

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, April 20, 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 | <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
Brauer
Hill

Finance
McCormack
Madigan

Safety
Rebne
Faidley

Public Works
Kelly
Dickens

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

Pledge of Allegiance

A. Instructions on Logging into Meeting Remotely

Mayor Kelly provided directions to those participating at the meeting.

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

(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 Alex Felzien.

Modification to the Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

I. Citizens Comments

There were no public comments.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Appropriations Ordinance #948

B. April 6, 2020 Council Minutes

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

III. Business from the Floor

A. Applications / Presentations

There were no applications or presentations made.

IV. Workshop and Committee Reports

There were no reports given.

V. Reports of City Liaisons

- A. Parks Committee - Minutes Attached
- B. Aquatics Advisory Committee - Minutes Attached
- C. The 47 Committee

No reports were given as the information was provided in the agenda packet.

VI. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

VII. New Business

A. Final Selection for Design Features at the Aquatic Center

Mayor Kelly said he appreciated the hard work that Water's Edge has put in as well as the Councilmembers who have spent a lot of time going through the design selection process. He also expressed appreciation to the Aquatics Advisory Committee for their assistance. Mayor Kelly noted the engineering plans are nearing completion. Water's Edge is asking for approval to the features proposed in the packet.

Dave Schwartz from Water's Edge made a presentation on the upgrades planned for the Aquatics Center. He noted that the pumps to be installed will be above grade and will eliminate flooding issues. The key features in the agenda packet were also discussed. A decision will need to be made regarding the color of the stingray toddler slide. Mr. Schwartz reviewed the list of architecture upgrades that will be made to the restrooms and the walls of the facility. There will also be mechanical upgrades to the men's restroom as well as new HVAC and lighting. Security lighting poles will be added at the facility.

CMBR McCormack asked why Mr. Schwartz paused on the 9-foot tall spray feature. Mr. Schwartz said it's not the height but the quantity of water, the 200 gallons per minute. He said they have used that feature in other facilities and find that the smaller kids are intimidated by it. Mr. Schwartz added that there is a valve that can adjust the gallons per minute flow rate to see how people interact with it. CMBR McCormack also asked about the zero depth spray being a possible tripping issue. Mr. Schwartz said the stingray is a bright color, the floor is painted white, and the water is clear. In other facilities where they have used this feature there has not been an issue. CMBR McCormack also wanted to know if lifeguards will have to keep an extra eye on the zero depth frog feature with kids climbing on it. Mr. Schwartz said a focus of the lifeguards will be to monitor too many people gathering onto one feature.

CMBR Faidley said she is not intimidated by the 9-foot spray feature and they should remember it is not only little children in the pool.

CMBR Rebne asked about the 2021 timeline for completion of the reconstruction. Mr. Schwartz said if the pool has a full season or even a partial season that can be accomplished. If the pool does not have a 2020 season construction could start sooner.

CMBR Hill asked if there was a way to add a shower into the family restroom. Mr. Schwartz said he was not familiar enough with the inside and could not speak to that. He said that the plumbing is already there and felt that it could be added.

CMBR McCormack said it would be difficult to close off a shower in the family restroom and remain ADA compliant. She asked by seeking a price estimate on a shower addition would it delay the timeline and potentially put the start date in jeopardy. Mr. Schwartz said they could find out in a couple of days. He said there is a contingency built into the budget and did not believe this would be a significant cost item unless they have to move walls.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR BRAUER SECONDED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADD A SHOWER TO THE FAMILY RESTROOM. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE FEATURE DESIGN FOR THE POOL RENOVATION. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

B. Approve Task Order for Design Bid & Construction Services for 2020 Residential Street Reconstruction Project - Reinhardt Street from Pawnee Dr to 48th Street

Mayor Kelly said this is an important street to the community going past Bishop Miega and connecting County Line Road all the way to Shawnee Mission Parkway.

CMBR Faidley expressed concern of such a large project coming on the heels of Roe 2020. She asked if the Special Street and Highway Fund might be depleted and wanted to know if there were any funds available for this project.

City Administrator Moody said the Special Street and Highway Fund has a strong balance. The Roe 2020 project has about \$230,000 coming from that fund. The majority of that project's funding is coming from STP, CARS, and TIF resources. There is also some flexibility in the TIF if needed for the street reconstruction project.

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR BRAUER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER FOR DESIGN BID & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE 2020 RESIDENTIAL STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - REINHARDT STREET FROM PAWNEE DR TO 48TH STREET. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

C. Approve Task Order for Design and Bid Services for Community Center and City Hall Parking Improvements

City Administrator Moody said this is for a design task order and as they complete the survey they will gather information to determine to what degree they are going to need to do a full depth replacement on areas at the Community Center in particular. If there are opportunities to pare back the scope they will do

that. Dan Miller, the City Engineer, is aware that the cost estimate for the pool and the parking and stormwater improvements at the Community Center are higher than what they have budgeted for in the CIP for 2020. He added that they do not have to complete this all now, but they were hoping to complete the parking improvements prior to any possible installation of solar canopies over some of the parking areas. They are also taking a look at the possibility of installing solar at the pool at some areas adjacent to the deck that could serve as solar energy gathering points as well as shade. The design effort will take place during the review of the 2020 budget as while they are putting together budgets for 2021-2023. Mr. Moody said there are adequate resources available to complete the design work for all three components, the parking lot at City Hall, the parking lot and stormwater improvements at the Community Center and pool, and then the ADA compliance-related measures at the Community Center and pool.

Mr. Miller added it is their goal to get the design work completed so that they can coordinate with the pool work to be completed and opening in May of 2021.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER FOR DESIGN AND BID SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND CITY HALL PARKING IMPROVEMENTS. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

D. Consider Request from Scenic Road to Defer Rent Payment

Scenic Road is a tenant of the City of Roeland Park at City Hall and has indicated that they like many businesses right now have been challenged by the effects of COVID-19. They have had nearly all of their business cancel or postpone. They have reached out to the City and asked if they can have some of their rent payments deferred without penalty. Staff is recommending deferment of payments for April, May and June to July through December wherein those payments for the second half of the year would be at 150 percent of the monthly rent. This would require an amendment to the lease with the City.

CMBR Faidley did not know if this will be a viable option as their business may not have ramped back up in that time.

CMBR Kelly asked if the tenant is receptive to the proposal and was concerned if the situation lasted longer than three months whether Scenic Road would be able to make up those deferments. City Administrator Moody said the tenant was appreciative of the offer. He did not request to waive paying altogether, but was looking for some deferment. This proposal provides for a nine-month deferment.

CMBR Brauer asked the Council to take into consideration that working with the tenants is incredibly important because if they go under their chances of recuperating any money at any point becomes slim. Some government programs do allow for rent assistance and so that may be an opportunity for them. She said they have to trust the sense of the business owner who holds the lease to make good on the part of what they're negotiating.

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO ALLOW SCENIC ROAD TO DEFER PAYMENT OF APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE RENT PAYMENTS TO JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2020 RENT PAYMENTS WHERE THE SIX MONTHLY PAYMENTS IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2020 WOULD BE 150 PERCENT OF THE MONTHLY RENT PRESCRIBED IN THEIR LEASE AGREEMENT. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Ordinance 994 - Removing Project Area 2C from the TIF 2 Redevelopment District

Mayor Kelly said that Area 2C includes the Security Bank (formerly Mission Bank) as well as the shopping center to the south.

MOTION: CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 994-REMOVING PROJECT AREA 2C FROM THE TIF 2 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

IX. Workshop Items

There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.

X. Reports of City Officials

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Kelly presented a proclamation commemorating the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. He said as a City they continue to lead the region in taking efforts to reduce greenhouse emissions and they are able to take advantage of the benefits that coincide with those reductions such as improvements to the economy, their public health and quality of life. One way they are doing this is partnering with Dynamhex for their emissions reduction software. Mayor Kelly said they will have information to share on Earth Day showing the inventory for Roeland Park in terms of metric tons of greenhouse gases and what a 28 percent reduction would look like. He noted that a majority of those gases come from buildings. He said they will discuss ways to reduce those at the Workshop, with one option being solar.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said one of the things they wanted to discuss was having Sonny Sanwar from Dynamhex come to a future meeting and talk about the City's inventory as well as potential climate reduction goals/greenhouse emission goals. He has put together a template for the City as a whole. It is written in alignment with the Paris Accord and she believed it would be a good idea to have the Governing Body to officially adopt that as a goal.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO ADOPT THE EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020, AS EARTH DAY. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

Mayor Kelly wanted to thank the residents, business leaders, employees, as well as visitors to Roeland Park for their patience, kindness, and also for their efforts in following the directions of the City, the county, and the state in exercising physical distancing and other measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus. He added that there has been a panel formed that will provide a report to the County Commissioners which will have recommendations for the easing of restrictions. He said he will be contacting the Commissioners to encourage them to follow the advice of health professionals and instructed everyone to do the same. He said that Commissioner Becky Fast represents Roeland Park.

One of the things that the Governing Body does have purview over is Roeland Park specific events and one of these is the City-Wide Garage Sale, which is scheduled for May 14th. It was the Mayor's suggestion that they postpone the sale.

CMBR Dickens said he fully supported postponing the garage sale as there is no need to put people at risk.

The Governing Body agreed to postpone the garage sale and the information will be put out on their social media platforms as well as the City's website.

B. 1st Quarter 2020 Objectives Progress Report

City Administrator Moody reviewed objectives completed and the attached progress notes detail projects still ongoing. There is further detailed information of the report enclosed in the packet.

C. 1st Quarter Strategic Plan Progress Report

City Administrator Moody provided the progress report for the Strategic Plan for the first quarter. The plan was originally adopted in 2015. He noted the report in the agenda packet reflects a great deal of accomplishment that has been done in moving these strategies forward.

D. 1st Quarter 2020 Safety Report

Police Chief Morris reviewed the safety information for the January through March time period. He included, as requested, how many arrests were drug-related. He also provided information in his report on Rango, the department's K-9. Chief Morris said he is doing very well and is staying healthy and doing a lot of training. He added that he's been a great asset to the patrol division of the department. The co-responder, their mental health partner, is doing well helping to avoid emergency room visits or going to jail. The co-responder is now assessing the people in person and they have been a good tool for the Police Department and the community. With the school being closed, the SRO program is on hold and the officer has been reassigned back to the patrol division.

Chief Morris said theft continues to be the biggest indicator of what is going on in the City. People need to lock their cars and should not leave items out in their yard.

He said his officers are doing well. They received an additional 2,000 safety masks in today. They also have plenty of sanitizer and gloves. They are handling calls as usual.

CMBR Rebne thanked Chief Morris and recognized this is a difficult time to be a first responder in interacting with the public. He said he appreciated Chief breaking down the co-responder details and added they are an important asset.

CMBR Faidley said there has been a considerable uptick on a national level of domestic abuse and asked if that has been seen in the City. Chief Morris said they have had one call in the last six to eight weeks where normally they see one almost every week. He said they have been fortunate in Roeland Park and for the most part everyone is behaving themselves.

CMBR Dickens wondered if the reason why the numbers were low is that people do not feel safe to report because they are home with their abuser. Chief Morris said that is a concern but that they cannot respond somewhere unless someone makes a call.

Mayor Kelly said this is a reasonable concern to note and thanked Chief Morris for all that his team does to keep them safe. He said to let them know if there is anything they can do for the department.

E. Review Completed 2020 Sidewalk Trip Hazards

Public Works Director Scharff provided an update on the sidewalk project that began in 2019. He said they allocate \$25,000 annually towards sidewalk maintenance and showed a map of all the locations they have worked on in the City.

Mayor Kelly said he has received reports from people being more active outside since they do not have access to the gym. He said they note a clear distinction in Roeland Park from other cities and that the trip hazards are eliminated and this is a great benefit.

CMBR Faidley asked if they could tell how many panels are scheduled for complete replacement and whether this would be an ongoing process to stay on top of it. Public Works Director Scharff said they do have a definite amount that does need to be replaced based off of the sidewalk inspections. These areas have been identified and they typically work off a three-year rotation.

F. Month Ended February 2020 Financial Report

Ms. Jones-Lacy said the attached report is purely informational and she will provide further information at the quarterly report.

G. Weekly COVID-19 Update

Ms. Jones-Lacy said attached in the packet is a summary of the changes or updates on behalf of the City as well as state-wide and regionally concerning COVID-19 actions. The memo also includes a schedule for upcoming meetings.

Mayor Kelly thanked the staff and noted that the adjustments have not been easy and recognizes things take extra time.

XI. Adjourn

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor