE PARKS COMMITTEE
- JOSEY SHAW TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
- DIANE MORA AND CARRIE PAULETTE TO THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE
- MEGAN REAVIS, MELISSA CASTILLO, AND AIDEN ELLIS TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
- JIM GREBE, ALLEN FOLEY, AND IAN TOMPKINS TO THE AD-HOC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

(MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

C. Executive Session

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO MOVE THE GOVERNING BODY TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION PURSUANT TO THE NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL MATTER EXCEPTION, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) WITH THE OPEN MEETING TO RESUME AT 6:51 P.M. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

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MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MADE A MOTION TO DISCLOSE THE CITY ADMINISTRATORS' SALARY. MAYOR SAID HE DID NOT SUPPORT THIS PRACTICE. CMBR MADIGAN SAID THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR IS THE ONLY EMPLOYEE UNDER CONTRACT. NO SECOND ON THE MOTION. MOTION FAILS.

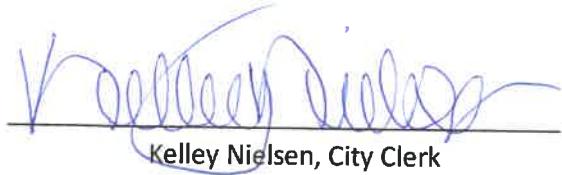
X. Reports of City Officials

There were no reports given.

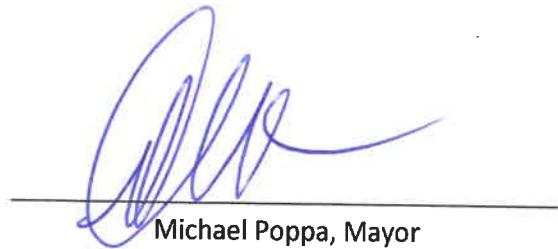
Adjourn:

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppa, Mayor

