

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, March 19, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

- Mike Kelly, Mayor
- Becky Fast, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member
- Tim Janssen, Council Member

- Jim Kelly, Council Member
- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Claudia McCormack, Council Member
- Michael Poppa, Council Member
- Erin Thompson, Council Member

- Keith Moody, City Administrator
- Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. Admin.
- Kelley Bohon, City Clerk
- John Morris, Police Chief
- Jose Leon, Public Works Director

Admin

Kelly
Madigan

Finance

Thompson
Fast

Safety

McCormack
Janssen

Public Works

Poppa
Hill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Bohon called the roll and all Governing Body members were present.

MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the Consent Agenda from the preceding Governing Body Workshop.

- Jorge Blanco Sculpture Initiative for R Park
- Time and Attendance Software for Employees
- 2018 Aquatic Center Roof Replacement Bid Responses

I. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jim Curtright, Sr. (4729 Canterbury) Mr. Curtright spoke to the condition of his neighborhood, crime in the area, the police department and taxes. He also spoke to the speeding in the City and the parking of patrons at Taco Republic.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Curtright for his military service and for his 60-plus years as a resident of Roeland Park. He said he appreciated him being a part of the community and taking the time to speak with the Council. Mayor Kelly said he will follow-up with Mr. Curtright on his concerns.

Chris Roesel (4823 Mohawk) Mr. Roesel spoke to the increase in property values and the higher taxes. He asked for the mill rate to be lowered to a level to adequately provide for the City, citing that many residents are on a fixed income. He asked for consideration of what is really needed in the City versus what the current mill rate provides.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Roesel for his comments. He added that, as they start the budget process, Mr. Roesel continue to stay involved over the next few months.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Appropriation Ordinance # 914**
- B. February 19, 2018 Council Minutes**
- C. Council Appointment to Committees – Arts, Parks, Sustainability, Events and Community Foundation**
- D. Jorge Blanco Sculpture Initiative for R Park**
- E. Time and Attendance Software for Employees**
- F. 2018 Aquatic Center Roof Replacement Bid Responses**

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR JANSSEN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

III. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A. APPLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Events Update – Stephanie Newton

Ms. Newton said the Easter Egg Hunt would be held Saturday, March 31st at the Community Center. They have been able to reuse some of the eggs and supplies from last year and were able to reduce their expenses by \$200.

The Spring Fling will be held on May 5th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will coordinate with the opening of the Nall Park Trail and Arbor Day. The event is being put on in conjunction with the Parks Committee. They will have food trucks and are organizing entertainment.

The third event they usually plan is Barktoberfest but the committee is toying with the idea of changing things up for that.

Mayor Kelly thanked Ms. Newton for her presentation. He added that he appreciates the opportunities they provide to come together as neighbors to enjoy each other's company.

2. Horizon Academy Fall Festival / Dyslexia Dash 5K

Vicky Asher from Horizon Academy said they are the only school in the Kansas City area that serves children with diagnosed learning disabilities through the 12th grade. They are planning a Dyslexia Dash in partnership with the local branch of the International Dyslexia Association along with a Fall Fest on October 6th. She is asking for help in coordinating police staff to cordon off some of the streets to have that race. This is the third time they have put on this event and the route has been clearly laid out. She has already spoken with City Administrator Moody and Police Chief Morris and asked for approval from the Council.

Police Chief Morris added this is a 5K event route that they have had for seven years and not just with this organization. His department is very familiar with the traffic conditions and the roads they have to close. It does require some overtime of an in-kind donation for the event. They are looking at approximately \$1,200 of in-kind recovery for the police department.

CMBR Janssen suggested in addition to the \$1,200 in-kind to overtime to waive the \$150 permit fee.

MOTION: CMBR JANSSEN MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE HORIZON ACADEMY FALL FESTIVE AND DYSLEXIA DASH 5K ON OCTOBER 6, 2018, WITH SUPPORT BY THE POLICE STAFF TO COVER THE ROUTE AND CLOSE STREETS AS NEEDED, AS WELL AS \$1,200 OF IN-KIND DONATION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR OVERTIME AND TO WAIVE THE \$150 PERMIT FEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

V. WORKSHOP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. 47th and Mission Update – Jen Hill

CMBR Hill reported the district is looking at moving forward with bike striping and working on obtaining grants to create separate bike lanes.

