

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51st STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
May 20, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Poppa, Mayor• Benjamin Dickens, Council Member• Jan Faidley, Council Member• Emily Hage, Council Member• Jennifer Hill, Council Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathew Lero, Council Member• Tom Madigans, Council Member• Kate Raglow, Council Member• Jeffrey Stocks, Council Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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Admin

Lero
Faidley

Finance

Stocks
Dickens

Safety

Hage
Hill

Public Works

Raglow
Madigan

(Roeland Park Council Meeting Called to Order at 6:01 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. Staff present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Felzien, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Jones-Lacy, Deputy Police Chief Honas, Public Works Director Scharff, and City Clerk Nielsen.

Modification of Agenda

Mayor Poppa recommended to add a presentation from Mary Calhoun, a representative from the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature to Business from the Floor, Item A, and move the Social Media Update to Item B and the 2023 Audit Report to become Item C.

I. Public Comments

Judy Hyde (5113 W. 58th) Ms. Hyde, former member of the Sustainability Committee, expressed her support for bike lanes added to various streets within the City as this works to the Complete Streets initiative. She asked the Council to consider the benefits of bike lanes to City streets and the number of ways they will move Roeland Park forward to being a safer, healthier, more equitable, and environmentally conscious place to live and work.

(Following Ms. Hyde's comments, the meeting moved to the Bike Month Proclamation.)

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1043**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes May 6, 2024**

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

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

A. Kansas Silver Haired Legislature - Mary Calhoun

Ms. Calhoun shared information about the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature noting there are 125 representatives from each county in Kansas who advocate for seniors and provide a voice at the state level with an emphasis on educating seniors and providing ways for seniors to become involved. Some of the issues they presented this year were to support Medicaid expansion (did not pass), establish a medical cannabis advisory board to make recommendations for legal use (did not pass), support voting rights of seniors, ensure accessibility to the polls (unsure of status), expand the Grandparents as Caregivers Act to provide financial assistance to other relatives that provide care, and to support elimination of the tax cliff and increase income thresholds to qualify for an exemption of Social Security benefits from state income tax (special session to be held first week of June). The group also works closely with the Area Agency on Aging and programs such as Meals on Wheels, CHAMPS, and transportation. Ms. Calhoun asked the Council if any seniors over 60 have any concerns that affect them or other seniors to pass along their contact information.

Mayor Poppa thanked Ms. Calhoun for her presentation and letting them know about their group. Ms. Calhoun left pamphlets for the Governing Body which contained contact information for various resources for seniors.

B. Social Media Update - Katie Garcia

Katie Garcia, the City's PIO, noted that in March they launched the Citizens Academy and have 12 participants who are very engaged. It is a 9-week program, and the Governing Body has been invited to the June 4th celebration to meet the class.

Along with Mayor Poppa and Ms. Jones-Lacy, Ms. Garcia said they have relaunched the Project Rise website and asked the Councilmembers to check it out. There will be more Project Rise updates coming out more frequently. They have also launched a Roeland Park LinkedIn page.

Ms. Garcia said the City sends an email every Wednesday and their open rates and engagement are doing well above industry averages. Most users continue to be from desktops. Their post engagements are up 20 percent.

CMBR Dickens asked if there are demographics and times on the click open rates. Ms. Garcia said they do not track that and that would be up to the individual releasing that information to Constant Contact. She did add that an almost 50 percent open rate is fantastic.

CMBR Faidley noted they only send emails to people that request to receive them. Ms. Garcia responded that people could go online and sign up to receive e-mails, and they must opt in, which is an e-mail best practice as it is a violation to send to people that do not choose to receive the e-mails.

Mayor Poppa thanked Ms. Garcia for her work on the City's social media and keeping them relevant and for her work on the citizens academy. Ms. Garcia said they will do a survey at the end of the academy and will share the feedback with the Governing Body.

C. 2023 Audit Report

Mayor Poppa introduced Sean Gordon with Gordon CPA who performed the City's 2023 audit. He offered an unmodified opinion which is the highest opinion and reflects well on the City's financial and internal control management of the City. There are no recommendations in the report which is due to good management by staff. He said it was a good audit and he appreciates working with the staff during the process and their ability to get answers to his questions.

