

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**ROELAND PARK CITY HALL**  
**4600 WEST 51<sup>ST</sup> STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205**  
**June 17, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

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

- Matthew Lero, Council Member
- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Kate Raglow, Council Member
- Jeffrey Stocks, 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 6:01 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. CMBR Faidley arrived after roll call. CMBR Stocks was present online, and all other Governing Body members were present. Staff present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Mauer, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Jones-Lacy, Deputy Police Chief Honas, and City Clerk Nielsen.

### **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 #1045**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes June 3, 2024**

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

#### **III. Business from the Floor**

*There was no Business from the Floor.*

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

### **A. Alzheimer's and Brain Month Proclamation**

Mayor Poppe read the proclamation into the record declaring June 2024 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the City of Roeland Park.

All Councilmembers signed on to the proclamation.

Elizabeth Roe, a representative of the Alzheimer's Association, expressed her appreciation for the City of Roeland Park proclaiming an observance of this critically important issue. She said they represent 65 counties in Kansas and Missouri where it affects over 50,000 people and over 200,000 families. Their work includes funding research to prevent and treat so they can conquer the disease. They also raise awareness of and advocate for the needs and rights of people with dementia.

Ms. Roe said for further information their website is: [www.alz.org/kansascity](http://www.alz.org/kansascity) There also have a help line at (800) 272-3900.

Mayor Poppe said that Harold Morales from the DEI Committee is very engaged with the City and thanked him for bringing this issue to their attention.

### **B. Juneteenth Proclamation**

Mayor Poppe read the proclamation into the record noting that June 19, 2024, is when Juneteenth is celebrated to commemorate the end of slavery.

Harold Morales and Carrie Paulette from the DEI Committee were present for the proclamation. Ms. Paulette thanked the Governing Body stating that this shows the values of their City. She said it is a day of celebration and joy as the City continues work against the systemic racism that continues to exist.

Mr. Morales added his thanks to the Governing Body and said this is a principal issue to the DEI committee.

All Councilmembers signed on to the proclamation.

(Photos were taken)

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

### **A. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

Carrie Paulette from the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee stated that their goals continue to be to look for ways to better communicate with the residents. They publish DEI highlights and events in the *Roeland Parker* and to social media such as the dual language programs through the Shawnee Mission School District, and the gender-neutral bathrooms in the city. They will be highlighting the grant programs and rebates for home repair. They have also invited residents to a furniture drive after the City-wide garage sale. The committee is also involved in the New Roots training program that supports refugees in farm shares and flower shares.

The committee has also provided some feedback through a DEI lens on various Council initiatives. They have also looked at some of the City codes as well as the tree ordinance program. The committee has also collaborated with the Historical Committee on their upcoming signage. They are also looking forward to weighing in on short-term rentals and want to add the CROWN Act to the City's ordinances.

Some of the guiding questions they reflect on is whether an initiative is affecting some people more positively than others, and if the type of language used contributes to stereotypes or affects minority groups.

Ms. Paulette asked if anyone sees an event, initiative, or issue for residents to get involved with, they are always looking for a DEI spotlight item. The DEI committee would also like to add more residents to their membership.

Mayor Poppa thanked Mr. Morales and Ms. Paulette for the work the committee is doing on policy, noting that their feedback has been well received. He added that their feedback will be included in the tree draft ordinance coming up in the next couple of months.

Harold Morales added that their main job has been to look at ordinances and that relevant items brought up before City Council goes through a DEI lens. He asked the Council to let them know if there is anything they can do to make the process easier and operate more smoothly. They have created a survey, and it will be sent to the Governing Body to complete it to better identify ways they can improve and work more efficiently. He also asked them to reach out if they have any questions.

CMBR Stocks, liaison to the DEI Committee, said that they are doing a great job, and he appreciates their valuable input. He also thanked Ms. Paulette and Mr. Morales for providing the report in his absence.

