



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, January 22, 2024

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:20 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Groff (remote), Strahan, Etten, Schroeder, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Rachel Tierney were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Roe noted the passing of a former Councilmember last fall and thought it was important to recognize this person for their long service to the community and acknowledge their passing. Pat Johnson-Nygaard was a City Council member in the early 2000's and served on the Planning Commission prior to that and was involved in other ways by volunteering in the community. He also noted that Ms. Johnson-Nygaard had significant involvement in the Park and Recreation program, especially financial support for the program in the form of hard and long work on the Central Park Foundation, including some time as president of the Foundation. He noted Ms. Johnson-Nygaard was 88 years old and was a long-time resident of the community and certainly served the community in a number of ways during her time here, as well as after, as an advocate. The City wished condolences to her friends and family and hoped that her memory can be a blessing to all.

3. Approve Agenda

Schroeder moved, Etten seconded, approval of the agenda as present.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Strahan, Etten, Schroeder, 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 came forward.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Meet Ashes, Fire Department K9 Therapy Program and Receive Donation from Hugh and Julie Thibodeau

Fire Chief Brosnahan and Assistant Fire Chief Neil Sjostrom were at the meeting to introduce K9 Ashes and thank Hugh and Julie Thibodeau for their donation and support of the Fire Department Therapy Program.

Assistant Fire Chief Sjostrom described the Therapy Program and Ashes' training.

Councilmember Etten asked what breed is Ashes.

Assistant Fire Chief Sjostrom indicated Ashes is a silver lab and came from a breeder in North Dakota.

Councilmember Etten asked if Assistant Fire Chief Sjostrom was Ashes main contact and does she go home with him.

Assistant Fire Chief Sjostrom explained Ashes does go home with him and goes to the Fire Department Monday through Friday which allows Ashes to be exposed to all of the shifts. He explained that long term, once she gets through her certification and gets more confidence in herself, she will be able to spend the night at the fire house.

Chief Brosnahan noted a significant contribution for Ashes came from the Thibodeaus who have supported K9 programs, AED purchases, and health and wellness initiatives. He reviewed how he found the donations for Ashes and explained the program to the Thibodeaus who were enthusiastic about it. He indicated Hugh and Julie Thibodeau are great stewards of the City of Roseville and the Fire Department wanted to publicly thank them for everything given to the Fire Department and City in general.

Mrs. Julie Thibodeau was at the meeting. Chief Brosnahan and the City Council thanked her for their generosity to the City.

The City Council took a photo with Ashes and Mrs. Thibodeau.

Mayor Roe again thanked Mr. and Mrs. Thibodeau for their contributions.

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 6:35 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 6:40 p.m.

7. Business Items

a. Discuss Scope and Duties with Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission

Assistant City Manager Rebecca Olson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 22, 2024.

HRIEC Commissioners present were: Vice-Chair Becker, Commissioners Macomber, Francke, and Tidball.

Mayor Roe stated the Commission could review with the City Council the thought processes, what was noted or observed during discussion, and what stood out to the Commissioners about existing language in the Ordinance related to the HRIEC as well as what is being proposed to the City Council.

Commissioner Tidball reviewed the process the sub-committee went through along with the conclusions about the scope of the Commission. The members of the sub-committee thought the scope felt more complicated than it needed to be. Some things were more specific than what should be in a scope document, some things were repeated in several different ways, and it could be simplified. He noted the sub-committee changed very little of what was thought to be the content and the overall meaning of the document, even though it looks substantially different. He thought the easiest way to see what the HRIEC did was to look at the title of Section 205.02, which in the original document is "Purpose, Objectives, Duties and Functions", in the document being proposed it merely says, "Purpose and Function". The Commission thought the scope document should say more broadly the Commission's mission and what areas the Commission should be covering, rather than getting into more specific objectives and duties, which seemed to be in the original document. Rather than taking out the two things, the Commission decided to create a document that describes what the Commission thought was the role of the Commission and how it functioned within its content parameters with that role and that is why the Commission came up with what they have before the City Council. He reviewed the three different roles of the Commission that the members came up with.

Vice-Chair Becker thought the Commissioners felt this was a good opportunity because the HRIEC has been trying to land on some of the questions she had when she first came onto the Commission, which were what is the mission and vision as a Commission. The initial scope of the document felt intense, more like a job description to her than an understanding of what the Commissioners were walking into and what the group was going to do at the once-a-month meetings. She thought this felt like a good opportunity to take a look at that scope and figure out what the Commission is because from this opportunity, the Commission has been able to start doing a lot of work around the semantics of what the Commission is doing. She thought that was helping the Commission firm up its work plan.

Commissioner Macomber thought this helped the Commission align its activities well with a clear idea of how it is derived from the proposed scope document change and that lets it flow into the processes the Commission will use in the work plan and the activities of the Commission to accomplish the goals.

Commissioner Francke explained it allows the Commission to accept a mission and a vision, direct all of their activities towards those, and yet assign a structure which in turn allows the Commission to define objectives within the scope and a workplan

for each of those objectives. He noted the Commission is actually in the process of doing that right now.

Member Tidball explained after the sub-committee met, he wrote up the initial draft and the entire Commission reviewed and spent time talking about this with a couple of small wording exceptions and then the entire Commission voted on this.

Mayor Roe explained the initial process where the scope of the Commission was created.

Councilmember Strahan knew the Commission had a problem with retention and wondered if the Commission saw the rewriting as a way to improve that with a different understanding of what the goals and expectations are for the organization.

Vice-Chair Becker thought it would and was actually thinking about that on the way to the meeting. She explained having come in about three years ago, just having the opportunity to hopefully set up new people coming in to feel more confident. She has looked at the scope and it feels like something all of the Commissioners are in alignment with and will building off of. She thought it felt like the Commission had built a new foundation. She explained the Commission is concerned about retention, outreach, and getting more youth on the Commission again. To do all of that, she thought the Commission is, right now, involved in the not quite as fun work of consensus workshops, figuring out an action plan and the Commission's language. This is not the most exciting work and it does not feel, for some of them, why they joined the Commission, to figure it out. But the truth is, this Commission is going to continue to evolve and change as Roseville's needs and demographics change. She thought the exercise was worthwhile because the Commission needs to practice together as a group being in alignment on their words because much of what the Commission does is about the people in the community and the Commissioners were finding that when going to events.

Commissioner Macomber thought the language changes made it easy to see the kind of vision, mission, value, scope, and drill right down into what will be the Commission's workplan activities and see connections between them all. She did not think it was as clear in the original language.

Commissioner Francke explained what this new document allows the Commission to do is, when the City recruits people to serve on the Commission, the people who apply already have the drive and desire to do these things. But, if the City can present to them the document that fits their mission and vision and place before them the structure of the Commission and how the person would fit in and make choices to be a part of the Commission, the City will do a lot better getting people to serve and stay on the Commission.

Councilmember Strahan was not sure if it was considered in the assessment of the Commission scope membership numbers, because this Commission is larger than some of the others, and that means there are always four or five new people coming onboard. So, if there was consideration on whether the HRIEC should not have as many people as the City recruits for new people, there would be fewer new people.

Commissioner Macomber did not think the Commission thought about reducing the number of members on the Commission because it is set in the legal language but there is a lot of work to do and a lot of it is done through sub-groups that are under the quorum number. She would really be concerned if the number of members were lowered because in the past the Commission has been short of members, it really lessens the amount of work the Commission can get done. She thought in this instance, the Commission works well with so many voices at the table.

Councilmember Schroeder thanked the Commission for doing all of this work. She wanted to revisit the role of the Commissions according to Chapter 201 of the City Code. She read the information regarding roles and advising. She was looking at the Commission's purpose and function in the first paragraph and thought it presented a nice job of what the City is trying to do. But for her, it is too broad and she thought it would make sense to bring it down to what specifically the Commission does to help this. She referenced the first paragraph under Empowered and Directed by the City Council, which indicates: "Shall serve to advise the City Council and present and propose City Policy, Programs and Procedures to ensure they are designed to inclusive and promote activity and respect human rights". She thought that sounded more like a purpose for a Commission. How the Commission wrote the other one was beautifully done to talk about what the City is trying to do. But, she thought it needed to come down a little bit to how it is specifically for the Commission. When she read the paragraph about the advocate part, she explained the Commission is supposed to advise the City and not individuals, so she was a little uncomfortable about that from a legal issue if the Commission is out advocating for individuals, especially if they have something against the City. She also explained, speaking to the City Manager, a lot of times those issues are overseen at the State level and not at the Commission. She stated this particular paragraph was a little uncomfortable for her and going back to the job of the Commission to advise the City Council, that advocate part is bothering her. She asked for more information on that from the Commission.

Mayor Roe thought the way this was written sounds like the Commission was advocating for people who have human rights issues that the City is being accused of. That is how it is worded.

Commissioner Tidball indicated the Commission talked a lot about that sentence and being an advocate for human rights is a difficult position to be in because it almost always involves a variety of different authority structures because

supposedly, a violation of a person's rights has been done by some entity and usually, a group. The Commission did not intend this to sound like the Commission would be involved in legal matters. What he remembers of the discussion is that sometimes it is a very lonely thing for a person to believe they are having human rights problems with an organization, a government, things like that. It was more the feeling that a person like that needed somebody to help guide them through the process and be a communication conduit so the person was in some way supported in the difficulties the person was having. The reason the Commission actually included involving the City was that if the Commission had left that out, it would give the impression that the Commission would get involved in any human rights problem that any citizen had with anybody. The Commission thought that in a role of advising and the ambassadorial role, there was more of a duty to help the communication happen and people understand how to go about doing things. The discussion, if he remembered it right, was that almost all of this legal work gets done by the State Department of Human Rights and is where it should be. There may be a clearer way to word that, but the Commission felt it was part of their mission to help that whole process have good outcomes, particularly as it related to the city.

Mayor Roe thought the word 'city' should be lower case because when capitalized, it means the city government but what this is saying is the city more broadly but not outside the city limits.

Commissioner Francke thought what the Commission envisioned also was that if the Commission is acting as advocates on human rights issues, it is an advocate to the City Council, specifically for resources or anything that the City can do to be of assistance, not because the City is the source.

Commissioner Macomber thought it would be rare that someone from the public would come in to one of the meetings, even though they are welcome. But, the Commission does get messages through the inbox for the Human Rights Commission, which also goes to whoever the staff liaison is. The Commission never has or never would try to work through something without engaging City staff. She thought the Commission was a conduit for the information.

Vice-Chair Becker thought that is why the wording states "may serve as an advocate", because that is where the Commission comes together and discusses these things because there are multiple voices and perspectives to be heard. She thought it was important that the Commission holds a space for that conversation and dialogue and that the Commission may have to advocate for the individual which the Commission would then present to the City Council as an issue that maybe the City can resolve. She indicated the Council was correct about the wording "involving the City" but it might be that the City might in some way support change. She thought there was probably some language adjustments that still needed to be made.

Mayor Roe thought, as an example of something the City may have thought about as hypothetical during the drafting process, was the notion that if through the receipt of individual people's issues over time, and if the Commission sensed a trend about a particular type of infraction against somebody's human rights seems to be happening a lot in the community, perhaps then the Commission could say, not specifically advocating on behalf of the individual, but explaining the issue seems to be in the forefront of the community and the Commission has had some discussions with possible solutions by the City and then make recommendations to the City in that regard.

The Commission concurred.

Councilmember Schroeder wondered why the Commission removed the wording "Perform other duties and function as directed by the City Council."

Commissioner Tidball explained he would not object to it being in there but the paragraph right before that pretty much says how the Commission functions on a regular basis. One would think in that whole process, whatever the Council wanted the Commission to do or whatever the Commission felt it should be doing, should all be taken care of.

Councilmember Schroeder explained the Council is trying to have consistency in the formats of all the Commissions.

Commissioner Tidball thought if it helps in the whole process to have that sentence in there, he did not see why the Commission would object. The sentence was not put in there because it seemed redundant to what the Commission was writing.

Councilmember Groff tried to be involved in the discussion but was having audio difficulties.

Mayor Roe asked if Councilmember Groff needed to see the rest of the Council and Commission for legally being in attendance.

City Attorney Tierney explained because there is not a vote, there is less of an issue and the City can allow him to participate but he would not be considered present at the meeting as a voting member under the open meeting law.

