

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
May 5, 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
Faidley
Stocks

Finance
Dickens
Hage

Safety
Hill
Raglow

Public Works
Madigan
Lero

(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.

Mayor Poppa noted that the Land Acknowledgement is on the agenda packet for the first time. Also, May 5th is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day. Mayor Poppa read the Land Acknowledgement into the record. A plaque of the land acknowledgement will be placed in City Hall.

Roll Call

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. All Governing Body members were present with CMBR Raglow attending online. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Felzien, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Honas, Neighborhood Services Miller, and City Clerk Nielsen.

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

(Roeland Park City Hall Property Owners Association meeting was held.)

City Clerk Nielsen called the May 5, 2025, Roeland Park City Hall Property Owners Association to order.

MOTION: MAYOR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MAY 6, 2024, MINUTES. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0).

MOTION: MAYOR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR STOCKS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR:

- Condo Unit 1 - Jan Faidley and Tom Madigan
- Condo Unit 2 - Jennifer Hill and Benjamin Dickens

- Condo Unit 3 - Kate Raglow and Emily Hage
- Condo Unit 4 - Jeffrey Stocks and Matthew Lero
- Condo Unit 5 - Michael Poppa

(The motion carried 7-0.)

MOTION: MAYOR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

(Roeland Park City Hall Property Owners Association Adjourned at 6:07 p.m.)

(Roeland Park Board of Directors Meeting was held.)

MOTION: MAYOR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MAY 6, 2024, MINUTES. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0).

City Clerk Nielsen called for nominations for an election of officers. Mayor Poppa nominated CMBR Hill for president and CMBR Dickens for secretary. CMBR Faidley nominated CMBR Lero for vice president.

MOTION: CMBR STOCKS MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AS NOMINATED. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

MOTION: CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE CONDO ASSOCIATION. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

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

(Roeland Park Board of Directors Meeting Adjourned at 6:11 p.m.)

I. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. **Appropriations Ordinance #1066**
- B. **City Council Meeting Minutes April 21, 2025**

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. **Advocates for Immigrants Rights and Reconciliation - Kara Juarez**

Mayor Poppa invited Kara Juarez from the Advocates for Immigrants Rights and Reconciliation (AIRR) to speak to the Governing Body regarding the immigration situation, its impacts in Kansas, and what resources are out there to help.

Ms. Juarez, the executive director for AIRR, said they serve the metro-wide area of Kansas and Missouri. They work with individuals providing training to know their rights and educate them on the

Fourth and Fifth Amendments. She said that immigrants need to know that they have civil rights even though they are in the United States. The group fights for the dignity and respect of everyone. They also have an accompaniment program to help those who need to attend court or go to an ICE check-in.

Ms. Juarez brought cards detailing rights and wanted everyone to know they have compiled a list of resources. AIRR has a fund, and they do solicit donations. Those monies are used to help in the community with things like rent or another hardship with a goal to eliminating any red tape. Ms. Juarez said to donate or learn more information, go to their website at www.airrkc.org.

CMBR Faidley said that their DEI Committee also provides a list of resources.

Trinidad Raj leads the accompaniment program and networks with community members who gather resources. He said that people reach out to them and let them know what is going on in their community and any ICE activity. They teach the immigrants proper policies and approaches and work with them and also accompany them to offer emotional support and guidance.

CMBR Faidley asked about the “Know your Rights” brochure at the front counter of City Hall. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they are available in the court as well. CMBR Faidley also asked if, as a city do they need to look at a rapid response plan for residents to be able to help. Mr. Raj said that AIRR always needs volunteers and maybe starting a local community watch group. He said that when ICE target people it can be very scary. The watch groups are then able to contact each other.

Ms. Juarez reminded them that immigrants have rights under the Constitution, and it is legal to record interactions with law enforcement officers, but they need to comply with their orders. She said that everyone is entitled to human rights and to be treated humanely.

CMBR Hage said they helped her team, and it is great for anyone to be part of the solution. She thanked the AIRR representatives for speaking with them.

Mayor Poppa asked about the training. Ms. Juarez said the training is scheduled on demand and she will set those up with a group of 10 people or more. Mayor Poppa said he is honored to work with them, and they do such amazing, tireless work that is so necessary. He added that the non-immigrant community also appreciates everything they do.

