

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
December 2, 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. All Governing Body members were present with CMBRS Raglow and Stocks appearing virtually. Staff present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Mauer, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, Deputy Police Chief Honas, and City Clerk Nielsen.

Modification of Agenda

Due to CMBR Raglow appearing virtually, Mayor Poppa recommended moving the Workshop item to New Business as Item D and approval of the Workshop Minutes to the December 16th meeting. All Governing Body members agreed with the modification.

I. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Public Works Employee Recognition

Public Works Director Scharff recognized John Henley for completion of a two-year program through the American Public Works Association (APWA).

Tim Ross, a Leader of the Year (2023) with APWA was on hand to present a certificate and plaque to Mr. Henley. Mr. Ross thanked Public Works Director Scharff and the Governing Body for supporting the program.

(Applause and photographs were taken.)

Mayor Poppa offered his congratulations to Mr. Henley. City Manager Moody also thanked Mr. Henley for going through the program and Mr. Scharff for encouraging and supporting his staff to go through the program. Mr. Scharff said that they currently have three more employees enrolled in the program. City Manager Moody agreed it is a great program and that they support their staff in continuing education.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1056**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes November 18, 2024**
- C. Adopt Policy Extending Resident Rate to Students and Teachers at Roeland Park Schools**

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

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

A. Review 2025 Legislative Platform

Stuart Little and Mallory Lutz with Little Government Relations reviewed the last legislative session and what they can look forward to in 2025. The main emphasis will be on tax reductions, but the Governor opposes more reductions until they see the impact of the 2024 tax policies. Discussions are expected on local government issues and local control concerns that include property tax relief, methods of appraisal, zoning, permitting, and building codes.

Mr. Little also reviewed the impacts of the recent elections with Republicans holding a supermajority in both the House and Senate. Upcoming are the leadership elections and committee assignments.

CMBR Faidley asked how much they can rely on the home rule defense to mitigate possible damaging legislation that could come through. Mr. Little said the City Attorney would have the capacity to speak on that. He said that what is produced by the legislature will be clear as to what would be conceived of as local control.

Ms. Lutz said that when they have the leadership elections and committee selections, if someone chosen for that leadership position has served in a local capacity that can make all the difference.

Mayor Poppa moved the discussion to Roeland Park's legislative platform. He said they want to make sure their policy aligns with the county.

CMBR Faidley noticed they are only referencing the county document and asked if there is any advantage to include in Roeland Park's own document such as quality childcare, unsecured firearms, FIFA, and climate action plan for example.

Mayor Poppa said the Johnson County platform would be attached to their document and it would be duplicative if they restate it into their document.

CMBR Faidley said that their legislative priorities are included in the county document as well and asked if this is clear enough for those who will be using it. Ms. Lutz said they prefer to err on the side

of being broader, so they are not hamstrung by being too specific. She said it is a good guiding document to be used in justifying more specific things.

Mayor Poppa said the document is to allow staff to respond quickly when an item arises as there sometimes is not much time to provide an answer by calling a meeting from the Governing Body.

This item will be placed on New Business at the January 6th meeting.

IV. Mayor's Report

No report was made.

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. MARC Bike & Pedestrian

CMBR Faidley's report is attached to the agenda packet. She added that the presentation on the 2025 World Cup was extremely interesting, and the committee hopes that some permanent bicycle and pedestrian amenities will be added. The committee and MARC are looking at what projects have been identified that can be built out in the next construction phase and will be on their agenda.

CMBR Faidley said the Decarbonization report is out and encouraged everyone to look at it as it has some good data.

CMBR Hage asked if it would be accurate to say that meaningful improvements to the public transportation system is required prior to the World Cup coming to Kansas City, and how that will be prioritized. CMBR Faidley said they need to improve pedestrian access or other multi-modal means. A lot of people will be in various places in the city and metro areas, and they will not be in cars. This is an opportunity to look at the projects they have planned. CMBR Hage said this is also a good opportunity to enhance what is lacking in their system.

VI. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Ordinance 1068 - Authorizing Condemnation for El Monte to Delmar Sidewalk Project

City Manager Moody stated the ordinance is a requirement and gives authority to the City Attorney to begin filing the condemnation case for the six properties associated with the sidewalk extension project.

MOTION: CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1068 AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL ACTION TO SECURE RIGHT OF WAY, PERMANENT SIDEWALK/UTILITY EASEMENTS AS WELL AS TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING SIDEWALK AND STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE) BETWEEN EL MONTE AND DELMAR STREETS. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business presented.

VII. New Business

A. Reappoint Ad-Hoc Historical Committee

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF JEN HILL, TOM MADIGAN, JIM GREBE, IAN TOMPKINS, LIZ VOGEL, AND MATTHEW BAUER TO THE AD-HOC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

B. Reappoint Judge, City Attorney, and City Engineer

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF STEVE MAUER AND THE MAUER LAW FIRM AS CITY ATTORNEYS; DAN MILLER AND LAMP RYNEARSON AS CITY ENGINEERS; KAREN TORLINE AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE AND FRANK GILMAN AS CITY PROSECUTOR THROUGH 12/31/2025, WITH THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE AND CITY PROSECUTOR RECEIVING A 5 PERCENT RATE INCREASE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

C. 2025 CARS Agreement for Mission Road Project

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CARS AGREEMENT FOR THE MISSION ROAD PROJECT FROM 47th STREET TO 53rd STREET. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

D. Discuss Changing Council Meeting Date in August and November When There is a Municipal Election.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE MOVING THE FIRST CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST AND NOVEMBER IN YEARS WHEN THERE IS A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

VIII. Reports of City Officials

City Clerk Nielsen said the Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on Wednesday, December 4th. The City Staff Holiday Party will be held Friday, December 6th at 6 p.m.

City Manager Moody said the Governing Body is invited to the staff party and there will be a white elephant gift exchange.

Mr. Moody noted that the leaf collection was moving slower than anticipated due to an oil leak on the leaf vac truck. Also, the snow slowed them down as crews had to clear the snow. The vac truck has been repaired and appears to be running well.

Public Works Director Scharff said they expect to finish collection on the west side of the city tomorrow and will begin east side collection mid-morning. There have been some hiccups, but they are getting the job done.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said they had their first tree application turned in today.

This was Police Chief Morris' last in-person Council meeting before his retirement. Mayor Poppa said they appreciate him and there was discussion of the upcoming retirement party.

Adjourn:

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:43 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppa, Mayor