

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Roeland Park City Hall  
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205  
Monday, June 15, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

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

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

**Roll Call**

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. CMBR Hill was absent. 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 Steve Mauer.

**Modification of Agenda**

*There were no modifications to the agenda.*

**I. Citizens Comments**

*There were no public comments.*

**II. Consent Agenda**

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #952
- B. Council Minutes June 1, 2020

**MOTION:** CMBR REBNE MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

**III. Business from the Floor**

**A. Applications / Presentations**

**1. Proclamation - Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

Mayor Kelly said he is proud of the accomplishments the City has made as a Community for All Ages. They are dedicated to make Roeland Park a great place to grow up, raise a family, retire, and everything in between. As a population they are living longer and there are issues that require their attention. He said it is up to everyone to maintain proper social structures, to be aware of signs of elder abuse, and to prevent that so that the City will be allowed to be a place where all Roeland Parkers can thrive.

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS PROCLAMATION. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

## **2. Sustainability Update**

Mayor Kelly introduced Judy Hyde, Chair of the Sustainability Committee. Ms. Hyde reported on some of the recent actions by the committee started with their recommendation to the Governing Body for the emissions tracking software from Dynamhex. They allocated \$1,500 in support of the energy audit and to look for ways to promote this throughout the community. They also put \$1,000 towards landscaping of native plants around the *See Red Run* sculpture in R Park. Sustainability encourages native plant landscaping in the City wherever possible. Ms. Hyde also wanted the Council to know that they supported their no-spray vote and to opt for environmentally friendly products. Ms. Hyde said she was on a panel to enter into a contract for solar consulting services and made a recommendation to the Council who then voted to approve Evergy for installation of solar at City Hall, the Aquatic Center, and the Community center. Ms. Hyde was also a committee representative for the WCA Forum.

In recycling news, she said the committee is excited to have Ripple Glass back in Roeland Park, which is now in the Aldi's parking lot. On behalf of the Sustainability Committee members she wrote a thank you note to Aldi's in appreciation to their commitment to the environment and the community.

The environmental fair that was to be held jointly with the City of Mission had to be canceled due to COVID-19. They expect planning to resume when the community safety concerns ease.

Sustainability will also continue to support, promote, and follow Community for All Ages policies so the City can maintain their gold level status. The committee will continue to provide updates to the City.

For publicity and outreach, the committee will submit newspaper articles to the *Roeland Parker* as well as to updating the committee's Facebook page.

Additional items the committee is continuing to discuss are the City's complete streets, a potential dark sky initiative to combat light pollution, additional tree canopy maintenance, single-use plastics, and Climate Action KC proposals. They will prioritize their action goals and remain open to suggestions from Council and residents. Ms. Hyde said that currently their committee meetings are being held virtually.

Mayor Kelly said he was glad to hear that the Sustainability Committee is busy. He added that they take sustainability to heart in Roeland Park and he looks forward to continuing their work together.

## **IV. Mayor's Report**

*No report was given.*

## **V. Workshop and Committee Reports**

*There were no reports given.*

## **VI. Reports of City Liaisons**

*There were no reports given.*

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business discussed.*

## **VIII. New Business**

### **A. Approve Task Order for Sidewalk Extension Along Buena Vista**

Mayor Kelly thanked everyone who has worked on the sidewalk extension along Buena Vista and also for their leadership. He said he has received additional comments from the City of Fairway who shares the street. They are willing to contribute financially if it is shown that the Roeland Park side is not feasible and that there will be funding through CARS. The feasibility will be addressed in task order at a cost of \$9,609.

CMBR Faidley said that it is good news about Fairway being willing to participate.

CMBR Rebne said the engineering proposal study will look at three different alternatives on the west side of Buena Vista. He said it did not seem clear which alternatives will be the ones they have discussed. He asked that if they did vote this forward, then what is the timeline for the CARS funding.

City Administrator Moody said the language included in the task order is intended to be vague but provide guidance what the options will look like but not specify an alignment. The description in the order is appropriate for where they but it also does not anticipate a stop sign warrant analysis and is only for sidewalk alignments and costs, and a rendering of the pros and costs of the alignments. The report is expected within 45 days. The construction work with Fairway could be incorporated into a 2022 CARS project.

CMBR Kelly asked about why there are two task orders as far as documentation. 1b of the task order for the sidewalk on 54 Street should it be 54<sup>th</sup> Terrace to Shawnee Mission Parkway. City Administrator Moody said it should be 53rd to Shawnee Mission Parkway. The other task order is from earlier discussions. CMBR Kelly said he thought 1b was an alternative. City Administrator Moody replied that Fairway asked for documentation that alignment on the west side is not feasible. Roeland Park needs to show them what the cost of alignment on west side is compared to a segment for the east side between 53rd and 54th terrace.

