

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL  
4600 WEST 51<sup>ST</sup> STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205  
March 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

**Admin**  
Faidley  
Stocks

**Finance**  
Dickens  
Hage

**Safety**  
Hill  
Raglow

**Public Works**  
Madigan  
Lero

(Roeland Park Council Meeting Called to Order at 6:01 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. CMBRS Hill and Dickens attended virtually. All other Governing Body members were present in person at the meeting. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Walker, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator Jones-Lacy, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Honas, and City Clerk Nielsen.

### **Modification of Agenda**

The agenda was modified to add Item C, Business from the Floor, Seven Days of Kindness presentation.

#### **I. Business from the Floor - Proclamations/Applications/Presentation**

**A. Community Center Progress Presentation - Joel Smith**

Joel Smith from Universal Construction updated the Governing Body on the construction progress taking place at the Community Center. Most of the renovations are to the Child Development Center, some offices, and the workout area.

CMBR Faidley asked about the location of the office on the east side. Mr. Smith said it is across the hall from the kitchen and is receiving upgrades to the lights and flooring.

**B. Introduce New Police Officer**

Police Chief Honas introduced Roeland Park's newest Police officer, Cesar Limon. Chief Honas said he is a certified Kansas law enforcement officer and has started field training. They are looking forward to getting him through his training and onto the streets of Roeland Park.

Officer Limon commented that it is a joy to be here, and that Roeland Park has a great city to fall in love with.

The Governing Body expressed their welcome to Officer Limon.

**C. Seven Days of Kindness - Lama Matthew**

Lama Matthew said he is appreciative to the Governing Body for designating Roeland Park as a Seven Days Kindness city and for their support in spreading kindness in the community. He said the Seven Days movement began in April 2014 following an act of hate that killed three people at the Jewish Community Center and Village Shalom. Lama Matthew invited everyone to participate in their events this April, which kicks off with the Kindness Breakfast to be held April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at Resurrection Church - the Foundry in Leawood. People can get further information from [sevendays.org](http://sevendays.org) and following them on social media.

Mayor Poppa noted this was Roeland Park's second year to be a Kindness city.

**D. Review Traffic Calming Policy - Janelle Clayton**

Ms. Clayton outlined the various steps in the City's process to determine whether traffic calming measures are warranted and their implementation.

Mayor Poppa said this presentation was to be a refresher for the Governing Body. He asked if during the steps the process is terminated because the threshold has not been met whether there is a set waiting period to ask for a new investigation. City Manager Moody said that has not been spelled out in the policy. (Mr. Moody did comment at the end of the meeting there is a two-year waiting period from the last traffic study to present the case again.)

CMBR Faidley stated the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) has not been implemented by the state and whether that is something they as a city should consider updating their traffic calming policy so that they are using the most recent tools available.

Ms. Clayton responded that even if not adopted by Kansas, as traffic engineers, they are moving forward with implementing the MUTCD now and they feel confident with their recommendations.

City Manager Moody said the Governing Body gave direction for the City to install traffic calming measures on Buena Vista and they have been in place for some time. They will be gathering data on traffic volume and speed over the next month. This will be done in a stealth manner, so they are not influencing the traffic. Once Ms. Clayton has reviewed that data, she will present the findings to the Governing Body.

Ms. Jones-Lacy said they have also been collecting feedback on the Buena Vista calming measures on their website and have received quite a few responses. Staff will also bring that information to the Governing Body when they review the traffic findings.

CMBR Lero asked if they should include parameters for temporary measures in their policy. City Manager Moody said that could be something to consider for the policy.

Mayor Poppa asked if they would like to have that discussion during a Council meeting or at a Workshop.

CMBR Raglow asked if temporary measures would have to be built into the policy or whether that could be part of the process.

The Governing Body agreed to discuss whether to add temporary calming measures to the formal policy after they receive the final data on the Buena Vista presentation.

## **II. Public Comments**

**Mallorie Hurlbert (Reinhardt Dr.)** Ms. Hurlbert requested the City investigate traffic calming measures for Reinhardt as residents are noticing an increase in speed and the dangerous environment it creates. She has gathered signatures from 12 of the 16 residents expressing support for such speed reducing measures. She asked the Governing Body what the next steps would be.

