

Roeland Park City Council - Administrative Committee

Minutes

Meeting of April 28, 2008

Attending: **Members:** Scott Gregory & Adrienne Foster
Others: Bill Art, John Carter, Megan England, Toni Hull, Mark Kohles, Bob Meyers, Debra Mootz, Steve Petrehn, Debbi Schraeder and a number of citizens

A. Appointment of Judge – Again, the Administrative Committee recommends changing the Charter Ordinance to make the City Judge an appointed position, including the amendments earlier included in the packet, effective with the '09 City Election. [MOTION]

B. The fireworks ordinance was discussed. While noting the air and noise pollution issues, majority sentiment seemed to support remaining the only jurisdiction in Johnson County allowing fireworks. Because enforcement problems were noted, the matter is being referred to the Safety Committee.

C. Conduct of Council Meetings was discussed at great length. Consensus among Council Members was that numerous problems remain, despite efforts to increase civility and efficiency. However, the problem seems to defy resolution as the Mayor once again offered very different interpretations of the role and duties of the Chair.

D. The immediate plan for the Roeland Park School Site was discussed, with particular emphasis on the past and continuing cost of delay. The Mayor shared timetable information from the Sheriff's Department not heretofore communicated to the Council. Consensus seemed to be that the County's budget process might have significant effect on the City's plans with regard to the property, despite earlier Council action and recommendations in the Comp Plan.

E. Discussion was again held regarding the State ruling regarding the definition of "attendance" at meetings; particularly that it apparently includes participation via telephone. Even though the qualification of a quorum by such means remains problematic for some, most in attendance seemed to believe that the City should continue to allow it.