

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
November 3, 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• Debbi Schraeder, 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 Governing Body Workshop Meeting Called to Order at 7:33 p.m.)

MINUTES

A.

There were no minutes to approve.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review and Discuss International Residential Code Adoption

Joe Kmetz, consultant with GBA and Roeland Park resident, provided a review of the International Residential Building Code update to the Governing Body.

Staff hired Joe Kmetz, Building Code Services Lead with GBA, to conduct a review of the City's Building Codes in preparation to adopt the 2024 suite of international codes established by the International Codes Council (ICC). Staff intends to work through the various code chapters with the City Council explaining the significant differences from our current codes (2018 version) and the proposed 2024 codes. Joe is also providing a review of our current code amendments and making recommendations for revised amendments, changes or additions to the 2024 Building Codes.

The process started by reviewing the 2024 International Building Codes at the October 6th workshop. Joe will provide overview of the purpose of the codes, key definitions and then get into the changes from 2018 to 2024 and the recommended amendments and additions to Roeland Park's adopted building code. Staff has worked through this with the consultant and the details are included in the presentation and documents.

This is the first step to reviewing these changes. Staff also intend to include all of these documents on our website and solicit feedback from the building community, residents, and anyone with a vested interest in these changes. In addition, we will hold focus groups with local builders who do work in Roeland Park and solicit their input on some of these updates. All of this information will be considered and incorporated in a final draft prior to council adoption. Staff's goal is workshop all building codes then adopt in the first quarter of 2025, with enactment to take place 3 months later to allow for an educational period for those impacted.

Joe reviewed the presentation and the redlined version of the City's adopted residential code amendments. He made suggestions for edits and those were discussed by City Council. There was additional conversation regarding the energy code and HERS ratings for new residential builds. Joe explained that a HERS score is a measure of building efficiency and the closer to zero you get the more efficient the building is. The IRC 2024 recommends a HERS rating 53 for this climate zone. Currently there is no codified standard for efficiency but a recent build had a score of 68. As such, staff is recommending a HERS score of 60 to ensure both feasibility and affordability while working toward more efficient builds.

Joe also added that these energy ratings are only applicable to new builds or substantial remodels or additions. Existing homes and buildings have different guidelines and requirements.

Also included in the packet were the recommendations from Kansas Gas that were included by reference.

III. Committee Minutes

1. Ad-Hoc Historical Committee Meeting Minutes September 25, 2025
2. Aquatic Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 9, 2025
3. Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 1, 2025
4. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Meeting Minutes September 30, 2025
5. Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes September 4, 2025

IV. ADJOURN

CMBR Raglow adjourned the meeting.

(Roeland Park Workshop Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.)