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

CMBR Madigan thanked DEI committee members Harold Morales and Carrie Paulette for their assistance on signage at the Roe site. At their May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, they discussed the Roe family house sign, its purpose, and limitations. Anna Jacobson, their historian, provided information she learned about Rev. Thomas Johnson from tribal groups in the area. Mr. Morales and Ms. Paulette stated they were comfortable with the proposed sign with the caveat that the City would strive for inclusiveness of Native Americans in their ongoing work. The Historical Committee decided that prior to presenting a sign to the Council for the house, they will work on a land acknowledgment sign and present both signs at the same time. The signs are a limited workspace, and they need to be precise, which is one reason for the land acknowledgment sign.

CMBR Madigan noted that CMBR Raglow has been working with Ms. Jacobson on oral histories about living in Roeland Park and thanked Ms. Raglow for her continued work even though she is no longer on the committee. He said the oral histories will give the students something educational without just reading about the City's history in a book.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

*There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.*

## VII. New Business

### A. Approve Agreement with Bike Share KC for Ebike Program

Ms. Jones-Lacy said the agreement is the first step in getting Bike Share KC in place. This is a cooperative effort with the City of Mission who will be issuing an RFP. They will jointly purchase the bikes. The agreement is for Bike Share KC to perform maintenance of the bikes, charge them, and put them back to their original location once a week. The carbon reduction grant they received is enough to pay for 20 bikes in Roeland Park. Ten will be placed near R Park and ten will be placed near Price Chopper off Roe Boulevard. The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CRPG) program pays 80 percent of the cost for five years. The City's share of 20 percent will be \$50,000 and is covered in this year's budget. The agreement has been reviewed by attorneys for the cities and Bike Share KC. Following approval of the agreement, the next step will be to purchase the bikes.

**MOTION:** CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BIKE SHARE KC FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE E-BIKE PROGRAM TO BE LAUNCHED LATER IN 2024. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-1 WITH CMBR DICKENS VOTING NO.)

CMBR Faidley asked how large the concrete pads will be to park the bikes. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they are large enough to accommodate the bikes and a sign. They will go into an agreement with Mission to use the same installer. They are also working with Bella Roe to place the pad on the back of the sidewalk due to spacing and they are waiting for their permission.

### B. Committee Appointments

Mayor Poppa congratulated the appointees and thanked them for their service to the community.

**MOTION:** CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN PURICELI, MICHAEL JANES, AND NATASHA RICKELS TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AS WELL AS GABRIELLE KEMPF AND ELIZABETH BADDELEY TO THE AQUATICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

### C. Approve Liquor License for Bottoms Up Liquor

Mayor Poppa thanked the representatives from Bottoms Up Liquor for bringing their business to Roeland Park.

CMBR Faidley had residents ask her about the licensing and stated that it is the state that issues the liquor license, and the steps can be a bit onerous and that it was not the City delaying the permitting process.

**MOTION:** CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BOTTOMS UP LIQUOR LOCATED AT 4986 ROE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

## VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

*No ordinances or resolutions were presented.*

## IX. Reports of City Officials

### A. GFOA Awards Presentation

Ms. Jones-Lacy said they received two awards from GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association). They received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, a reward they have received for over 25 years. Also, for the sixth year, they received the Distinguished Budget Award for 2024. She said it is nice to see them continuing these traditions. She has received helpful feedback from GFOA to work on the budget for next year. They intend to take those comments and make the budget document more usable and relatable for those who need to know about the City's finances.

(Photos taken)

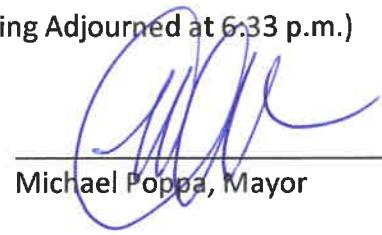
**Adjourn:**

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:33 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppe, Mayor