

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL  
4600 WEST 51<sup>st</sup> STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205  
February 19, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

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

- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Jeffrey Stocks, 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**

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

Mayor Poppa called for a moment of silence for the victims at last week's parade, but especially for Lisa Lopez Galvan, who worked at the City of Roeland Park Police Department until 2016.

CMBR Hill said the school is selling t-shirts for the Reyes girls and can get the link for anyone that wants it.

Mayor Poppa also noted there are Go Fund Me pages and he expressed his support to the communities of Bishop Miege, St. Agnes Church, and School.

CMBR Faidley said it seems they can't do much at a municipal level, but the initiatives that they take to make Roeland Park a more welcoming place to live is important. She noted that Moms Demand Action says that inclusiveness is particularly important. Mayor Poppa agreed, noting that is something that they as a city have done.

### **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 #1037**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes February 5, 2024**
- C. Approve 2024 State Legislative Priorities**

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL 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**

*No Business from the Floor*

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

### **A. Updates and Outcomes from MARC**

Mayor Poppa said his report is included for review in the packet. He also stated that he has been appointed by the Johnson County and Wyandotte County mayors to sit on the board of directors as an alternate for Johnson County and will be back up for Mayor Mikkelsen from Prairie Village. He noted that he will make updates following every meeting.

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

### **A. Planning Commission**

Ms. Jones-Lacy noted the Planning Commission has been meeting regularly. They will begin their review of the zoning code. Currently it is being worked on at a staff level with Chris Shires from Confluence who is creating a draft. They will also be involving Haile Sims from the DEI Committee to review the code and apply that lens to it.

Also, a joint Planning Commission and City Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> and will include Chris Shires, who has a Meeting Owl to help facilitate recording the meeting with so many people. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they are looking for a space where they can all gather around a table.

The Planning Commission will next meet 2/21 where they will review a request from T-Mobile to expand their boundary for the cell tower rental to install a diesel generator in case of a power outage. Ms. Jones-Lacy said this could be administratively approved, but they will be bringing it to the Planning Commission because it is in a residential neighborhood.

CMBR Madigan said he would support the City purchasing a Meeting Owl. Ms. Jones-Lacy said that is something they could do and would discuss that at another time.

### **B. Community Foundation**

Ms. Jones-Lacy said the minutes and financials are in the packet. She reviewed the campaigns and their current balances noting that the Foundation had not met for more than a year. After reconciling

the accounts, the fund balance totals \$94,192.58 with most of the outgoing funding being used for Go Green events.

CMBR Hage asked if all the dollars are restricted. Ms. Jones-Lacy said the Linus Orth Memorial Grant is an opportunity for people to make a request from the fund, for a specific cause like what was done at Roesland, but everything else has a specific purpose. They keep the funds segregated based on what they were raised for. Ms. Jones-Lacy did state that the Community Events - Other fund could be consolidated into the funds for the Community Engagement Committee.

CMBR Madigan asked if any group of people could request funds to put it on something. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they do not have a process in place for people to apply for those funds.

CMBR Hill asked about the funds in Sculptures. Ms. Jones-Lacy said the amount is for See Red Run's maintenance and cleaning.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

*No Unfinished Business was discussed.*

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Appoint Haz Cady to the Arts Committee**

**MOTION:** CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPOINT HAZ CADY TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

## **VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions**

*No ordinances or resolutions were presented.*

## **IX. Reports of City Officials**

### **A. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report**

Ms. Jones-Lacy said the City's revenues have been strong in all the major categories with the only one concern is court fines and fees. She said they had a meeting today to discuss this with court personnel and concluded it is because they are down officers and those happen to be the ones who wrote the most tickets and have recently left the city. She said you cannot bring charges in court if a person is not available to come to court to testify. Ms. Jones-Lacy also said that with the increase of salaries they should be able to bring on more people and retain them so the court numbers should stabilize back up to a reasonable level. She said they are not trying to make money from court, but the hope is to cover the expenses of running the court while keeping everyone safe.

CMBR Hill asked if the numbers projected for 2023 reflect former Councilmember McCormack's objectives. Ms. Jones-Lacy said that occurred in 2019 and did have an impact and the amount has continuously dropped.

CMBR Faidley asked if there was an update for what ticketing was down in 2023 over 2022 as that was left out of the report. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they were down 293 tickets which equates to 31 percent.

Ms. Jones-Lacy continued her report noting that revenues are 6 percent over what was budgeted. The General Fund revenues have come in strong, and their ending fund balances are \$850,000 higher than anticipated due to vacancies. These funds can be transferred to capital projects to continue to cash fund them and eliminate the need to issue debt. Their investments are also doing very well due to higher interest rates.

CMBR Faidley asked about the TDDs and when they expire. Ms. Jones-Lacy said the City is not obligated to those bonds.

**Adjourn:**

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:29 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppa, Mayor