

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL  
4600 WEST 51<sup>ST</sup> STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205  
July 15, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

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

- Matthew Lero, Council Member
- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Kate Raglow, Council Member
- Jeffrey Stocks, 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 6:01 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. CMBR Hage was absent, and all other Governing Body members were present. Staff present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Walker, Finance Director/ Assistant City Administrator Jones-Lacy, Police Chief Morris, Public Works Director Scharff, Parks and Rec Superintendent Marshall, Building Inspector Holtkamp, and City Clerk Nielsen.

**Modification of Agenda**

*There were no modifications to the agenda.*

**I. Public Comments**

*There were no public comments.*

**II. Consent Agenda**

- A. **Appropriations Ordinance #1047**
- B. **City Council Meeting Minutes July 1, 2024**

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

**III. Business from the Floor**

- A. **Climate Action KC - Emily Randel**

Emilly Randel with Climate Action KC said she was kicking off their roadshow in Roeland Park to share what they are working on and what everyone can expect to see in the next few months. In her slide show presentation she noted that their executive board includes Johnson County Chair Mike Kelly who is the former Roeland Park mayor as well as Lindsey Constance, former Shawnee City Councilmember, who are both climate leaders. Ms. Randel said the Climate Action Playbook was developed in 2019 and directed toward tangible efforts by local government for policy changes and leading by example. In 2021, they created the Climate Action Plan, and it includes their goals and initiatives. They have also partnered with Plug-In KC to help with the transition from the gas to electric initiative. Ms. Randel said that the next Climate Action Summit is planned for the spring of 2025 and spoke to the list of upcoming projects. Ms. Randel also highlighted that Climate Action KC received a grant for EV charging stations.

Climate Action KC also hoped to hear by next month whether they have been awarded the Implementation Grant for \$200 million. If awarded the grant, the landscape of their work will greatly change, and they are excited for that.

Ms. Randel said she just wanted to stop by and say hello and hoped to see everyone at their upcoming events.

Mayor Poppa thanked Ms. Randel for coming and wanted to thank Hillary Parker Thomas who served as president of the board last year. He said they are bringing climate action above where it was, and he is lucky to be involved.

#### **IV. Mayor's Report**

*There was no Mayor's Report.*

#### **V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees**

*There were no committee reports.*

#### **VI. Unfinished Business**

##### **A. Approve Temporary Traffic Calming Plan for Buena Vista**

Mayor Poppa reviewed that the Governing Body was asked to approve a temporary calming plan for Buena Vista. Last time this was discussed they did not have hard cost estimates. City Manager Moody said they have updated the packet information to include pricing.

Initially in the discussion there was majority support of Option 2 which includes two speed humps and two speed tables.

Public Works Director Scharff reported he obtained two separate product prices and recommended Traffic Logix as a better fit for their application. He also reviewed the specifications for the wheel cutouts and provided a sample image of what it would look like and from staff's perspective is a better option.

Ms. Clayton agreed with Public Works Director Scharff on the use of Traffic Logix. She has spoken with other engineers who have used Traffic Logix and they have found the products to be sturdy and long-

lasting, stating that they are sturdy enough to leave in place as a permanent application if that is what is later desired.

CMBR Stocks asked if Ms. Clayton's professional recommendation is the same as it was at their last discussion for Option 2. She said of the two choices Option 2 is the preferred choice, but she would like to see two sets of speed humps on each side to have a better comparison.

CMBR Hill asked Ms. Clayton if it was still her opinion to also have two traffic circles and two raised crosswalks and Ms. Clayton did say that would be her recommendation.

CMBR Faidley thanked Ms. Clayton for clarifying her recommendation again. She said it is important to make that clear. CMBR Faidley expressed concern about how slowly they have moved on this item. She believes there is value in listening to their residents, but they also must listen to their traffic engineers and emergency responders and noted the letter from Fire Chief Chick. She would like them to look at a permanent solution to make Buena Vista safer for all users and said the current options do not consider pedestrian safety. She said if the Council majority votes for these measures she hopes it has the effect they want it to, but that there could also be unintended consequences. She does not want them to waste time with temporary measures and they should look for a permanent solution. She said this is not a good policy.

CMBR Raglow did acknowledge concerns that emergency services have provided their feedback and that the measures would not be easy to get through. She did add that she would like to be able to see the data on those temporary measures first. She also agreed with CMBR Faidley that they need to move forward with this item. CMBR Raglow wished there were temporary traffic circles they could gather data from.

