

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 6:00 P.M.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mike Kelly, Mayor○ Trisha Brauer, Council Member○ Benjamin Dickens, Council Member○ Jan Faidley, Council Member○ Jennifer Hill, Council Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jim Kelly, Council Member○ Tom Madigan, Council Member○ Claudia McCormack, Council Member○ Michael Rebne, Council Member○ Erin Thompson, Council Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Keith Moody, City Administrator○ Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. Admin.○ Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk○ John Morris, Police Chief○ Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director |
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Admin

Madigan
Brauer

Finance

Faidley
McCormack

Safety

Dickens
Rebne

Public Works

Hill
Kelly

(Roeland Park Council Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. All Governing Body members were present. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, Assistant City Administrator Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, City Clerk Nielsen, and City Attorney Mauer.

MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

There were no modifications to the agenda.

I. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Matt Lero (4222 W. 55th) Mr. Lero spoke about sidewalks along Buena Vista when biking to Roesland from 55th through Einstein Bros. He said it is a dangerous corner. He has spoken with neighbors who have a lot of interest in improving the safety to the area and said it is important to work on. He also presented comments he gathered that were written online or from speaking with neighbors.

Mayor Kelly said he looks forward to working with him on this endeavor.

Tallulah French - Ms. French, a 2nd grade student from Roesland Elementary provided an update on her school. She said that this semester they have 12 new students. During Kindness Week they are collecting gently-used bath towels to be given to homeless friends to use. On January 31st, they will host the Roeland Park Comprehensive Youth Workshop for 4th and 5th grade students. February 18th is pre-K enrollment. There is a no-fee half-day and also a grant-funded option. People can call the school for more information. On February 27th, they will host the Council meeting. In March, the students are performing the musical *Circus, Circus*. Flyers will be provided to the City for distribution. The United Methodist Church donated

games to the playground. Student Katie Tucker won the school spelling bee and will compete in the county-wide contest.

Mayor Kelly thanked Ms. French for the update at Roesland Elementary. He said the Governing Body is full of Panther Pride.

CMBR Rebne thanked her for representing Roesland and hopes she will speak to them again.

(Applause)

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Appropriations Ordinance #942

B. January 6, 2020 Council Minutes

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

III. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Applications/Presentations

1. Public Works Leadership Impact Award to Frankie Reeves

In recognition of Mr. Reeves' contribution to the Public Works Department, he received the Leadership Impact Award. Daniel Vandebos, Public Works Superintendent, thanked Mayor Kelly and the Council for allowing them to recognize one of their employees. He said that the department saw a lot of changes in leadership in 2019 and Frank always remained positive which helped to ease the changes. He said Mr. Reeves is always available to work extra hours, cover emergency call-outs, and also to work weekends. He has also taken on extra responsibilities. He also competed and placed in the APWA equipment handling competition. He thanked Mr. Reeves for making his job easier with his humor and hard work ethic.

(Applause)

2. Year End Social Media Recap

Katie Garcia, the City's PIO officer from Sturges Word provided an overview of Roeland Park's presence on social media for 2019. She said their click-through rate is way above industry standards. The City ended the year with a 38 percent open rate and a 13 percent click-through rate. Their biggest post of the year was the Aldi reopening. They try each week to create a showcase in the moment. They also track media mentions and most of them come from the *Shawnee Mission Post*. Roeland Park ended the year with 99 placements. They also receive good response to their presence on social media. Facebook and Twitter results are another way to reach people and that is also tracked. The City sent out 50 percent more messages in 2019. Their trends are holding true with how they're comparing with other cities. In 2020, they will extend their efforts and continue to step it up on behalf of the City.

Mayor Kelly thanked her for the work she has done and their help has worked to increase their presence on social media. He noted that posted videos have also increased.

CMBR Rebne said he sees the value of Roeland Park's name being out there. He asked for Ms. Garcia's perspective on what the increase in impressions does for the City. Ms. Garcia responded that they think

about their communication strategy and plan and determine where people are. They are on social media and the City needs to be putting their messaging there. As a City, people are interested in engaging with cities and public entities.

City Administrator Moody asked for comparables with their competitor averages as far as data. Ms. Garcia said the City averages about one message per day. Based on the messages received from people, their comments and tweets, the citizens in Roeland Park are more engaged than maybe other cities. The only complaints were the City not responding in a timely manner. Ms. Garcia checked into that and said they respond to almost everything minus except on the weekends which might be a reason for the slower response rate. She said she could speak with City Administrator Moody outside of the meeting. She also said that sometimes the chain of communication slows things down when she has to contact other people such as staff or a contractor for more information.

