

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ROELAND PARK CITY HALL
4600 WEST 51st STREET, ROELAND PARK, KS 66205
August 4, 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 Director

Admin
Faidley
Stocks

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. All Governing Body members were present in person with CMBR Lero appearing virtually. 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, and City Clerk Nielsen.

III. Public Hearing

There was no public hearing held.

IV. Modification of Agenda

An Executive Session will be held following the Council meeting agenda and not after the Workshop.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations Ordinance #1072
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes July 21, 2025

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

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

A. NAACP Lifetime Membership Presentation - Katrina Robertson

Katrina Robertson, President of the Johnson County NAACP, recognized the City of Roeland Park with a Lifetime Membership Plaque and thanked them for becoming a lifetime member. Ms. Robertson then introduced NAACP members present at the meeting to the Governing Body.

Mayor Poppa thanked past NAACP president Wanda Minor for explaining the benefits of membership to him and also previous Councilmember Linda Mau for championing Roeland Park's membership. He said he is proud that the City will be a lifetime member with NAACP.

(Photos were taken with the Governing Body.)

B. Social Media Report - Katie Garcia

Katie Garcia gave the social media report for the second quarter of 2025. She said they now have 891 subscribers on Constant Contact. They also have alerts asking people to join their e-mail list of which they have great open rates. LinkedIn is becoming more popular with followers as well as Instagram. Facebook continues to be their largest social media reach.

Ms. Garcia said engagement showed excitement over the Mighty Bike, the mosquito dunk tabs, naming of the City dump truck, and the garage sale. She said the committees have done a good job getting information submitted for outreach.

Their overall audience grew 3 percent with good engagement and growth with people wanting to watch their videos. They are trending above most cities, and their engagement is attributed to the mix of content on their sites.

Ms. Garcia added that she is working with the 75th Anniversary Committee and will have more information on that event coming out soon.

VIII. Mayor's Report

A. National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day

CMBR Hage read the proclamation into the record to proclaim August 21, 2025, as National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day in the City of Roeland Park.

CMBR Hage added that fentanyl deaths are beginning to decrease, which is, in part, due to police departments and other agencies having access to Naloxone and other resources. She said that anyone with questions can contact her as fentanyl deaths are completely preventable.

CMBR Hill added that the deaths are preventable and spoke to the loss of a family member to fentanyl. She said they need to get out and talk to young people and children as this is a life or death situation.

Mayor Poppa said he is glad they are having these discussions on the dais and that they continue to talk about them in the community.

All Councilmembers signed onto the proclamation.

IX. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees

A. MARC - First Tier Suburbs

CMBR Faidley's meeting notes are in the agenda packet. She said their main meeting focus was on area housing and the work the Kansas City Regional Housing Partnership is doing. In the MARC region, studies show that 46 percent of residents are cost burdened with more than 30 percent of their income being spent on housing. She said this continues to be a crisis.

For more information, reach out to www.Kcrhp.org.

B. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update

Ms. Jones-Lacy reported that the committee has been working on several initiatives. They are reviewing all the proclamations and want to bring people for whom the proclamations relate to personalize the proclamations. They continue to review chapters of City code looking at them from an equity perspective and making recommendations to ensure the code serves the entire community. They do a great job updating social media with the DEI corner that is highlighted in the *Roeland Parker*. They are also trying to highlight local businesses.

CMBR Raglow added that a member of the Prairie Village DEI committee shared information about their Hispanic Heritage Month at their last meeting. She said Roeland Park's DEI Committee works hard on community engagement and puts in a lot of work and dedication. They always are looking for new members.

Ms. Jones-Lacy also stated the committee has done a good job of streamlining and focusing their efforts. They will have a table at the next two City concerts focusing on cultural traditions and want to be able to collect stories from those who stop by their table.

C. Aquatic Advisory Committee

Park and Recreation Superintendent Brungardt updated the Governing Body on the revenue tracker. He said that attendance has been down 3 percent this season, but that revenue is up.

On September 3rd, they will hold a Paw Party dog swim from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 per dog. Kids will not be allowed in the water during the dog swim. Pup cups will also be available.

Back to school hours at the pool begin Monday, August 11. The pool will be open 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

They are also going to focus on increasing communication with non-English speakers who use the facility. There is also a desire to remove ads from the music played. Following the pool closing, they will review the pool rules as there seems to be some interpretation differences. They will also be planning how to celebrate the City's 75th anniversary. Mr. Brungardt completed his report stating that two staff members have completed lifeguard training.

Mayor Poppa said he is thrilled with where they are this year at the Aquatics Center.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Approve Historical Sign

CMBR Madigan said at the last meeting, they had CMBR Lero and CMBR Hage participating and the committee came up with new language for their historical sign. It was sent to the DEI committee for their review, and they signed off on it. CMBR Madigan noted how well the two committees worked together.

Mayor Poppa asked if the sign was to celebrate 75 years or the City's anniversary. CMBR Madigan said the sign covers everything.

CMBR Faidley asked about the phrase of upgraded utilities. CMBR Madigan said that it was a new concept of upgrading utilities before upgrading the street and addresses what has taken place in the last 75 years.

MOTION: CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR HAGE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE HISTORICAL SIGN.
(THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

XI. New Business

There was no New Business presented.

XII. Ordinances and Resolutions

There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.

XIII. Reports of City Officials

A. 2025 2nd Quarter Financial Report

Ms. Jones-Lacy reported they have collected 99 percent of property taxes to date. They are projecting a 2 percent loss in sales/use taxes, which is a conservative estimate. Court fees are 89 percent higher than last year and attributed to increased police enforcement not only for traffic, but theft, and DUI. The City judge has also been working on continuances to expedite closure of open cases. Ms. Jones-Lacy also reviewed fund balances, their investment returns, and building permits.

City Manager Moody said he is glad to share the positive trends. Their budgeting approach puts them in a position to show that they are outperforming. Beyond that, they are seeing growth in revenues and managed expenditures, which are all good for the City of Roeland Park. They have been fortunate to make decisions that insulate Roeland Park with the ability to weather some of the struggles other cities are seeing.

Mayor Poppa thanked Ms. Jones-Lacy and City Manager Moody for their work.

CMBR Faidley asked about the building permit for the Sunflower building. Ms. Jones-Lacy stated they are doing a remodel of the top floor to be used for a medical office, and that space has been vacant.

CMBR Faidley also asked about the permit for Walmart. Ms. Jones-Lacy noted they are installing a new door for curbside pickup at the northeast side of the building. It will be a renovation and also add access.

City Manager Moody said the Nall project and the Mission project are both underway. They have a status meeting tomorrow to determine the timeline of laying down the asphalt, which will affect when the citizen survey goes out, and that is related to the strategic plan. They will get that out as soon as possible so they can obtain the information ASAP, which will then inform their strategic planning process.

IX. Executive Session


MOTION: CMBR HILL MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL EXCEPTION, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), WITH THE OPEN MEETING TO RESUME IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:05 P.M. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

(Roeland Park City Council in Executive Session from 6:50 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.)

X. Adjournment

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

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk

Michael Poppa, Mayor