

CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
February 5, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

- Michael Poppa, Mayor
- Emily Hage, Council Member
- Benjamin Dickens, Council Member
- Jan Faidley, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member

- Jeffrey Stocks, Council Member
- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Matthew Lero, Council Member
- Kate Raglow, Council Member

- Keith Moody, City Administrator
- Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. City Admin.
- Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk
- John Morris, Police Chief
- Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director

Admin
Dickens
Lero

Finance
Hill
Stocks

Safety
Madigan
Hage

Public Works
Faidley
Raglow

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Mayor Poppa called the roll, and all Governing Body members were present. Staff present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Walker, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Jones-Lacy, Police Chief Morris, Public Works Director Scharff, Code Enforcement Officer Miller, and City Clerk Nielsen.

Appoint Jeffrey Stocks to Ward 4 Council Vacancy

After reviewing applications and going through the process as outlined in the City ordinance, the interview committee met and decided to present Mr. Jeff Stocks to the Governing Body to fill the vacant Ward 4 City Council seat.

(Jeffrey Stocks took the oath of office as Councilmember)

CMBR Stocks thanked the Mayor and Council and stated he is looking forward to the opportunity to serve the City of Roeland Park.

Mayor Poppa said they are looking forward to working with Mr. Stocks as well.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY STOCKS TO THE VACANT WARD 4 COUNCIL SEAT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

I. Public Comments

There were no public comments made.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1036**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes January 16, 2024**
- C. Approve 2024 State Legislative Priorities**

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

III. Business from the Floor

A. Proclamations/Applications/Presentations

1. Introduce Khal Miller - Code Enforcement Officer

Ms. Jones-Lacy introduced Khal Miller, the City's new Code Enforcement Officer. She stated he has been with the City since the middle of December and comes with extensive customer service experience.

Mr. Miller thanked everyone for the opportunity and said he is looking forward to working with the Governing Body and being able to see the difference he can make day by day in Roeland Park.

2. Leading the Way Award Presentation by ETC

Ryan Murray from ETC stated the Council is invested in the community survey process. City Administrator Moody is one of the founding members of Direction Finder back in 2000-01. He said that Mr. Moody has been a client every year and worked on the surveys which has helped to bring their success. He said Roeland Park ranks in the top 10 percent overall in quality of service, customer satisfaction, and value. Mr. Murray commended the Roeland Park staff for what they do, noting it takes a lot of hard work to make the residents feel that satisfaction and it is also a testament to the work of the Governing Body. Mr. Murray presented the City with an 11-pound award to represent the initial 11 cities who conducted the Direction Finder surveys.

(Photos were taken)

Mayor Poppa thanked staff for helping them obtain the award, but also the residents as they awarded it to them with the survey.

3. 2023 Glass Recycling Program Review by Ripple Glass

Piercyn Charbonneau from Ripple Glass said he loves the partnership with Roeland Park and thanked them for being willing to participate in the pilot program. He said it is an important starting point for the Kansas City area. He said they had a strong start last January with a high level of participation. It did, however, drop off after the first quarter and he wants to get those numbers back up. To help counteract that, they are using social media and SMS reminders.

Mr. Charbonneau said that Ripple participated with ETC to send a survey to Roeland Park residents. The survey showed that the service days threw people off. They put out an updated schedule and people were calling asking for an updated calendar such as a magnet. He said they are looking into something like that. He noted that the results of the survey for people not participating with comments such as the bins are too heavy, broken glass, their household does not generate enough glass, and they just opt not to recycle their glass.

City Manager Moody said they were trying to get feedback from those that do not participate, but that group is not easy to engage. Of the over 1,600 surveys sent, they received 20 responses.

CMBR Hill said she did notice that when trash pick-up was moved due to a holiday, glass recycling remained on a normal schedule. She said they need to put out information to make sure they are in synch. Mr. Charbonneau stated they have worked with GFL to make sure those days now match.

CMBR Dickens said his street is a strong participant in the program and has never noticed any broken glass. He asked if that was seen in other areas. Mr. Charbonneau said there was one instance where someone set out a windowpane, but the glass was broken before being put out. He added that their workers carry a dustpan and broom in case they see any broken glass.

CMBR Faidley said that for some of those participating in the pilot program, they were not aware when it ended and when it started up again, so there was some confusion. She also asked that even though they have not met their targets, would they still consider the program as successful with increased glass recycling between the curbside program and the Aldi bin. Mr. Charbonneau said in 2021 and 2022 with only the Aldi bin they collected about 135 tons of glass. This past year combined, they have collected over 200 tons and does consider that to be a success.

CMBR Hage said she noticed the shift in marketing strategy and believes it is helping. She recommends they stick with it as they are still implementing and learning the system, plus everyone loves a magnet.

Mayor Poppa thanked Ripple for getting the SMS up and running as he relies on that. He agreed that some of the tubs may be too heavy, and asked if there would be smaller ones with wheels. Mr. Charbonneau said they have discussed a 32-gallon cart with a lid and is happy to discuss those options.

CMBR Dickens asked if a resident needed a rolling bin could they swap it out. Mr. Charbonneau said they would need to first have the discussion as the cost is astronomical but might be able to be done on an as-needed basis.

IV. Mayor's Report

A. Black History Month Proclamation

Mayor Poppa said in acknowledging Black History Month, they pay tribute to the countless leaders that have played a pivotal role in shaping the fabric of our nation. This underscores Roeland Park's commitment to fostering inclusivity and promoting a more equitable and just future. As they celebrate the achievements of the Black community, he asked them to not only reflect on the past but look to the future for the positive change we need. He encouraged everyone to work together to continue the journey toward a more diverse, more inclusive, and harmonious society for all.

Mayor Poppa declared February 2024 as Black History Month in the City of Roeland Park and urged its residents to learn more about the contributions of African Americans to the nation and their community and to continue to create an inclusive world to be proud of and celebrate. All Councilmembers signed on to the proclamation.

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. Sustainability Committee Report

David Smith, Chair of the Sustainability Committee, started his presentation noting they now have six members, the most since 2018. He also said the committee approved \$660 a year of funding for the KC Can Compost pilot program. The bin will be located at Aldi. Megan Revis will be tracking that program to measure its effectiveness. Also, member Melissa Castillo has offered to fund a second bin at Roesland. They will look into that but would initially like to see the response from the pilot program.

Later this year through KC Bike Share there will be e-bike rentals in the City. They will be stationed just south of the Boulevard complex with ten bikes. Plans are to eventually expand to R Park.

The committee is having Care Media and George Butler Associates help out with the roadmap regarding the Sustainability audit for City property. The cost for this is about \$40,000.

Mr. Smith noted that he has been appointed to the steering committee of the Go Green Environmental Fair but has not yet attended a meeting.

The Sustainability Committee has also drafted a resolution regarding native plants on City property and is finalizing that to conform with the City's template. They are also working with the Parks Committee to develop a partnership with Sustainability.

CMBR Dickens asked if there is e-bike participation in Prairie Village, Westwood, and Mission. Mr. Smith said there is a pilot program in Roesdale for e-bikes and one in Mission. Ms. Jones-Lacy added that the grant they are participating in is a joint venture with the City of Mission, who is the lead, and they are working with them to figure out all of the details.

CMBR Faidley said when they last talked with Mission, they were working with Prairie Village to join them. Ms. Jones-Lacy said at this time it is only the two communities, Roeland Park and Mission.

CMBR Faidley also noted that Mr. Smith is now the representative from Sustainability to the Community Foundation.

B. First Tier Suburbs Meeting Summary

CMBR Faidley said that City Manager Moody also attended the meeting which was held virtually. She said the panel discussion was timely as they were talking about relations between local government and landlords. She said it was a good panel with very diverse viewpoints. She did say she thought renters should have been included.

VI. Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business was discussed.

VII. New Business

A. Special Use Permit Approval for Daycare

Ms. Jones-Lacy said when the Planning Commission met in January, they held a public hearing to approve a daycare use at the site of the old Southridge Presbyterian Church. This is only permissible via a special use permit. Ms. Jones-Lacy presented the recommendations from the Planning Commission for the proposed use, noting detailed information is in the packet.

CMBR Hage asked if the daycare would address affordability and whether there will be a program to offer subsidies for childcare.

Brandy Poiry (632 West 59th Street, Kansas City, MO) Ms. Poiry, the applicant, said that subsidies cannot be granted until they are licensed, and they cannot be licensed until they have the permit. But she said it is her intention to apply for those who want to leverage the state subsidy program.

CMBR Hage said there is good synergy being next to Roesland, and there used to be a good partnership between Southridge Presbyterian and Roesland School. Ms. Poiry said that CMBR Lero did reach out to her about the sidewalks, and they have purchased a snowblower for the property. They have also joined the Facebook Roesland PTA page. She has been reticent to reach out to the school as the licensure is still pending, but they do want to partner with the school, and it is a goal of theirs to offer an after-school program.

CMBR Faidley asked with the SUP application if there is a notification process for the surrounding properties. Ms. Jones-Lacy said the properties within 200 feet were notified by certified mail. They received no specific objections to the daycare itself but some comments from the Planning Commission meeting were directed at traffic concerns and with drop-off and pick-up times at Roesland. Staff have had conversations with the Police Department who have been observing parents on Clark dropping off children for them to walk. They have been watching to make sure there are no obstructions of traffic, and the Police Department has no major concerns for safety. They will continue to monitor the traffic.

