

GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MINUTES
Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
Monday, February 20, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

- Michael Poppa, Mayor
- Trisha Brauer, Council Member
- Benjamin Dickens, Council Member
- Jan Faidley, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member
- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Miel Castagna-Herrera, Council Mbr.
- Kate Raglow, Council Member
- Michael Rebne, Council Member
- Keith Moody, City Administrator
- Open, Asst. Admin.
- Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk
- John Morris, Police Chief
- Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director

Admin

Raglow
Dickens

Finance

Rebne
Hill

Safety

Castagna-Herrera
Madigan

Public Works

Brauer
Faidley

(Governing Body Workshop Called to Order at 7:46 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

CMBR Hill called the meeting to order. CMBR Raglow appeared virtually and CMBR Brauer was absent. All other Governing Body members were present.

I. MINUTES

The minutes were not submitted in time for packet publication.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2022 4th Quarter Financial Report

City Administrator Moody gave the fourth quarter financial report. He said that property taxes came in as budgeted. Sales taxes were well above the budgeted amount and were 8 percent higher than in 2021. They have seen a year over year increase for the past three years in sales tax. There was an anticipation they would go back down, but that has not been the case. In any event, they have continued to budget conservatively for 2023. There have seen a 6 percent inflation, which does contribute to the additional sales tax collection. Mr. Moody noted that growth in Roeland Park has been greater than inflation.

Franchise fees are another revenue source for the City and they also came in at budget for 2022. Court fees are 7 percent of the General Fund and came in under what was budgeted for 2022 by about \$15,000. Detailed in the report are all the amounts of funds generated for the City. The Equipment and Building Reserve Fund reflects an amount less than expected because there was an anticipation for funds coming in from The Rocks. Those funds will now come in 2023.

Under Expenditures, a couple funds were over including the Aquatics Center Fund. They thought they had paid the retainage for the pool renovations for 2021, but they were charged to 2022 and put them over budget. Conversely, they were under budget for 2021.

The Special Infrastructure Fund reflects that there were some park projects that were not completed in 2022. Also, regarding TIF 3, they did not accomplish as much design work as anticipated on the Roe Extension. The 2023 budget will be adjusted to make use of those resources.

Overall, the City spent about 89 percent of the General Fund budget. Their investments with Columbia Capital reflect a balance of about \$12.8 million at year's end.

Included in the report was CERI retail figures that show a 7 percent increase for Roeland Park through September of 2022 and a 14 percent increase for the county as a whole through the same time period.

City Administrator Moody noted that building permit applications have dropped but the values of those permits remain the same. He said it does cause them some concern.

CMBR Faidley asked with the decrease in building permits if there is a way to translate that into what it actually reflects. She said it is important to invest in their existing housing stock, whether through room additions, remodels, adding accessory dwelling units, and making improvements to a property. Ms. Faidley wants them to encourage that as much as possible versus the tear-down/rebuild option. City Administrator Moody said he had no additional insights. He noted that the housing market remained strong through 2022, which favors Roeland Park as it tends to be more affordable. Folks are more likely to reinvest in their home versus buying another house.

CMBR Rebne noted the initiative to eliminate the sales tax on food. He asked if there was something the City could do on its own part to reduce some of that tax. City Administrator Moody said he did not know specifically, but he presumed they could. He said the challenge would be that it will reduce revenues for Roeland Park. He said those excesses in reserves becomes a funding mechanism for them to make capital improvements.

2. Review Gateway Art Options

Marek Gliniecki, co-chair with Mary Schulteis of the Arts Committee, provided a brief report on the work the committee has been doing. He noted that they have a new member and are always looking to add more members to the committee. He also stated that Lynda Leonard put together a stellar exhibition showcasing a local artist.

Mr. Gliniecki said they put out a call for art for the Gateway project and were pleased with the number of proposals they received. They went through a selection process and have narrowed it down to three artists. Hasna Salam with "Ascension," Amy Jacobsen with "Convergence," and Nathan Pierce with "Origin." Mr. Gliniecki said he was familiar with Hasna Salam as a glass artist and sculptor and Amy Jacobsen who has works around the area and the City including her piece "Damsel in Blue" out in front of City Hall. He was not as familiar with Nathan Pierce, but did note he has artwork installed around the country.

Mr. Gliniecki said the committee would like to get budget confirmations and have a discussion on where they are planning to place the artwork.

CMBR Faidley said in looking at the attached map, it shows the Roe Parkway extension onto Roe Boulevard design, but she could not determine where the entry sculpture would go. It appeared as though the new intersection would be where they were planning to put the sculpture. Mr. Gliniecki said the committee does have questions about the art placement and it would affect what the artist see as a context for their piece.

CMBR Faidley wanted to make sure they protect the sculpture from any construction. Mr. Gliniecki sees that is an important discussion to have and might also affect the installation timing. CMBR Faidley said it would also depend on whether Menard's will actually happen too.

City Administrator Moody said the Roe Parkway project is anticipated for 2024-2025. It is tied to construction of EPC's construction of The Rocks. He said it makes sense to do the west end first and do their construction when EPC is done with their heavy construction, so they are not tearing up a new road with heavy machinery.

Mr. Gliniecki said he wants to provide a timeline to the potential artists, and it seems it will be a possible two-year timeframe. He also wants to have a discussion to pin down exactly what they will need to do and everything is set in place before they begin installation.

Mayor Popa thanked Mr. Gliniecki for everything the committee has done including showcasing local artists. He clarified that what the committee is wanting is a consensus from the Governing Body that they have done their due diligence in artist selection and support moving further in the process with the three artists they have narrowed their selection to.

Mr. Gliniecki said the artists will also do a maquette at the next stage for them.

There was consensus among the Governing Body to notify the artists they have moved forward in the process.

CMBR Rebne asked if the "Ascension" art piece is in proportion. Mr. Gliniecki said it is as it is a very tall structure.

Mr. Gliniecki asked for budget clarification and how much they have from the 1 percent for art. Mayor Popa said they have call into Miller Financial who manages those funds and will let them know when they get the total.

Mayor Popa asked about the durability of the glass sculpture and possible damage from road debris. Mr. Gliniecki said that is part of their discussion to make sure the materials are durable.

One of the Art committee members asked if they still have their \$25,000 annual allocation. City Administrator Moody clarified that the \$25,000 is split into three suballocation categories with \$7,000 towards the future Gateway project, which has been moved to the Community Foundation. About \$3,000-\$6,000 is for art maintenance, and the remainder is unallocated and could be applied toward this signature art piece.

III. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

No items were presented.

IV. ADJOURN

CMBR Hill adjourned the meeting.

(Roeland Park Governing Body Workshop Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.)

