

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, October 19, 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

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. CMBRS Madigan and McCormack were 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 made to the agenda.

I. Citizens Comments

Eric Vidoni (5035 Clark) Mr. Vidoni spoke in support of a safe and welcoming ordinance stating it is consistent with the values of Roeland Park. It would provide the police force direction on how to support the community and show their commitment to shared prosperity and security.

Stephanie Iser (5714 Cedar) Ms. Iser is part of the neighborhood group that wants to make Roeland Park safer and more welcoming to all people. She said this can be accomplished by limiting interactions with federal authorities and letting immigrants access resources without fear. She said over 200 people have signed their petition and many organizations have also endorsed their cause. She urged the Governing Body to discuss a proposal in Workshop soon.

Carol Fields (3535 W. 47th Pl.) Ms. Fields read a statement on behalf of Carey Paulette[ph], a member of the Roeland Park Racial Equity Ad Hoc Committee. She said the safe and welcoming ordinance will live up to the City's expressed values and they need to use their actions to show that Roeland Park is safe and welcoming for all.

Andrea Klingner (3712 W. 52nd Terr.) Ms. Klingner spoke on behalf of Mary Peebles[ph](3719 W. 52nd Terr.) who said she lived in an internment camp for two years because she was of Japanese heritage. A safe welcoming ordinance would help protect others from such violations in the future.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #960
- B. Council Minutes October 5, 2020

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

III. Business from the Floor - Applications/Proclamations/Presentations

- A. Third Quarter Communications Report

Katie Garcia, the City's Public Information Officer (PIO), said they are focusing on great email communication and social media as a way to reach citizens on a daily basis. In the third quarter, they provided updates on COVID-19, capital projects, community news, and getting information out about the sales tax plan and vote.

On social media they grew 1.6 percent during Q3. Most of the growth is coming from Facebook with some action on Twitter. She reviewed more specific statistics as listed in the agenda packet. Top posts related to the mask mandate, capital projects, the parks, work on Roe and street chip sealing.

Ms. Garcia provided statistics in relation to other neighboring cities noting the City is averaging about 16 engagements per post and is above average.

CMBR Rebne thanked Ms. Garcia for her help with the Community Engagement Committee and getting the information out about the Cutest Pet Contest.

CMBR Hill saw a post about MARC projects they would possibly be getting. She wanted to make sure people know their comments are going to MARC when they thought they were speaking to the City. Ms. Garcia said she will make a note on the site about that.

Mayor Kelly said he appreciates the ways they are making posts. He hoped with the leaf pickup program they could increase their use of video. Ms. Garcia said there are opportunities for videos and will work with Ms. Jones-Lacy on that.

IV. Mayor's Report

- A. Update on Voter-to-Voter Challenge

Mayor Kelly provided an update on the challenge and encouraged everyone to participate in their City-to-City contest for turnout at the polls. The challenge is a part of the Mainstream Coalition which has great tools on their website to get started and track progress.

CMBR Rebne asked if they were putting something on their social media about the City-to-City challenge. Mayor Kelly said they can put the link out on their media accounts and encouraged the citizens to put their contacts in the voter-to-voter tool. He said that Roeland Park always has great voter turnout, but they can always do better.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said if they want to increase their numbers the best way to do that is for every member of the Governing Body to sign up as an ambassador and to sign up their friends and neighbors who live around them. She said it is an easy process.

CMBR Faidley said she is a member of another team and has about 21 contacts on her list. She has used the voter-to-voter program over the last two years and it is quite a bit of fun.

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. MARC - First Tier Suburbs

Notes from the last meeting were provided in the agenda packet. CMBR Faidley said they held their virtual meeting October 16th where they discussed universal design. They also talked about the idea book or workbook that was initially created in 2005 and is due for an update. She said many communities felt this would be a much used resource, so MARC is looking at redoing it. The final version will include graphics, design ideas and cost estimates in a range of prices.

B. Aquatic Center Advisory Committee

Tony Nichols, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, said they discussed the fee structure for the 2021 season. The committee would like to keep the daily fees and the season pass fees similar to the last season they were open. There were possible ideas of a twilight rate at half cost Monday through Friday after 5 p.m. They will finalize their discussions and bring present to the Council in November.

VI. Unfinished Business

No reports were given.

VII. New Business

A. Committee Reappointments

Mayor Kelly recommended to reappoint Matt Heitmann to the Community Engagement Committee.

MOTION: CMBR BRAUER MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO REAPPOINT MATT HEITMANN TO THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE. (MOTION CARRIED 6-0)

B. Agreement with Westwood Hills for Leaf Pickup

Mayor Kelly presented the annual leaf pickup agreement with Westwood Hills.

CMBR Faidley asked if this was the same rate as last year. Public Works Director Scharff said the fees are a little different with a slight increase this year.

MOTION: CMBR KELLY MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE LEAF PICKUP AGREEMENT WITH WESTWOOD HILLS. (MOTION CARRIED 6-0)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Resolution 684 - Fees - New Shelter Reservation Fees

This item was tabled from their last meeting to get feedback from residents and the Parks Committee. Attached in the packet are fee schedules for both full and half-day rentals as well as resident and non-resident rates.

Mr. Nichols said he took the resolution to the Parks Committee where they had a lengthy discussion regarding the fees. They committee agreed the non-resident fee should be 1½ times the resident fee. They also discussed residents having priority over non-residents when booking the shelter. The committee proposed that residents have the month of January to reserve the shelter and from February on it would be open to anyone.

Mayor Kelly said they are only establishing the fee structure and not limiting days the shelter can be rented. As they go forward, the Council can use their discretion in determining the number of times and frequency of rental schedules.

Mr. Nichols said he would bring reservations to the Parks Committee for their review. If they discover it is getting overbooked, they can begin blocking out additional dates as needed.

CMBR Rebne asked if it is possible to have the shelter for spontaneous use. Mr. Nichols said if it is not reserved it would always be available for spontaneous use. He said it is hard to forecast how much it will be reserved.

CMBR Kelly said the actual resolution does not have the updated fee schedule. Mr. Nichols said they will update that page in the resolution.

CMBR Rebne asked with large gatherings should there be a concern with COVID. The Community Engagement Committee would like to reserve dates but is wary given they would be representing the City and bringing a large number together. Mayor Kelly said when accepting reservations, they should provide City guidelines regarding COVID and the phased reopening approach should be included.

City Administrator Moody said the guideline is meeting groups are not greater than 45.

CMBR Hill said she feels the rate is still a little high to their residents who have already committed their tax dollars and donations.

MOTION: CMBR REBNE MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 684 - FEES - NEW SHELTER RESERVATION FEES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARKS COMMITTEE. (MOTION CARRIED 6-0)

IX. Reports of City Officials

A. COVID Update

Chris Verbrugge, city intern, stated that Johnson County has launched a new dashboard as well as an updated FAQ page that discussed more about their data collection. The State Finance Council has extended Governor Kelly's state of disaster declaration which is now set to expire November 15, 2020.

Under the Administration/Neighborhood Services is a list of where they are with the Johnson County COVID-19 projects.

City Administrator Moody said they got clarification today the emergency radio replacements will not be included for COVID funds. Of the \$39,000 encumbered in COVID expenses, they're about \$10,000 under the \$213,000 allocation made to Roeland Park. They will have some personnel costs they can submit for reimbursement through the CARES Act and possibly there will be additional funds allocated to municipalities in another phase of funding that Johnson County has put together.

Mayor Kelly reminded everyone to wear a mask, wash their hands, stay socially distanced when possible, and to get a flu shot.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Moody reported the contractor along Roe Boulevard continues to work on the hardscape north of 51st Street. They are hopeful it might get done this year.

Asst. City Administrator

Ms. Jones-Lacy said the Kansas City Symphony event on Saturday at 5 p.m. will be at the Community Center on the south lot. One of the members of the trio is a Roeland Park resident. She said to bring lawn chairs and picnic baskets.

The Planning Commission meeting for November 20th will discuss residential design standards as well as the massing as approved in the Comprehensive Plan. She invited the Governing Body members to attend as the Commission would welcome their input.

Mayor Kelly reminded everyone to follow the leaf pickup calendar.

X. Adjourn

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 6-0)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor