

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, April 16, 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

There were no modifications to the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG APPLICATIONS

Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing stating that the Community Development Block Grant is a federal program through HUD that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of development needs. There are three projects before the Governing Body for consideration. The City is limited to a potential \$200,000 in CDBG funds every two years and Mayor Kelly reviewed the requirements for receiving those funds.

City Administrator Moody said having three projects is a requirement of the process and they have been able to identify projects that meet the criteria. The projects need to show that 33.92 percent of the population that benefits from those improvements are qualified to be low to moderate income families. The total cost of the projects is \$260,000 and with \$200,000 being requested, the \$60,000 would be a local match from the City.

City Administrator Moody added that this is a competitive process. The City was fortunate to be awarded \$100,000 in a CDBG grant for 2018 for a street project that is still under design but will be completed this year. He further stated there is no guarantee that any application is awarded funds. One of the projects is a cul-de-sac street project, one is an ADA accessible sidewalk along Nall to Nall Park, and the third is a mill and overlay project with curb replacement and lighting improvements.

Mr. Moody said he felt strongest about the street-related improvement project because it is clear who the benefactors are of the improvements.

Mayor Kelly agreed with staff's recommendation for street improvements noting that those repairs would not come from the budget and the funds could be directed elsewhere for other improvements such as the Community Center and the Aquatics Center.

CMBR Fast said she served on the CDBG committee, which is made up of citizens, and the scoring is very subjective. She felt the Community Center would be a better candidate because it has a wider community reach and would, therefore, choose the Community Center and Aquatics Center projects.

City Administrator Moody said pre-2000 the Community Center was a location for CDBG funding in the past and felt the project would certainly qualify.

CMBR Janssen asked for information on the El Monte project. Public Works Director Leon said the street is in fair condition. He said it will take more than street resurfacing, chip seal or UBAS to correct what's going on with the street. There is also some curb that needs to be replaced and they are requesting to add street lighting in some of the darker areas of the street.

CMBR Poppa said in the report the street is listed as poor. Public Works Director Leon said he would re-evaluate the street's condition to make certain the report is accurate.

CMBR Madigan stated he would support the Community Center and the pool for CDBG funding. He said there are water and parking issues and the whole Skyline campus at the site has been ignored for far too long.

Mayor Kelly opened up the floor, but there were no public comments.

The Council was polled for their choice of projects.

The Community Center and Aquatics Center were supported by CMBRS Fast, Madigan, Hill, and McCormack

The El Monte street project was supported by CMBRS Janssen, Thompson, Kelly, and Poppa,

Mayor Kelly said the items that they would like to see accomplished for the Aquatics Center and the Community Center are line items as a community improvement project as well as in the budget for 2019 and those would be properly addressed there. He said having the funds for El Monte gives them a potential added benefit and he would chose that project to break the tie.

I. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mary Klier - Ms. Klier spoke in support of a year-round pool. She said that Roeland Park wants to be known as friendly, for family and a place to establish roots and you can have all of those things with a swimming pool. The pool is an investment in the City's youth and the community.

Bonnie Boyles (7212 Cherokee Dr., Prairie Village) - Ms. Boyles spoke to her family ties to the area, their use of the pool and is in support of year-round operations.

Dennis Mueller (12513 W. 121st St., Overland Park) Mr. Mueller is the swim coach for Bishop Miege High School and has been coaching in Roeland Park for over 20 years. His team has been unable to find a place to practice but was offered some time at the Kansas City Swim Academy. He said if the Roeland Park Aquatics Center is gone, the swim team at Bishop Miege could be gone. He also said that his program is growing and they are looking to increase rental usage next year. He concluded saying that as long as the pool is there, they will be there.

Chas Peterson (5031 W. 47th St.) Mr. Peterson also spoke in support of a year-round pool saying that having a zero-depth ten lane facility teaching environment is hard to come by not just for the competitive teams but for the whole community.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Appropriation Ordinance # 915**
- B. March 19, 2018 Council Minutes**

C. Reappointment to the Events Committee and Appointment to Community Foundation Board from the Events Committee

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

III. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A. APPLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Parks Update – Nall Park Multi-Purpose Trail Sign

Public Works Director Leon presented the proposed sign logo for the single track at Nall Park. The Parks Committee has been working to complete the trail head sign, which would incorporate some city wayfinding. There will be two signs, one at the north end and one at the south end near the Community Center.

CMBR Thompson asked for clarification on the yield design. Mr. Leon said runners and bikers yield to walkers and bikers yield to both.

2. Laura Steele - Park 2 Park Run

Ms. Steele said the Park 2 Park Run will take place September 29th, a week earlier than previously stated. The start and stop location will be at the Community Center. She presented the two planned routes, a 7-mile route and the other a 5K.

Mayor Kelly thanked Ms. Steele for putting this activity together and recognized that the first year organizing an event is the hardest. He asked if there was anything as a City they could be doing to help with the project. Ms. Steele said the waiving of fees would be wonderful. Mayor Kelly said they will do what they can to help out with the run.

CMBR Janssen asked if they had asked for an in-kind donation with the Chief of Police on traffic control. Ms. Steele spoke with Chief Morris and they are willing to participate.

MOTION: CMBR THOMPSON MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PARK 2 PARK RUN PERMIT AND WAIVE THE PERMIT FEE. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

3. Laura Steele – Safe Routes to School

Ms. Steele presented the Roesland Elementary Safe Route to School case study and checklist. Also present with Ms. Steele was Joan Lemmon, Sustainability Coordinator from the Shawnee Mission School District, who was an amazing champion on this project.

Ms. Lemmon addressed the Governing Body providing a background of how this idea has expanded. Ms. Lemmon said they have received funding to improve street signage and marking and they were also able to share some of that funding with St. Agnes Elementary. She thanked City Administrator Moody for being completely behind this effort. She also recognized Public Works Director Leon who spent a lot of time working with them and on the improvements. She thanked Police Chief Morris who was very willing to participate with them.

She said they have not only created a model that can be used throughout the Shawnee Mission School District, but they are now sharing it with Blue Valley School District and it is available to any others who express interest and is available to the 13 other municipal partners in Shawnee Mission.

CMBR Janssen asked if the map could be published on the City resources. Ms. Lemmon said this was created by Johnson County AIMS using data from Roeland Park's Police Department and the school district and is available.

CMBR Kelly thanked Ms. Lemmon and Ms. Steele for being present at the meeting and noted what a great opportunity this is for Roeland Park to be the pilot program and the case study is a great resource.

City Administrator Moody added that Ms. Lemmon and Ms. Steele were the force behind this as well as the other volunteers on the committee. He added that he, Mr. Leon and Chief Morris were happy to help and were grateful they were the ones leading this and that they learned a lot as they went through the process. He thanked them for their vision to put together something that not only serves Roeland Park but any community who takes the time to read through it. He also thanked them for finding extra money to make the improvements.

(Applause)

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Roeland Park School Walkout Day Proclamation

Friday, April 20, students from both Shawnee Mission North who are Roeland Park residents as well as Bishop Miege High School will be leading a national walkout as a part of the program with 2,000 schools throughout the nation to exercise their First Amendment rights to ask for more action on gun control.

Mayor Kelly read the Roeland Park School Walkout Day Proclamation into the record.

B. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Kelly read the Arbor Day Proclamation into the record.

C. Fair Housing Proclamation

Mayor Kelly read the Fair Housing Proclamation into the record.

D. Police Week Proclamation

Mayor Kelly said the City appreciates the good work that their force does in Roeland Park and would like to honor them by declaring May 13 through 19 as National Police Week.

Mayor Kelly read the Police Week Proclamation into the record.

E. Public Works Week Proclamation

Mayor Kelly said there is a fantastic Public Works crew in Roeland Park that does a lot of work in-house and allows them the opportunity to keep their streets, sidewalks and parks in great shape. He said they appreciate the efforts of Public Works Director Leon and his crew.

Mayor Kelly read the Public Works Week Proclamation into the record.

F. City Clerk Week Proclamation

Mayor Kelly said how appreciative they are appreciate of City Clerk Bohon and her efforts in keeping the City on track and all the good that she has performed and continues to perform.

Mayor Kelly read the City Clerk Week Proclamation into the record.

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR THOMPSON SECONDED TO ADOPT ROELAND PARK SCHOOL WALKOUT DAY, ARBOR DAY, FAIR HOUSING, POLICE WEEK AND PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, AND CITY CLERK WEEK PROCLAMATIONS. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

V. WORKSHOP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports given.

VI. REPORTS OF CITY LIAISONS

There were no reports given

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no reports given

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Revisit Direction on Replacing Aquatic Center Dome

Mayor Kelly said the items were discussed thoroughly during Workshop meetings. New information from Parks and Recreation District was provided to Mr. Moody. He would also allow each Councilmember the opportunity to provide a statement before a vote is made.

CMBR Thompson said she was unable to attend the Workshop and has not stated on the record her position. She said she has spent many a lunch hour at the pool swimming laps as she does triathlons and missed the when she was pregnant last fall and winter. She did miss the pool and would like to have infant swim lessons for her child. She loves the pool and knows how much it's needed in the winter. If they can find a way to do it, she would love to do it. She is reticent, however, with the financial commitment it would take for the City to do it alone.

CMBR Fast said the information that the Parks and Recreation District sent to the Governing Body might not be known by the public about the insurance not covering all of the dome issues and also the additional cost of \$200,000 and asked City Administrator Moody to make a further clarification.

City Administrator Moody said the process has become more complex as the dome structure must be compliant with current regulations. The estimated cost of the support structure is estimated to be \$450,000-\$500,000 and the insurance company is willing to contribute \$300,000 towards that. The \$200,000 would be the responsibility of the City or JCPRD to raise. The information has been presented to JCPRD but their board has not reviewed all the information and, therefore, Mr. Moody is unable to say what their position would be in regards to that \$200,000 gap.

CMBR McCormack said even if they can meet the deadlines, it's like putting a brand new car frame on an old jalopy. She said there are so many structural issues that have been found through this process that it is not feasible to approach it from the dome perspective. She would love to look at the options of extended seasons and believes there are other solutions other than the dome.

CMBR Hill said that throughout this process the decision has been a tough one. She agrees with everyone. She agrees with the ones arguing from the heart that need the pool for their kids, for family members with special needs, and for themselves to stay fit and active. She also agrees with those who believe this is too much money. With the new information that they have gotten she does not think that the dome is the right way to go. She also said that adding the safety structure will interfere with the summer pool as far as the footings. She has not given up on the pool. She does want it year round. She is also confident in the feasibility study they will come up with something that is better than the current dome setup.

Mayor Kelly thanked everyone who spoke on this issue and also those who have called and met with him to talk about their passion for the pool. He understands the passion of the citizens and how much of a family the greater swimming community is. He also recognized that JCPRD has worked very hard and very diligently with the City. He also said it is an apparent conclusion that they will not be able to open the pool for the fall and winter seasons. The timeline that has been set is too aggressive. The newly added additions of the new frame and the footings would change the fundamental character of the pool. From everything that has been said, JCPRD is not interested in putting that kind of money into the pool. He also said that passing that expense to the residents by raising the mill levy would not be done.

CMBR Fast thanked those who have supported the efforts of the pool and she herself has been on the pool advisory committee for years working to effect changes. She has spoken with JCPRD and does not have a reason why the board no longer wishes to support the pool. She has attended their meetings and talked to the board members several times and has gotten nothing but resistance which doesn't make sense since swimming is growing. The Blazers came to the County Commission 20 years ago and advocated for swimming. At that time the City was building a summer pool and they were approached by JCPRD saying they were looking for a space for a winter pool. She said not continuing with a year-round pool will take Blazers and Masters and residents, but she will continue to advocate with the County Commission and JCPRD because she sees them coming back in a few years. Ms. Fast said she will continue to fight for this as long as she lives in this community and that there will be something.

CMBR Poppa said this isn't the end of the Roeland Park Aquatic Center but recognized that it is sad to say that they're not going to have the year-round pool but sees this as a new beginning for the community and for the aquatic center. He said they are all willing to fight for what that will look like in the future and make it the best possible place that it can be and he is excited for that.

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR MCCORMACK SECONDED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO DISCONTINUE PURSUING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE POOL DOME AND LIGHTING. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

B. Approve Service Contract for Pool Analysis

City Administrator Moody said the scope of services became a little bit more detailed after sitting down with representatives from the consultant who recommended implementing a plan for transition.

CMBR Kelly said he is excited about this study and thinks this is the direction they need to go into. The dome is a fragile structure and they need to look at something more permanent.

MOTION: CMBR THOMPSON MOVED AND CMBR JANSSEN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE WATER'S EDGE CONSULTANT TO COMPLETE THE POOL ANALYSIS. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

C. Approve Solid Waste Assessment for 2019

Mayor Kelly said this was discussed at a previous Workshop. One option for solid waste fees is to include Public Works hours and one is without.

Public Works Director Leon said he did a lot of research on leaf programs with other communities around the nation and no other community excludes their employees' staff time in their assessment and it is all one package. This is a how they truly cost out how much their program costs their city and their residents.

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE SOLID WASTE SERVICE ASSESSMENT FOR 2019 WITHOUT THE PUBLIC WORKS HOURS. (MOTION CARRIED 7-1 WITH CMBR MCCORMACK VOTING NO.)

D. Voting During Workshops

CMBR Poppa asked what would be the procedures before they get the voting system in place. City Administrator Moody said they could poll the Council at a random start point or they could do a hand vote. Whatever method they choose is up to the discretion of the Council.

CMBR Madigan said he felt this was not an efficient process. He said they are not voting on an item and are only asking for an opinion on which way a Councilmember is leaning on an issue.

CMBR McCormack believes when they know how people are leaning it gives them direction for discussion.

CMBR Fast echoed CMBR Poppa on not recording names on initiatives. She did not want people to view their Workshop discussions as an actual vote.

CMBR Hill likes the transparency to let people know what they're thinking and it is okay to change their mind by the time they get to a Council vote.

Mayor Kelly said it gives people a feel of where they are as a Governing Body, but also directs the Governing Body on whether they should move an item forward to Council. This would also be helpful for people who listen to or read the minutes from the meeting.

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR MCCORMACK SECONDED TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL TO RECORD THE GOVERNING BODY'S DIRECTION DURING WORKSHOP BY NUMBER OF VOTES. (MOTION CARRIED 6-2 WITH CMBR HILL AND CMBR MADIGAN VOTING NO.)

Poll the Council

Fast - Y Madigan - N Janssen - Y Hill - N McCormack - Y Thompson - Y Kelly - Y Poppa - Y

E. Maintenance Agreements for City Facilities (Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC)

Public Works Director Leon said these agreements will include a regular maintenance schedule for services, something they have not had in the past.

MOTION: CMBR THOMPSON MOVED AND SECONDED BY CMBR FAST TO APPROVE THE 2018-2020 ON-CALL BUILDING SERVICES FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES WITH MARK ONE ELECTRIC, FOR HVAC SERVICES WITH LIPPERT MECHANICAL, AND FOR PLUMBING SERVICES WITH LEXINGTON PLUMBING. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

F. Motorized Vehicles in City Parks and Trails

CMBR Madigan suggested this item to keep dirt bikes and motorized vehicles off the newly built Nall Park trail for both safety reasons and potential damage to the trail. An ordinance has been drafted and the trail signs say no motorized vehicles. He added that motorized wheelchairs are able to go into the park.

CMBR Kelly said it is a good ordinance, but did not see any language for exceptions at events.

CMBR Poppa would like to see an exception of events and wondered if a child's motorized vehicle would be allowed on the path.

There was agreement that exceptions for events could be made through a special use permit.

CMBR McCormack questioned whether the ordinance should say parks and not limit it to trails only.

City Administrator Moody said he was under the impression the City Attorney would incorporate language during special events and they were exempted the same way they exempt City employees doing maintenance on the parks.

CMBR Thompson would prefer to wait until the language could be added before adding.

Christine, the City Attorney assistant, said the language in the ordinance does state, "unless otherwise permitted by the City," but could add in further language.

Mayor Kelly recommended also adding "or exempted by the City."

MOTION: CMBR THOMPSON MOVED AND SECONDED BY CMBR MADIGAN TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 965 WITH THE SO-STATED AMENDMENTS. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

G. Add Scale to Bucket of Big Wheel Loader

Public Works Director Leon said they had purchased a big wheel loader earlier in the year and wanted a scale to help track their salt usage as they currently have to guesstimate that figure. It will also help them from overloading the trucks which can be a safety hazard or damage the vehicle itself. The scale can be used to weigh other items than salt. They would like to purchase the scale with the extra funds from selling pieces of equipment over and above what they anticipated.

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND SECONDED BY CMBR THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE SCALE WEIGHING SYSTEM FROM LOUP ELECTRONICS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$6,180.00. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

IX. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.

X. WORKSHOP ITEMS

There were no items discussed.

XI. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

City Clerk Bohon showed the first draft of the website to the Governing Body.

CMBR McCormack said the 47th and Mission District meeting was rescheduled to the end of April and will bring a report at the next meeting.

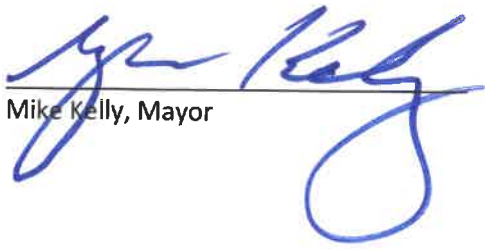
Mayor Kelly said there are work days at the trail to help it get ready for the Spring Fling Wednesday and Thursdays evenings at 5:30. Wear long sleeves and bring a water bottle.

The Community Forum will be April 23rd at the Community Center.

XII. ADJOURN

MOTION: CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned.)



Mike Kelly, Mayor



Kelley Bohon, City Clerk