

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, January 4, 2021 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

Ms. Jones-Lacy called the roll. CMBR Brauer was absent. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, Assistant City Administrator Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, Management Intern Verbrugge, and City Attorney Mauer.

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications made to the agenda.

I. Citizens Comments

There were no public comments made.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #965

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR KELLY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

III. Business from the Floor

- A. Applications/Presentations

IV. Mayor's Report

The Mayor's Report was given at the end of the meeting.

V. Workshop and Committee Reports

No report was given.

VI. Reports of City Liaisons

No reports were given.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

VIII. New Business

A. Council Liaison and Committee Appointments

Mayor Kelly said he appreciates the time the Governing Body members are willing to dedicate to various committees.

CMBR Kelly said he planned on staying with the Sustainability Committee.

CMBR Hill volunteered to be an alternate on Stormwater Management Advisory Council.

CMBR Dickens volunteered to be an alternate on First Tier Suburbs.

CMBR Rebne offered to be an alternate on the Sustainability Committee.

MOTION: CMBR REBNE MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO ADOPT THE COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS AS PRESENTED IN THE PACKET ADDING CMBR KELLY TO SUSTAINABILITY, CMBR REBNE AS AN ALTERNATE ON SUSTAINABILITY, CMBR HILL AS AN ALTERNATE ON THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND CMBR DICKENS AS AN ALTERNATE ON FIRST TIER SUBURBS. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0)

B. Appoint Linda Thornburgh, Sarah Martin, and Jaime Davis to the Parks Committee

Mayor Kelly said the proposed appointments come with the recommendation of the Parks Committee.

CMBR Faidley thanked outgoing members Jennifer Provyn and Kathleen Whitworth for their long-term contribution to the committee. Mayor Kelly said they have dedicated countless hours to the parks and under their leadership the City has seen parks in their community continue to flourish.

CMBR Rebne seconded CMBR Faidley's comments. He said that Ms. Whitworth had urged them in Ward 4 to find representation and CMBR Rebne said he believed there were two applications from Ward 4 submitted. Mayor Kelly said he isn't able to comment, but at least one other application will be discussed in the near term before the Council.

MOTION: CMBR MCCORMACK MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA THORNBURGH, SARAH MARTIN, AND JAIME DAVIS TO THE PARKS COMMITTEE. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0)

C. Council President Election

Mayor Kelly said in according to Ordinance 989 at the first Council meeting in January, they are to elect a new Council president.

CMBR Hill moved to table the until all Governing Body members were present and to give ample time to consider the items since they got late notice on Saturday. She said it is important for everyone to be here. She said it was originally moved to January since previous CMBR Poppa was leaving the Council.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO TABLE THE VOTE FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT UNTIL ALL GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ARE PRESENT. (MOTION FAILS 3-4 WITH CMBRS REBNE, FAIDLEY, KELLY, AND MADIGAN VOTING NO.)

CMBR Faidley wanted to clarify the timing change of the election was not only due to Mr. Poppa leaving, but also for the swearing in of new Councilmembers and not creating a vacancy gap in the president position.

CMBR Madigan nominated CMBR Faidley for Council President.

CMBR Dickens nominated CMBR Hill for a second term as Council President.

CMBR Faidley stated she is appreciative of CMBR Hill's leadership and also the hard work of the entire Council especially during 2020. She said as elected officials, staff, and residents, they have done great work. CMBR Faidley also said she is experienced in leading meetings, working towards consensus, and also sees the value of rotating the position.

CMBR Hill thanked the Council for their support in the past year. She said the position has a large learning curve and her experience would lend well to serve another term. She said she believes her relationships with the Mayor and the staff have worked well and they have been efficient in their meetings. She also said it is beneficial to have more on than one year but stated CMBR Faidley would do an equally lovely job.

Mayor Kelly called for a vote. CMBRS Madigan, McCormack, Rebne, Kelly, and Faidley voted in support of CMBR Faidley for Council President. CMBRS Dickens and Hill voted in support of CMBR Hill.

Mayor Kelly congratulated CMBR Faidley as Council President. He thanked CMBR Hill and said he has enjoyed working with her and looks forward to continuing to do so as part of the Governing Body.

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions:

There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.

X. Workshop Items:

There were no Workshop items presented.

XI. Reports of City Officials:

A. Mayor's Report - Discuss Tax Rebate Program

Mayor Kelly thanked CMBR Madigan for bringing this matter forward for discussion with him and City Administrator Moody. Mayor Kelly said this is an item he is very passionate about and is one of the first things they created in 2018 with the new Council. He said they have done a remarkably good thing for Roeland Parkers since that time. They wanted to make sure they have proper oversight of the committee, to make certain applications for aid are administered with as much adherence to the language of the requirements as possible. They also have staff on the committee overseeing tax rebate program, as well as community professionals.

It has been discussed that Finance subcommittee members should provide the oversight of the Tax Rebate Program and rotate according to the subcommittee matrix.

CMBR Madigan said it is only logical for the Finance Committee to have that oversight.

City Administrator Moody asked for clarification on whether the two professionals would continue to serve. Mayor Kelly said that is correct.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL PROVIDE OVERSIGHT TO THE TAX REBATE PROGRAM. (MOTION CARRIED 7-0)

B. COVID Report

Intern Chris Verbrugge provided the COVID update for the 2nd half of December. The vaccines have made it to Johnson County and the governor has issued a general prioritization plan.

Also, Roeland Park hosted COVID testing at the Community Center.

People getting vaccines are encouraged to use the social media tag #sleeveupJoCo.

With the exception of the touchless drinking fountains all CARES Act items were completed prior to the end of the year.

Mayor Kelly added they were able to adapt quite a bit in the use of CARES funding made available by Johnson County.

CMBR McCormack said she was getting her vaccine and wanted to take the opportunity to give feedback. Mr. Verbrugge said people can use any social media site they prefer with the hashtag #sleeveupJoCo to share their experience.


CMBR Faidley asked what happened to the money that was allotted for the touchless faucet that was not installed. City Administrator Moody said any monies not utilized were given an opportunity by Johnson County to be put towards costs related to the police.

Mayor Kelly reminded everyone to adhere to social distancing guidelines, limit gathering sizes, wear a mask, and wash their hands. He said they expect to see a spike in January because of holiday gatherings. He added that they are still trying to do their best to help the hospital capacity in their community.

XII. Adjourn

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:36 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor