

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Roeland Park City Hall**  
**4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205**  
**Monday, March 6, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Michael Poppa, 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>○ Miel Castagna-Herrera, Council Member</li><li>○ Tom Madigan, Council Member</li><li>○ Kate Raglow, Council Member</li><li>○ Michael Rebne, Council Member</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Keith Moody, City Administrator</li><li>○ Open, Asst. City Administrator</li><li>○ Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk</li><li>○ John Morris, Police Chief</li><li>○ Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director</li></ul>
<b>Admin Dickens Rebne</b>	<b>Finance Hill Castagna-Herrera</b>	<b>Safety Madigan Brauer</b>

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

### **Roll Call**

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. CMBR Dickens appeared virtually, and all other Governing Body members were present. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Felzien, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, Parks and Rec Superintendent Marshall, and City Clerk Nielsen.

### **Modification of Agenda**

*There were no modifications to the agenda.*

#### **I. Citizen Comments**

*There were no public comments.*

#### **II. Consent Agenda**

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1015**
- B. Council Minutes February 20, 2023**
- C. Cereal Malt Beverage License for Casey's**

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

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

- A. Presentation from Mr. Price on PBS Documentary on Aging in Place**

Mayor Poppa said that Michael Price from Kansas City PBS is doing a documentary piece about seniors and would like to highlight the age-friendly work that Roeland Park is doing addressing accessibility, improvements made to their parks, Community for All Ages, the Roeland Park Homeowners Assistance Program, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and the City property tax rebate program. He thanked Mr. Price from coming to speak with them and for showing an interest in highlighting things they have done in Roeland Park.

Mr. Price gave a little background on himself stating that he is a journalist and filmmaker now living in Kansas City. Previously he worked on the BBC *Panorama* program. He is putting together a documentary to address some of the challenges facing seniors in the metro area, highlight areas of good practice, which is why he would like to highlight Roeland Park as one of the cities in the metro that is doing a lot to factor in their aging population when considering the upgrade to infrastructure, accessibility to parks, and new sidewalks. He asked the Governing Body to give him a chance to share what they are doing in Roeland Park with the Kansas City audience on PBS, and that the documentary will also be up on YouTube.

CMBR Rebne thanked Mr. Price for coming and recognizing the City for the work it is doing. He added that he feels the workforce, and for particularly lower wage jobs, has shifted up in age and that people are working more as they get older. Mr. Price said he will focus on the people who are still working, volunteering, and giving back. He does not want to portray the aging population as passive, but that they have the ability to get out and access amenities, and have a social life, which are all elements he will highlight.

CMBR Madigan said he is very proud of the work they have been doing. He noted the Board of Zoning Appeals recently granted a variance to help a homeowner age in place by allowing them to move their laundry facilities from the basement to the upper floor. Mr. Price said that is also of interest, the ability to configure their homes to help them age in place.

CMBR Faidley asked what they can do to help Mr. Price. He said he would like to have the Governing Body illustrate the work they're doing in that the needs of their aging population are factored into the decisions they are making because they could affect their lives.

Mayor Poppa said he had a conversation with Mr. Price along with Public Works Director Scharff, Parks and Rec Superintendent Marshall, and Ms. Winn prior to her leaving. He said they are looking at gathering footage within a couple of months, and would like to have completed in May. He would like for someone to explain what you are seeing, what you are doing, and why it is important.

CMBR Hill wanted to make sure it was known the City is at a gold level status for Community for All Ages. She said she would like to put Mr. Price in contact with some people from the Sustainability Committee who worked on that achievement. Mr. Price said that he would also be speaking with MARC.

City staff will follow up with Mr. Price to coordinate everything. Mayor Poppa asked that the Governing Body send questions or ideas directly to staff. He added that he is very excited and lucky that Roeland Park will be highlighted and included.

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

##### **A. Women's History Month Proclamation**

CMBR Hill read the Women's History Month Proclamation into the record.

Mayor Poppa added that they will stay on the right side of history and will honor women and the women in Roeland Park.

The Arts Committee currently has a display hanging in the gallery, "Audacious Women of History and Hollywood," with paintings by Gloria Heifner and Leonard Le'Doux. The display will be up through the end of March.

## **V. Report of City Liaisons and Committees**

### **A. Aquatics Center Advisory Committee**

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Anthony Marshall said this has been a major recruitment month. He has been to four area high schools with one more to go, and has seen roughly 1,000 high school students recruiting for the next pool season.

He also said that the KC Blazers are renting their facility for about eight weeks. While they do not have their own swim team, this will generate revenue for the Aquatics Center.

CMBR Faidley asked for an update on the women's locker room. Mr. Marshall said the demo has been done as well as the painting. Currently they are waiting for the lockers to be installed, which will be completed well before the opening of the season.

CMBR Madigan congratulated Mr. Marshall stating that as long as he's been associated with the pool, he has never seen anyone put in as much effort for recruitment and believes it will pay off for them this summer.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Update on License Plate Readers**

Mayor Poppa said the Governing Body approved the license plate readers at their last meeting, but they requested a wait on installation to check with the City of Mission about sharing the poles at Roe and Johnson Drive.