CMBR Poppa added the complete minutes of the meeting are in the packet as well as draft recommendations from the steering committee and BikeWalkKC for the striping and streetscaping that CMBR Hill mentioned.

VI. REPORTS OF CITY LIAISONS

A. MARC – Bike & Pedestrian (Claudia McCormack and Mike Kelly)

CMBR McCormack stated this is a wide-reaching committee. They are very excited about May Bike Month and will be promoting the May 5th opening event at Nall Park on their website. They are also eager to get wayfinding signs regarding recreational and transit components in our community to be consistent throughout the metro.

B. NE Animal Control (Tom Madigan and Michael Poppa)

CMBR Madigan reported they have passed the 2018 budget with no increase in fees. The City of Mission will be withdrawing at the end of 2019. They will be performing the service in-house and using two people as community officers who will provide other services in addition to animal control.

C. Storm water Management Advisory Council (Jose Leon and Tim Janssen)

Public Works Director Leon said that the SMAC is continuing to try to implement the strategic plan they did in 2016. The first phase is to assist cities in obtaining their storm water infrastructure inventory and condition. The county has issued an RFQ to perform that service. The committee will be going to the communities to present the new strategic plan and Mr. Leon may help with some of the presentations.

CMBR Fast said one problem has been a lack of leadership of SMAC in bringing cities together. She said each city has their own development plan and they are not looking at the impacts their development is making outside their own area, where the runoff is going and how it is impacting Turkey Creek.

Public Works Director Leon said SMAC has paid attention to the effects of development and is working to get communities together to especially pay attention to the watershed. They will be providing the same amount of funding but it will be split five or six different ways to address flooding, maintenance and other items it will fund. He added that they will make a formal presentation in the near future to the Council.

D. Pool Advisory Committee

CMBR Madigan, Chair of the committee, stated on March 20th, they would be reviewing two professional organizations to do a study on the pool, to provide ideas and input of whether the dome can be a long-term plan.

Mayor Kelly asked when they would get an update on the RFQ. The advisory committee stated six months, but CMBR Madigan said they do not need to go out that long and they need answers more quickly than that. He will make certain to discuss that point with each RFQ response.

CMBR Hill expressed concerned about the interviews if the companies were going to work to help find other funding sources or whether they would just give an opinion on the dome, especially if they are looking at spending between \$32,000 and \$82,000. CMBR Madigan said they will not spend \$82,000. CMBR Hill said those are the bids and there is a lot that she would want from the company other than to use or not use the dome. CMBR Madigan said they have to abide by the request put out.

City Administrator Moody said the scope they put out is broad and is a guide. He added the Council had the opportunity to review what was put out in the RFQ and that it would be the backbone of a contract document. If they would want something clarified or a particular step completed, he suggested they review the RFQ, e-mail him and he will share their input with the Pool Advisory Committee.

CMBR Madigan added that it will be an open meeting but only the Pool Advisory Committee will be interviewing the people and they will not be taking any outside suggestions.

CMBR Janssen asked if JCPRD would be sharing in the cost. City Administrator Moody said they would not.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business discussed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018 CARS Roe Lane Bid Responses

Public Works Director Leon said this project is for Roe Lane between County Line and Roe Boulevard. The design is complete and the RFP for construction services is now before the Council. The project will include new sidewalk to be constructed toward County Line Road from 48th Street. Bike lanes will be striped on Roe Lane coming into Roeland Park. They will also bump out the street corner at 48th Street to prevent cars from speeding around onto Roe Boulevard. A one-half mile of deteriorated corrugated metal pipe under Roe Lane will be replaced. Also included in the project is a base street repair, mill and overlay, streetlight improvements and new crosswalks.

The estimated cost of the project is expected to be \$1.6 million. Public Works is recommending awarding the contract to Amino Brothers for \$1,108,212.80, which is lower than anticipated for construction.

