

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
May 19, 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.

Roll Call

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. All Governing Body members were present with CMBR Dickens and CMBR Stocks attending online. CMBR Hill joined the meeting virtually after roll call. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Walker, 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.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1067
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes May 5, 2025

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

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

- A. 2024 Audit Results Presentation

Sean Gordon with Gordon CPA performed the City's 2024 audit and reviewed his final report with the Governing Body. His opinion accompanied the City's financial statements, which presented fairly in all respects and the City received the highest, cleanest opinion possible thanks to the work done by the City staff.

Mayor Poppa offered his congratulations and said that the audit reflects how staff are excellent stewards for the City's financial future.

B. Update on Project Rise - Jan Peters

Ms. Peters said that the beginning of the year started in a flurry with Project Rise. One of the key things that happened in the first quarter was the creation of an incentive package for businesses that she worked on with Ms. Jones-Lacy and Katie Garcia. The details of the incentive package are available on their website. The incentives are available through an application process and are open to licensed Roeland Park businesses that have 10 or fewer employees. The incentives are:

- A sponsored one-year membership to either the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Chamber, the Black Chamber, or the LGBTQ chamber.
- A paid sponsorship in one of the leadership programs through either the NEJC or LGBTQ Chambers.
- Microgrants of up to \$2,000 for various projects, training, marketing, or equipment.
- Fee waivers for building and/or sign permits or business license fees for one year.

Ms. Peters said that to date five companies have applied for incentives. Ms. Garcia is also doing a major promotion to highlight those companies receiving the incentives.

She also added that the economic development to occur after the CID by Walmart was reevaluated has been a game changer. She said that people are now able to lease a lot of those spots in the shops in that CID area after the upgrades and improvements. She added that Miel Herrera, who was previously on the City Council and owns Café Corazón, desperately wants to open a café in Roeland Park and they are trying to find her a location but noting she would like to put her business in the T-Mobile building.

Ms. Peters said they held a Business Roundtable. Going forward they will feature each of the City's committees and encourage businesses in Roeland Park to participate on those committees. Carrie Paulette from the City's DEI Committee made a presentation at the last roundtable. Also, Mayor Poppa made a presentation on behalf of the City's 75th Anniversary Committee. Katie Garcia also made a marketing presentation.

Other new business owners are Connor Basnight, a new home-based business owner in Roeland Park, owns D3 that specializes in pickleball training. He wants to get involved teaching Roeland Park how to play. And Paul Joy from Joy Health & Wellness is also a new business on Johnson Drive and he spoke about hormone replacement therapy.

Ms. Peters said she spoke with the business division at Johnson County Community College, and they are interested in working with Roeland Park.

Also, she attended with Ms. Jones-Lacy the 1 Million Cups founded by the Kauffman Foundation.

Ms. Peters said she attended the 2025 State of the County. She said later that Mayor Poppa did a wonderful job and provided a lot of useful information about the State of the County address and presented at the Northeast Johnson County leadership program where they encouraged leaders to stay involved.

Following the presentation, CMBR Faidley asked if they are seeing people actually sign leases for the spaces adjacent to Walmart. Ms. Peters said the properties were just shown recently as the CID adjustments are a new development.

(CMBR Hill joined the meeting virtually.)

IV. Mayor's Report

A. Neighbor Meeting 55th Street

Mayor Poppa said that he held a neighborhood meeting with Public Works Director Scharff and Police Chief Honas. One resident came to the meeting who said he was in favor of no parking on the Roeland Park side of the street. Mayor Poppa has heard from a few other residents that they are not in favor of parking on the side of the street. There was one home-based business that did not support an on-street parking ban as it would affect his business.

City Manager Moody said the no-parking item is a City-initiated item. And recommended if there was desire by the Governing Body to have this as a discussion item at a Workshop.

CMBR Faidley said they previously discussed offering an additional concrete parking pad in yards and asked if there was any support for that. Mayor Poppa said that there may not be support for that. He said there are a couple of other solutions they are contemplating.

CMBR Hage asked if this would be an opportunity for them to have a discussion of limiting parking on one side of the street as a wholistic approach throughout the City, especially on narrow streets where it might affect emergency services.

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. Planning Commission

Ms. Jones-Lacy said there have been no applications for any developments or anything else to go before the Planning Commission. They did have a meeting on April 15th where they selected members to represent them on the Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee. They also appointed someone to represent them on the Park Master Plan. She also gave them an update on the pending landscaping plan for the Fairway Public Works facility. They also discussed the possibility of an ordinance to restrict the number of vehicles parked on a single-family lot. There will need to be a review as to what area of the code that would impact. There was no May meeting, but they are planning one for June.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Approve Funding for Mighty Bike Poured in Place Fall Protection and Oval Modification

City Manager Moody said the fund increase request is for the poured-in-place fall protection around the Mighty Bike structure and the oval around the piece needs to be increased due to the larger size of the bike. The modifications will give them the 6-foot fall zone needed.

Mr. Moody added that donations in support of the project have exceeded their target, and they are closing in on completion. City Manager Moody said he is the project manager and takes responsibility for the time when construction started to where they stand today and apologized for the oversight of the construction of the concrete oval. He added that they are well into the project and not moving forward would not be in their best interest.

Mayor Poppa said he appreciates receiving the apology, but he is the project manager because no one else would do it. Many requests were made but they didn't get any interest because it is a custom project. By having Mr. Moody as the project manager, it has overall saved them more money than the cost to retrofit the site.

CMBR Madigan said when this first came to them, they agreed to put in approximately \$97,000 and they have come back to them for now \$125,000. He too wants the children to be safe. He added that the City is going to be spending more money, but they have not received more donations. The original plan was that one-third would be Council money and two-thirds would be from contributions. He said this situation irks him.

CMBR Faidley asked if the width of the sidewalk will remain unchanged when the oval is replaced. City Manager Moody said the walk will be 10-feet when reconstructed.

CMBR Hage asked how long it will take to do the replacement. Mr. Miller, the City's engineer, said he spoke with the proposed contractor who installed the structural footing. They want to start on Wednesday and be done by Friday before the Memorial Day weekend.

CMBR Faidley asked if the concrete would be ready to be used for the weekend. Mr. Miller said it should be fine by Saturday. CMBR Faidley added that it is refreshing to say the buck stops here and said that is exceedingly rare. She also asked how did the bike grow from its original plan? Mr. Miller then reviewed the plans from the bike's inception to where it stands today.

CMBR Lero said saying it is the same project they started out with is a stretch. Originally, it was proposed as a sculpture, and then engineering and safety consultants became involved, and getting it done for this price when compared to commercial play equipment and doing it from scratch is worth the effort as the Mighty Bike will stand out and be unique.

CMBR Madigan again mentioned that the contributions seemed to stop, and the City is having to pay for the remaining increase. He will support this item and is glad the structure is heavy and sturdy and will be a safe place to play.

MOTION: CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE POURED-IN-PLACE FALL PROTECTION AND OVAL MODIFICATION AROUND THE MIGHTY BIKE PLAY STRUCTURE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

VII. New Business

A. Approve Purchase of Covered Benches for Bus Stops

Public Works Director Scharff said that following their Workshop discussion, he reached out to KCATA for updated ridership numbers. He said that the highest ridership is on Roe at the 48th and 51st Street stops.

Mr. Scharff also spoke with the rep from Noblewins about ADA compliance. He did not hear back from them when he asked if a wheelchair could get cover in their structure. He added that if the city went with eight of their structures the discount has been increased to 20 percent if purchased by May 31st.

Public Works Director Scharff also reviewed the other options that had more varieties in configuration and the ability to add decorative elements as well as provide more protection from the elements.

Mr. Scharff sought direction from the Governing Body as to the number of units and locations they were wanting to have installed.

CMBR Faidley said she would like to see them focus more on the commercial areas at both ends of Roe and not try to put one in someone's yard.

CMBR Lero said he did not really love any of the options other than Noblewins. If they do the shelters, they are going to be around for a while and wants them to pick something they will be happy with that also has that "cool" factor, so this is worth taking the time to do it. He recommended starting the process of obtaining needed easements and the logistics of placement, and then maybe they can produce better options for the structures.

CMBR Dickens expressed support for Option 3 as it can accommodate more riders and can be used with artwork.

CMBR Madigan said their main discussion point should be protection of the bus rider from the elements. He said they have many options for benches. He also noted that the Noblewins option would look great in pocket parks, but for the bus stops, they need to accommodate more of the populations.

Mayor Poppa asked if there is the ability to add solar lighting. Public Works Director Scharff said there is not with the Noblewins option but can be done with the other choices.

After discussion, there was consensus to not look at Noblewins as a bus shelter at this time.

Mayor Poppa supported CMBR Lero's point of obtaining easements and identifying locations before deciding on the actual style. Public Works Director Scharff said he will work with the City Engineer and reach out to property owners with an agreement.

Mayor Poppa moved the discussion to locations but did state that he likes Option 3 with an artistic element.

CMBR Faidley said that with the information from KCATA's updated numbers, she would support the indicated four areas on Roe, two on each side of the street at 48th and 51st, as well as at Sunflower Medical. She said there is a bench on their side of the street on Johnson Drive, but currently there is no shelter and asked if they could get a shelter to put over that bench.

CMBR Hage did not agree with the shelter in front of Commerce Bank and said that it would be challenging to put one there.

CMBR Lero also agreed with the six recommendations stated by CMBR Faidley. He said they discussed a location at 55th and Roe, but it is close to the others, and they have learned that one will not fit there.

CMBR Faidley said the bench on Rosewood was part of the Roe 2020 project.

CMBR Madigan also agreed with six structures. Regarding the one in front of Commerce, he said they will be installing a historical sign for the Roe family, and it could get crowded there.

CMBR Stocks and CMBR Raglow also expressed their support for the six structures as well as covering the bench on Johnson Drive.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE TWO LOCATIONS AT 48TH AND ROE (NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND) AS WELL AS 51ST AND ROE (NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND), AT SUNFLOWER MEDICAL ON ROE, AND ON JOHNSON DRIVE IN FRONT OF ST. LUKE'S. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

B. Appoint Brandon Martin to the Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning Committee to Replace Megan Reavis

MOTION: CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF BRANDON MARTIN TO THE AD-HOC STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE AS THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.

IX. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session held.

X. Reports of City Officials

A. Results of Buena Vista Traffic Calming Pilot Initiative - Janelle Clayton

Public Comment.

Michelle Daugharthy (5146 Buena Vista) Ms. Daugharthy thanked Ms. Clayton and the City Council for listening to the residents and taking steps for the traffic calming on Buena Vista. She encouraged the City Council to make the speed humps permanent on Buena Vista because it has made a difference.

Mayor Poppa thanked Ms. Daugharthy for being the resident lead and also for her involvement and engagement on this topic.

Ms. Clayton reviewed the temporary traffic calming devices put in place along Buena Vista. She said they have seen a significant decrease in traffic and the assumption is people are using alternate routes. She reviewed the speed reductions in the area.

Ms. Clayton provided her recommendations and that it was clear to her that the speed humps were more effective at slowing the traffic than the tables. She does believe the current four locations are necessary and would like to see a traffic circle at 53rd Street. She said that people were not necessarily opposed to the circle, but they do need 60 percent agreement to move forward with the option.

City Manager Moody asked Ms. Clayton to remind everyone of the purpose of traffic calming. Ms. Clayton said it is to slow traffic along the route, not to divert it to other routes, but to slow it down. Mr. Moody asked if the goal is to have drivers reach the posted speed limit. Ms. Clayton said the street is designed in accordance with the speed limits and to apply the fewest measures to achieve that goal.