CMBR Faidley said it is amazing there were no recommendations. She noted there was an earlier time it was recommended to tighten up on credit card use and Mr. Gordon said that has been taken care of from what they could see.

Mayor Poppa gave kudos to the staff for their financial acuity and the controls they have in place as well as the transparency and the way they handle the City's money. He also thanked Mr. Gordon for conducting the audit and going over the report with them.

IV. Mayor's Report

A. Bike Month Proclamation

Mayor Poppa introduced Michael Kelly, Policy Director for BikeWalkKC.

Mr. Kelly thanked Roeland Park for recognizing May as Bike Month and the importance of making the streets safer for those biking as well as pedestrians.

Mayor Poppa read the proclamation into the record. All Governing Body members signed on to the proclamation.

(Photos were taken)

(The meeting then returned to the Consent Agenda.)

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. Arts Committee Update

Marek Gliniecki, Co-Chair of the Arts Advisory Committee, reported on the activities of the Arts Committee. He said the artwork of "Sunflower" was a prize winner at an international exhibition and is on a tour through China. Also, Lynda Leonard has some sculptures on exhibition. Mr. Gliniecki thanked Councilmembers Hill and Faidley as well as Mayor Poppa for attending the ribbon cutting celebration as they dedicated the new sculpture, "Origin" on Roe. He also thanked the Public Works Department for their support and technical expertise that helped to get the job done. He also expressed his thanks for support of the staff and residents of Roeland Park.

Mr. Gliniecki said the committee is working on a master plan for next year and there will be no new art additions until they are finished. They will bring the report to the Governing Body for their review during various stages, and it will provide a clear view where the City is going in terms of art.

It was noted that “Eucalyptus” was damaged and has been in storage. They have selected a site in the traffic island near Johnson Drive and 57th Street. It will be on a higher base and should be in a more secure position than it was at Nall Park.

Also, the 47th Street mural has been damaged over the last year or so. They are trying to find someone to repair it, and it is expected to be \$2,000-3,000 for repairs. It is damaged from several incidents of cars veering into it.

The “Speed Limit 34” sign will be replaced back into R Park and has been made a sturdier structure.

The committee has applied for a community garden grant from AARP, but they have not heard back from them. Mr. Gliniecki said he will be contacting them for an update.

He also thanked Katie Garcia for allowing the Arts Committee to present to the citizens of the community. The committee will continue to update the Governing Body on their progress.

Mayor Poppa said he noted that someone had attached flowers to “Hedgehog” on the north end of Roe. Ms. Leonard had said she found there was tagging on it. Mr. Gliniecki said they feel like the piece is deteriorating and they will be having that discussion. It was meant to be a temporary piece with the intent that when there is peace in Ukraine, it will be taken back and melted into a symbol of peace and will be returned to the City.

CMBR Faidley asked the Council if there were any objections to the location for the placement of “Eucalyptus.” Mayor Poppa said the committee believes this is the best option for placement and there were no objections.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Approve Agreement with Dimensional Innovations to Complete Mighty Bike

City Manager Moody stated he has worked through the cost proposal with Dimensional Innovations, which does not reflect the bonds. He has met with the City Attorney and the agreement does necessitate a performance bond which has been added to the proposal price. There is still a question whether they would need a structural engineer, which the City anticipated they would hire a consultant to do. They need to confirm whether it will be covered by Dimensional Innovations. For completion of the structure, the City will need to add an additional \$15,000-20,000. Currently they have committed \$90,000 and they were anticipating a \$60,000 fundraising match and fundraising has exceeded the City’s match. The project has become more expensive than anticipated.

Mayor Poppa clarified that \$255,228 is the not to exceed. The total for the project currently is \$275,000 and includes soft costs for the City.

CMBR Faidley asked if they still have a safety consultant and whether the initial concept artist is still included in the process. Mayor Poppa said the original artist has received some compensation and nothing further is anticipated.

