

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL  
4600 WEST 51<sup>ST</sup> STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205  
July 10, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

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| <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>○ Tom Madigan, Council Member</li><li>○ Castagna-Herrera, Council Member</li><li>○ Michael Rebne, Council Member</li><li>○ Kate Raglow, Council Member</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Keith Moody, City Administrator</li><li>○ <i>Open</i>, Asst. City Administrator</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**  
Dickens  
Rebne

**Finance**  
Hill  
Castagna-Herrera

**Safety**  
Madigan  
Brauer

**Public Works**  
Faidley  
Raglow

(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. All Governing Body members were present. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Felzien, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Sgt. Honas, and City Clerk Nielsen.

### **Modification of Agenda**

The Governing Body requested a discussion of painting the Community Center limestone façade at the beginning of New Business.

### **I. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**George Reichman** (5215 Clark Dr) Mr. Reichman expressed his appreciation to CMBRS Rebne and Castagna-Herrera as well as Mayor Poppa for hosting a Ward 4 public forum regarding the proposed tree ordinance. He said that hopefully the Governing Body will act on the feedback that they were given. Mr. Reichman encouraged more public forums before enacting any tree ordinance.

Mayor Poppa said the forum was very informative and well attended and he thanked the CMBRS for hosting the event.

**Whitney Jacobs** (5320 W. 49<sup>th</sup>) Ms. Jacobs said she has been a witness to many beautification projects and has appreciated most if not all of the improvements. She thanked the Governing Body for loving the community as much as she does. One recent architectural change she is not in agreement with is painting over the limestone at the Roeland Park Community Center. She said that limestone is rooted in Roeland Park and references the caves. She said that limestone is everywhere and offers continuity and connectedness to the roots of their community. It is seen in their signage and woven into their buildings. She found the master plan online and there was discussion of revamping a park to

incorporate limestone. She also recommended incorporating limestone at City Hall. She recommended taking the funds for painting and using it for tuckpointing and that they need to look to preserving the Community Center wall and think of its significance.

Mayor Poppa commented that the residents have talked about this and asked for Councilmembers to recommend this as an item for the agenda.

CMBRS Raglow, Hill, and Madigan made the recommendation to place the limestone painting discussion on this agenda and it was discussed at the beginning of New Business.

## **II. Consent Agenda**

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1023**
- B. Council Minutes June 20, 2023**

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

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

*There was no Business from the Floor.*

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

Mayor Poppa said the concert in R Park was a huge success and also a lot of fun. He expressed his thanks to the Governing Body members and staff that were able to attend.

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

### **A. Arts Committee**

CMBR Faidley provided the Arts Committee report. She said the committee and Public Works staff hiked the east side of Roe to get an idea of sites to put the entryway signature piece "*Origin*" by Nathan Pierce. The spot chosen is just south of the north monument for the City and equidistant between the larger trees. She did say that some small trees will need to be sacrificed.

She also noted that Mary Schulteis was cleaning the Aldi stairs by hand and picking up trash. They would like to see a trash can at the top in the hopes of reducing the amount of trash on the stairs and surrounding area. City Clerk Nielsen has contacted Aldi and they are favorable to a can as it is on their property. They hope to see that there soon.

Mayor Poppa thanked Mary Schulteis for her dedication. He did request that the Arts Committee not do that in the future but use their maintenance funds to reduce liability and make certain no one gets hurt. He added that it was very sweet of Ms. Schulteis to do that.

CMBR Faidley said they were curious to see what it would be to clean them. She said it was easy with soap, water, a soft rag, and a little elbow grease. They anticipate the stairs will need cleaning twice a year.

CMBR Dickens asked about the trash can, and with Aldi being favorable to it, who would be responsible for its installation. CMBR Faidley said it is on Aldi property and they will install it.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Limestone at Community Center**

Mayor Poppa opened the discussion of whether the Council wanted to reconsider painting the limestone portion of the Community Center white. Painting the limestone was a part of Option Number 1.

CMBR Madigan asked if other limestone like the planters were to be painted or did it apply only to the wall. Mayor Poppa said for the sake of conversation it would be the wall limestone.

CMBR Hill said she wished they had discussed this months ago. She is in favor of keeping the limestone natural and continuing with the current paint scheme.

CMBR Faidley wanted confirmation that this is not solid stone, but an application put on the wall, a type of veneer. She asked whether its origin is known, and she isn't certain it is native limestone.

City Administrator Moody said it is a veneer and they do not have a way of determining its origin.

CMBR Faidley understands there's tuckpointing needed but there is also spalling of the stone. City Administrator Moody said it wasn't specified that the wall needed any tuckpointing or special treatment. However, there is an area in need of tuckpointing on the far west of the building. There is a crack related to settling and has been repaired. No tuckpointing or any special treatment prescribed prior to staining.

CMBR Hill asked if the stain is the same for both the brick and the limestone. City Administrator Moody said it is. It has the same characteristics for protecting against moisture.

CMBR Raglow agreed with Councilmember Hill's comments and is appreciative of Ms. Jacobs coming and speaking to them. She would like to consider no painting or staining of the limestone.

CMBR Madigan said he is not in favor of painting the stone. He thanked Ms. Jacobs for speaking and appreciates her research in showing how limestone is used in their community. He said that is community engagement at its best.

CMBR Hill said Ms. Jacobs was very modest when speaking. She is an artist and contractor, and this is right up her alley as she has a strong knowledge base about this.

CMBR Faidley said for the record she is normally fighting for natural surfaces in general. In regards to the Community Center, they are trying to get an updated look to match the newness and updates on the interior. If they do not make exterior improvements, it will not be evident anything was done inside. She said they have gone through a process that took two to three years and included community involvement. She did not support disregarding the recommendations of their experts.

