

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
March 4, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

- Michael Poppa, Mayor
- Emily Hage, Council Member
- Benjamin Dickens, Council Member
- Jan Faidley, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member

- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Jeffrey Stocks, Council Member
- Matthew Lero, 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

Admin
Lero
Faidley

Finance
Stocks
Dickens

Safety
Hage
Hill

Public Works
Raglow
Madigan

(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. All Governing Body members were present with CMBR Dickens attending virtually. Staff present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Felzien, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Jones-Lacy, Police Chief Morris, Public Works Director Scharff, Parks and Rec Superintendent Marshall, and City Clerk Nielsen.

Modification of Agenda

Mayor Poppa added Item B, the AARP Challenge Grant, to the Mayor's Report.

I. Public Comments

There were no public comments made.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. **Appropriations Ordinance #1038**
- B. **City Council Meeting Minutes February 19, 2024**

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

III. Business from the Floor

A. Proclamations/Applications/Presentations

There was no Business from the Floor.

IV. Mayor's Report

A. Women's History Month Proclamation

CMBR Raglow read the proclamation into the record and all Councilmembers agreed to sign on to it.

B. AARP

Mayor Poppa said he spoke with Arts Committee Co-Chairs Marek Gliniecki and Mary Schulteis about the highly competitive AARP Community Challenge Grant they are applying for. If awarded the grant, the funds would be applied to the Community Garden at the Community Center campus. They would like to install a new shed, picnic table, and some fencing. They would also like to add some artistic elements throughout the garden. Mayor Poppa asked for the Council's approval to submit the application.

CMBR Faidley suggested using the funds for the shed because a new one is sorely needed. She said it is a fully functioning community garden and that is the main motivator for the improvements.

CMBR Hill asked if there is a policy in place for staff to review grants before they are submitted as they do have the name of the City on them. City Manager Moody said he is happy to look at them before they are submitted. He noted that the committees do the legwork and that staff does add support as needed.

Mayor Poppa added that when there is a required match staff does review those applications. This AARP grant does not require a match.

Everyone expressed their support for the arts project.

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Carrie Paulette and Harold Morales introduced themselves as the new co-chairs of the DEI committee. Ms. Paulette gave a committee update noting that they have been in a rebuilding phase over the past couple of months where they are defining their goals and narrowing their focus.

The first thing is to build better communication between the committee to the community and for the community to share with the committee. They have a goal to contribute monthly to the newsletter and want to share community events, issues, and ways for the community to get involved.

Mr. Morales recommended more Spanish translations noting they have that capability with the *Roeland Parker* but would like to see that be more visible on the site.

Ms. Paulette asked the Governing Body if they came across an issue or event for the committee to please send it to them.

Secondly, the committee wants to provide a DEI lens to the Council for City projects. They are working with Ms. Jones-Lacy on current relevant projects and the committee will provide their feedback.

The DEI committee meets the last Tuesday of the month. They are open meetings and actively recruiting new members.

Mr. Morales said to let them know what they can do to make the job of the Governing Body easier through a DEI lens.

CMBR Madigan said they need to have a joint meeting with the Historical Committee as they are working on projects they want to run by the DEI committee.

As Governing Body liaison to the committee CMBR Stocks said they are doing a good job.

B. Aquatics Center Advisory Committee

Mr. Marshall said they will be able to open the Aquatics Center seven days a week. Everyone was excited to hear that news. He said that lifeguard training will start soon, and they are also finalizing the season's activities so they can be advertised.

CMBR Hage is the liaison to the Aquatics Committee and said they have good energy. There is a lot of conversation about changes, but the focus is keeping the pool open seven days a week.

CMBR Faidley expressed concerns about alcohol consumption around pool and liability. Mr. Marshall said glass containers are always prohibited. He added that they have discussed liability and are in the process of taking care of that issue.

C. Community Garden

Judy Parker is the coordinator of the Seeds that Feed the Need Community Garden at the Roeland Park Community Center. She said they have 15 vegetable and herb beds and harvest through October. In total, they harvest about 900 pounds per year. The produce is donated to two food pantries, one at Roeland Park Methodist and the other at Mission Lutheran Church. The funds they receive pay for maintenance, purchase of seeds, upkeep, and repairs from vandalism. Ms. Parker also handed out sunflower seed packets to the Governing Body.

CMBR Faidley thanked Ms. Parker for caring for the garden for the past 12 years, noting that this will be her last year. She noted that Ms. Parker brings in family, friends, and scouts to help work the garden.

VI. Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business was discussed.

VII. New Business

A. Appoint Matthew Bauer to the Ad-Hoc Historical Committee

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPOINT MATTHEW BAUER TO THE AD-HOC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

No ordinances or resolutions were presented.

IX. Reports of City Officials

There were no reports given.

Adjourn:

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:24 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppa, Mayor