Mayor Poppa said they will have staff follow-up and initiate the process for the traffic studies.

**Allie Wilmes-Baker (Reinhardt Dr.)** Ms. Wilmes-Baker also spoke to the traffic violations by students and parents from Bishop Miege school. She has tried to raise the issue and noted that the traffic study that was done during COVID was inconclusive and not a fair representation of the actual traffic.

## **III. Consent Agenda**

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1063**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes March 3, 2025**

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR STOCKS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

## **IV. Mayor's Report**

*There was no report given.*

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

- A. Discuss Attending the National League of Cities Conference**

Mayor Poppa said that the National League of Cities holds two annual conferences. He said attendance at the meetings is not a budgeted item and would like to have a discussion to create such a line item. Mayor Poppa said he would like to register for the conference in the fall and asked the Council's permission to do so. He also noted that this is an election year and, if necessary, he would pay for the cancellation fees out of pocket.

CMBR Madigan asked what amount of money they would be considering. Mayor Poppa said between two different conferences, he estimated about \$3,000 per registrant per conference and recommended a \$15,000 line item. He said they could discuss that in detail during their budget talks.

CMBR Hill recommended having enough in the budget to where half of the Council would go to the meeting in the fall and half in the spring regardless if they all attend.

CMBR Faidley said she attended the summit in Missouri in 2022 and found it very educational and inspiring. To attend, she used her technical and training budget. She added that she would be supportive of the budget item. She also cautioned that attendees need to carve out the time to go as it is several days.

There was agreement that the Mayor should attend the conference. CMBR Hill and CMBR Lero also expressed their interest in attending the conference. This item will come back to the Council should there be a need for those funds.

Regarding the budget discussions coming up, Mayor Poppa said they should consider CMBR Hill's recommendation, and the estimated item would be \$25,000.

CMBR Hage asked if staff has the ability to attend these meetings. Mayor Poppa said that staff has a training line item.

There was majority agreement to add \$25,000 to the draft budget with further discussion.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

*There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.*

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Approve Purchase of Public Works Truck**

Public Works Director Scharff said this item is a follow-up to the Workshop discussion from March 3<sup>rd</sup> where the Council agreed to the purchase of a new 2025 pickup truck with a snowplow. They have budgeted \$65,000 for this in the 2026 CIP and \$8,500 for the plow. Mr. Scharff presented the three quotes received and said that staff recommends the low bid from Molle Chevrolet for a 2025 Chevrolet 2500HD with emergency lights and a snowplow at just under \$60,000.

The recovered stolen vehicle has a repair estimate of \$12,000 and that has been sent to the insurance company. They are waiting to hear whether the vehicle will be totaled. If it is not totaled, then Public Works would hold off on purchasing the new truck until 2026 as originally planned.

CMBR Faidley said she assumed the vehicle is available now and they would not have to wait and could avoid being affected by tariffs. Public Works Director Scharff said if they were to order in March there is a three-month turnaround. There is also an anticipated price increase for 2026.

CMBR Hage said regardless if the insurance company totals the vehicle, it seems like they should buy the new one now to avoid the higher costs.

Mayor Poppa said they could request to come back to the Council even if it is not totaled and they could approve the purchase on a contingency that the insurance company will total the vehicle.

CMBR Madigan said if they were going to purchase the vehicle in 2026 and could save money buying it in 2025, it makes sense to purchase it now.

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR RAGLOW SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 CHEVROLET 2500HD FROM MOLLE CHEVROLET AND PURCHASING EMERGENCY LIGHTS AND SNOWPLOW FROM AMERICAN EQUIPMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**B. Approve Agreement with Designing Local to Lead the City's Public Art Master Plan**

Following an RFQ process, Designing Local was chosen to develop a Public Art Master Plan for the City. Ms. Jones-Lacy said they have a great deal of experience and have done a lot of master plans. They are an energetic team with great ideas and are well organized. They met today for the first time, and they are very accustomed to working with cities implementing these types of things.