CMBR Madigan stated he is in favor of the temporary measures and that they can be installed rapidly, and they can gather their data. He added that he has never been against a traffic circle at 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, but he also will not vote to make something permanent and then find out it does not work. He said that was the intent behind the temporary measures. He understands that the fire chief and Med-Act would prefer to see no speed humps or cushions. He said that in using that logic, then they would not do anything on Buena Vista, and he does not support that. He too agreed with CMBR Faidley that they never know what the unintended consequences may be and that is the point of the temporary measure.

CMBR Lero asked what the timeline for installation would be following an approval. He does want to see something there and wants them to make a decision, get it installed, and see if there is a difference.

CMBR Stocks asked about the logistics of installation. Public Works Director Scharff said it is something they can do in-house. They will work with the traffic engineer and noted the items are nailed into the asphalt. Once they are ordered, shipping takes about three weeks.

Mayor Poppa said he too is in favor of a permanent installation. With the temporary measures, they can gather that data sooner rather than later and can also use those temporary pieces in other parts of the City if the need arises. He too is concerned about the pedestrian traffic on Buena Vista and their safety. He does hope that this helps to slow down the vehicles on Buena Vista. Mayor Poppa asked if this item is approved would they still have the ability to move forward on traffic circles. He noted that

the Governing Body was amenable to traffic circles during their discussions as well as the citizens. He also agreed that they need to heed the input from Fire Chief Chick, but he also wants to balance that with the input from the residents.

CMBR Faidley said that since they are coming back to talk about traffic circles would they also talk about raised crosswalks because they have not talked about pedestrian safety on Buena Vista only slowing the traffic.

Mayor Poppa asked Ms. Clayton if she would consider the raised crosswalks and traffic circles in addition to the temporary measures they discussed. Ms. Clayton said the speed tables will give them data on speed reduction. She said she was given the go ahead from City Manager Moody to apply for the SS4A grant and if they do get that funding, they can use it to install a traffic circle down the line.

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE OPTION 2 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO SPEED HUMPS AND TWO SPEED TABLES FROM TRAFFIC LOGIX AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000. (THE MOTION CARRIED 4-3 WITH CMBRS FAIDLEY, DICKENS, AND HILL VOTING NO.)

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Approve Purchase of Floor Scrubbing Machine for the Community Center**

Mr. Marshall said their current floor scrubber is not built for the new floor that has been installed and they need one that does not use so much water.

CMBR Faidley asked if having the old scrubber repaired and then selling it is worth the effort. Mr. Marshall said it needs new batteries and it is still better to have it repaired so they can sell it.

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE NACECARE FLOOR SCRUBBER MACHINE FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

Mr. Marshall also commented that they sold out in four days for the Adult Night. He said it is sure to be a fantastic event and would appreciate any feedback on how they did. He also noted the first set of ticket sales was open to 100. It was then opened for another 50 and sold out immediately. Currently there are 14 people on the wait list, and he believes he will open it up again to add another 25. Mr. Marshall will begin ordering for the event and he will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. He will also have plenty of help at the event.

### **B. Amendment to JoCo CDBG Administration Agreement**

Mayor Poppa said this amendment needs to be approved so they can receive their funding.

**MOTION:** CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE JOCO CDBG ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

### **C. CivicClerk**

CMBR Faidley asked how long it would take to implement the CivicClerk program once approved. Ms. Jones-Lacy said it would take about 20 weeks.

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR STOCKS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR CIVICCLERK VIA CIVICPLUS FOR NEW AGENDA MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

**D. Approve Painting West Section of Public Works Facility**

City Manager Moody said the proposal is to paint the west wing of the new Public Works facility. The real estate agent selling the adjoining property requested that it be painted to be more attractive for a buyer to their property. He noted that of the \$5.4 million that was budgeted for the Public Works building they are under \$235,000. The cost to repaint is \$18,900.

CMBR Hill asked when they could expect to again repaint the building. City Manager Moody said it would be about 20 years. The building will be cleaned and sealed before the application, and it is a stain not a paint.

CMBR Lero asked if they would be painting the middle section where the previous sign was. City Manager Moody said the sign has been removed and the area sand blasted.

Mayor Poppa supported this as it shows pride in the new building where Public Works staff works.

CMBR Faidley asked what side is to be painted. City Manager Moody said that all sides will be painted. Ms. Faidley also agreed with Mayor Poppa that with that much investment in this property, it will show pride in the City once it is done.

CMBR Madigan said this was voted down once before because the thought was the building is in another city and did not necessarily need to match the Roeland Park buildings. He took a drive down into that area recently and there are four other buildings that look like the Public Works building currently. He said it might be quibbling, but the dollars do matter. And as far as pride in the workplace goes, he has toured the building and does not know why the Public Works staff would not be proud of where they work as it is a very nice building. He asked why they are painting the back side of a building.

