

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**ROELAND PARK CITY HALL**  
**4600 WEST 51<sup>st</sup> STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205**  
**March 18, 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**  
Lero  
Faidley

**Finance**  
Stocks  
Dickens

**Safety**  
Hage  
Hill

**Public Works**  
Raglow  
Madigan

(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. All Governing Body members were present. Staff present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Walker, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Jones-Lacy, Deputy Chief Honas, Public Works Director Scharff, and City Clerk Nielsen.

### **Modification of Agenda**

Mayor Poppa noted the Project RISE Update will be given at the April 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting.

### **I. Public Comments**

**Jodi Wilson (5006 Mission)** Ms. Wilson stated she received the City's invitation to attend and share information about the upcoming 2025 Mission project. She attended the meeting, but it was not open to opinions. Residents were informed of the project and told what would be done. She also noted that CMBR Faidley was the only Governing Body member in attendance. Ms. Wilson reiterated that there was no time at the meeting to express their opinions and felt blindsided by the project. Following the meeting, she and her husband printed off the presentation and went door to door and noted that none of her neighbors were aware of the scope of the project. They saw it as a simple project as it was posted on Facebook and did not feel the need to attend the meeting. Ms. Wilson expressed her concerns about the loss of parking. She stated she will be putting a petition together to present to the Council at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting asking them to consider the input of the residents. She stated that she is not against bike lanes on Mission but does want to be heard and have her opinions taken into consideration.

Mayor Poppa said he appreciated Ms. Wilson's comments. He asked City Manager Moody what the petition process would be. City Manager Moody stated there is a petition process to request a vote of the entire population, but he will need to look into a process of a petition requesting the Governing Body take action.

Mayor Poppa said the meeting was a neighborhood reveal of a project that has been in the works for quite some time and they were seeking resident feedback. Mayor Poppa said he was unable to attend because of a work obligation. Following the meeting, City staff briefed the Governing Body, and he added they did receive resident e-mails. He also got together with City Manager Moody and the City of Westwood to discuss those issues. He said they would not be able to discuss this at their April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and asked Ms. Wilson to reach out to her ward councilmembers. He added that she is also welcome to speak at the meeting again during public comment. Mayor Poppa stated they do want to hear their voices.

Ms. Wilson said they felt pressure for the March 8<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mayor Poppa said that was a deadline to apply for CARS funds and asked Ms. Wilson to come back April 1<sup>st</sup>. He added that he is happy to meet with her and her ward councilmembers to talk about this further.

CMBR Dickens said he will be out of town the next two weeks.

**Evelyn Long (5054 Mission)** Ms. Long stated she has lived in Roeland Park since 1968 and loves it. Her main concern is where they would park, especially when her large family comes to visit, which they do quite regularly. She said she has never had to worry about parking before. Mayor Poppa said the engineers are working out a plan and she is welcome to reach out to her ward representatives and to him.

Mayor Poppa said he appreciated Ms. Wilson and Ms. Long coming in and sharing their voice.

**II. Consent Agenda**

- A. **Appropriations Ordinance #1039**
- B. **City Council Meeting Minutes March 4, 2024**

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

**III. Business from the Floor**

- A. **Proclamations/Applications/Presentations**

*There was no Business from the Floor.*

**IV. Mayor's Report**

- A. **Seven Days Proclamation**

Lama Matthew Palden Gocha, spiritual director at Rime Buddhist Center, is a board member of Seven Days. He thanked the Mayor, City Council, and Roeland Park for being a Seven Days Kindness City.

April 13<sup>th</sup> marks the tenth anniversary of the hate-based murders of Dr. William Corporon, his

grandson Reat Underwood, and Teresa LaManno at the Jewish Community Center. To commemorate the anniversary, Seven days is holding a breakfast on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00-9:30 a.m. at the Foundry Church of the Resurrection in Leawood. They will also hold their first ever Community Kindness Festival on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park. This is a free event, and all are welcome to attend.

Lama Matt gave Ms. Nielsen kindness cards that can be passed on to anyone when they see acts of that kind. He also presented the City with a plaque of gratitude for being a kindness city.

Mayor Poppa read the proclamation into the record noting that they vow to overcome hate with kindness.

All Councilmembers signed on to the proclamation.

CMBR Faidley said they used to do a walk. Lama Matt said they are having the festival this year in lieu of a walk to commemorate the tenth anniversary.

To learn more about Seven Days and to see a schedule of events visit [www.sevendays.org](http://www.sevendays.org).

(Photos were taken)

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

### **A. Ad-Hoc Historical Committee**

CMBR Madigan said he was appointed chair of the committee last January. He noted that Anna Jacobson, their historian, is continuing her research and that it will take longer than expected due to funds not being used as quickly as anticipated. Ms. Jacobson was surprised to find that Roeland Park has been a trendsetter in working to remove racial covenants and updating their non-discrimination ordinance. She suggested that should be included in their history as something to be proud of.

CMBR Madigan noted that CMBR Raglow is working with Ms. Jacobson on the oral history project. He thanked CMBR Raglow for helping with that.

To mark the City's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they are working on historical signage with the first one to denote the Roe family house. Anna is reviewing the verbiage of the sign. Before any signs are installed, they will be reviewed by the DEI committee for their input.

CMBR Hill clarified that the one sign is a city marker where the Roe family home stood and will not go into an historical depth of information. They would like to have that one done for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

CMBR Raglow added that if any residents want to tell their oral histories, she will get them scheduled with the historian. Anyone can reach her at [kraglow@cityofroelandpark.org](mailto:kraglow@cityofroelandpark.org).

### **B. Board of Zoning Appeals**

Ms. Jones-Lacy said the Board of Zoning Appeals met last in December of 2023. There was a variance request made for the house at the corner of Reinhardt and 47<sup>th</sup> Street. The property owners had erected a fence that was too tall and obstructed the sight triangle and so were required to request a

variance. The BZA decided it did not meet the requirements for a variance and it was denied. Mr. Holtkamp has been working with the homeowners to get them into compliance. There is a plan in place, and they are working to meet their timeline.

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 6 p.m. regarding the daycare on Buena Vista in the former church. They would like to erect a privacy fence in the front yard to enclose the children's play area. The applicant is sending out notices to homeowners. Also, the applicant is requesting to modify their special use permit due to the demand of the daycare and they would like to operate on the first floor as well as the basement. This would require an amendment to the SUP. It does not require a public hearing, nor does it require it to go before the Planning Commission but can be amended directly by the City Council.

CMBR Faidley asked where the fence is to be in relation to the church. Ms. Jones-Lacy said it would be in front of the church building on the Buena Vista side.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

*No Unfinished Business was discussed.*

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Approve Revised Task Order for Roe Parkway Project**

Mayor Poppa congratulated Public Works on the opening of their new facility.

Public Works Director Scharff said they are asking the Council to approve a revised task order to add a southbound left turn lane between Roe Blvd and Roe Pkwy as well as to reconfigure the cul-de-sac, add a sidewalk on the south side of Roe Pkwy, and expand the sidewalk on Roe Blvd to The Rocks. The revised task order includes all elements of the project.

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE AN UPDATED TASK ORDER COVERING THE DESIGN, BIDDING, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT TO ROE PARKWAY. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

### **B. Appoint Chris Thowe to the Board of Zoning Appeals**

**MOTION:** CMBR HAGE MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS THOWE TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

## **VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions**

*No ordinances or resolutions were presented.*

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

CMBR Faidley reminded everyone of the Egg Hunt at R Park beginning 10 a.m. on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Poppa said some bunny special will be there.

**Adjourn:**

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:34 p.m.)



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Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



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Michael Poppa, Mayor