

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51ST STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
September 15, 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
- Debbi Schraeder, Council Member

- Keith Moody, City Administrator
- Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Asst. City Admin.
- Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk
- Cory Honas, Police Chief
- Donnie Scharff, Public Works Dire

Admin
Faidley
Schraeder

Finance
Dickens
Hage

Safety
Hill
Raglow

Public Works
Madigan
Lero

(Roeland Park Council Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.)

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Poppa called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. CMBRS Madigan and Raglow were absent. All other Governing Body members were present in person. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Walker, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Honas, Parks and Rec Superintendent Brungardt, and City Clerk Nielsen.

III. Public Hearing

No public hearing was held.

IV. Modification of the Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

V. Public Comments

Steve Michnick (5013 Howe) Mr. Michnick stated there was a feral cat issue at a neighboring property. He contacted animal control who responded and captured a couple of cats, but the issues continue. He stated the animal control officer had left the job and asked the City what the process is now as this is a crisis situation.

Mayor Poppa thanked Mr. Michnick for coming to the meeting to speak with them and that staff will contact him. He added that they are aware of the situation. City Manager Moody said there has been a turnover in the animal control position and those services for Roeland Park are contracted through

the City of Mission. Mr. Moody added that Mission has not charged the City for the full amount as they have not been able to provide complete service.

Mayor Poppa asked Police Chief Honas what the proper protocol would be. Chief Honas acknowledged the turnover at Mission. He has been in contact with Sgt. Meyers at the Mission Police Department who are actively trying to remedy the situation. Chief Honas said there has been a recent change with where they are permitted to take animals recently. Unfortunately there are no animal control officers to respond. If someone does pick up a dog and is willing to bring it in, then the officers do have after-hours access to house the animal. If needed, then the Roeland Park Police Department may reach out to another city that has animal control and ask for their help.

CMBR Faidley said a number of them are aware of volunteer trap and neuter organizations and she would be willing to pass that information along.

Mr. Michnick made several comments away from the microphone.

Mayor Poppa said the staff will do the best they can until the City of Mission finds a new animal control person.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1075**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes September 2, 2025**

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

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

There was no Business from the Floor.

VIII. Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report.

IX. Reports of City Liaisons

There were no reports presented.

X. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

XI. New Business

A. Consider Providing Interpreters at Roeland Park Polls in November

Mayor Poppa said following their Workshop discussion, staff have investigated the cost of interpreters for two polling locations for 12 hours each. At a cost of \$70 an hour it would be \$1,680, which Mayor Poppa noted is well below City Manager Moody's spending authority.

CMBR Hill confirmed the two locations would be at the Community Center and the Cedar Roe Library.

CMBR Dickens said there might be some logistical issues, and they do not want to run afoul of election law. Mayor Poppa said the interpreters can be in the building but not in the room.

City Attorney Walker said having interpreters in the building is at the discretion of the polling judges. If they decline to allow them to enter, then that must be obeyed. Mayor Poppa said that federal law says a family member or friend can accompany someone in the voting booth and that person could be an interpreter. Ms. Walker said that the polling judge can deny entrance if there appears to be any sort of electioneering. Mayor Poppa stated if they choose to have interpreters at the polls, then they would not be wearing any candidate's clothing and not be electioneering.

CMBR Hill asked if it was possible to have a candidate assign a poll watcher to be there. Attorney Walker said the poll watcher would not be allowed inside the voting station.

CMBR Faidley said it is her understanding they would be observing and not be at the voting machine. She did not want the interpreters to be stationed outside in the elements. Attorney Walker reiterated that there be no implication of electioneering and that the election judges have broad discretion.

There was a brief discussion on whether the interpreter could or could not be allowed in the building.

CMBR Faidley asked whether they would let people know they have an interpreter to accompany someone that needs the ballot translated. Staff would do some pre-communications as to where the interpreters would be located and place some signage.

Again, City Attorney Walker stated she cannot stress enough that this is at the discretion of the election judge.

CMBR Hage asked what the Johnson County election office had to say about this. City Attorney Walker said the information she is providing comes from that office. CMBR Hage said in advance of election day, as a City they need to remind people it is every voter's right to bring someone along to help them. She also had concerns that someone might misconstrue what they are trying to do. She said there is purity in their consideration but not in the environment they are working in. She said they do not run their own elections, so they do not have a say.

CMBR Dickens said that after reading the memo, he shares the same concerns as CMBR Hage. He likes the idea, but says the world is weird. He asked if they could expect an early ruling from the election judge. Mayor Poppa said it would be the day of elections.

CMBR Hill suggested they set up a tent or booths outside far enough away and have the interpreters there. People could then bring someone with them to the polls. She also stated that if someone is turned away, they should go directly to the news and the voter hotline.

Mayor Poppa said it is critical to get information out to voters of the Spanish language resources.

City Manager Moody said he could reach out to the election commission as to whether they would share who the chief election person may be at their location and try to have a conversation with them ahead of time and gauge their opinion on having an interpreter inside of the building.

Mayor Poppa does not want to see anyone have a challenging time trying to vote. This is a chance to make sure to get as many people as possible informed and out to vote.

CMBR Faidley said she would prefer them to wait for a full Council to vote on this matter.

City Manager Moody said he will reach out now about the polling judges and bring the information back to a future agenda. They will also work with the DEI committee in getting information translated and distributed that there is an election in November.

Ms. Jones-Lacy stated there is information on the website in Spanish and English letting people know they can bring someone to the polls.

XII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Ordinance 1077 - Adopting UPOC

MOTION: CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1077, THE 2025 UPOC (UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE) BOOKS PUBLISHED BY THE LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

B. Ordinance 1078 - Adopting STO

MOTION: CMBR HAGE MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1078 - 2025 STO (STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE) BOOKS PUBLISHED BY THE LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

XIII. Reports of City Officials

A. City Administrator's Report

City Manager Moody said they received notice from KDWP that their Land and Water Conservation Grant was approved for archaeological investigation at Nall Park in the amount of \$1.5 million. They have received \$2.3 million towards the \$3 million project that is scheduled to begin construction in 2026 and continue through 2027.

Mr. Moody provided an update on the EPC project noting that all the financing has been arranged. The creation of an LLC may necessitate a change in the development agreement, and they may ask for a completion deadline date change. This item will come back to the Council for consideration on October 7, 2025.

B. Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director's Report

Ms. Jones-Lacy said there are three remaining seats for the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation Fall Breakfast. She said she had not received responses from all Councilmembers and if they are interested to please let her know.

C. Police Chief's Report

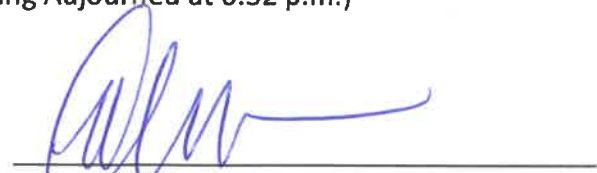
Police Chief Honas said the department recently hired a new officer and they are actively searching for two more officers.

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION: CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:32 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk

Michael Poppa, Mayor