IV. Mayor's Report

A. New Year's Resolution

Mayor Kelly said he made a New Year's resolution to provide a Mayor's Report more often, but he would be considerate and respectful of the time they need to spend on the agenda. For that reason he will save his comments for another meeting.

V. Workshop and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

VI. Reports of City Liaisons

A. Community Engagement Committee Report - Michael Rebne

CMBR Rebne said the committee discussed ways to improve on the great work that has been done with the Easter Egg Hunt in April. He added the committee has great energy and is ready to throw great social events this summer. They are looking at a combination event to consist of vegetarian food, a pig roast, and a summer fest with live music. They will be coordinating with the City to see if that can be organized. They are also hard at work trying to figure out way to get the residents connected.

B. Pool Advisory Committee

CMBR Madigan said there was no quorum for their last meeting.

C. Ad-Hoc Development

CMBR Kelly said he did not attend the meeting as he was out of town.

City Administrator Moody added that the minutes accurately summarize the discussion they had. They had a guest at the meeting who will potentially provide a concept concerning The Rocks.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Approve Agreement with Johnson County CARS for Roe 2020

Public Works Director Scharff said they are slated to get \$4.62 million from federal funding through STP funds and \$1.6 million through CARS towards the project.

CMBR Rebne thought the agreement amount stated \$9,077,000 and he asked for reconciling of the amount just over \$10 million. Public Works Director Scharff said there was a cost increase over the original agreement. City Administrator Moody added that at the time they submitted the project to CARS for funding for 2020, which was about 9 months ago, the amount submitted was based on construction cost estimates for the project at that time. The costs have been updated and the estimated cost of the project is now over \$10 million. Some of those costs are not eligible for reimbursement. The \$1.6 million reflects what they asked for at the time they submitted for 2020 funding. Construction costs have increased since the time the project was originally submitted but CARS will only contribute the amount they originally agreed to.

MOTION: CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 2020 CARS AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY FOR THE ROE 2020 PROJECT. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

B. Traffic Signal Bids for Roe 2020

The staff and City Engineer are recommending the purchase of the traffic signal poles and mast arms from Lemac as they are the low bidder.

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR KELLY TO AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE CITY ENGINEER TO PURCHASE TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLES AND MAST ARMS FROM LEMAC COMPANY, INC. WITH THE ALTERNATE FOR PAINTING THE POLES/ARMS WILL BE DECIDED UPON FOLLOWING THE 3/20/20 BID OPENING FOR THE MAIN PROJECT. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0).

VIII. New Business

A. Council President Election

Mayor Kelly said the Governing Body passed Ordinance 989 that specifies the timing and process for the election.

CMBR Dickens nominated CMBR Hill as Council President.

CMBR Faidley nominated CMBR Madigan as Council President.

CMBR HILL: I am humbled and honored to have been nominated, so thank you very much. And I believe that I would be a great fit for this Council with my experience of 25 years in education leading not only students but other educators through consulting jobs and other leadership roles. I think my 2½ years on this Council has done me well to teach me about where we're going as a City and what we're doing and what our vision is. And if elected your president, I would definitely be here willing to listen and help whenever you needed me. I think I've shown that to some of you in the past that I am here if you have questions. It's kind of in my nature to help people. And so I would ask for your vote. Thank you.

CMBR MADIGAN: Roeland Park City Council election is unique in Johnson County in that the Mayor does not cast a vote if there is a tie vote. It has to be settled by a coin flip. The Council President's responsibilities go beyond those listed in the Municipal Code. You might remember during our last meeting I brought forward an amendment to the proposed ordinance to ensure those duties were listed.

Council Presidents are elected to represent all their fellow Councilmembers regardless of their political, social, or economic philosophies and must be available to answer various questions regarding the policies and procedures of the Governing Body and the Municipal Code. The Council President serves as a facilitator to address any misunderstandings or grievances between Governing Body members. Hopefully we can settle it amongst ourselves. The Council President must conduct meetings in a non-confrontational diplomatic matter and never advance a personal agenda. I have the knowledge, experience, and ability to be the Council President. I'm knowledgeable of the City's current policies, procedures, and ordinances having been present in the audience when most of these were passed. I have the experience as Chairperson under the Board of Zoning Appeals, Strategic Planning, and Ad Hoc Development Committees. I also have executive experience in [inaudible] as an administrator and vision director. I am available at all times because I'm retired, do not travel, and am adaptable to all schedules. I have exhibited my diplomacy on more than one occasion as a member of the Governing Body and as a citizen standing at the lectern addressing the Governing Body. I have sought this position because I believe I am the best candidate. If not elected, I will support the winner and hold no animosity towards any member that did not vote for me. But I will not shake the winner's hand simply because I'm germ-ridden.