CMBR Fast said it is critical that since this project flows into Roe Boulevard that the streetlights match. She feels this is one of the gateways into the City and should be treated as one. She added that the City's history is a hodgepodge, things are patched and there is no defined plan.

Public Works Director Leon said the walkability and bikeability is a large connection they are adding by having the sidewalk there. They are not anticipating using Roe Boulevard type streetlights on this project because it has not yet been identified what is to be used on Roe Boulevard. They are getting the lights off wooden poles and onto metal poles. He also added KCP&L owns the traffic lights. They will make modifications for crossing timing to improve the crossing of Roe Lane and 48th Street.

CMBR Poppa said it was never anticipated during Roe 2020 to replace all the streetlights in Roeland Park to match the more decorative streetlights planned for Roe Boulevard.

MOTION: CMBR THOMPSON MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH AMINO BROTHERS COMPANY, INC. TO CONSTRUCT THE 2018 ROE LANE CARS PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,108,212.80. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

B. 2018 Chip Seal Street Maintenance Responses

Public Works Director Leon directed the Council to a map in their packet of where they anticipate replacing chip seal streets for 2018. He recommended awarding the contract to Vance Brothers in the amount of \$70,957.25 to perform the chip seal.

MOTION: CMBR JANSSEN MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 2018 CHIP SEAL STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT TO VANCE BROTHERS, INC. AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$70,957.25. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0. CMBR POPPA WAS NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE.)

C. 2018 UBAS Street Maintenance Responses

Public Works Director Leon said he picked these two streets, Buena Vista and 51st Street, as they have higher traffic flows and they want to see how this type of street maintenance performs over time with larger traffic amounts. The

project also fell right within their budget. He recommended Council approve awarding the contract to McAnany Construction at a cost not to exceed \$102,904 for UBAS.

Mr. Leon added that their budget is roughly \$210,000. Between the chip seal and the UBAS, the work is about 174,000. They will try to use the remaining portion of those funds to contract out for their curb repair and replacement program. They have about 1,100-1,200 linear feet of curb that follows along where they are doing their in-house street maintenance. By contracting it out they hope to get it completed in a timely manner.

CMBR Janssen asked if they can do that much with the under \$35,000 left. Public Works Director Leon said it would be pretty close, adding that if they get into a funds issue, they still have Special Street funds available.

CMBR Janssen asked how the UBAS performed on 50th Terrace. Public Works Director Leon said the work was done last year and so far so good. They have also gotten a lot of good resident feedback about it. The work was done on a cul-de-sac and has performed better than what they thought it would at this point. Mr. Leon said going forward any cul-de-sac in Roeland Park should have that type of surface treatment or better.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR MCCORMACK SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 2018 UBAS STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT TO MCANANY CONSTRUCTION INC. AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$102,904.00. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

D. Appointment to Events and Board of Zoning Appeals

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR THOMPSON SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF AMY STOECKER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND CAROL MUEHLBERGER TO THE EVENTS COMMITTEE. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

E. Discuss City Serving as General Contractor for R Park Shade Structures

City Administrator Moody said he had been meeting with a volunteer architect and a volunteer contractor, Jan Duncan, who has provided work to the City in the past. Mr. Duncan is willing to donate his time on the construction of both of the shelters for R Park. By completing the construction with a volunteer contractor, the City can avoid going through the bid process and avoid the expense of preparing bid documents and administering the process. The City engineer would review the structural components and provide a seal so that the City knows that what is being built is safe. This could potentially save the City over \$3,000.

CMBR Thompson asked about insurance for the project. City Administrator Moody said they would ask Mr. Duncan to provide property casualty and worker's compensation insurance certifications so that they know he is insured for the work he will be doing.

CMBR Madigan asked if something goes wrong, then who is responsible. City Administrator Moody said if it is a material issue, then the City takes on the risk as the general contractor. If it is a workmanship issue, they can go back to Mr. Duncan and say they feel that this is something he should be responsible for repairing. City Administrator Moody added that these are fairly simple structures to construct.

CMBR Poppa asked the city attorney if there was a conflict of interest in such a project and City Attorney Mauer said there is no conflict.

MOTION: CMBR THOMPSON MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED THAT THE CITY SERVE AS THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR THE 2 SMALL SHADE STRUCTURES PROPOSED AT R PARK. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

F. Review and Preliminary Approval of Objectives

A. Enhance Communication and Engagement with the Community

1. Engage Youth through Revamped Youth Advisory Committee

Mayor Kelly said this is already an item within the Roeland Park Code for a Youth Advisory Committee. He believes it would be helpful to utilize this opportunity to engage them. Mayor Kelly said he has met with Social Studies teachers from Bishop Miege and Shawnee Mission North and believes this is a great opportunity to engage a block of the community.

There was consensus to move forward with this item.

2. Enhance Data for Decision-Making through Updated Community Satisfaction Survey

City Administrator Moody said the Citizen Satisfaction Survey completed in 2016 was approximately \$15,000. The \$20,000 figure now reflects an additional business component to the survey.

CMBR Madigan said they have completed four surveys in the last four years and believes every two years is too soon. He recommended every three, possibly four years.

CMBR McCormack said three years is a good amount of time.

CMBR Fast wants the \$20,000 to provide more information than they have gotten in the past. She said they all know citizens like the police, have problems with codes enforcement, et cetera.

There was a majority consensus to move forward and continue the discussion at a later time.

3. Educate and Support Greener Yard Waste Management

CMBR McCormack believes the price of \$6,000 is high for the first year. She did not think the City should provide the actual compost bins to residents as it takes up a lot of room to use them. She would like to see a rebate to residents who utilize the bins. She also felt the success of the program hinges on advertising and making the citizens aware.

CMBR Poppa said the item could go back to the Sustainability Committee to come up with the educational program and then look at a rebate system in 2020.

Mayor Kelly added that from what he knows the Sustainability Committee would be willing to help where they can. Where education is necessary, they can find the right people to speak on the topic.

CMBR Hill said she liked the idea and would like to see something about rain barrels. She added that she would be happy to take that to Sustainability.

CMBR Janssen said the county had a similar program in the 90s for a compost barrel and maybe they could contact them for any support.

CMBR Poppa suggested the possibility of passing the savings onto residents if the City could purchase bins at cost. CMBR McCormack said they would take up two pallets and did not want the Public Works Department to have to lose that amount of space by storing them while they're waiting to be purchased.

There was majority consensus to move forward with this item.

4. Roeland Park Community Center Open House Event

CMBR Madigan wanted to promote the Community Center along with the National Night Out. He said with the ever-changing population many residents may not be aware of all the center has to offer.

There was majority consensus to move forward with this item.

5. Draft Council Meeting and Workshop Minutes to be Available to Public and Governing Body within Two Weeks of Meeting Date

The preparer of the minutes is making every effort to meet the two-week timeline requested.

There was majority consensus to move forward with this item.

B. Improve Community Assets

1. Build a Replica of the Roe House as a Play and Historical Structure for a City Park.

CMBR Janssen thought it might be a neat way to reflect on the historical roots of the City as they do not have any real historical icons in the city. He did feel the estimated \$10,000 figure as a bit high. He has reached out to Mayor Emeritus Marquardt, who is an architect, and said that he would be happy to volunteer and help with that objective.

CMBR Fast would like for CMBR Janssen to talk to the Parks Committee. She likes the Community Center idea but does not see that there is any room at R Park for the play structure and also it does not fit into Nall Park.

They did credit former Councilmember Sherri McNeil for this idea.

There was majority consensus to move forward with this item.

2. Implement a “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” Program that will Assist Low-Income and Elderly Homeowners with Property Maintenance Code Violations using Volunteers when Possible.

CMBR Poppa said this item came from the Strategic Plan. He has spoken with residents and has garnered a lot of support from the community. This would also tie into the Youth Advisory Committee as they could provide a service to the community. They would allow them to help with the planning and implementation as well as the workload of the Neighbors Helping Neighbors to complete service hours and also provide manpower to do some of the physical labor.

Ms. Jones-Lacy added the Youth Advisory Committee would be responsible for coordinating the events, soliciting volunteers and also performing some of the work. The work to be done would be focusing on property maintenance code violation issues that homeowners cannot afford or are unable to complete. The pilot program could possibly help fund some of those projects.

CMBR McCormack asked how they would differentiate eligibility between rental properties and owner-occupied. Ms. Jones-Lacy stated the property has to be owner-occupied. They are looking to model the program after Mission’s program, Mission Possible.

CMBR Janssen also asked how this program is different than the minor home repair program. Ms. Jones-Lacy said it is similar to the minor home program except that it is not exclusively focusing on property code violations or just on exterior repairs but that it would also include interior repairs such as ADA and HVAC improvements. John Jacobson, the City’s Building Official, offered to oversee the smaller projects with volunteer labor. If they need to hire someone, they would do that with the funds from the program.

City Administrator Moody said there is a potential to have some program overlap but this is an opportunity to get into the gap and has an opportunity to have a visual impact in someone’s neighborhood.

There was majority consensus for a preliminary approval on this item.

3. Replace Nall Park receptacles, benches and picnic tables

There was Consensus to move forward with this objective.

C. Keep Our Community Safe & Secure – for all citizens, businesses, and visitors.

1. Work toward Lowering Ecological Impact through Climate Mayors, Global Compact of Mayors

Mayor Kelly said this is an international organization where mayors are working together to provide assistance through their citizens making a commitment to lower their emissions. Mayor Sly James of Kansas City is one of the founders of the program. This will have an impact to not only help lower some of the costs on utilities used by the City but has a side benefit of keeping the air cleaner. The Sustainability Committee has been working on this to begin an emissions inventory.

CMBR Janssen asked how it would be monitored. Mayor Kelly said the software is provided by the organization and it works with utilities to monitor how much the City spends.

There was a general consensus to move forward with this item.

2. Add K-9 Unit to Police Force

CMBR Janssen asked how the fundraising is going. Police Chief Morris said they're close to \$7,000 and got \$100 tonight. He added they are working hard to reach the \$75,000 goal.

There was full consensus to move forward with this item.

3. Add Motorcycle Unit to Patrol Fleet

Police Chief Morris said Roeland Park is one of two agencies in Johnson County that does not have a motorcycle unit. This would be another tool to enhance traffic safety and it is sometimes difficult stopping speeders. He did not have final numbers but his preliminary information shows the motorcycle program would pay for itself in six months.

Chief Morris said he has several officers that are certified riders that would receive additional in-house training who have expressed interest in the program.

There was a full consensus to move forward with this item.

4. Promote National Night Out with the Police Department and the Ability to do a Ride-Along with the Police

CMBR Madigan said this can have an impact on young people and adults when they need a police officer and they would be more apt to call the Police Department when they see something suspicious rather than posting on NextDoor and Mr. Madigan posting asking if they have called the police. He said they need to get the community more involved in calling the police directly. This would work together with the Community Center Open House.

Mayor Kelly suggested inviting the Consolidated Fire District to the open house as well. CMBR Madigan said in the past Chief Morris has had people from the fire district present.

There was preliminary approval to move forward with this item.

D. Provide Great Customer Service – with professional, timely and friendly staff.

1. Pilot Program- Contract for Public Information and Branding Services

CMBR Poppa said a lot is going on in the City, new development, new business openings, and a lot of community events. They have a need to publicize the events and make sure the community is aware of them. With a new website coming up and a newsletter eight times a year a lot was placed on staff. He said it would behoove the City to have someone dedicated to communications and marketing even if only on a contract basis.

Mayor Kelly said they have a leaner staff per capita than most cities in Johnson County. There is a lot of work to be done as a Public Information Officer to effectively communicate with the constituents and is vital with the community not only to promote events but to make sure staff and the Governing Body are accountable and keeping a pulse on the City as to what the residents feel is important. Such a position goes a long way to make the community more engaging for everyone and makes them better public servants if they can hear more from their constituents.

CMBR Fast said she had this as a goal last year and has been working with City Clerk Bohon and Ms. Jones-Lacy as well as Andy from the City of Merriam. She added that \$15,000 had been allocated last year.

City Administrator Moody recommended developing an RFQ. He said with the size of their community it is hard to justify a full-time staff member but maybe they can find a committed part-time person to get the information and the City's brand out there.

CMBR Poppa said the crux is expertise, having someone who is trained in the field and knows the work. He has spoken with councilmembers from other cities who might be willing to push forward a shared officer in the future.

CMBR Fast said she is fine with this item and would like to see this integrated into her goal from last year because some of the work has already been done as they started the pilot program last year.

CMBR Madigan how much time would be required of a part-time person. City Administrator Moody said the original estimate is about 300 hours a year. They could give the person access to City information and they can do their work from a remote location.

CMBR Poppa added that this objective does pick up where Ms. Fast's objective began as the original information they got was very general. He would like to see them take that information and expand on it and implement it.

There was consensus to move this item forward.

2. Marketing Summer Aquatic Pool Activities

CMBR Fast would like to see a summer postcard advertising what's happening in the summer as well as the opening of the pool.

CMBR Madigan said this is appropriate as he is fielding a lot of questions about the pool. They need to get more customers to the pool and it is imperative to let the people know what's going on.

CMBR Poppa said he noticed there's a lot of filler being put into the newsletter. CMBR Fast said they could have a newsletter dedicated to the pool. Her issue is if it is stapled, some people don't open it up. If it's a postcard, then it goes on the refrigerator. She suggested maybe instead of a newsletter, they could print a big postcard.

CMBR Kelly said that subject of a discount came up at the Pool Advisory Committee meeting. The feedback they received back from JCPRD is that they did not believe that was a valid option.

CMBR McCormack's recollection was that the pool discount was under-utilized when they had it and, frankly, now they cannot afford to offer it.

CMBR Hill recommended the outside folded half could act as a pool postcard that has the information they are trying to get out.

CMBR Madigan said journalism teaches to get above the fold and to be the first thing on the front page they see. He added they need to prioritize what goes into the newsletter.

There was agreement to move forward to incorporate into the summer *Roeland Parker* issue to be dedicated to summer activities.

City Clerk Bohon said the next newsletter is in April and the May newsletter is dedicated to budget. She added the other side of the addressee page could be the pool info.

3. Develop and Consider Adoption of a Stormwater Utility Fee

City Administrator Moody said this concept not unique. City revenues are used to support stormwater infrastructure as well as the maintenance and street sweeping plays into that as well. He will work with the Public Works committee to develop a concept to be presented to the full Council for consideration. He said they need to take into consideration the character of Roeland Park. Mr. Moody said three areas of the City are currently subject to a stormwater assessment through drainage basin improvements in those neighborhoods. The assessments would not be assessed for a specific project and would be equally administered to residences.

CMBR Kelly asked what the \$12,000 would be spent on. City Administrator Moody said that would go towards an engineer to assist in looking at different models and developing a policy.

CMBR Madigan asked how sensitive they would be to the fact that he currently pays \$300 a year for a stormwater assessment. Mr. Moody said the Public Works Committee would be very sensitive to that fact and influences the different options that are out there. Some of those options might be to base a rate on a property's impervious surface, lot square footage, or a flat fee for all residents regardless of lot size.

City Administrator Moody said he has seen fees that range from \$50 per year to over \$500 a year.

CMBR Fast said they chose to do a benefit stormwater district. She worked for Congressman Moore and helped secure over a million dollars to assist the City. She said this is not good timing to discuss adding another fee especially following the increase in property values. She also added that 40 percent of the residents assessed a stormwater fee do not pay it.

City Administrator Moody said that residents that currently have an assessment would be exempt from the stormwater fee but would be to implement it on the residential and commercial areas that currently do not have an assessment. He added that when the current assessments retire, then those properties would become subject to the new assessment and would more than likely be at a reduced rate.

Public Works Director Leon added the request is not to implement an assessment but to study it, understand the options and their costs as well as answer questions that have already been asked.

CMBR Kelly recommended they wait on discussing this further. He said they have approved everything so far that maybe they can let this one go for now. City Administrator Moody added that timing is relevant and it is also a political issue. There is no sense in bringing something up that does not have any support at the Council level that is then going to be opposed by the residents. Mr. Moody said this is a beneficial tool to have but the timing of these issues is important.

CMBR Poppa asked if they would mind considering an edit to reflect Public Works Director Leon's comments about researching the item in 2019.

City Administrator Moody said he would rather put the item off as he would want to have the involvement of the committee and have fresh information.

The Council did not reach a consensus to move forward with this item.

4. Public Works Summer Engineering Intern

CMBR Hill stated that this would be a well-paid intern. Public Works Director Leon said it would be an engineering student. He added a lot of cities are hiring engineering interns for the summer and he compared what they are being paid, adding that he did not believe Roeland Park should be the cheapest.

There was a general consensus to move forward with this item.

5. Purchase Paint Striping Machine for Traffic Pavement Markings

CMBR Madigan asked what life expectancy would be on this piece of equipment. Public Works Director Leon said he would find out but his best guess would be more than ten years with proper maintenance and use. They are doing a lot more striping than they've ever done and are having to rent or borrow equipment, which puts them at the mercy of another city's schedule.

CMBR Madigan said when amortized over ten years it is an acceptable price.

There was a general consensus to move forward with this item.

E. Cultivate a Rewarding Work Environment – where creativity, efficiency, and productivity are continuous pursuits.

1. Look at Options for City to Match Employee Self-Directed Retirement Contributions That Do Not Increase Cost to the City

City Administrator Moody anticipates the Finance Committee and the Employee Advisory Committee will look at the options within the tight parameters they have outlined.

There was a general consensus to move forward with this item.

F. Encourage Investment in Our Community – whether it be redevelopment, new development or maintenance

1. Incorporate Review of Residential Development Guidelines in the Comprehensive Plan Update

Mayor Kelly said the Comprehensive Plan Update is already scheduled for 2019. They have talked about a good time to do a Residential Review Guideline and given the dynamics of the tear-downs in Roeland Park, this is a necessary endeavor so they don't end up having to grandfather in too many things. They will include the Residential Redevelopment Guidelines as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

City Administrator Moody said the \$15,000 is in addition to funds currently allocated for the Comprehensive Plan Update.

CMBR Janssen asked about a joint meeting between the Council and the Planning Commission.

Ms. Jones-Lacy will discuss that with the Planning Commission a schedule for a joint meeting but that it would probably take place after the budget, possibly in November.

There was a general consensus to move forward with this item.

2. Design and Development of Four to Five Historical Markers/Interpretive Signage

CMBR Fast said a lot of cities have historical markers and the City is not doing anything to mark their history. She loves the history of the Community Center and feels like people should know the history. Also, many residents are passing away and they are not documenting their contribution to Roeland Park. She said they have Sweany Park in honor of a City Clerk of 30 years. She also said they have an incredible history with the Strang Line Road stop. They tore down the Roe family house and she would love to see a sign where the Roe family was. She would also like to see markers at R Park denoting the history of the school and markers for when the city was founded. She said items like this create a sense of community. CMBR Fast also said the person who created the name of Roe passed recently. She has contacted Johnson County History Museum who would be willing to work with the city. Ms. Fast said she recognizes it is a high-budget item but she would at least like to start the process.

City Administrator Moody said funding set aside for wayfinding is not enough to purchase the historic signs but agreed that the timing is good.

CMBR Hill said she loves this idea. She wants to see this happening and thinks it is great timing with Roe 2020 and the geocaches all along Roe Boulevard.

CMBR Poppa also loved the idea and supports the project.

Mayor Kelly also suggested incorporating information into the new website either using QR codes or a device scanner.

CMBR Madigan said he is embarrassed that when people ask him about the history of Roe he has to take them to Overland Park to see a sign. He said the Roe Family for whom the City and Roe Boulevard are named after did so much for this community it's unbelievable. The Roe sisters gave the City half of what is now Nall Park and he thinks it is time to have history recorded in Roeland Park.

There was a general consensus to move forward and get more information on the cost to determine if this would also be a multi-year project.