**MOTION:** CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH DESIGNING LOCAL TO LEAD THE CITY'S PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**C. Discuss Cap on 1 Percent for Public Art Contribution**

EPC, developer of The Rocks, asked if a project the size of their development was contemplated when considering the 1 percent for art. City Manager Moody said based on the size of their project their contribution would be \$800,000. He asked the Governing Body if they would like to discuss a maximum limit such as \$500,000 on the art contributions. If there was support from the Governing Body, he would present a resolution at their next Council meeting for final approval.

CMBR Hage stated she supports the limit but noted that Olathe has a higher limit. She wants to make sure theirs is comparable to other cities.

CMBR Faidley said they discussed the numbers based on the artwork structure of the main piece on the site as well as the one for the garage structure.

CMBR Madigan asked if this was discussed with the developer at the start of their project. City Manager Moody said it was. CMBR Madigan responded that this should not be a surprise to them then. City Manager Moody said they are purporting that it is a surprise and have asked since the inception if the City contemplated this large of a contribution with their 1 percent for art.

There was consensus to see a resolution at the next Council meeting to set an art contribution limit.

**D. Establish Strategic Plan Update Ad-Hoc Committee and Elected Official Members**

Mayor Poppa said that along with himself, CMBR Madigan and CMBR Raglow will serve on the ad-hoc committee.

CMBR Faidley said that staff requested she and CMBR Stocks serve on the selection committee and asked if they would then be on the ad-hoc committee. Mayor Poppa said the selection committee and ad-hoc committee are two separate committees and they would not be on both.

CMBR Madigan asked that since they are not on the strategic committee would the ad-hoc not then be involved in the selection process of the company they will use. Mayor Poppa said they can still be involved in that process.

City Manager Moody said that they would welcome the input from the ad-hoc committee on the selection process.

CMBR Faidley said it was suggested they also look for membership from members on other City committees to serve on the ad-hoc. Mayor Poppa said if someone has the capacity to serve, then yes, they can be on the committee.

CMBR Faidley asked if the strategic plan is to go out ten years and City Manager Moody said that is the plan.

**MOTION:** CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO SERVE AS THE LEAD COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE AS WELL AS TO APPOINT THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF CMBR MADIGAN, CMBR RAGLOW, AND MAYOR POPPA TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**E. Appoint Ad-Hoc 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Members**

**MOTION:** CMBR HAGE MOVED AND CMBR STOCKS SECONDED TO APPOINT THE 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO INCLUDE: JOANNA CROSBY, RUTH FELDBLUM, KATIE GARCIA, SHEA GEIST, JULIE WEEKS, DEBBI SHRAEDER, AND HAROLD MORALES TO THE AD-HOC 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions**

**A. Ordinance 1071 - Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code - Police Policy**

**MOTION:** CMBR FAIDLEY MOVED AND CMBR LERO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE UPDATES TO CHAPTER 10 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0. CMBR MADIGAN WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.)

**IX. Executive Session**

*There was no Executive Session held.*

**X. Reports of City Officials**

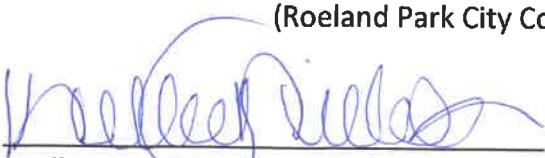
City Manager Moody corrected his earlier statements regarding the Traffic Calming Policy in the Enforcement section noting that a new request cannot be submitted within two years of when the last study was completed. He added that they are planning to gather traffic data on Reinhardt, and they have just finished gathering data on Pawnee.

CMBR Hill requested that when doing the traffic study they could include 47<sup>th</sup> to 48<sup>th</sup> as there have been many issues in the past. City Manager Moody asked for clarification as to a study or speed counts. CMBR Hill said she would leave it up to the Police Department.

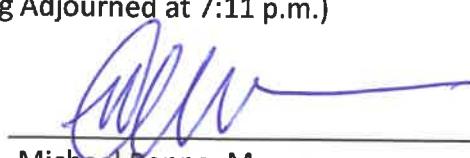
## XI. Adjournment

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:11 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Michael Poppa, Mayor