CMBR Hill said in committee discussions, they spoke largely about interior improvements and an exterior patio, but never discussed what the exterior would look like.

CMBR Faidley asked if they leave the surface natural do they need to do any sealing. City Administrator Moody will ask SFS if they have any recommendation on a seal. He suspects they'll recommend it as a maintenance item.

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE LEAVING THE LIMESTONE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, NOT PAINTING OR STAINING IT, AND ONLY SEALING IT IF RECOMMENDED BY AQUILA. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

## **VII. New Business**

**A. Consent of Council to Publish Notice of Public Hearing on the Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and a Notice of Public Hearing on the Adoption of the 2024 Budget and Amendment of the 2023 Budget (if applicable) to be held on August 21.**

City Administrator Moody noted the requirement to publish public notice for a public hearing based on a 26 mill levy, down 1.66 mill from 2023. This will cause the City to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Hearings on adoption of the 2024 budget and amendment of the 2023 budget are also included.

CMBR Faidley noted the amended 2023 budget is nearly \$2 million more than budgeted. City Administrator Moody said the only fund requiring an amendment is the Equipment and Building Reserve Fund related to the purchase and renovation of the new Public Works facility.

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO APPROVE PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE INTENT TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE, ADOPTION OF THE 2024 BUDGET, AND AMENDMENT OF THE 2023 BUDGET. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**B. Approve Change Order for Community Center**

City Administrator Moody said this item was put in as a placeholder on the agenda, but is not ready and no action is needed at this time.

**C. Approve Design Task Order for Nall from 51<sup>st</sup> to 58<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement**

Public Works Director Scharff said the task order includes sidewalk and curb maintenance, adding signage and sharrows. This project is also affiliated with KDOT.

CMBR Faidley asked whether the sharrows on the pavement would require them to revisit on-street parking. Public Works Director Scharff said he didn't think so. CMBR Faidley also wanted to know if there was any possibility of widening the sidewalk to accommodate other multi-modal transportation.

Public Works Director Scharff's indicated that this can be considered during the preliminary design and public input phase of the project.

City Administrator Moody added the task order includes a survey that is street centered and equal right-of-way width. The project was presented to MARC anticipating sharrows but did not anticipate moving the curb line.

CMBR Hill asked how this would work with the City of Mission. City Administrator Moody noted that all of the Nall project is in Roeland Park.

CMBR Madigan said he heard rumors they are doing away with parking on Nall. He said they need to involve the citizens who are complaining they can't get two cars in the driveway.

CMBR Faidley asked when it would be appropriate to discuss Complete Streets items. She said there is a lot of on street parking and can it be considered for widening.

City Administrator Moody said the Complete Streets Policy will be applied during the preliminary design process. They will, of course, engage the public for their feedback.

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER FOR THE NALL AVENUE PROJECT FROM 51<sup>st</sup> TO 58<sup>th</sup> STREET WITH LAMP RYNEARSON FOR DESIGN, BIDDING, AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$99,400 (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**D. Approve Interlocal Agreement with Westwood for Mission Road Project**

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR HERRERA SECONDED TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTWOOD FOR THE JOINT 2025 CARS MISSION ROAD FROM 47<sup>th</sup> TO 53<sup>rd</sup>. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**E. Approve Task Order for Survey and Preliminary Design of Mission Road from 47<sup>th</sup> to 53<sup>rd</sup>**

Mayor Poppa asked if this task order will look at multi-modal use in this area. Public Works Director Scharff said they have not discussed that.

CMBR Faidley said she has attended some community meetings. There is a consensus that the minimal parking is not the same as it is on Nall. Residents seemed to be amenable to a pull-out for them on the road.

CMBR Dickens said there was discussion of on-street parking, and a lot of Westwood residents were also at the meeting.

CMBR Hill asked about traffic calming and if they put in bike lanes how to control speed.

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND SURVEY SERVICES WITH LAMP RYNEARSON FOR THE 2025 MISSION ROAD CARS PROJECTS, 47<sup>th</sup> STREET TO 53<sup>rd</sup> STREET AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$93,300. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions**

**A. Ordinance 1046 - Adopt Current LKM Code of Procedures**

Mayor Poppa said there was consensus to move this item to the Council agenda following their discussions at the last Workshop.

CMBR Madigan said in the ordinance, as written, the terms ending in an even number of years are incorrect.

Mr. Felzien said they can handle that in a separate ordinance regarding expiration dates. This ordinance can still be approved as it is adopting LKM's code.

The Governing Body agreed.

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR REBNE SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1046 ADOPTING THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES CODE OF PROCEDURES. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**B. Resolution 704**

Mr. Felzien said that, in essence, EPC wants to put dirt on land they do not own. The Resolution would accept a bond and agree to the fill dirt. The bond is not less than \$300,000 for 15,000 cubic yards of fill material.

CMBR Faidley asked if the requirements are in place in the documents and for the bond protect surrounding areas from stormwater runoff. Mr. Felzien said that will be in the agreement.

CMBR Faidley also wanted to know if they will be taking down the limestone rock formations. City Administrator Moody said this grading work will not impact the limestone outcroppings.

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR BRAUER SECONDED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 704 FOR EPC TO COMPLETE GRADING AT THE ROCKS SITE PRIOR TO CLOSING SO LONG AS A RECLAMATION BOND EQUAL TO THE COST OF THE GRADING WORK BEING COMPLETED (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**IX. Reports of City Officials**

*No reports were given.*

**Adjourn:**

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:01 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppa, Mayor