

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51st STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
July 21, 2025, 6:00 P.M.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Poppa, Mayor• Benjamin Dickens, Council Member• Jan Faidley, Council Member• Emily Hage, Council Member• Jennifer Hill, Council Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matthew Lero, Council Member• Tom Madigan, Council Member• Kate Raglow, Council Member• <i>Vacant</i>, Council Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keith Moody, City Administrator• Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. City Admin.• Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk• Cory Honas, Police Chief• Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director
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(Roeland Park Council Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.)

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Poppa called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. All Governing Body members were present in person. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Walker, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Honas, Parks and Rec Superintendent Brungardt, Management Analyst Carley, and City Clerk Nielsen.

III. Public Hearing

There was no public hearing held.

IV. Modification of Agenda

A. Appoint Debbi Schraeder to the Ward 4 Council Seat

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPOINT DEBBI SCHRAEDER TO THE WARD 4 COUNCIL SEAT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

(City Clerk Nielsen Administered the oath of office to Ms. Schraeder)

Mayor Poppa said that Ms. Schraeder was previously a councilmember for Ward 1 through 2008.

CMBR Schraeder said she is excited to be on the Council again and always felt there was unfinished business for her to do and she is glad that she has been given this opportunity. She thanked Mayor Poppa for the appointment.

(CMBR Schraeder took her position on the dais with the Governing Body)

V. Public Comments

Wallace Biellier (4945 Neosho) Mr. Biellier spoke of the flooding in his and neighbors' yards. They are unsure of the source of the water. He asked if the cable vault from Surewest could be removed as it may be a source for holding water. Mr. Biellier brought this to the Council's attention as he was unsure of whom to ask for help.

Mayor Poppa said that either Public Works Director Scharff or City Manager Moody will follow up with him on the issue.

Karen Grotewohl (5049 Parish) Ms. Grotewohl thanked the Governing Body for approving the City's tree policy, which she said will preserve the City's tree canopy, especially with the upcoming heat. Ms. Grotewohl also thanked the City for installing the speed humps on Buena Vista. She is now concerned about her street as she believes the traffic is diverting to Parish and other side streets to avoid Buena Vista. She had previously contacted the City for a study and submitted a signed petition. A study was done and Public Works Director Scharff shared the report that the area almost met the criteria for mitigation. It reached the threshold for traffic speeds but not for traffic amounts.

Mayor Poppa asked if they could revisit the study. City Manager Moody said he would seek guidance from Janelle Clayton, the City's traffic engineer, on next steps. He said they looked at the Placer.ai information to see if there was an increase along Roe and they did not see a significant change. He said it is obvious the traffic on Buena Vista has gone somewhere else and it is reasonable to assume it has moved to parallel streets.

CMBR Hill was curious about traffic data for vehicles leaving Roesland School and going onto Parish.

Mayor Poppa said that staff will follow up on the traffic study with the traffic engineer because of the diversion of traffic from Buena Vista.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1071
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes July 7, 2025
- C. Governing Body Workshop Meeting Minutes June 16, 2025

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

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

There was no Business from the Floor.

VIII. Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report given.

IX. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. Community Foundation

Management Analyst Carley reviewed the fund totals for each account. Details are in the agenda packet report.

CMBR Faidley asked if the thank you letters sent to Robeks and Judy Hyde were for contributions received to the foundation. Mayor Poppa said they send thank you letters to anyone who contributes to the Community Foundation fund.

CMBR Madigan said he believed in the bylaws that the funds can be used for something else even if the donor has specified where they would like the funds to be used. Mayor Poppa said that the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation holds the funds for the City and the City can advise where the funds should go.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said that any time they receive a donation, and it is specified to a certain account, then they segregate those funds internally. There has never been a situation where those funds have crossed over. CMBR Madigan agreed with that statement but said they could be.

B. MARC - Bike & Pedestrian

CMBR Faidley's report is included in the agenda packet. She stated that the week of 9/29 - 10/5 is the Week Without Driving and would like to see a team effort with representation from City staff, the Governing Body, and residents.

CMBR Faidley added that MARC would like suggestions on how to make their Climate Action Plan, which the City has adopted, be more user friendly.

The last meeting was held at the Roeland Park Community Center with a reception following in R Park. Ms. Jones-Lacy gave a presentation on the traffic garden. One of the committee members took a bus to the City and had an issue finding the Community Center as there is no wayfinding signage on Roe.

