

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
January 20, 2026 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
- Harold Morales, Council Member
- Debbie Schraeder, 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 8:23 p.m.)

(The beginning of the meeting was not recorded.)

I. MINUTES

1. Governing Body Workshop Meeting Minutes January 5, 2026

The minutes were approved as presented.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discuss 2026 Aquatic Center Fees

Nathan Brungardt, Parks and Rec Superintendent, following direction from the Governing Body at the last Workshop meeting, gave an updated presentation on proposed pool pass noting the intention of the City was to maintain access for all and increasing attendance. There was also a sentiment at this time that they do not have to be at a market rate in alignment with other cities.

After reviewing the proposed rates, there was some discussion about the senior rate. Mr. Brungardt said that senior fees are disappearing across the metro.

Also, there was a discussion of the increase in a 50 percent rate for families versus a 25 percent rate for individuals.

CMBR Lero stated this is a significant increase. He said if their goal is to increase attendance, this rate increase is not the way to do it noting it is a big jump for a family. He said they need to be careful of the rate increases for the residents of Roeland Park and remember this is an asset to the City and they need to keep it affordable for their residents.

CMBR Hill asked if a family pass includes a guest pass, nanny pass, or grandparent pass. Mr. Brungardt said the family membership does not include any extra passes. CMBR Hill asked if that is something they could consider, and Mr. Brungardt said there is nothing comparable to that in the area.

Mayor Poppa added that previously they could not offer a guest pass because the software didn't allow it or staff did not know how to incorporate that. He asked if something like that was available. Mr. Brungardt said that would be an upgrade to their system. Mr. Brungardt also stated that people

take advantage of the system now and purchase a family membership and they do not all live at the same address.

CMBR Madigan stated that not having a grandma pass is the number one complaint he hears and it is something into which they should look. Mr. Brungardt said they do want to be fair to all who are attending.

CMBR Hill noted it is a big issue with pricing of a family of three versus five members, and that five is getting a great deal. She said they want to get people into their pool, but she would like to see them have a grandma pass.

CMBR Faidley said she thought they talked about an increase across the board. She knows they are under market, but why the 50 percent jump for a daily pass.

CMBR Hage said she is hearing an equity issue and that maybe they should consider eliminating the family passes.

City Manager Moody wanted to emphasize that the equity question arose in other communities in what their fee structure was intended to do. It is likely the equity question led to their going away from the family pass. He also said that they do lag in the market because for so long JCPRD operated the facility and handled the pricing decisions. Then following COVID and not being open all the time, they are working through that delayed adjustment action.

CMBR Dickens said he is good with the numbers as presented and is comfortable with the proposed increase.

CMBR Hage said when this was put before the Aquatics Committee someone asked if the rates were monthly not realizing these would be for the season. The thinking is that people are in the mindset of having to pay monthly for gym memberships and the like.

CMBR Lero said these numbers are better than from the previous presentation. For him, the non-resident family rate would be a non-starter. He would expect to see a drop in pool usage. He would be willing to move forward with what is proposed and then they can reevaluate the numbers at the end of the season to see if there was an actual drop in attendance.

Mr. Brungardt said at a previous pool he had made a couple of \$50 price increases on memberships, and they did not see a drop-off but an increase. Of course, they were one of only two pools in the county. In any event, he does not foreshadow a huge drop.

Mayor Poppa asked if they could call it a group pass as not everyone is part of a family. Mr. Brungardt said the software could handle that. He expressed concerns about the minimum age of users and does not want to become a daycare.

CMBR Hill said she likes the idea of a group pass.

CMBR Faidley asked if they needed to start looking at getting rid of the family pass and just moving to an individual only. She said it is supposed to be financially beneficial for a family rate versus an individual. She asked what the cut-off age is. Mr. Brungardt said that children two and under are free.

CMBR Hage asked for consensus and there was majority agreement to move forward with the proposed rate changes while keeping an eye on the data during the season. This item will be placed on New Business at the next City Council meeting.

Mr. Brungardt said he will investigate the nanny/grandparent pass for 2027 as he has the Superpass to work through this season as well as the school passes.

2. Appoint Task Group to Revisit City Administrator Evaluation Tool and Process

Mayor Poppa said that during this past year's City Administrator evaluation, it was determined the process should be updated as it has been in use since 2015 and could be tailored more specifically. Per ordinance, they would like to appoint a task group.

CMBRS Madigan, Dickens, Hill, and Hage volunteered to serve on the task group.

III. Committee Minutes

The were no Committee minutes attached.

IV. Adjourn

CMBR Hage adjourned the meeting.

(Roeland Park Workshop Adjourned at 8:51 p.m.)