



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, July 19, 2021

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:40 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Groff, Willmus Strahan, Etten, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Mark Gaughan were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

Willmus moved, Groff seconded, approval of the agenda as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Willmus Strahan, Etten, and Roe.

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

Mayor Roe called for public comment by members of the audience on any non-agenda items. No one appeared to speak.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Public Works, Environment, and Transportation (PWET) Commission Joint Meeting with the City Council.

PWET Chair Wozniak briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated July 19, 2021.

PWET Commissioners at the meeting were: Chair Joe Wozniak, Commissioners Jarrod Cicha, Bryant Ficek, Michael Joyce, and Shane Spencer (Virtual)

Councilmember Willmus thanked the Commissioners for coming to the joint meeting. He indicated regarding organics and ongoing discussion, he wondered if they were getting any closer to curbside organics collection. Regarding consideration of modified speed limits on city streets, he was agreeable and would want to see more information on it. He would like to know what other suburban communities are considering doing and what Ramsey County is doing. He reviewed some examples from other cities and Ramsey County.

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Regarding reducing speed limits, Councilmember Willmus thought if the City was going to look at doing something, it needs to be fairly consistent and in a broader area than just Roseville. He would want to be careful about what the City is doing because some of the roads are MSA funded, residential, collector, and arterial streets. The main concern should be if the City is getting people where they need to go in a timely fashion. Those are all pieces of the puzzle to be looked at.

Councilmember Willmus thought the observation about silos with the Commissions was great and something the City can work on and encourage different Commissions to get together when there are some commonalities to look at those things. One thing he wanted to be cautious with in respect to the Planning Commission, is the statutory obligation when evaluating proposals. The City needs to be careful about that process and how it is implemented. He noted that is a conversation he encouraged the Commission to involve the City Attorney in, if there is a strong desire to look at some of these things that may be beyond the scope of what the Planning Commission's role currently would be. He thought the Commission was doing great work over the course of the last year and there were great ideas for the Commission to work on in the coming year and beyond.

Councilmember Strahan explained her initial thought was to split this Commission into two with one to focus on environmental issues, given the complexity of the issues with climate and trees and addressing EAB and other things. Some of the other things if there was a more robust environmental group that could address requiring compostable takeout containers, plastic bag charges, solar canopies at various public locations so parking spaces are actually generating electricity at that same place, and finding ways for the community to buy into solar gardens. Also, finding ways or even extending the City's DEI component to the trash haulers in Roseville.

Councilmember Strahan thought bike concerns continue to be a problem on many major thoroughfares where the trail goes out onto the street, noting there are little sections that are not passable. She was also a proponent of reducing the speed limit. She did not see a reason why the prevailing speed could not be posted at 20 or 25 mph on residential streets. As far as silos, she thought everyone in the room currently shares a lot of the same culture and other than herself and a few random others, the members share the same biology. She thought in order to avoid the silos it would be helpful to reach out to the HRIEC because she thought there was a lot of room for collaboration with them to see where the PWET's work deals with racism and cultural aspects, deals with other aspects of being a member of Roseville. She thought the City had resources and the Commission should reach out to them and connect with them.

Councilmember Groff thanked the Commission for the thorough report. He liked the mention of the Youth Commissioner because youth give a different perspective

and have input that he thought was really crucial, especially in the PWET Commission. He stated the food scrap collection is impressive. On sustainability, he had a lot of questions from residents on electric vehicle charging stations, especially in rental units and thought this needed to be discussed with the Community Development Department to see about what the City can do to require, if using city funds, for development that there be a certain number of stations. He would appreciate getting some information and guidance from the Commission on that requirement.

Councilmember Groff indicated he was pleased with the partnership with Partners in Energy. As far as modified speed limits, he would like to know more about it. He did not have a problem going to neighboring cities that have it. He thought they needed to look at the good for the whole community on that. He also liked the idea of breaking down the silos and working other Commission as well.

Councilmember Etten thanked the Commission for the work over the last year. When looking at outreach as far as the work being done by the Commission, that is what they have been talking about for years. He hoped the Administration Department had been working on how to do that and the Council has been working on that as well. He noted there will be a lot of support to the Commission. With addressing speed limits, he would need to know more about this before making decisions. Part of the question would be how much the City is willing to enforce the speed limit or what are other ways to educate the public about speed limits. He thought there was a lot to work. He noted a lot of people are looking for communities that are bike friendly with ways to get around the city. He believed curbside organics was going to be required in 2023 by the County and Chair Wozniak knew more about this.

Chair Wozniak reviewed with the Council what the County is planning to put into place at the Newport facility. He believed this was planned to go into place in 2022 but was not sure how it will be rolled out yet in the County. He indicated this will not have any effect on haulers or the service charge collection. What it will affect is the cost of managing garbage.