Mayor Poppa asked CMBR Faidley if she would meet with the Sustainability Committee to get them involved and provide recommendations. CMBR Faidley said she would do that.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Update to the 2025 Single Family Cost of Living Comparison

Mr. Carley provided more information to follow up with the cost of living comparison given at the last Governing Body Workshop. The median home value and median income for the City were plugged into the data and it recalculated the total costs, which resulted in a bigger decrease for Roeland Park.

CMBR Hill asked if the \$252,000 is a true average home cost in Roeland Park. City Manager Moody said they left the assumptions the same to see what the change is over time for taxes and utilities.

XI. New Business

A. Appoint Todd Zimmer to the Arts Committee

MOTION: CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE TODD ZIMMER TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

B. Approve Task Order for Storm Sewer Rehab Project (Bishop Miege)

Public Works Director Scharff said the task order is for engineering design services for a storm sewer pipe replacement behind Bishop Miege school and runs north to south. Mr. Scharff reviewed the scope of the project and said they will reposition the pipe away from the dugout and move it to the parking lot. He noted they did receive \$270,000 in SMAC funding for the project. The design phase will happen this year with construction in 2026 and timed to coordinate when school is in recess.

CMBR Faidley asked about the impact of a larger pipe. Public Works Director Scharff said it will be able to handle more stormwater.

MOTION: CMBR HAGE MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2026 STORM SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

XII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Ordinance 1076 - Restricting Parking on 55th Street between Shawnee Mission Parkway and Roe Boulevard

This item was discussed in detail at the last Governing Body Workshop.

MOTION: CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1076 - RESTRICTING PARKING ON 55th STREET BETWEEN SHAWNEE MISSION PARKWAY AND ROE BOULEVARD. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

XIII. Reports of City Officials

A. 2025 2nd Quarter Public Safety Report

Police Chief Honas said new to his report are UCR (Unified Crime Report) definitions. For the 2nd quarter there were 275 incidents with 55 being UCR and the remaining 220 non-UCR reports. He said they are seeing an increase in businesses reporting employee thefts. Even though it may be the same employee, they file a new report every time an incident is reported. Chief Honas also reviewed incidents by location. New to the report are CAD (Computer-Aided Dispatch) reports. He also included definitions for this section. These are reports on everything the officers are responding to or are working on. Not every CAD event requires a case report, but it does show the police activity. Chief Honas said they are more active on traffic enforcement and have received more requests from residents for them to monitor certain areas for traffic infractions.

Also included in Chief Honas' report was the 2024 data for the co-responder program.

The Police Department is continuing to recruit officers. There has also been a change in animal control services, and they are now using the Greater Kansas City Humane Society. There are two officers drone training, and several officers are also interested in motorcycle patrol school. They are going

through the K-9 officer process. They have met with Bishop Miege High School, and they will have an SRO again there this year.

CMBR Hill asked if the homicide in the 3rd quarter of last year was related to the fentanyl poisoning at QuikTrip. Police Chief Honas said that one case has already gone to court, and one is still pending.

CMBR Faidley wanted to add that the KC Humane Society is a no-kill shelter. She also said they have a lot of lost animals in their community and asked that people chip their animals.

B. 2025 2nd Quarter Public Works Report

Public Works Director Scharff began his 2nd quarter report with an hours comparison from last year. One major difference is that they are not spending time getting the new Public Works building ready and moving in. They did spend more hours on snow removal this year in comparison with 2024. He showed pictures of how they touch up the parks, playgrounds, and greenspaces in the City to get ready for the warmer weather. He said they try to keep up with the street sweeping every month, but their truck is getting up there in age. Public Works Director Scharff also reviewed the ongoing and upcoming projects that include signal replacement, a sidewalk extension on El Monte, two CARS projects, and wrapping up easement acquisitions and an eminent domain hearing.

CMBR Faidley said the traffic signals at Roe and Johnson Drive are black just like theirs in Roeland Park. Public Works Director Scharff said yes, they are. CMBR Faidley also asked about the mulching issue and whether that was resolved with the Parks committee. Public Works Director Scharff said there was a concern by the committee not wanting to use dyed mulch because of the concern about chemicals.

C. City Manager's Report

City Manager Moody shared that he will be out on vacation.

IX. Adjournment

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:49 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppa, Mayor