

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL  
4600 WEST 51<sup>st</sup> STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205  
January 6, 2025, 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
- Cory Honas, 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 and staff were present appearing virtually. Staff present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Felzien, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Honas, Parks and Rec Superintendent Marshall, and City Clerk Nielsen.

### **Modification of Agenda**

CMBR Faidley noted the election of the Council President had been removed from the agenda and noted that their ordinance requires a new president is to be elected at their first meeting in January.

City Attorney Felzien said that in time of need or certain circumstances, the City can amend its own ordinance.

Mayor Poppa said he requested to move the president selection to the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting when they are all present in person.

CMBR Dickens asked why they needed to be in person. Mayor Poppa thought it would be better to do it in person and be able to look at each other.

All Council members agreed to elect the Council President at the January 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting.

Mayor Poppa also noted they would also be swearing in new Police Chief Honas at the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

## **I. Public Comments**

*There were no public comments.*

## **II. Consent Agenda**

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1058**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes December 16, 2024**

**MOTION:** CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (THE 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 thanked Public Works for their work clearing the streets and also the Police Department for being on patrol when things are shut down.

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

### **A. Board of Zoning Appeals 12/5 Meeting Summary**

The meeting summary is attached to the agenda packet.

CMBR Faidley said she was unclear about the description and wanted to know if the BZA was grandfathering in setbacks on a corner property, requiring a permit as they are not able to enforce normal setbacks.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said the house and garage are already in existence and built in a way that did not meet the current required setbacks. The owner wanted to connect the two structures and the BZA found it met the criteria to grant the variance, and it also will not create a hardship on any surrounding properties.

CMBR Madigan said the BZA is a quasi-governmental body. It is just a courtesy by them to send the Council their notes for review and that the Council cannot overrule their decision.

CMBR Hill asked if they have the authority to overrule a BZA decision. Ms. Jones-Lacy said it would have to go to district court if a BZA decision were to be challenged.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

*There was no Unfinished Business discussed.*

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Adopt the 2025 Legislative Platform**

**MOTION:** CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO ADOPT THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**B. Approve 2025 Project Rise Agreement**

The 2025 Project Rise Agreement is with the Northeast Johnson County Chamber for \$60,000, which will be paid out monthly. The primary scope of the agreement remains the same as 2024 and lists out the work that is expected to be completed. They will also continue the contract with Gather Media for their work in the amount of \$15,000.

Mayor Poppa thanked Ms. Jones-Lacy for putting this together and the work and collaboration with the chamber and the task group as well.

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 2025 PROJECT RISE SERVICE AGREEMENT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**C. Approve Agreement with Prairie Sailor for Multi-Purpose Trail Maintenance**

City Manager Moody said this 2025 objective was developed by CMBR Lero and involves the planning efforts for Nall Park. The proposal adds more detail to the scope of the work to be done and is included in the packet.

Mayor Poppa noted that even though they are not going forward with signage in this agreement, the park will have signage once Phase 1 is complete and will account for the changes to the challenge features.

CMBR Hage asked if the scope of work to be done falls within the objective of CMBR Lero. City Manager Moody said it does.

CMBR Faidley asked if this is mostly maintenance or design. Parks and Rec Superintendent Marshall said it is mostly for maintenance. They will save the design improvements for the Nall Park Master Plan in 2026.

**MOTION:** CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH PRAIRIE SAILOR FOR THE MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AT NALL PARK. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**D. Approve Agreement with WaterOne for Water Main Relocation on Roe Parkway**

City Manager Moody said that a portion of the water main is in a private utility easement dedicated for water purposes. A portion of this relocation is the responsibility of the City. The agreement sets out the terms and the City's responsibility for the project at Roe Parkway and Roe Boulevard.

**MOTION:** CMBR HAGE MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH WATERONE FOR WATER MAIN RELOCATION ON ROE PARKWAY. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**E. Approve CARS Agreement for 55<sup>th</sup> Street Project**

Public Works Director Scharff stated this is a standard CARS agreement and is a joint agreement with the City of Fairway. The project contains mill and overlay, spot curb replacement, sidewalk repairs, and pavement markings. Fairway has approved their portion of the agreement.

Mayor Poppa requested they look at bike lanes on 55<sup>th</sup> between Granada and Shawnee Mission Parkway instead of on 54<sup>th</sup> Terrace. City Manager Moody said he believed that is possible. The scope put forth in the CARS application was based upon the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, which constitutes a neighborhood greenway and sharrows.

Public Works Director Scharff said he could reach out to Fairway about this. He is unsure of the parking restrictions on the north side of 55<sup>th</sup> but will see if they can incorporate that.

Mayor Poppa said that because of the hill there is not a lot of parking on the north side and did not think the parking restrictions would be an issue.

CMBR Lero said originally people complained but no one wants to park there anyway. Down closer to Roe and closer to Einstein Bros is where people regularly park.

CMBR Faidley said they ought to have their traffic engineer look at this. The Bike Ped committee has never recommended having a bike lane on one side only. She questioned whether a sidewalk widening to allow for a multi-purpose trail would accommodate bicycles.

CMBR Faidley also asked about the timeline of the project. Public Works Director Scharff said it is scheduled for mid-August of 2025. They want the south side in Fairway complete before Roeland Park's project is done.

**MOTION:** CMBR HAGE MOVED AND CMBR STOCKS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CARS AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FAIRWAY FOR THE 55<sup>TH</sup> STREET PROJECT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

## **VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions**

*There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.*

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

City Manager Moody reported that they were scheduled to start work at the Community Center today, but due to the snowstorm, they are pushing it off until tomorrow. The demolition work will begin this week, and the project will move forward. They have made accommodations for the daycare facility to operate out of the multi-purpose room. The workout area will be closed during the first phase of the construction.

Public Works Director Scharff also commended his Public Works staff for their work during the snowstorm. They made the roads clear and safe and praised them for their excellent effort.

CMBR Hill appreciated Public Works and said the streets are looking good.

**X. Executive Session**

**A. Closed Session**

**MOTION:** CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THIRTY MINUTES PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 75-4319(2) FOR CONSULTATION WITH AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PUBLIC BODY WHICH WOULD BE DEEMED PRIVILEGED IN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

(Roeland Park City Council in Executive Session from 7:01 p.m. to 7:31 p.m.)

**MOTION:** CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR STOCKS SECONDED TO CONTINUE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

(Roeland Park City Council in Executive Session from 7:32 p.m. to 7:44 p.m.)

**MOTION:** CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO CONTINUE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

(Roeland Park City Council in Executive Session from 7:44 p.m. to 7:02 p.m.)

**B. Closed Session**

**MOTION:** CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 75-4319(2) FOR CONSULTATION WITH AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PUBLIC BODY WHICH WOULD BE DEEMED PRIVILEGED IN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

(Roeland Park City Council in Executive Session from 8:02 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.)

**MOTION:** CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND HAGE SECONDED TO CONTINUE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)


(Roeland Park City Council in Executive Session from 8:20 p.m. to 8:22 p.m.)

**Adjourn:**

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.)

  
Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk

  
Michael Poppa, Mayor