

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51st STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
November 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
- 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

CMBR Raglow called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. CMBR Dickens arrived after roll call, but all other Councilmembers 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

There were no Public Comments.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1079**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes October 20, 2025**
- C. City Council Meeting Minutes November 3, 2025**
- D. Committee Appointments and Reappointments**
- E. Governing Body Workshop Minutes October 20, 2025**
- F. Governing Body Workshop Minutes November 3, 2025**

G. Approve Leaf Collection Service Agreement with Westwood Hills.

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

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

A. 3rd Quarter Social Media Report - Katie Garcia

Katie Garcia said for the fourth quarter they are holding steady with 899 subscribers. They are working to increase those numbers. They trend above the industry average with an open rate of 53 percent and a click-through rate of 2 percent. She said that it is largely due to all the information being provided in the email up front. Ms. Garcia said that LinkedIn continues to be a great channel and a place to share their business news. The top three posts that received the most engagement on the website were shark week, the dog swim, and naming the new leaf truck. They continue to provide a lot of varied content from the different committees and departments.

(CMBR Dickens arrived at the meeting.)

B. Recognition of Small Business Incentive Recipients and Project RISE Update - Jan Peters

Jan Peters, Business Development Coordinator with Project RISE, gave an update on the program created to recognize small businesses in Roeland Park. Project RISE is a collaboration between the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Roeland Park that has been very successful.

Small Business Incentives were offered to Roeland Park businesses with 10 or fewer employees and were not home-based businesses. They received eight applications and were awarded six microgrants at \$2,000 apiece. Part of the incentives also included help or waivers for City business licensing or permit fees, membership in either the NEJC Chamber or the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce or participation in the Leadership Program.

Ms. Peters thanked Katie Garcia for her work with them and marketing Project RISE and giving publicity to feature businesses on Roeland Park's social media platforms.

Also, Ms. Peters spoke about the business properties that are available for sale or lease and the prospects they have. The realtors for those properties said there has been a lot of movement and interest as of late. Project RISE has also put together a resource guide for new and prospective businesses with valuable information and demographics.

Ms. Peters recognized several of the new businesses: Bountifully LLC, D3 Pickleball, Roots Church KC, Joy Health and Wellness, and Innovate Business Consulting, Tips N' Toes, Robeks, NextGen Remodeling, Imagine Radiant, and the Montessori school.

Tina Berry from Imagine Radiant Skin Therapy said she is grateful to have her business in Roeland Park as well as it being her home. She said she feels valued as a small business owner and appreciates the partnership with Project RISE and the City. She also thanked everyone for their support and an award of the microgrant.

Mayor Poppa thanked Ms. Peters for everything they have done and congratulated the small businesses who he said are the life blood and lifeline to the community members in Roeland Park.

Kara Macy from Bountifully said she is a home-based business that makes floral arrangements, wreaths and pottery. She also donates 10 percent of her proceeds to Harvesters and the Kansas City Community Gardens.

Taylor Foley from NextGen Remodeling thanked Roeland Park for their support to his business and that they are looking forward to extending their current lease in the City.

(Photos were taken with the Governing Body)

VIII. Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report

IX. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. Arts Committee

Arts Committee member Tim Ross stated they have a lot of things going on. He said the Arts Master Plan is complete and the committee has signed off on it. They continue to engage all forms of art in the City and collaborate with other Roeland Park committees. They also have two new members which brings the membership to ten people.

Mayor Poppa said he had the honor of making a submission in honor of the Arts Committee to the Arts Council of Johnson County for the Johnson County Arts Advocate Award. In researching the data needed for the application, he noted that after the installation of art at The Rocks site, Roeland Park will have made over \$1 million in contributions to the arts economy and arts initiatives in the City. He congratulated the committee, Council liaisons and everyone who works on the committee. He said that number astounded him and speaks to their community where they prioritize art which does drive the economy.

X. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business discussed.

XI. New Business

A. Presentation of the Public Art Master Plan - Anna Talarico - Designing Local

Ms. Jones-Lacy was the lead on the steering committee along with the Arts Committee and community members as they developed the Art Master Plan. They worked with Anna Talarico from Designing Local.

Ms. Talarico reviewed the Public Art Master Plan with the Governing Body to provide clarity on what elements of art to consider as well as placement to provide structure before an art installation.

CMBR Madigan said this was a great presentation and asked if it could be on the web for others to see. Ms. Jones-Lacy said it is in the agenda packet, but they will add it to the City's website once it is approved by the Governing Body.

CMBR Hage asked if there was a routing process to ensure they are properly insuring their art collection. Ms. Talarico said the recommendation is a certified appraiser outside of the City who evaluates their collection every three to five years.

MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE ADOPT THE PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

B. Request for Timeline Extension for Dumpster Replacement at the Roe Shops

Ms. Jones-Lacy said a new CID agreement has been approved at the Roe Shops and includes replacement of the trash enclosure. It will be similar in style to the existing building, and the property manager is asking for an extension to April 15th.

CMBR Hill inquired where the new dumpster would be located. Ms. Jones-Lacy said it will move further east from its current location.

CMBR Faidley asked how the property owner was aware of the requirement, but the property manager was not. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they communicated the CID agreement to the property owner but could not say what conversations were had between the owner and the property manager. Ms. Jones-Lacy has provided the property manager all the information and they are now fully aware of the agreement. She will also notify them of all future deadlines.

(Recording Error. The recording resumed at 7:13 p.m.)

MOTION: CMBR SCHRAEDER MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION REQUEST FOR REPLACING THE DUMPSTER IN FRONT OF THE ROE SHOPS WITH A NEW DEADLINE OF APRIL 15, 2026. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

C. Approve Task Order Addition for Archeological Investigation as Part of Nall Park Master Plan Improvements

City Manager Moody said the original task order did not know about the need for an archeological investigation required by the KDHE Land and Water Conservation Grant. It is a requirement to obtain those funds. Mr. Moody requested an increase in the grant awarded to cover the cost of the investigation and \$60,000 were added to the grant that will be conducted by Lamp Rynearson.

CMBR Faidley asked if they would see the archeological report when it is completed. City Manager Moody said the Governing Body will be able to review it when it is finished.

CMBR Lero asked if this type of investigation is standard or whether they are expecting to find something. City Manager Moody said there have been reports of findings in the area such as remnants of old tools, which is what is prompting the call for an investigation. He is not aware of what agency or who made the report. CMBR Lero said this is exciting.

MOTION: CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ENGINEERING SERVICES TASK ORDER FOR NALL PARK MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

D. Discuss Participation in the 2026 Super Pass Program

Parks and Recreation Brungardt said the City has entered into a Super Pass cooperative with the cities of Mission, Fairway, and Prairie Village. One condition is that they will only be able to sell Super Pass memberships to residents of Roeland Park. Revenues from the Super Pass will go into a shared pot and be distributed amongst the cities according to their sales.

Mayor Poppa asked why they can only sell passes to Roeland Park residents. Mr. Brungardt said the Aquatic Center did not follow the rules in 2024 and 2025 and were not asked to participate. Residents of Fairway, Prairie Village, and Mission were purchasing their passes through Roeland Park as it was cheaper than their home pool and then never came back to the Roeland Park pool. At the end of the season, Roeland Park would receive Super Pass proceeds from the pot of money back from non-users. It was determined that it cost their Fairway partner \$10,000 in revenue. By only selling to Roeland Park residents, they want to show that they are good partners moving forward.

Mayor Poppa said the Super Pass is a great community benefit. He also asked if they will be able to keep their current pricing structure. Mr. Brungardt said that senior, family, and individual memberships will be eligible for the Super Pass upgrade. He will come back before the Governing Body with proposed numbers for the 2026 season.

CMBR Hage asked if only buying passes in the city in which they live is true for other participating cities. Mr. Brungardt said it is only for Roeland Park and due to the financial impact they caused.

City Manager Moody said when the program originally started, they were told only to provide Super Passes to residents for the first year. This agreement is a restart for them.

CMBR Faidley said this feels like a probationary period. Mr. Brungardt agreed with that statement.

CMBR Lero asked about buying the family pass to the Roeland Park pool and then it is a \$20 per person upgrade to the Super Pass. City Manager Moody said you may choose who you may want in your family to have that upgraded Super Pass.

CMBR Hage said they have done a lot of work to make sure their pool is available to everyone and they have a lot of people coming who do not live in Roeland Park. She knew that when they lost the Super Pass a lot of Roeland Park families appreciated that and in turn encouraged Roeland Park families to buy their pool passes.

CMBR Hill asked for clarification. Their lost privilege of selling the Super Pass was about people who were not residents of Roeland Park. She noted that other cities can sell the Super Pass to non-residents of their city, but Roeland Park cannot. Mr. Brungardt said that when this started there was no resident versus non-resident price difference. They are also the only facility that still has a family membership. There are significant cost savings when compared to other facilities who only have an individual membership. Other cities were coming to Roeland Park to buy their Super Pass and then take it back to their city.

CMBR Madigan said one of the reasons they took them off the Super Pass was the requirement that they were supposed to have a membership in the prior year to qualify. They were not doing that and were selling to whoever walked up to purchase.

City Manager Moody said to get a Super Pass, they had to have a season pass the prior year. Mr. Brungardt said this is an ongoing conversation with other cities.

Mayor Poppa expressed his appreciation that Mr. Brungardt is having these conversations and getting it straightened out as this is a community benefit.

CMBR Hill said if they only sell to Roeland Park residents, then maybe next year there will be a non-resident Super Pass to allow them to sell to Wyandotte or Jackson County. Mr. Brungardt said that is a possibility.

MOTION: CMBR HAGE MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED TO APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 SUPER PASS PROGRAM AS OUTLINED. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

XII. Ordinances and Resolutions

There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.

XIII. Reports of City Officials

A. 3rd Quarter Financial Report

Ms. Jones-Lacy said all revenue indicators are ahead of where projected. Sales/Use Taxes are 1 percent greater in the third quarter when compared with this time last year. Expenditures are looking good at or below budget. Also, the General Fund is collecting revenues as anticipated.

CMBR Faidley asked if there is any advantage to paying off their debt versus stringing it out with payments. Ms. Jones-Lacy said their debt interest rate is low and they would not be saving much if they paid it off. This is something she could always ask Columbia Capital. City Manager Moody added their debt interest rate is 1.5 percent. They earn more interest in investments and therefore there is no financial benefit to paying off the debt early.

B. 2026 Budget Document

Ms. Jones-Lacy said they will be submitting the 2026 budget to GFOA in hopes of receiving the Distinguished Budget Award. Last year they were awarded for distinction in two areas.

C. Tree Lighting Flier

Mayor Poppa said Brinner with Santa will be held Wednesday, December 3rd at 6 p.m. Chris Cakes will be providing the pancakes. There will also be the tree lighting, the Roesland Elementary Choir, and photos with Santa. Mayor Poppa asked the Governing Body members who volunteer to come and be festive.

XIV. Executive Session

- MOTION:** CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR HILL SECONDED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION PURSUANT TO THE NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL MATTER EXCEPTION, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) WITH THE OPEN MEETING TO RESUME IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 8:00 P.M. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)
- MOTION:** CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION PURSUANT TO THE NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL MATTER EXCEPTION, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) WITH THE OPEN MEETING TO RESUME IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 8:10 P.M. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)
- MOTION:** CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION PURSUANT TO THE NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL MATTER EXCEPTION, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) WITH THE OPEN MEETING TO RESUME IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 8:15 P.M. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)
- MOTION:** CMBR LERO MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION PURSUANT TO THE NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL MATTER EXCEPTION, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) WITH THE OPEN MEETING TO RESUME IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 8:20 P.M. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

XV. Adjournment

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk

Michael Poppa, Mayor