

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
March 3, 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

(Roeland Park Governing Body Workshop Meeting Called to Order at 6:40 p.m.)

I. MINUTES

A. Governing Body Workshop Minutes February 17, 2025

The minutes were approved as presented.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review Chapter 10 of Municipal Code - Police Policy

Police Chief Honas reviewed the changes made to the verbiage in Chapter 10.

Ms. Jones-Lacy noted the pronouns have been changed and the DEI Committee has also reviewed the Code.

The Governing Body consented to the recommended changes, and this will be placed on the March 17th City Council agenda under Ordinances and Resolutions for final approval.

2. Discuss Parks Truck Replacement Options

Public Works Director Scharff said 2014 Dodge Park and Rec truck that was handed down from the Police Department was stolen. It has recently been recovered, and they are anticipating the insurance company will consider it totaled. Mr. Scharff presented three options for the Governing Body to consider in replacing the vehicle and also outlined the uses of the vehicle.

The first option would be to replace the truck with a used vehicle of the same age at an estimated cost of \$15,000 with an expected use time of 6 to 8 years.

The second option would again be to replace the truck but with a newer used electric vehicle at an estimated cost of \$30,000 to \$35,000 with an expected use time of 10 to 12 years.

The third option was to purchase a new 2025 F-250 extended cab truck and plow for the Public Works Department with an estimated cost of \$62,000.

CMBR Faidley noted that CMBR Hill is a strong advocate in the City's efforts to move forward with electric vehicles in their fleet as much as possible. She asked about the availability of a half-ton EV truck that is three years old. City Manager Moody said that quick searches show they are fairly readily available, and it should not be difficult to source a used EV in the \$30,000 to \$35,000 range. Also, there would be a charging station at the Community Center this year as the truck will be stored there. He noted that the Park and Rec truck averages about 25 miles a day.

Mayor Poppa said they are all a huge proponent of electric vehicles for staff. He said he likes the ability that they can hand down their vehicles and the redundancy that it provides. Mayor Poppa asked what the difference would be in waiting to purchase a vehicle. Public Works Director Scharff said they are anticipating 5-8 percent increase for 2026.

CMBR Madigan said he looked at all the options. He also noted that the technology is fairly new and expressed concern whether an electric vehicle could handle the workload and noted that it would affect its range. He expressed support for Option 3. He also asked where the plow would be stored. City Manager Moody said the plow would be stored at Public Works and if they purchased an electric vehicle, they would not put a plow on it.

CMBR Lero said he liked the idea of going to an EV vehicle but in buying a used truck they do not know its history versus one they know and has the ability to do plowing.

CMBR Hage said she does not feel the technology is advanced enough for a cost-effective heavy-duty truck, but they know that maintenance is required on any vehicle. She added that one of the ways they show residents their support is through snow removal and by keeping the plow, they can do it even better.

Mayor Poppa asked how many miles the police department puts on their vehicles daily. Chief Honas said each vehicle averages 50 to 100 miles a day. Mayor Poppa then asked what in the rotation is next to be replaced. City Manager Moody said it would be the street sweeper.

CMBR Raglow asked if the intent is to put GPS in this vehicle as well. Public Works Director Scharff said they have GPS units in their vehicles currently. Once you buy them, they are yours and the service is about \$30-40 annually.

Mayor Poppa asked if there are any hybrid 250 vehicles available and if would that be useful. Public Works Director Scharff said it may be worth looking into.

CMBR Raglow said that going to EV is a positive thing for the City but supports Option 3 as it would allow them to have a backup snowplow, which also affects their residents directly. She also noted how the recent snowstorms have affected their leaf program.

The Governing Body unanimously expressed their support for Option 3.

III. COMMITTEE MINUTES

No committee minutes were submitted.

IV. ADJOURN

CMBR Raglow adjourned the meeting.

(Roeland Park Workshop Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.)