Ms. Juarez expressed her appreciation for being able to meet with members of the community and work to being part of the solution.

IV. Mayor’s Report

- A. Bike Month Proclamation**
- B. Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation**
- C. National Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation**
- D. Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation**
- E. National Police Week Proclamation**
- F. National Public Works Week Proclamation**
- G. Fair Housing Month Proclamation.**

Mayor Poppa reviewed the proclamations, and all Councilmembers signed onto them with their approval.

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. DEI Committee Report

Carrie Paulette from the DEI Committee said that they continue to work on City Code Chapters 11 and 12.

She said the committee is working on collaboration. They have collaborated with the Sustainability committee for a budget initiative around their Monarch garden and to center it around the theme of migration.

They invited the Diversity committee from Prairie Village to meet with them to look for ways to collaborate and coordinate their efforts and to build ties. Prairie Village DEI has a lot of interesting ideas and are a great resource.

The committee also met with Project Rise to give information to their local businesses on what they can do to create a safe and welcoming environment in their businesses. The larger retailers were not able to attend the meeting, and Ms. Paulette will be reaching out to them individually. She has a meeting scheduled with the manager of Price Chopper and is looking forward to sharing information with them.

They are also looking to support proclamations that are pertinent to their committee and see this as a way to give a platform for certain issues. They are also looking for ways to collaborate with JoCo DEI. In Roeland Park, they continue working to identify the needs of the community and for ways to highlight celebrations by incorporating them into City-wide events.

Ms. Paulette said that Joey Carley, the City's Management Analyst, has worked on data for needs of the community as well as demographics.

Ms. Paulette said they have a unique coordination with City staff and the Council and thanked them for their support as it is a testament to the trust that has been put into the DEI committee. She said there are many ways to help support their efforts. They are always recruiting new members and asked for submissions that they can put into their communications. They want to be involved in the City and work with the other committees.

Mayor Poppa thanked them for the seriousness for which they are taking the mission and especially for reaching out to Project Rise and the follow-up with their businesses. He added that he enjoyed homemade banana bread at the meeting he attended.

CMBR Madigan said the Historical Committee has been working on signs and they have collaborated with the DEI Committee. He wanted everyone to know that they are the easiest group with which he has ever worked.

Mayor Poppa asked that Ms. Paulette extend their thanks and appreciation to the committee.

B. Sustainability Committee Report

David Smith from Sustainability said they had a sign-up for mosquito dunks and still have a few more to give out.

He said that there was harsh weather for the Earth Day clean-up, and it was also a religious holiday weekend, so the turnout was not as strong as hoped.

He also noted that the Monarch waystation is up and being maintained. One of the members will mulch that in the fall.

CMBR Hill asked if staff could send out a social media post reminding those who signed up for the mosquito dunks to pick them up.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said that after people signed up, Mr. Smith let them know how to pick them up, but she can send out a reminder on social media.

CMBR Madigan said it is important to replace them every 30 days.

CMBR Hill asked if they could be used in a French drain and Mr. Smith said they could.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Action on E-bike Program Direction and Preserving Local Match Funds for a Future Micro-Mobility Project

Ms. Jones-Lacy said that since their last discussion on this item, the City of Mission has officially declined the grant, which then makes it difficult for Roeland Park to proceed with an E-bike program without them. She said the Governing Body seemed inclined not to proceed if Mission did not participate and that would also be staff's recommendation. There was some discussion about preserving the local match funds for a future mobility project which can be put on a future agenda for discussion.

MOTION: CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO NOT PROCEED WITH THE E-BIKE PROGRAM AND TO PRESERVE THE LOCAL MATCH FUNDS FOR A FUTURE MICRO-MOBILITY PROJECT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

VII. New Business

A. Finding of Uninhabitable Condition

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE REPORT REGARDING AN UNINHABITABLE STRUCTURE IN THE CITY LIMITS, PURSUANT TO SEC. 8-604 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

B. Appoint Kate Crockett to the 75th Anniversary Committee, and Stacy Roth and Megan Reavis to the Strategic Planning Committee

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF KATE CROCKETT TO THE 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE, AND STACY ROTH AND MEGAN REAVIS TO THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

(CMBR Raglow left the meeting at 6:47 p.m.)

C. Award Contract for El Monte to Delmar Sidewalk Extension

Public Works Director Scharff said they received eight bids with Linaweaver Construction being the lowest bidder. The project will include sidewalk connection points and ADA improvements. They were awarded \$196,000 for the project with the low bid coming in under that.

CMBR Hill thanked Brad Reighard and Angela Nissley, two residents who brought this project to her attention a few years ago when they recognized the need for a place that was walkable for the children to get to school. This project came about due to need and a request from community members.

CMBR Faidley asked if they would be required to return the monies if they are not using them for this project or do they only receive the actual cost. Public Works Director Scharff said they would most likely have to return the monies. City Manager Moody said it is a reimbursement program. The City has the work done. They submit the receipts and get reimbursed. He is not sure that they can convince them that the City could use the monies elsewhere, but he will try.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO LINAWEAVER CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EL MONTE TO DELMAR SIDEWALK EXTENSION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$120,787. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

D. Approve Amendment to CARS Agreement for 55th Street Project

Roeland Park will now be taking the lead on this project as they have a Complete Streets program.

CMBR Hage asked if this would be more work for Roeland Park staff to take the lead. Public Works Scharff said that the project impacts Roeland Park residents more than Westwood and it is more practical for them to do so.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE CARS AGREEMENT TO REFLECT ROELAND PARK AS THE LEAD CITY FOR THE PROJECT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

E. Task Order for 55th Street

CMBR Faidley asked for clarification on the use of the names of Larkin and also Lamp Rynearson. City Manager Moody said they are the same company and formerly were known as Larkin Lamp Rynearson.

MOTION: CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR STOCKS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER WITH LAMP RYNEARSON FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR 2025 CARS - 55th STREET PROJECT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

F. Approve Task Order for 2026 Rosewood and Granada Street Reconstruction Projects

CMBR Faidley asked Public Works Director Scharff to go over the pavement condition index. Public Works Director Scharff the higher the number the better. The reconstruction streets are rated 20 to 30 out of 100.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER WITH LAMP RYNEARSON FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2026 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT ROSEWOOD AND GRANADA. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

G. Approve Adding Smoke Detectors and Alarms for Fire Alarm System to Child Development Center

City Manager Moody said they would like to add detectors, alarms, and strobes to the CDC area, the gym, and offices adjacent at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.

CMBR Hage asked if there are any implications to licensing. City Manager Moody said it is not a requirement to extend these facilities.

City Manager Moody recommended to do all of the areas.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE EXTENSION OF SMOKE DETECTORS, ALARMS, AND STROBES TO AT LEAST THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER AREA UP TO A PRICE OF \$13,000. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Resolution 725 - 2026 to 2030 CARS Program

Public Works Director Scharff said this project is for 51st Street, Cedar to Nall, to take place in 2026. It is a requirement to pass a resolution to be able to be eligible for CARS funding.

CMBR Faidley said that when they start looking at doing 47th will they coordinate with KCK to do both sides of the road. Public Works Director Scharff said it is always advantageous to coordinate to do a complete project, and they will work hard to try to make that happen.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 725 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED 2026-2030 FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM UNDER THE COUNTY ASSISTANCE ROAD SYSTEM (CARS). (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

IX. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session held.

X. Reports of City Officials

A. 2025 1st Quarter Financial Report

Ms. Jones-Lacy reviewed the key revenues, which are all looking strong in the first quarter with property tax 11 percent higher than last year as well as sales taxes being up. Franchise fees are also up 50 percent and attributed to the extremely cold winter. Court fees have also increased after being down for quite a few years.

Ms. Jones-Lacy reviewed the City's funds and expenditures. She said they are investing \$18.3 million, which has seen good interest and revenues. Building permits look high but are mainly attributed to the large permit for the Community Center improvements and a substantial project at Bishop Miede for a grotto.

B. City Manager's Report

City Manager Moody said that Ward 1 got to show off the Community Center improvements early and they received valuable feedback. The second phase is now starting with completion expected in May. Mr. Moody thanked Universal for being such a good partner on this project.

XI. Adjournment

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.)


Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk
Michael Poppa, Mayor