Mayor Poppa asked about making these measures permanent and what direction staff would need to develop a scope for the project engineers. City Manager Moody said there are funds for this project in the 2026 CIP.

CMBR Faidley thanked Ms. Daugharthy for working on this and the effects of the temporary measures warranting them being made permanent. She would like to see them consider pedestrian needs and they must be part of the plan. CMBR Faidley asked Ms. Clayton if the tools they used determined the 25 miles per hour speed limit was appropriate and that she was working with an 85th percentile and not 50. Ms. Clayton said that they use the 85th percentile in traffic engineering. CMBR Faidley replied she was under the impression they use both now.

CMBR Lero said it is great to see the data and the measures are doing what they should do. He stated the traffic circle is worth considering as a lot of speed builds up from Shawnee Mission Parkway to that first speed table and a circle would help with that going onto 53rd. He supported moving forward with permanent measures.

All Councilmembers expressed support of considering a traffic circle.

CMBR Madigan said people have told him they feel safer when out walking now with the measures on Buena Vista. They are doing what they are supposed to do, and he agrees with CMBR Lero in wanting to see them made permanent. He also asked about the person who parks his pickup on the speed hump and is blocking the view and whether there was anything they could do about it.

City Manager Moody said they would not allow parking on the humps or tables. They did not put up signs as these were temporary measures, but the final designs will include no parking. Ms. Clayton agreed they can add “no parking” designations and can be placed within a certain distance of the traffic calming measures installed.

Chief Honas concurred with the sentiment.

CMBR Stocks asked if they have sufficient data to make a definitive determination on direction and whether there would be any value in a longer trial period. Ms. Clayton expected the traffic volume to remain consistent and that it might change between September and with school being out, but not enough to warrant additional study time. CMBR Stocks said he is still comfortable with the temporary

measures locations if moved to permanent. He said the last three are in good spots and that the north one could go on the north side of the stop sign. Ms. Clayton reminded everyone they did the cushion cutouts for emergency vehicles.

After further discussion, the Governing Body agreed that they would like to see updated costs to make permanent the temporary measures of two speed humps and two speed tables as well as the installation of a roundabout at 53rd Street.

CMBR Faidley disagreed because she said the humps are decidedly more effective.

CMBR Raglow felt if they could get pricing on two humps and two tables, they could then decide whether to do all humps and interchange the prices. Ms. Clayton said she did not get that impression of the way pricing is done. Mr. Miller said it is all based on economies of scale and that it is not a straight figure based on a multiple of each installation.

CMBR Hill was curious whether there was any feedback from the residents. She heard that the measures are noisy, and she does not want them to put something in that is a nuisance to the residents. CMBR Lero said what he has heard from people has been positive and it is reducing the speeds.

CMBR Madigan asked if they remove the temporary measures can they put them further down on Buena Vista since more people feel safe and are out walking on the sidewalks. Mayor Poppa said they purchased the temporary measures so they belong to the City and can be put where they decide.

Mayor Poppa asked Ms. Clayton if the permanent solutions would be as noisy. She said she does not know but supposed that concrete is quieter. She did note that there were some complaints about the noise. She would encourage feedback on the survey.

CMBR Hage said she has heard from people who acknowledge it is an irritating solution, but the pros outweigh the cons as it is meant to slow vehicles.

Mayor Poppa said his understanding is they are all accepting of the solutions laid out in the plan and they would like to see prices. This will be brought back to the June 2nd City Council meeting.

B. City Manager's Report

City Manager Moody presented sign options for the Community Center. The Council majority chose the rust color option.

C. Finance Directors/Asst. City Manager's Report

Ms. Jones-Lacy said she sent out an e-mail for the arts master plan survey and encouraged everyone to complete it and share it with their neighbors.

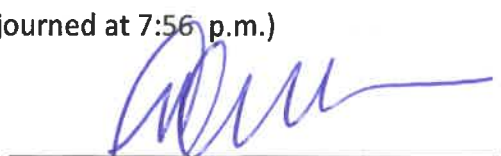
XI. Adjournment

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppa, Mayor