

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
July 7, 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
- *Vacant*, 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
Faidley
Vacant

Finance
Dickens
Hage

Safety
Hill
Raglow

Public Works
Madigan
Lero

(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. CMBR Hill arrived after roll call. All other Governing Body members were present in person. Staff members 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 Brungardt, Management Analyst Carley, and City Clerk Nielsen.

Modification of Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

I. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1070**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes June 16, 2025**

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

III. Business from the Floor - Proclamations/Applications/Presentations

There was no Business from the Floor.

(CMBR Hill arrived at the meeting)

IV. Mayor's Report

A. Proclamation for Disability Pride Month

Mayor Poppa read the proclamation into the record declaring July 2025 as Disability Pride Month in the City of Roeland Park.

Robert Honan, Chief of the Center for Independent Living Services. Mr. Honan works with the Whole Person and said they do great work with people who have disabilities. It is an agency that has been around since 1978 and they provide all types of support services, training, advocacy, and transitioning to the work force and independent living. He thanked the Governing Body for this opportunity and said it was an honor.

(Photographs were taken)

B. Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

Mayor Poppa said this is the first time the City has offered this proclamation.

Mr. Brungardt said that parks are important to the community and likes to see that people are using the City's parks. He also thanked the Governing Body and staff for making them a priority in the City.

All Councilmembers signed onto the proclamations.

V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. Arts Committee Update

Tim Ross, a representative of the Arts Committee, reviewed the direction are taking. They are striving to engage the public more. Currently they have an ongoing City-wide art contest and noted CMBR Lero's art in his yard. He also noted that their survey was available for review during the concert in the park and they had a strong response. The committee is also trying to integrate their efforts with other committees and City staff. They continue to build their membership and have a strong leadership team.

Mayor Poppa asked about the artist in residency program. CMBR Lero said they needed to push the date back because of the work on the Arts master plan, but they hope to kick that off in December.

B. Parks Committee Update

Nathan Brungardt gave an update on behalf of the Parks and Trees Committee. The committee is collaborating with Sustainability on the mosquito dunks. They are also working with the Arts committee on an art project to tie into the Nall Park master plan. The committee and staff are aware of some flooding at R Park, and they have done some grading and added plantings. The R Park wildflower garden is doing well and asked that people see it. The committee is also considering a Lawn of the Month with an emphasis on sustainable practices. There was some discussion about using the tennis court for pickleball, but there are restrictions due to the funding they received when they redid the tennis courts, so that is currently not an option.

CMBR Faidley reminded everyone to change their mosquito dunk buckets monthly. She said she has seen a difference since using them. =

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business discussed.

VII. New Business

A. Approve 2025 Resident Survey

Ryan Murray with ETC and Kate Bender from Porchlight reviewed the upcoming community survey.

City Manager Moody said this item has come in well under budget and will be sent out the end of September or the first part of October.

CMBR Hage asked if the survey is available in Spanish. Mr. Murray said there is the ability to go online and have the survey translated or to call a number and request a translator.

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 2025 RESIDENT SURVEY. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

B. Appoint Task Order for Nall Park Master Plan Improvements

Public Works Director Scharff said the goal of the master plan process is to create a vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive space that serves the Roeland Park community. The cost of the improvements is estimated to be \$3.37 million. They have also applied for funding to help offset some of the cost. This task order will cover all professional services.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ENGINEERING SERVICES TASK ORDER FOR THE NALL PARK MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$399,000. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

C. Approve Task Order for Paved Connection between Community Center and Nall Park

Public Works Director Scharff said this order is for design services for the trail connection. There will need to be 2,200 feet of asphalt replaced while they will also be adding 1,100 feet of new trail. They have received \$804,000 from MARC for use on the 8-foot wide trail. Construction is planned to begin in 2028.

CMBR Faidley expressed concern about the base of the current trail under the asphalt. Public Works Director Scharff believed it to be some sort of rock base, but they will know more once they get into it.