Councilmember Groff was able to get his audio working and thanked the Commission for all of the work that has been done. He indicated he was getting all of the points he has been concerned about as far as retention, direction, understanding, and making the work simplified. The other document was too complicated. He thought the Commission was heading in the right direction and he supports the work.

Councilmember Strahan wanted to make sure the City did not remove from the Commission the power to be a mediator through advocacy. She noted that when she goes the State Department of Human Rights website, it indicates specifically that "Local Human Rights Commissions are essential to building a thriving joyful Minnesota typically established by charter or ordinance, local commissions operated in a city, county, or regional level to protect civil rights and promote equity and inclusion. Local commissions engage in a wide range of activities, from mediation to education and outreach." She did not want to mute the Commission's ability to be an advocate for others within the city because if the Commission is not able to be that, then she did not see the Commission having 'human rights' as part of their name because it is a part of the essence and the meaning of what a Human Right Commission is and does. She did not want to remove advocacy from their ability or goals and actions. She thought the City needed to find a way for people to come in and to make it easy for them to be able to engage, get involved, and stay on the Commission.

Mayor Roe explained he wanted to be careful, noting that certainly the language at the State website is encompassing of all Human Rights Commissions across the State and different cities do have different roles for their Commissions. Just because it is mentioned in the State's general statement, does not necessarily mean it applies to every city. He thought the State was trying to encompass the range of things that different Human Rights Commissions across the State do. That would be his only caution there; that the City does not necessarily give themselves a role that is only there in another city because it has a specific charter provision that says it does that. He thought there was a concern on the part of the Council that representatives of the City, as an organization, take on a role of advocating for individuals in individual cases. He did not know if that would be considered appropriate by the community. He also did not think that was entirely fair to the members of the Commission either, to put folks in that role because that may not be something a particular individual or individuals are knowledgeable about, want to do, or feel comfortable doing. That would be his only caution. The Commission needs to think about it in a way that provides for the best preservation and advancement of human rights in the community, maybe not necessarily involving specific advocacy for specific cases or specific individuals because sometimes there are factors that can be involved which everyone may not be privy to.

Commissioner Tidball thought if it would be appropriate, just as a process of working on this, since he understood Councilmembers Etten and Schroeder are taking the lead on the scope together. He stated it is unfortunate that the part of his brain that likes to work with words and writing does not work well with the part of his brain that needs to listen to what people are saying. So, he jotted down a couple of ideas or possible different wordings. But, to sit at the meeting and actually do that, is not appropriate. If appropriate for the Commission to have some back and forth via email and suggested language to work around and take it back to the next

Commission meeting they can talk about suggestions from everyone and a possible rewording of at least the first sentence of that section to see if the Commission can come up with something that retains what Councilmember Strahan was talking about regarding the need for human rights to be uplifted as an important emphasis but without putting the Commission in the wrong role. He had a couple of ideas for language on that.

Mayor Roe thought that process made sense.

Councilmember Etten indicated several of his questions have been addressed and he appreciated that. He asked the Commission how the new language clarifies the Commission's concerns of incongruity between the Code language and the workplan.

Commissioner Tidball explained the way the Commission wrote the scope gives them basically three different broad roles. The advising role, ambassador role, and advocacy role, at least the way it is written now, which was a neat pneumonic thing to do. Within those roles in any given year, there could be things that were in the old scope that the Commission might end up doing. There is a fair amount of language about evaluating City policies and programs, for instance. Something that appeared to him when he attended the meeting last May for all of the departments, was that it seemed to him they were already doing a lot of that work, actually have the expertise to do that work, but there may be sometimes where the City Council needs another opinion. Actually, sometimes it is better to have an opinion from folks that do not have an expertise in that and maybe sometimes in a workplan where the Commission needs to do evaluation of something and would get together and agree that is what is needed to be done. If it is written in the scope, it makes it look like the Commission has to do that all the time. It either looks like the Commission is not doing their duties or that is not something the Commission is really supposed to be doing, in that case, why is it in the scope. That was part of the notion of taking some of those specifics out. It is not that these are not important or might not be useful sometimes, just that it gives the Commission the flexibility to determine when they are useful and why they are useful.

Councilmember Etten asked if there are other things that the Commission pulled out for that kind of reason. Are there are specific things that the Commission determined was not being done or not being done very often and felt strange to have outlined in the scope, so it was pulled out.

Vice-Chair Becker thought it was specifically how it was outlined because she remembered her first or second Commission meeting, seeing the workplan, and saying to herself "where is evaluating and where is the Commission advising and engaging". Those three words to her was a disconnect. She thought engagement was a big word, that the Commission better be engaging or how are they even affected if the Commission is not engaging. She explained she did not even want to

see engage in the scope because that is something the Commission better be doing and built into their words. She explained every fall, the Commission is actually going to do a consensus workshop and decide the goals for the year, not the workplan, and those goals have to come from their words, the Commission's values, and mission. The Commission wants to be ambassadors and advisers and advocates. If those are the Commission's three guideposts, that allows the Commission, in whatever state, whatever members to have a clear idea of what the objectives for the year are going to be based on the goals, based on those three things. She thought when the Commission was trying to do that before, those three ABC's just felt like they were not in line with what the Commission was hoping to accomplish. She thought retention was going to come when people feel like they are a part of the workplan, a part of the goal setting, part of the community, and have a feeling of participatory experience. She also thought the Commission has to practice doing that work right now.

Mayor Roe explained when this was originally written, the City did not have the capability as strongly as the City does now. The City had not gone through the GARE process and had not done a lot of things so the expectation of the Council, at the time, was to give things to the Commission to do.

Mayor Roe noted that Commissioner Francke had another obligation and had to leave the meeting. Commissioner Francke left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Roe explained an observation he had was that it seemed like in the organization of the draft, establishment and membership are handled by the first paragraph and some of the second and third paragraphs get into that purpose area. He noted this is an organizational thing so he did not want to dwell on that but certainly, through conversations, that can be worked through to get some consistency. The other part is the human rights aspect was not enough in the forefront of those two or three paragraphs so many a recommendation would be as the Commission looks to tweak this and the Commission finds ways to make sure that is not receiving short shift in the language.

Mayor Roe stated he respectfully disagreed a little bit with Councilmember Schroeder on the first bullet point about the advice. He thought it does really fall more under duties and functions rather than role or overarching the other two. But, he did not want to dwell on it too much. He agreed with the Commission that it does not have to be doing a lot of what the original language was asking for. He asked for elaboration about what the Commission envisions as to how the ambassador part works, maybe in what areas the City does, what is going on in the community, how that looks, or what the Commission might be doing as ambassadors. He wanted to make sure he understood that part of it.

Vice-Chair Becker thought a big part of using the word 'ambassador' is being part of a Commission feels like a nice entry point to participating in civic life. She

thought the Commission was hopeful or has had conversations about how the Commission gets more citizens involved in civic life. She stated the initial reaction of everyone is that nobody is going to care about it until something matters to them. She thought they have to take the word 'ambassador', go into the community, and be excited about what it means to participate in the government because it is everyone's government. She thought the more they can do that at schools, senior housing, and apartment meetings, that the Commission can show up and say they are ambassadors, not just for human rights and issues, but for the City. She stated that 'ambassador' is a great word for the Commission because the Commissioners will make people feel included when they go out and tell the people that they are included. She thought that was a lot of the Commission's work and is not just engaging and showing up all of the time.

Councilmember Strahan appreciated the ambassador item and thought it really reflects the E and I in the Commission name, Equity and Inclusion. Over the last three years it has been the most frequently requested Commission for people to be on. She noted the Commission has also been the most diverse and she appreciated the Commissioners taking a look at it holistically. She thought as soon as any one part of the HRIE is left out, then it becomes a whole different entity. She wanted to make sure that her fellow Councilmembers remember that this is all part of the piece and this is an aspiration for all of them. She appreciated the Commissioners for being there and how well represented the Commission has been at the parade. She also appreciated that the Commission is looked at as a type of conduit for the city and she wanted to make sure the City lifts up the Commissioner's interest in being that advocate ambassador.

Mayor Roe appreciated everyone's time and hoped it helped to understand both ways in terms of where everything is coming from. He suggested the Commission meet with Councilmembers Etten and Schroeder to work through the wording.