Councilmember Etten indicated he also appreciated the work done on public transit and thinking about how the City can adjust transit. He thought the Commission should try to connect with Met Councilmember Peter Lindstrom because he is a big advocate and supporter of public transit.

Councilmember Etten stated as far as splitting the Commission, he wondered if the Commission felt they were overwhelmed by the work tasked to them and are not able to do the environmental work well. He asked what would be the benefit of this, how is it working for the Commission, and what would be the job description for a new Commission. He indicated he did have some reluctance to create new Commissions because the City already has a lot of Commissions and that takes a staff time so how they balance it is very important. He thought there was a lot of

good work coming from the Commission on these issues right now so he would like to hear more on that to understand.

Mayor Roe echoed a lot of what has been said already. He would like to understand better the idea of splitting the Commission in two in order to understand the benefits and the why's of doing that. He thought maybe there could be some joint work done with other Commissions on mutual projects.

Mayor Roe stated in terms of engagement, a lot of what the Commission has talked about and will be talking about in the future are things that people in the community will have a lot of interest and will want to weigh in on, so engagement is going to be very important, and the HRIEC Engagement Toolkit and the work on that should be a guidepoint for the PWET Commission on engagement, rather than reinventing the wheel. Regarding the speed limit question, he thought there were some questions about jurisdiction and who sets the speed limits on which roads and that may answer a lot of questions for them. He stated the Commission was doing great work.

b. Presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan

Finance Director Michelle Pietrick briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated July 19, 2021.

Mayor Roe asked if the monthly impact related specifically to funding capital improvements and not the overall dollars per month that people are paying in taxes.

Ms. Pietrick indicated that was correct.

Mayor Roe asked on the increases for the police vehicle and equipment fund, as he understood it, is a fixed number of years that those increases would go towards that funding. The City would continue to carry forward that same levy amount, which would then switch over at that point to fund the firefighters.

Ms. Pietrick indicated that was also correct. Staff is proposing, over two years, a \$200,000 increase in 2022 and an additional \$200,000 in 2023 and then in 2024, it would go to operations to cover the firefighters.

Ms. Pietrick noted the Finance Commission did review the draft CIP and approve supporting the levy increase.

Mayor Roe noted the decisions the Council has made in the last few years have really made a difference in how capital funding is looked at to make sure they are not putting the City in a bad position. He appreciated the work and looked forward to the next steps in the process.

c. Discuss Council Budget Goals & Property Tax Base Changes

Finance Director Michelle Pietrick briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated July 19, 2021.

Councilmember Etten thanked Ms. Pietrick for the detailed reports. He thought there was a lot to track. He was not looking for any new additions for the budget and over the last few years, the Council has made some important and significant additions in staffing and other things. He wanted to make sure there are funds for a couple of the big focuses in the City such as diversity equity and inclusion. There was a staff position added that was funded going forward but he would also like funding for anything else in that area the City has the ability to do. He would also like to see funding go to sustainability and environmental pieces and that staffing is in place to make sure something can be done, that action continues to happen, and the goals advance into action.

Councilmember Willmus thanked Ms. Pietrick for the reports and echoed the comments previously made. He noted this was a lot of information he will take in and review over the next few months. He would like to have the status of the excess Cash Reserve funds as well as the other reserve funds in the next few weeks because that would be helpful to have.

Councilmember Groff thanked Ms. Pietrick for the report. He was looking at the market summary and concern mentioned about foreclosure rates, noting people are always concerned that the country is going to go into another foreclosure or have problems like 2008-2009. He stated from what he has been reading, the market is not set up that way and people are not behind like others were back then.

Mayor Roe echoed the comments of Councilmember Etten and would not like to add anything substantial to the budget.

8. Approve Minutes

9. Approve Consent Agenda

At the request of Mayor Roe, City Manager Trudgeon briefly reviewed those items being considered under the Consent Agenda; and as detailed in specific Requests for Council Action dated July 19, 2021 and related attachments.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, approval of the Consent Agenda including claims and payments as presented and detailed.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Willmus Strahan, Etten, and Roe.

Nays: None.

a. Approve Two Temporary Gambling Permits, and a Massage Therapy Establishment License.

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b. Authorize Transfer of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to the EDA

10. Future Agenda Review, Communications, Reports, and Announcements – Council and City Manager

City Manager Trudgeon reviewed the agendas for the July 26, 2021, City Council meeting, August 9, 2021 City Council meeting and the August 23, 2021, City Council meeting with the City Council.

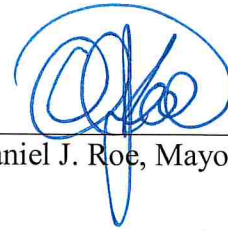
11. Adjourn

Willmus moved, Strahan seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 7:59 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Willmus Strahan, Etten, and Roe.

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager