

**SPECIAL CALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS  
Roeland Park City Hall  
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205  
Monday, January 8, 2018 6:00 P.M.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joel Marquardt, Mayor</li> <li>○ Becky Fast, Council Member</li> <li>○ Tim Janssen, Council Member</li> <li>○ Ryan Kellerman, Council Member</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Teresa Kelly, Council Member</li> <li>○ Sheri McNeil, Council Member</li> <li>○ Michael Poppa, Council Member</li> <li>○ Michael Rhoades, Council Member</li> <li>○ Erin Thompson, Council Member</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Keith Moody, City Administrator</li> <li>○ Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. Admin.</li> <li>○ Kelley Bohon, City Clerk</li> <li>○ John Morris, Police Chief</li> <li>○ Jose Leon, Public Works Director</li> </ul> |
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**Admin**

Fast  
Kelly

**Finance**

Janssen  
Thompson

**Safety**

Rhoades  
Kellerman

**Public Works**

McNeil  
Poppa

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Roll Call**

City Clerk Bohon called the roll. CMBR Thompson was absent.

**Mayoral Farewell Address**

Mayor Marquardt addressed the meeting and first thanked his wife.

**Mayor Marquardt:** When I started, we had decided I wasn't going to run. And about a week later she said, you know, if you really want to or if you're thinking about it you probably should. And so it was with her encouragement, and every time there was a meeting, any obligation, anything to do, she said go, go, go. So, it's amazing to have such solid support from your family. And my daughter here I know I've been missing a lot, so I will be happy to have a little time with her.

(Applause)

I want to thank Gastinger Walker Architects who gave me a little time off and a lot of flexibility to do this job. I know other mayors have had to leave their job or quit being mayor because of their issues with their firm. So, Gastinger Walker helped me immensely by giving me the time and encouragement to do so.

Past Administrators, Aaron Otto and the interim. Aaron is here tonight. I was fortunate to serve with Aaron. He kind of taught me the ropes when he was in and he did a whole lot for our city. So, I thank Aaron. He's an amazing human being if you don't know all of his accomplishments. But anyway, and Mark Pence also helped us in transition when Aaron was moving on to other things.

Keith, Kelly and Jennifer also, boy, you could not ask for a better staff. I'm sure the future council is going to respect that. The citizens and unbelievable staff, truly the best in the metro. Thank you for everything you've done for me and for Council and for the city.

For the Police and Public Works, it's been a true honor. So many times you read in the paper how Public Works and the Police have gone out of their way to help people. Truly an amazing group. Thank you for all your work, it's been an honor.

For the citizens. When I came here I didn't have anything prepared to say and they said would you like to say a few words, and the first thing that came to my mind is I want to be a conduit to help the amazing 6,800 citizens in our community do things and not block them, but try to pave a path for them.

My wife and I did decide to donate a tree and I have a plaque here I'd like to read. "In honor of all citizens who donate time and resources to our great city, your contributions make a difference. Thank you. Mayor Joel Marquardt and family. With a special appreciation to our good friends the Davis and Grube families.

(Applause)

To my fellow Governing Body, thank you. Everybody served really hard. Teresa, I know you put in an amazing amount of work for almost every topic. Thank you. And I'm only calling the two of you out tonight because I started with you in kind of a class of newbies. And, Sheri, I know you always had your heart going for every single person that came in front of us and I know that's how you worked with your position, so thank you.

For the future, well, there is a book that I wanted to do. A couple of things. A friend of mine at the office had this made, and I wouldn't wear it until today at the office, so I won't wear it now. I really didn't want that on social media. So, I will ask Mike to wear that tonight.

I also wanted to leave something behind. That's not something we've done in the past, but I hope in the future we can. It was a book that Mr. Davis gave me, Ardie Davis, our amazing barbeque aficionado. It was a gift from his son to him and he lent it to me and then gave it to me, which was a great honor. I've written in it and a written a little bit about Mr. Davis and a message from me. It's an amazing book and it's called Team of Rivals. And it was about -- the best parts about it to me were Lincoln's ability to rise above defeats and form friendships with his opponents and not just spend half of time in quarrels. He said once someone stops attacking me I never remember the past. So, he always moved on and made the best of every relationship. I think it's an amazing book and an amazing man. So, thank you, Mr. Davis.

Anyway, lastly, to Mike. Thank you very much for agreeing to serve our city. We're very lucky to have you. I look forward to seeing what you all can do. And thank you to the Councilmembers, my friends, I'm very happy that you persevered and made it on the Council. I would just ask that you make sure we all don't think of five votes as a win. Understanding what the citizens want in a compromise is really important. And even though we might be able to push through something on one extreme or another, we know at the national level and beyond it doesn't work with extremists, so please focus on the middle path where it's appropriate.

So, thank you very much for this opportunity. It's been one of the best of my life. So, thank you very much.

(Applause)

### **Presentation of Plaques**

City Administrator Moody presented plaques to Mayor Marquardt and the outgoing Councilmembers and with profound gratitude thanked them for their service to the city.

### **I. SWEARING IN OF THE MAYOR AND NEW COUNCILMEMBERS**

City Clerk Bohon gave the oath of office to:

Mike Kelly, Mayor of Roeland Park  
Tom Madigan, Ward 1 Councilmember  
Jennifer Hill, Ward 2 Councilmember  
Claudia McCormack, Ward 3 Councilmember  
Jim Kelly, Ward 4 Councilmember

Mayor Kelly thanked the outgoing mayor and the outgoing councilmembers for their generous work and all the time and effort they have put in for the city. He said he hoped they would lend the new Council their ears and

experience on the roads ahead. Mayor Kelly thanked his wife, family and extended Roeland Park family for their support. He stated he humbly appreciates the trust the citizens have put into the Governing Body and he plans to work each and every day to repay it and build the city that they all want.

## II. ADJOURN

**MOTION:** CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR FAST SECOND TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0)

(Roeland Park Special Call City Council Meeting Adjourned)



Mike Kelly, Mayor



Kelley Bohon, City Clerk