Police Chief Morris spoke with Mission Police Chief Madden. He said they are going through the same company for the license plate readers. Every owns the poles that they want to share and will not allow the readers to be mounted on them. Mission will be placing license plate readers along Johnson Drive at Nall, Lamar, and Broadmoor.

Police Chief Morris asked for approval to get on the list as a lot of cities are adding them. He noted that there was some confusion in a *Shawnee Mission Post* article regarding the pictures in the presentation and where they would like to have the cameras placed. The license plate readers for Roeland Park are approved for one at southbound Roe on 48<sup>th</sup>, one eastbound 48<sup>th</sup> and Roe, and one northbound on Roe and 51<sup>st</sup>.

Police Chief Morris thanked the women for the work they do and said they couldn't do things without them.

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF LICENSE PLATE READER LOCATIONS TO ONE AT SOUTHBOUND ROE AND 48<sup>th</sup> STREET, ONE AT EASTBOUND 48<sup>th</sup> AND ROE, AND ONE AT NORTHBOUND ROE AND 51<sup>st</sup> STREET. (MOTION CARRIED 7-1 WITH CMBR REBNE VOTING NO.)

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Approve Funding Commitment Agreement for Mighty Bike**

Mayor Poppa said the City has allocated \$90,000 towards the Mighty Bike playground sculpture with the balance to be raised from community donations. The City requires the donated funds be raised before construction begins. The current costs have risen above their initial estimate, and a donor has agreed to make a deposit with the City equal to cover a shortfall.

CMBR Faidley expressed concerns with the funding agreement. She said that she has watched this project from the beginning and is very concerned about the increasing price tag. She noted that it is almost at twice the amount of money for their gateway City art piece, and that the Mighty Bike is a play structure and not considered as art. She does not have a great deal of confidence in the project at this point in that now might not be the right time for the project.

CMBR Raglow wanted to make a clarification on the cost and noted that inflation has hit all of their projects. She does appreciate the resident stepping up to provide the funds that many residents and children are excited to play on. She reiterated that they are not coming back to the Council and asking for more funds, but that the citizens are working to raise more money.

CMBR Hill said this project is important because the citizens brought it to them. They have already fundraised \$70,000, and it is a community member design. She said when the community speaks that loudly, they should listen and work to give them what they would like.

CMBR Rebne said the City committed \$90,000 to the project and that \$85,000 needs to be fundraised. He asked if they do not have the funds by the start of construction, are they supposed to be patient until they get the funds.

City Administrator Moody said they are able to spend dollars on design and soft costs to get to a point where it could be built. Until they are at a point where they are ready to fabricate it, they do not need to move forward. As a city, they are not obligated to have it built until they have all the resources collected noting that the fabrication is the bulk of the expense.

Mayor Poppa said they are being asked to agree to accept the donor's guarantee to cover the balance, so they know they have the total amount if available.

CMBR Rebne asked if they could move to amend they would not proceed forward until they have the funds in hand. Mayor Poppa responded they will have funds in hand when the donor makes the donation following the approval of the agreement.

CMBR Raglow said they are agreeing that the money donated is earmarked for the Mighty Bike. Once they have the agreement, they are setting aside those funds. If funds are raised over the amount needed, they will be returned.

**MOTION:** CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE FUNDING COMMITMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE "MIGHTY BIKE" PLAY STRUCTURE. (MOTION CARRIED 7-1 WITH CMBR FAIDLEY VOTING NO.)

**B. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fairway**

City Administrator Moody said this is a standard interlocal agreement for a shared CARS project. The City of Fairway is taking on the lead role for this project.

CMBR Faidley asked if they do not get the CARS funding would the agreement go away. City Administrator Moody said there is a provision in the agreement that states either party can cancel the agreement. He added that they have been notified that CARS has approved their allocation.

CMBR Rebne asked about the area covered in the project. Public Works Director Scharff responded it is 53<sup>rd</sup> Street from Reinhardt/Mission Road east to Chadwick.

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FAIRWAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION OF ROELAND PARK'S PORTION OF THE 2023 CARS 53<sup>rd</sup> STREET PROJECT. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions**

*There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.*

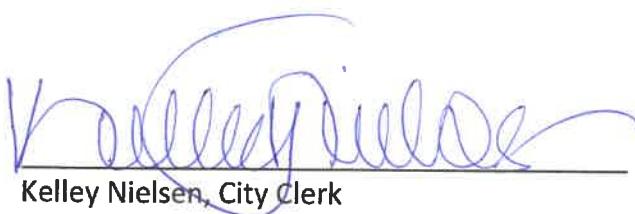
**IX. Reports of City Officials**

City Administrator Moody said he will get a progress report on the pool and the Community Center and provide that to the Governing Body to get them up to speed. He said they have made good progress on the women's locker room, and once the lockers are installed, the project will be complete.

**Adjourn:**

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:43 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppe, Mayor