CMBR Madigan asked if this would separate the sidewalk to Einstein and then to 55th Street. City Administrator Moody said they expect it to be by segment on the west side so they have an idea of what it will cost.

Mayor Kelly asked that absent Fairway participating and if they are not able to secure CARS funding, where would an extension of \$51,000 fit in the current CIP? City Administrator Moody said they have not looked at options of shouldering the entire cost in 2022. Mayor Kelly said the reason he asked is a cost around \$10,000 is not insignificant especially if they are going to end up with an alternative that costs \$11,000, or

if they get information in the study that shows the sidewalk is feasible on the Roeland Park side, then they would be left to do the sidewalk on the west side at their own cost. He asked for the public and the Governing Body to consider a quarter cent sales tax to not only improve different City streets but also high priority sidewalks.

CMBR Faidley said her thinking was the west side did not make sense as it was cost prohibitive. She said she is torn on whether to spend the money, but acknowledged they need the information. She felt that Fairway was using this as a roadblock until they have the information.

CMBR Rebne echoed concerns of paying for a sidewalk at a time when revenues feel tenuous. He felt that it should be clear to residents the funding of the sidewalk. They also need to make clear this does not go without having asked Fairway to participate. He said they have met with Fairway several times and they are going as far as they are willing to at this moment. He said if they can fold this into CARS funding, then they would be getting help to pay for this. He added that the sidewalk is a longstanding desire the community has wanted for a long time.

CMBR Dickens said he has reservations of the cost of the study since it is all on them. He is interested in moving forward somewhat. He said it seems they have more interest from Fairway residents and did not see a lot from Roeland Park residents. If they keep going forward, they need to keep on Fairway about splitting the cost.

Mayor Kelly wanted to make it clear for the record that they are friends with Fairway. Both cities go out to bid on many things together and their cooperation is integral. He said he appreciates everything Mayor Hepperly and her council does and provided all due respect to the City of Fairway and their council.

CMBR Kelly reminded everyone this section of road was identified by the Bike-Pedestrian committee as the number one sidewalk to go in Roeland Park. He said it has been at the top of the list and talked about for many years. He said this will benefit residents from both cities. In 2017, they looked at this as strictly a Roeland Park issue, and stated it needs to get done.

CMBR Madigan asked if they are putting the sidewalk on the Fairway side can they only vote if they are going to share the cost. He said he talked to two of his physicians who have told him they do not like walking in the street and were in support of constructing a sidewalk but not for construction of a sidewalk in another city. He asked if the taxes from 27a, d, and c all go towards streets and sidewalks. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they are specifically for streets and sidewalks. 27a is for where they budget sidewalk repair and replacements. 27d is special infrastructure. 27c is for the community center. 27a & d can be used for streets. 27b no longer exists and is funneled into the General Fund. As a fund it does not exist on its own. They also could use General Fund resources for whatever they want. Currently they do transfer a portion to the special infrastructure fund every year but does not exist as a standalone. CMBR Madigan said the original ballot language included 27b. Ms. Jones-Lacy did say the ballot language states a half cent for streets and sidewalks (27a), general resources (General Fund), and the repair and purchase of the Skyline School, which is now operating as their Community Center (27b). The ballot language stated that once projects were completed monies would roll over to the General Fund and become a General Fund revenue for the City.

CMBR Rebne emphasized the importance of the BikeWalkKC plan and for carrying on building a sidewalk in Fairway and knowing they would contribute to sharing in a CARS project. Mayor Kelly said there is no guarantee when applying for CARS funding.

**MOTION:** CMBR REBNE MOVED AND CMBR MCCORMACK SECONDED TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO DEVELOP SIDEWALK ALIGNMENT OPTIONS ALONG BUENA VISTA FROM 53RD STREET TO SHAWNEE MISSION PARKWAY AND 55TH STREET. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

**IX. Ordinances and Resolutions**

**A. Resolution 679 Amending the Boulevard Apartments Development Agreement**

Mayor Kelly said the bond issued for the Boulevard Apartments has retired and the owners requested to have it amended.

**MOTION:** CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 679, AN AMENDMENT TO THE BOULEVARD APARTMENTS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0)

**X. Reports of City Officials**


Police Chief Morris stated that a new court clerk started today.

CMBR Madigan asked if someone abstains on a vote, then would that abstention go with the majority. City Attorney Mauer said the abstention does not count at all and is as if a vote was never made.

**XI. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.)



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Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



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Mike Kelly, Mayor