

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
February 17, 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

(Roeland Park Governing Body Workshop Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 p.m.)

I. MINUTES

1. Governing Body Workshop Meeting Minutes January 6, 2025

The minutes were approved as presented.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review and Discuss Adopting the Kansas Region L Hazard Mitigation Plan

Police Chief Honas said adoption of this plan gives Roeland Park eligibility to apply for money from FEMA for mitigation projects.

CMBR Faidley asked if they do this every year. Chief Honas said this is his first time working on this and the contract is due in March. He also added that there are a lot of projects they can apply for in the City.

It was agreed to forward this item for approval at the next City Council meeting.

2. Utilize Third Floor Office Space for City Purposes

Mayor Poppa said this space has been on the market for several years with little to no action on renting it out. City Staff and the Police Department have discussed putting in a fitness facility. The Arts Committee has discussed a studio space for an artist-in-residence. There is also the option of additional meeting and storage space. His proposal is to take the office space off the market and utilize it for City and community space.

City Clerk Nielsen said they do have wellness monies available that can be used for a fitness area for staff.

CMBR Madigan asked if they would continue with the current rental or would they take over the entire floor. Mayor Poppa said this applies only to the office space currently available and they will continue with the current renting tenant.

CMBR Faidley said that if the property is not making any money for the City, she does not see why they shouldn't use it in a different way. She did ask what materials would be stored in the space. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they do not have a lot of storage at City Hall, and they have been sending things to the Public Works facility. Keeping it on site would be more convenient and they would like to be able to utilize the vault area.

There was agreement to put this item on the next Consent Agenda for approval.

3. Review Query Process of Agenda Items that were Initially in Novus and are now in CivicClerk

City Clerk Nielsen reviewed how to access Novus files in the new CivicClerk software program.

III. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 1. Aquatics Center Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes December 10, 2024**
- 2. Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes December 10, 2024**
- 3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting December 10, 2024**

The minutes are available online in the agenda packet.

IV. ADJOURN

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Poppa asked with the impending storm if information had been put out on social media to the residents.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said PIO Garcia has sent out information asking people not to park on the streets, and how to shovel driveways.

Public Works Director Scharff asked everyone to stay home. He said it will be cold and everyone should dress warmly. Also, keep pets inside. Public Works will bring in staff to take care of the streets.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said that City Hall will be open until Public Works Director Scharff tells them to close. Those employees that can work remotely will. They will also notify City department heads when they should close, so they can then reach out to their employees.

CMBR Hill asked if they have plans for people that are unhoused as there are a few regulars in their community.

Chief Honas said they do not have a plan, but if they come across individuals, they will offer them a ride to the City Union Mission downtown if needed.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said they have advertised warming stations that are available in the county and listed them on their website. Currently there are none in Roeland Park. If City Hall is open, people can go there.

CMBR Faidley said if the library is open, it can also be used.

CMBR Raglow adjourned the meeting.

(Roeland Park Workshop Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.)