

MINUTES
CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MEETING
ROELAND PARK
Roeland Park City Hall - 4600 W 51st Street
December 18, 2017 6:00 P.M.

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

Poppa
Fast

Finance

Kelly
Janssen

Safety

Thompson
Rhoades

Public Works

Kellerman
McNeil

CMBR Fast called the meeting to order. CMBR Janssen and CMBR Thompson were absent

MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

CMBR Rhoades wanted to move Item 8 to Item 4

CMBR Fast wanted to move Item 3 to Item 1

CMBR Kelly said they had a speaker for Item 1 present.

I. MINUTES

1. September 11, 2017

The minutes were approved as submitted.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Report on Objective A2 Monthly Communications Report

Government Communications Consultant Andy Graham said he has been working with staff on communications-related items. He noted that one of the Council’s objectives was to look at a monthly snapshot of public engagement. The Aquatics Center, Jobs and Yard Waste garnered the most views at the City’s website and he recommended making those most visible on the new website.

CMBR Fast said she liked the way this looked.

Mr. Graham said the new website will be developed by CivicPlus and they have a built-in analytics tool while will let staff look at search terms from visitors to the site and then allow the City to adjust the content accordingly. He said the analytics is a good start to writing a communications plan as far as looking at audiences, setting goals and looking at different ways to grow those audiences.

2. Resolution to Hold Public Hearing to Amend the TIF 1 Development Plan

City Administrator Moody said in order to amend the TIF 1 Development Plan a public hearing must be held with an actual resolution of the TIF with action taken on at the Council meeting. Mr. Moody provided the changes to be incorporated into the revised development plan and they are reflected in the financials to show where the resources would be used and that those resources are sufficient to meet the anticipated uses.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said the public hearing is scheduled for February 19, 2018.

There was consensus to move this item to New Business on the Council agenda.

3. Continued Discussion of Year Round Operation of the Aquatic Center

City Administrator Moody stated the CMBR Fast, CMBR Kelly and CMBR Janssen attended the JCPRD Recreation Committee meeting. He has updated the numbers in the staff report to reflect the estimated cost of the dome replacement as well as the county's position that if the City is interested in operating the pool year round that will replace the dome. It is an item that JCPRD insures and will pay for the dome replacement less their \$25,000 deductible. A decision needs to be made by February 2018 to allow enough time to manufacture and install the dome by the fall of 2018.

Public Comment

Alanna Mozel (11112 W. 132nd Place, O.P.) As a Johnson County resident, Ms. Mozel expressed her support for the year-round operation of the pool. She said the Master's swimming program is very beneficial to her and she wanted to see what she could do to help ensure a year-round operation.

Lisa Mische Lawson (22413 W. 53rd St., Shawnee) Ms. Lawson is also a Master's swimmer, and creator of a program through JCPRD that has a learn-to-swim program for those with autism. She asked the City to look at an unrecognized potential for future partnerships in implementing the program as well as grants to add to the revenue of the pool.

Anthony Thompson (3600 W. 47th Terr.) Mr. Thompson has been involved with the Aquatics Center since 1995 and was on its advisory board. He would like to encourage the Council to keep the facility open year-round and help with ways to keep expenses down. He added that it is home to a lot of user groups.

Stevie Davis (5308 Sycamore Dr.) Ms. Davis said she and her husband chose their house for its proximity to the pool as they are huge swimmers who also train for races and use the pool quite frequently sometimes twice a day.

Susan Blattner-Orwick (7146 Aminda Dr., Shawnee) Ms. Blattner-Orwick previously managed the pool when it was located at the caves. She too is part of the Master's swimming and wanted to share ideas for a successful year-round operation. She suggested use of the pool without the dome and to utilize a solar blanket to keep the water warm.

Jim Kelly (4200 W. 54th Terr.) Mr. Kelly said the City should accept JCPRD's offer of \$400,000 to operate the pool if the City takes over ownership and receives all revenues. He also encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming JCPRD meeting to show their support of year-round operations.

CMBR Fast thanked CMBR Kelly for speaking at the JCPRD meeting. She said Ms. Kelly was able to lay out options and represented the City well.

CMBR Kelly said the bottom line is the City going to move forward with the pool as a year-round facility? If so, are they requesting JCPRD make a claim for the dome? Also, if the City wants to partner with the county, then JCPRD needs to know that level of commitment. They are not willing to go back and forth if the City is not willing to put their money on the table. CMBR Kelly said she agrees with that. Why should JCPRD commit to something when the City itself does not appear willing to commit. She said there needs to be a willingness to have flexibility in the CIP plan and funding sources. She also stated that use of the courthouse tax as a revenue source is not a good idea for ongoing operations as that does sunset. She also stated that the pool as operated now is not prudent as an ongoing expense.

Mayor Marquardt commented on the leak at the pool and asked if it is a result of the cold temperatures. City Administrator Moody said they do not have a conclusion as to whether it is a leaky valve or a leak in the pool.

City Administrator Moody also commented that the expenditure for a year-round operation of the pool is roughly a \$400,000 expense. A summer-only season has an operating loss of about \$114,000.

CMBR Rhoades said that with only two percent of the population using the pool, it does not seem like a good use of the City's money.

CMBR McNeil said she didn't believe they had enough information at this point to make a decision. She would also like to get more information on the Sprung.

City Administrator Moody said he believed included in the \$400,000 annual cost to JCPRD would be the cost of putting up and taking down the dome.

CMBR Poppa said he didn't believe the numbers told the whole story as it doesn't address the value to the City and the benefits to the residents and other users of the pool. It also doesn't take into account the residual revenue that goes to City businesses, gas stations, grocery stores and eateries.

CMBR Kelly said they need to determine if moving forward with the dome is keeping things as they always have been and asked if that is throwing good money after bad. She thinks it's time for a change and will take dedication to make that change.

Rhonda Pollard, Superintendent of Recreation with JCPRD, said this is operated as an enterprise operation, noting that for every dollar they spend they have to make and cover their expenses. They rely on revenues to cover all of the expenses including benefits and payroll. The model is very much like a private business.

CMBR Rhoades said they always have an option not to buy the pool.

CMBR Fast said she would like to see the Council talk about alternatives. She would like to ask the county for \$35,000 to help extend the months they have an outdoor pool. She would not ask them for the dome, but would like to be able to provide support to the Blazers and the Masters. She also would like to move this discussion to include a decision from the new council.

CMBR Kelly said she came away from the meeting that the county made it clear that they wanted to know what the City would invest and what their financial commitment would be and that asking them for more money was going to fail. She said they need more time to discuss their alternatives and even with a heating blanket, she would like to see numbers.

CMBR Fast, CMBR Poppa, CMBR Kelly, CMBR McNeil suggested moving the discussion to the January meeting.

CMBR Rhoades said they need to move on this and stop postponing what they are going to do. CMBR Kelly said she would support moving it to the Council agenda if CMBR Rhoades could come up with a hard number.

Mayor Marquardt said they could ask for a number from the county and the City would find the rest. If they can't find it, then the county won't do it.

CMBR Fast said they do not have all the information to give the county a number. She said she would not support any number proposed until she knows about the Sprung, the cost of extending the season, and the solar option. CMBR Rhoades said they are talking about getting a free dome because it's paid for by insurance. He said it does not make sense to pay for another structure to have an indoor facility during the summer.

CMBR Poppa wants to see better numbers in the financials because he does not believe the ones provided are accurate enough.

There was a majority consensus to move the discussion to the January 8, 2018 Council meeting.

4. Resolution 656 Amended Fee Schedule

5. Review Logo Design Revisions

6. Objective E 2 Provide Emergency Response Benefit for Staff

7. Review 5 Year CIP Budget - Detail Added

III. COMMITTEE MINUTES

IV. ADJOURN

CMBR Fast adjourned the meeting.

(Roeland Park Governing Body Workshop Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.)