3. Community Center – Exterior and Interior Concept Design Renderings Improvement Plan

CMBR Fast said they have done a lot to move the site forward. It has a retro image and she believes there could be more done with the retro image to bring it up to date. She feels they could use the space so that it didn't feel so much like a 1950s school. CMBR Fast has spoken with Mayor Emeritus Marquardt who said he is willing to volunteer some time on this. She felt this is kind of a strategic plan item but is more an artistic design versus use. She would like to update the building to draw upon what it is.

CMBR Poppa thinks this is a great idea and that, frankly, the updates done recently were underwhelming. He asked would the design inform the functionality or would the programming and functionality inform the design. He would lean towards the functionality and the programming of the Community Center informing the design of the Community Center. He would like to see where JCPRD is with regards to that and what the City can bring in.

CMBR Hill stated her constituents tell her they are going to Mission because our Community Center does not take Silver Seekers. They are spending their money elsewhere because Roeland Park is not offering the programs they want. She too would love to see a beautiful community center.

There was majority consensus to move forward with this item.

4. Create Property Tax Assistance Program

Mayor Kelly said that given the large property tax increases, the highest in the county, seniors on fixed incomes or others on fixed incomes would still be able to afford the increases with the help of this program. They could create a rebate program to allow a portion of the increase that the City is going to receive from the increased property value and put that in a fund to help those genuinely in need and won't be able to afford the increase in their property tax assessment. He added that other communities in Johnson County do this. The application process would be very stringent. This would be limited to owner-occupied properties and a significant investigation would take place to make sure the need is legitimate.

CMBR Kelly said he supports this and thinks it is a great idea.

CMBR Fast thinks this is a great idea. She said they have three similar programs that are barely funded and would like to see one well-funded program.

CMBR Madigan said he too liked the idea.

City Administrator Moody added that they will likely roll back the mill levy. Ms. Jones-Lacy estimated it would be about 1.4 mills to comply with the tax lid laws. She said that is a very preliminary number as she does not have all the figures as of yet.

5. Install Bike Lane Striping Along 47th Street from Mission Road to Fontana Street

CMBR Hill said that once Mr. Leon gets his striping machine this will not be a problem. She said the road is wide enough to do the striping but they will need to fix some grades. It would also narrow the travel lanes and act to slow traffic down and provide connectivity. She noted there were huge discrepancies in price by BikeWalkKC and what Public Works Director Leon estimated.

CMBR Janssen said he would like to see Kansas City, Kansas on board to provide a cohesive trail. Public Works Director Leon will talk with their public works department.

CMBR Hill said they are talking with the 47th & Mission District for coordination.

There was preliminary approval to move forward with this item.

G. Work to Implement Strategic Plan Goals – in concert with the Strategic Plan Advocate Group.

1. Provide a Quarterly Progress Report on Strategic Plan Goals

Mayor Kelly said he would like staff to provide a quarterly progress report on where they are on strategic goals.

There was consensus to move forward with this item.

2. Reinstate and Fund Citywide Art Program (formerly Art in R Park)

CMBR Poppa said that in reinstating the art program it would provide the opportunity to showcase the art and also allow for the annual maintenance of the City's art to avoid the problem they are having now where they have degrading pieces of art throughout the City.

For 2019, it is proposed that the program focuses on art along Roe Boulevard making sure that it is not in conflict with Roe 2020. The Art Committee has been cataloging and working to either fix, maintain, or relocate other pieces of art throughout the city. This will also allow them to procure some other pieces. Nall Park has been identified as a potential for another piece of art.

There was a general consensus to move forward with this item.

IX. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.

X. WORKSHOP ITEMS

There were no items discussed.

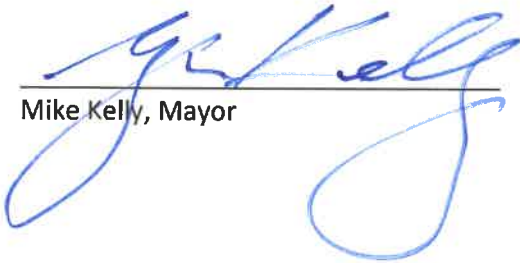
XI. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

There were no reports given.

XII. ADJOURN

MOTION: CMBR FAST MOVED AND CMBR JANSSEN SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 9:38 p.m.)



Mike Kelly, Mayor



Kelley Bohon, City Clerk