MOTION: CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECOND TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER FOR THE PAVED CONNECTION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND NALL PARK. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

D. Approve Task Order for Phase 2 Nall Avenue Improvements

The preliminary design services will allow them to look at different options for the street. They do want to put in a new sidewalk north of 49th Street where there is not one currently. The improvements will be ADA complaint. They will also coordinate with the City of Mission as part of the street is in their city. The project is scheduled for 2029, and they plan to wait until the completion of improvements at the water treatment plan.

MOTION: CMBR HAGE MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECOND TO APPROVE THE TASK ORDER FOR PHASE 2 NALL AVENUE IMPROVEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$94,200. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

E. Approve Amendment to Community Center Use Agreement with JCPRD

City Manager Moody said this amendment to the agreement with JCPRD adds clarifying language that came up during the inspection of the Child Development Center following renovations. The Kansas Health Department requires that a space used for childcare purposes remains committed solely for that use. The amendment to the agreement clarifies that during the time in which JCPRD is in operation, the space will be dedicated for the particular purpose of childcare.

CMBR Faidley said it has always been her understanding that the playground is locked and not accessible from the exterior to outside users, but according to the agreement it is available to the public in the evenings, Saturdays and Sundays. City Manager Moody said it is not the intent that when the childcare is closed the outdoor equipment cannot be used and was never guaranteed to be their exclusive use.

Mayor Poppa questioned the responsibility if someone, not a part of the daycare, damaged the equipment and a daycare participant used it and got hurt, what would happen. City Manager Moody said he will visit with JCPRD to further clarify this.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECOND TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER USE AGREEMENT WITH JCPRD AS PRESENTED. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

F. Approve Change Order Adding Removal of Existing Street Lights to Mission Road Project

City Manager Moody said the change order allows for the removal of streetlights on Mission Road that were left out of the original contract.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDER ADDING THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING STREET LIGHTS TO THE MISSION ROAD PROJECT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.)

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Consider an Ordinance Amending the Process for Filling Vacancies on the Governing Body

City Attorney Felzien reviewed the current ordinance and processes for filling a vacant seat as well as the City's history on this issue. The proposed wording allows for greater flexibility for filling a seat for less than a full term.

CMBR Lero asked if there was anything to prevent them from filling the seat with someone who has already filed their candidacy for the next election. Mayor Poppa said there is not.

CMBR Madigan asked if this changes who interviews the candidates. Mayor Poppa said it would continue to be the remaining ward council person, the Mayor, and the Council president.

CMBR Hill asked if there were any other options other than appointing someone for the remainder of the term. Mr. Felzien said there are options, but he was not prepared at that time to present them.

CMBR Hill asked if there is any possibility if someone appointed wanted to run for the seat whether they could file late. Mr. Felzien said those deadlines are not set by the City but by the Johnson County Board of Elections.

CMBR Faidley said someone could potentially run a write-in campaign. She said that having been the last person elected by special election, it seems like they are taking baby steps on how to make this work. She noted that Roeland Park is the last community to do away with special elections. She said if this is a chance to look at something more representative but that works better for them, they should spend time looking for other options.

Mayor Poppa cautioned against returning to a special election as they can only be held in April.

CMBR Madigan said this is very unique and solves the problem for today. Mr. Felzien said they need to run this in *The Legal Record* for two weeks.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE EDITS TO THE APPOINTMENT TERM LANGUAGE TO PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY ON WHEN A VACANCY IS TO BE FILLED AND TO CLARIFY THAT AN APPOINTMENT WILL ONLY LAST UNTIL THE END OF THE REGULAR UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT VACATED SEAT. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1 WITH CMBR HILL VOTING NO.)

IX. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session held.

X. Reports of City Officials

A. 2025 2nd Quarter Progress Report

City Manager Moody noted the objectives completed in 2025 such as the Nall Park bike trail, hiring the management analyst, and the creation of an Employee Engagement Committee. The software implementation should be complete by the end of the month. The Mighty Bike for R Park should be complete by the end of August. Mr. Moody said they have made progress on all their other objectives from and are looking forward to completing all of 2025's objectives and the four outstanding from prior years'.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0. CMBR MADIGAN WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk

Michael Poppa, Mayor