Mayor Poppa asked if there is an estimate of what the day numbers would be to open. Ms. Poiry said they will be able to accommodate 60-100 but would estimate about 80 until a full expansion of the building. She said it is a slow climb and they will start with two or three classrooms. She currently has 10 but anticipates that going to 25 or 30 fairly quickly. She also agreed that the daycare will be a complementary use to Roesland. Mayor Poppa thanked them for keeping the structure intact and tackling the building improvements.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND APPROVE THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR THE APPLICANT TO OPERATE A DAYCARE AT 5015 BUENA VISTA, SITE OF THE FORMER SOUTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- FACILITY ONLY OPERATES ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE FACILITY.
- FACILITY RECEIVES FULL LICENSURE TO OPERATE A DAYCARE FACILITY FROM THE STATE OF KANSAS.

- FACILITY RECEIVES APPROVAL FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL TO OPERATE A DAYCARE IN THE FACILITY.
- THE FACILITY IS ABLE TO GET A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY THROUGH THE BUILDING PERMITTING PROCESS; AND
- THE FACILITY RECEIVES A BUSINESS LICENSE FROM THE CITY TO OPERATE
- DAYCARE CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO BE WALKED INTO THE FACILITY BY A PARENT OR THEIR DESIGNEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

B. Appoint Amie Logan to the Aquatics Committee

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF AMIE LOGAN TO THE AQUATICS COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

C. 2024 CARS Project Agreement with JOCO

Public Works Director Scharff presented the information on this year's CARS project for signal replacement at Johnson Drive and Roe Boulevard. The signals are shared with the City of Mission. Mission is the administrative city for the contract, and they will invoice Roeland Park for their portion minus the CARS share.

CMBR Faidley noticed that Johnson County, Fairway, Mission, and Roeland Park are all listed on the contract and asked if their boundaries all converge at the traffic light. Public Works Director Scharff said the entire scope of the project goes further south into Fairway and Prairie Village, but the Roeland Park portion of the contract pertains to only the signals.

MOTION: CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR STOCKS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 2024 CARS AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY FOR THE JOHNSON DRIVE AND ROE BOULEVARD PROJECT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

D. Approve Task Order for 2024 Residential Street Reconstruction

Public Works Director Scharff said the task order will allow the City Engineer to begin design for two cul-de-sacs on 47th Place off of Mohawk. The project will include a full street reconstruction, spot curb repairs, and adding sidewalks to both cul-de-sacs. Once the design is complete, he will bring the design plans to Council along with projected costs.

City Manager Moody added this project is a replacement for the annual surface treatment program. It is a short project, but they are adding a sidewalk and wanted to remind everyone that it will affect driveway slopes which at times can become an emotional issue. They need to obtain temporary construction easements from residents to put in those sidewalks. If the homeowner is unwilling to do so, it puts the City in a position to go through the condemnation process, which can add 90 days to the process and add legal costs. He said the City is trying to complete the efforts in the bicycle and sidewalk plan, but the plan does not always get the support they would like to be able to complete the projects. They have not met with the property owners yet to get their feedback, and the Council will give their final approval to the plans before being put out for bid.

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ENGINEERING TASK ORDER FOR 2024 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - 47TH PLACE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

No ordinances or resolutions were presented.

IX. Reports of City Officials

A. 4th Quarter Public Safety Report

Police Chief Morris reviewed the numbers of incidents and Uniform Crime data in his report. He said they continue to be busy at Lowe's, Walmart and the Boulevard Apartments. His report includes comparisons with previous years and Chief Morris noted that despite being short-staffed their numbers have gone down. He did say that 2023 was a busy year with over 800 incidents.

Chief Morris also shared the numbers related to animal control as well as for the co-responder they share with area cities. He said it is a very vital tool that they use a lot.

Police Chief Morris noted that Rango is doing well, the department is also doing well, and they have a new Deputy Chief of Police. They are down one officer, however.

CMBR Hage asked about the incidents broken down by demographic and resident city. City Manager Moody said they have reflected the percent of population by ethnicity as part of graphs in the past. He said they are able to get the demographics, but they do not necessarily correlate to what the daytime and nighttime demographic population looks like for the community.

CMBR Faidley gave the Police Department kudos for their reductions in theft noting that it is amazing to see that drop year over year. She also gave a shout out to the co-responders and the success of the program through jail and emergency room diversions. This program ensures they are not asking their officers to be everything to everyone. Police Chief Morris agreed the program is a great tool for them. He also requires all his officers to attend Crisis Intervention Training and it is important for them to have the additional knowledge for going on these types of calls.

CMBR Hage asked if Chief Morris had heard about the cars that were rifled through in Ward 3. Police Chief Morris said sometimes the information they receive is delayed because people don't know if they should call. He would like people to call right away. He said that earlier today there was an attempted car theft, and they were able to respond in about three minutes. If there is a problem, people should call because if there is a problem and they don't know about it, they are not able to help. He added that any little bit of information can go a long way.

Adjourn:

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppa, Mayor