City Manager Moody said the back side is in similar condition to the front side. CMBR Madigan said they are creating more maintenance by painting/staining the brick.

CMBR Dickens said he is a fan of red brick.

**MOTION:** CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE PAINTING OF THE WEST WING OF THE NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY ADDING \$18,900 TO THE NOT TO EXCEED MAXIMUM PRICE UTILIZING OPTION C. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-3 WITH CMBRS DICKENS, MADIGAN, AND HILL VOTING NO.)

**E. Approve Cereal Malt Beverage for Minute Mart**

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR MINUTE MART. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

**F. Appoint Katie Redhair to the Parks Committee**

**MOTION:** CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR STOCKS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KATIE REDHAIR TO THE PARKS COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

### **VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions**

**A. Ordinance 1055 - Amending Chapter 3 Beverages**

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR STOCKS SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1055 - UPDATING VARIOUS PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER III OF THE CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS MUNICIPAL CODE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)  
Renumbered Ordinance from 1052 to 1055.

**B. Ordinance 1053 - Creating an Economic Development Fund**

City Manager Moody stated this ordinance was drafted at the direction of legal counsel. The intent is to use the unallocated leftover TIF 1 resources to reimburse the City for investments made to benefit the properties within TIF District 1. The establishment of the economic development fund, its purpose, and how those funds can be used to incentivize or create development in the area is defined in the ordinance.

**MOTION:** CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1053 - CREATING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

**C. Ordinance 1054 - Terminating TIF Redevelopment District No. 1**

CMBR Faidley noticed the local press picked up on this item and asked if it is considered noteworthy. Ms. Jones-Lacy said this TIF was put into place in 1996 and ended in March. It is considered by some to be the longest standing TIF in the state of Kansas.

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR STOCKS SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1054 - TERMINATING TIF REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

### **IX. Reports of City Officials**

**A. 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Public Safety Report**

Police Chief Morris complimented Deputy Chief Honas and the other staff for their work at the fireworks display. He noted that there were no incidents.

Chief reviewed his report that included the number of incidents and the UCR and non-UCR occurrences. The report breaks down the comparison by crime, location of incidents, and demographics for the past several years. He also reviewed the statistics related to animal control.

An offer was made for a new officer which has been approved by City Manager Moody. This new officer will bring them to full staff. Also, their Narcan training is almost complete, and all the materials have been supplied to the department.

Police Chief Morris said that their K-9 Rango is doing well and had a mild foot injury that has healed.

Also included in the report were the Crime Index Comparisons with Fairway, Merriam, Mission, Prairie Village, and Westwood. It is based on population and Roeland Park's numbers are relatively low.

New to the report are the historical police contacts by race from 2016 to 2023 and was put together with the use of the Placer AI service the City recently acquired.

CMBR Dickens asked what drove the increase in the 2022 numbers. Police Chief Morris said that was due to retail thefts and a hands-off policy at a big box store. They are still working to try and get that changed.

Police Chief Morris also reviewed their co-responder activity noting there were a lot of 911 responses. He said they do a good job and take care of their needs.

#### **B. 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Public Works Report**

Public Works Director Scharff said they have a new staff member in their department. He also reviewed the projects done by parks maintenance, the 2024 street sweeping program, and streetlight maintenance. He also spoke about the new Public Works site improvements. He noted the upcoming projects for 2024 and the 2025 CARS program for Mission Road.

CMBR Stocks asked how long Roe would be closed. Public Works Director Scharff said it should be closed August 5<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>.

CMBR Faidley asked if the street sweeper schedule was going back to the first week of the month. Public Works Director Scharff said they are still playing catch up to be able to return to their schedule.

Mayor Poppa asked if any trees or shrubs die in the median would they be replaced in the fall. Public Works Director Scharff said that yes, they would.

#### **C. 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Objectives Progress Report**

City Manager Moody said that two of the three objectives for 2024 have been complete leaving only the sign objective in the parks yet to be done. The design is close to being complete and will be brought before the Governing Body for approval.

He said they continue to make gains to complete the prior years' objectives and the goal is to have them all finished by the end of 2024.

#### **D. 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Strategic Plan Progress Report**

City Manager Moody said the report details the 185 initiatives that have been completed to date and total a \$29 million investment in the City that has touched many areas.

Mayor Poppa said that is a significant investment, especially for a community the size of Roeland Park. He also thanked everyone, especially the streamlined staff they have for making all of this happen.

**Adjourn:**

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 p.m.)



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Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



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Michael Poppa, Mayor