CMBR Madigan asked whether this latest version is ADA accessible. City Manager Moody said it has never been an accessible feature as it is a climbing based apparatus. He said that some but not all elements are accessible in the park. CMBR Madigan asked if there are still parts of the Mighty Bike

that are accessible. CMBR Raglow said that some of the lower sections of the bike are for those that cannot climb so they too can be engaged with the structure.

CMBR Hage asked about the surface underneath. City Manager Moody said it has been designed with a fall protection material, an artificial turf with crumbled rubber.

CMBR Madigan wanted to clarify that only \$20,000 more is what is required from the City. City Manager Moody said that is correct.

Mayor Poppa restated the motion would be to increase the City's portion by \$20,000 in addition to approving the attached agreement. City Manager Moody said they do have the resources available in the Special Infrastructure Fund, and this will not prevent them from doing the projects they have planned.

CMBR Hill asked for clarification that to get the same surface it would cause them to increase the price and she wanted to know by how much. City Manager Moody said he did not have those figures, but it is part of the value engineering.

CMBR Dickens said he too would like to see how much it will increase. He asked with the extra \$20,000 they are approving tonight, that it is not necessarily what could be spent, but could come in lower. City Manager Moody said that it could very well be lower.

CMBR Raglow said this has been a long time in the making and gave kudos to staff to help this get almost across the finish line. She thanked everyone for the amount of time and hours spent on this and really appreciates it.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO INCREASE THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE MIGHTY BIKE PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED 20,000 ADDITIONAL FOR A TOTAL OF \$110,000. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-1 WITH CMBR FAIDLEY VOTING NO.)

MOTION: CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH DIMENSIONAL INNOVATIONS TO SERVE AS THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR ON THE MIGHTY BIKE PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED 260,233. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

VII. New Business

A. Approve SFS Additional Services for Phase 1 of Community Center Renovation Project

City Manager Moody said this item is related to the project not being completed on time by the original contractor. Mr. Moody has kept track of additional time related to the project as well as the effort over and above. SFS requests consideration of paying them for these additional services and believes their request is supported and justified. They have been a very patient and dependable partner through a challenging project.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY SFS DURING PHASE 1 RENOVATIONS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER NOT TO EXCEED \$52,900. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0. *CMBR MADIGAN WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.*)

CMBR Faidley said she had a conversation with Jennifer from JCPRD who would like to do a virtual walk-through which cannot be done until they get rid of the blue tape on Phase 1. She asked if there was any completion date in mind. City Manager Moody said that Universal Construction will complete the punch list items and that they are coming out tomorrow to meet with Parks & Rec Superintendent Marshall. He anticipates it will be complete within four weeks and the items to be finished are not that complicated.

B. Approve Task Order with SFS for Phase 2 Renovations at the Community Center

City Manager Moody said they have developed a plan for improvements in Phase 2 with SFS who is familiar with the building. The designs have been well received and the project is scheduled to begin in 2025. They will also begin scheduling on when to work in the different areas of the facility.

Universal Construction will be the Construction Manager at Risk and they will have them on board as they begin design process, and they will be involved in the value engineering from the start. That agreement will be forthcoming to the Governing Body.

CMBR Faidley asked about the kitchen and HVAC. City Manager Moody said the intent is to have a food warmer that does not require venting. It will be a full operable kitchen with an electric range versus gas.

CMBR Hage asked if there are plans to make a shower available as part of the fitness center. City Manager Moody said there will be no showers and the intent is to remove the wet areas that remain in the workout area.

MOTION: CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SFS FOR DESIGN AND PROJECT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR PHASE 2 RENOVATION AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$121,000. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

No ordinances or resolutions were present.

IX. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager Report


City Manager Moody said the City sustained no major storm damage with most being to the south and west of Roeland Park.

Ms. Jones-Lacy reminded everyone of a joint meeting with the Governing Body and the Planning Commission at 6:00 on May 21st. She said there is also the opportunity to attend online.

Adjourn:

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppa, Mayor