Mayor Kelly thanked CMBRS Hill and Madigan for their willingness to serve.

After a show of hands CMBR Hill received a majority of five votes and will be Council President for 2020.

B. Appointments to Arts, BZA and the Planning Commission

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO APPOINT DAVE AVERY TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE, PAULA GLEASON TO THE BZA, BRIAN ASHWORTH AND SUSAN SCHENEWERK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

C. Discuss Additional Funding for See Red Run Sculpture Landscaping in R Park

A landscaping recommendation was made for the final phase of "See Red Run" as proposed and approved by Council, which includes a provision from project funds for landscaping around the sculpture. Barberry bushes are to be planted around the foundation to discourage children from playing on the sculpture and more native plantings being placed at a later time.

Public Works Director Scharff said if they choose Arbor Masters the installation of the landscaping is \$6,327 for around the sculpture. He had also asked them for a maintenance plan. The total cost for maintenance was 3,142 and a total of \$9,196 total. He said they do have the budget resources.

CMBR Faidley said the revised total is \$9,196 and the committees are providing \$4,000 leaving a difference of \$5,196 and believes they can cap the approval at a lower amount.

CMBR Rebne asked what would be the next steps if the amounts exceeded \$5,500. Mayor Kelly said it would come back before Council or if it is within a discretionary amount a director or the City Administrator could cover that amount.

Public Works Director Scharff said that Arbor Masters has never stated whether they would weed the concrete in-house.

CMBR Madigan questioned whether they should be approving this before they have all the information.

CMBR McCormack said all of the landscaping for the project came as a big surprise to the Parks Committee. She said they are lucky they have talented people to lend their time to this effort and also Lamp Rynearson for drawing up beautiful plans. She said it has been a mess and this is why she hoped to approve up to the \$8,000 because of the unknowns.

CMBR Dickens said he would support up to \$8,000, considering they want to get it done soon and get themselves covered.

CMBR Kelly asked if they could put this off a few more weeks to get a stronger quote from Arbor Masters.

CMBR Brauer asked how soon the work could be started. Public Works Director Scharff said he was told they can start the work immediately.

CMBR Rebne said the discrepancy in the cost and the ambiguity makes him feel unsure. He does trust Public Works Director Scharff's experience and expressed his support for seeing the sculpture improvements in R Park.

CMBR Madigan said the Council has a fiduciary responsibility to watch over the monies being spent. Being on the Parks Committee he understands how this was a surprise to them. He will vote for this but in the future he wants to be on the record as saying when they do not have a complete estimate he will not vote in support of it.

CMBR Hill said this was supposed to have been planted last fall and the longer they wait the more it will cost.

CMBR Kelly spoke in support of this item but did believe they need to wait until they get a final cost.

CMBR Faidley said this could be a learning experience and they need to come up with a standard procedure within the committee and approach landscaping as a part of the installation of the art.

The Parks representative said that was a topic at their last Parks meeting and the Arts Committee is aware of this and going forward will not implement a piece of art without also allocating for the landscaping around it and will not be left for Parks.

Mayor Kelly did note that these are low-maintenance native plantings and he would like to see more of this going forward.

MOTION: CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO TABLE THIS ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING. (MOTION FAILED WITH 3-5 WITH CMBRS FAIDLEY, DICKENS, HILL, MCCORMACK AND BRAUER VOTING NO.)

POLL THE COUNCIL

Faidley - N Madigan - Y Dickens - N Hill - N McCormack - N Brauer - N Kelly - Y Rebne - Y

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO LIMIT THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT TO \$5,500. (MOTION FAILED 0-8)

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO APPROVE FUNDING OF UP TO \$8,000 FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDSCAPING AROUND THE “SEE RED RUN” SCULPTURE IN R PARK TO BE PROVIDED BY ARBOR MASTERS. (MOTION CARRIED 7-1 WITH CMBR KELLY VOTING NO.)

IX. Workshop Items

No Workshop Items were discussed.

X. Ordinances and Resolutions

No Ordinances or Resolutions were presented.

XI. Reports of City Officials

Ms. Jones-Lacy said an e-mail was sent to the Governing Body about the Comprehensive Plan survey which has also been posted on the City’s website. This is an opportunity for all residents and business people who work in Roeland Park to participate in helping to shape the Comprehensive Plan. She encouraged everyone to take the survey and disseminate it widely.

XII. Adjournment

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:09 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor