

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
February 17, 2025, 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
- Cory Honas, 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. CMBR Dickens was absent. All other Governing Body members were present in person. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Felzien, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Honas, and City Clerk Nielsen.

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

I. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments made.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. **Appropriations Ordinance #1061**
- B. **City Council Meeting Minutes February 3, 2025**

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

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

There was no Business from the Floor.

IV. Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report.

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. Aquatic Center Advisory Committee

The Aquatic Center Advisory Committee's report is included in the agenda packet.

CMBR Faidley said she has heard comments about the need to increase staffing in consideration of lap swim options and the lengthening of hours. She asked if the committee has discussed lifeguard staffing for after school hours and whether this would become problematic.

CMBR Madigan said the committee had a meeting with City Manager Moody and Mr. Marshall. Mr. Moody lined out the financials for those items. The committee has talked about them, and they will meet Thursday to discuss them further.

CMBR Hage added that the staff is very good at bringing them data and information to help weigh feasibility while the committee continues brainstorming the options. She said it is great to have fresh ideas. CMBR Hage also noted that Mr. Marshall does not appear to have a lot of concern about staffing. In his presentation, City Manager Moody did say that staff equals expense. They will have more to share with the Governing Body after Thursday's meeting.

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business discussed.

VII. New Business

A. Award Nall Ave STP Project

Public Works Director Scharff reported that Nall Avenue is scheduled to be reconstructed between 51st and 58th Street this spring/summer. The project includes base, curb, and spot sidewalk repairs as well as a mill and overlay. They will be adding bike signage and new pavement markings. The City applied and received \$600,000 in STP funding for the project making the City's cost around \$300,000 after all the funding is applied.

CMBR Faidley asked what J.M. Fahey has worked on in the City before. Public Works Director Scharff said it was on older projects, and they have not done anything recently. CMBR Faidley said they have been the contractor on Nall in Prairie Village from 67th Street south to 75th and have done a nice job on that.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE NALL AVENUE STP PROJECT CONTRACT TO J.M. FAHEY CONSTRUCTION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,060,737.25. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

B. Appoint Shannon Cole to the Arts Committee

CMBR Faidley and CMBR Lero said this will be a great addition to the Arts Committee.

MOTION: CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SHANNON COLE TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Resolution 719 - Updating the Fee Schedule for the City of Roeland Park

Ms. Jones-Lacy stated that no fees are changed in this resolution but is to correct the last resolution because it did not include the new tree mitigation fee. This will ensure all fees in the resolution are all encompassing. It also includes the new aquatics rates.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 719, ADOPTING FEES FOR THE CITY OF ROELAND PARK. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

IX. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

X. Reports of City Officials

A. Year End 2024 Financial Report

Ms. Jones-Lacy said the entire report is in the packet. She said the City had a good revenue year, in which they have exceeded projections. Sales taxes also exceeded expectations. Franchise fees were down but court costs did increase. Ms. Jones-Lacy also reviewed the expenditures with the capital projects and their effects on fund balances.

Mayor Poppa further clarified that court fines and fees increased due to more Police Department staff, which fines and fees would increase accordingly. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they do not pay the administrative expenses out of that, but the increase is a result of more staff. They have been running a deficit since COVID, and the fines were also reduced per Council's guidance. Again, the increase is a result of having more police on the street.

CMBR Faidley asked about the ARPA funds on the revenue side and whether that is an unexpected payment. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they received all the ARPA funds up front, but accounting principles say that when the money is actually spent is when they recognize the revenue. They spent it effectively in that year and that is where it is accounted for. The funds were spent on Project RISE and the Habitat project.

CMBR Faidley added that it is phenomenal that since they have been investing their idle funds since 2015, they have grown to \$16 million and another million in cash. This along with their low debt gives them a bright future for doing projects. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they have enjoyed good interest rates.

Ms. Jones-Lacy also added that there is legislation at the state level from the bankers association who are pushing to change the law for investment. Whenever a municipality would like to invest money, they have to bid it out to local banks who have to match the treasury rate. There is legislation put

forth to allow banks to bid below the treasury rate and get a favorable investment, which would result in the cities losing those investment returns. This would have a significant negative impact on Roeland Park's investment. Their lobbyist is working on this as well as their financial advisor at the state level.

Mayor Poppa thanked Ms. Jones-Lacy for her involvement on their behalf and reaching out to the state legislature.

CMBR Faidley added that the League of Kansas Municipalities is also working on this. Ms. Jones-Lacy said there are a lot of groups at the municipal level working on this.

B. 2025 Distinguished Budget Award from GFOA

Ms. Jones-Lacy said this is the first time they have received special recognition in the past six years of receiving this award. The three reviewers of their budget gave them the highest possible score on Performance Measures. She said they continue to make their budget better every year.

CMBR Faidley asked if there was something specific to which they cited. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they made several comments and were very complimentary.


C. Planning Commission meeting

Ms. Jones-Lacy said the Planning Commission will be held virtually tomorrow at 6 p.m. due to the pending weather. The Commission will be reviewing the TIF 3 Project Plan for compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

XI. Adjournment

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppa, Mayor