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 7:59 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 8:07 p.m.

- b. Consider Purchase of an Electric Vehicle Fire Engine or Diesel Fire Engine**
Fire Chief David Brosnahan and Assistant Chief Neil Sjostrom briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 22, 2024.

Mr. Trudgeon reviewed the debt levy and funding sources with the City Council.

Fire Chief Brosnahan and Assistant Fire Chief Sjostrom continued their presentation on Apparatus Purchase Process.

Councilmember Schroeder indicated one thing she wanted to point out was the 10-year battery, which is something the City actually pays for.

Fire Chief Brosnahan indicated that is correct, there is some cost associated with it and one thing to highlight is that it is not an option they offer to any other customer. It is something they have offered to the City as an opportunity.

Councilmember Schroeder asked if there were any benefits of the diesel engine over the EV engine.

Fire Chief Brosnahan explained there is consistency in the operations. Transitioning to the EV would require training for that type of equipment but outside of consistency, he could not think of any other benefit.

Councilmember Strahan understood the time frame for getting the EV vehicle is shorter in order to lock in the pricing she wondered if they would be delivering a whole year sooner to the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Brosnahan anticipated it to be five to seven months earlier. He indicated if the City went with diesel, he would anticipate Spring 2026 and if the City went with EV delivery might be late next summer.

Assistant Fire Chief Sjostrom explained one of the things Rosenbauer is allowing the City to do is to make the purchase now. Rosenbauer will put the truck in its build queue, will build and deliver it, and allow the City to stave off the first payment until January 2026. This keeps the City in its replacement window and training cycle of getting a new vehicle in service while also giving them a little tail end of when the City has to actually make that payment. This helps with timing and the financing side of it.

Councilmember Etten thanked the Chief and Assistant Chief for their extensive responses provided to his questions. He wondered why the EV vehicle is so much lower to the ground than the Diesel engine.

Assistant Fire Chief Sjostrom reviewed the build of the EV vehicle.

Councilmember Etten indicated the City is looking at the potential of this being a ten year first out engine. He wondered how this could be calculated when it does not appear that the EV fire engines are that old. He asked what the longest timeframe is that a department has had this type of vehicle in its fleet.

Assistant Fire Chief Sjostrom explained the EV has been in testing six to eight years. He reviewed the driveline studies with the Council. He noted the driveline is what makes the City's fleet unreliable in the fire service.

Councilmember Etten asked what happens to the Fire Department's second and third engines because if the EV is going out for ten years, which puts the second and third engines at fifteen and twenty years, this is different from the current cycle. He asked if the Fire Department needs three or are there concerns at twenty years that the third backup would not work.

Chief Brosnahan thought it offered them some flexibility in looking at the timeframe right now there are three diesels that were bought in 2010, 2015 and 2020. He thought if they were to fast forward to 2035, looking at it, he thought the 2020 engine would still remain in service at a reserve capacity. A lot of it depends on wear and tear and how well it functions. He thought that as long as it is still functional and operational the Fire Department would still continue it in a reserve capacity.

Councilmember Groff noted this was not the first time the Council has seen some of this material and he felt pretty comfortable with it. The financing has to be further researched, he likes the idea of something lasting longer, and from an environmental standpoint having a vehicle last an extra five years is a big deal. The costs are less per year for servicing the vehicle and he understood Councilmember Etten's concern regarding the length of the vehicle in service but listening to the department heads indicate they are comfortable with it, he accepts that analysis. He thought being able to lock it in now rather than wait for prices to go up is an important factor as well.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment with no one coming forward.

Strahan moved, Schroeder seconded, approving the transition to EV and enter into a contract with Rosenbauer to purchase an EV Fire Engine and approve the sale of existing reserve diesel engine.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Strahan appreciated Chief Brosnahan and Assistant Chief Sjostrom's innovative approach, especially the injuries.

Councilmember Schroeder appreciated all of the research that was put into this, noting the real question was whether this the right time to do this. But looking at the data and the Finance Commission recommendation, it does seem to make sense at this point.

Mayor Roe concurred with what Councilmember Schroeder stated and indicated he was supportive of this.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

c. Discuss Green to Go Ordinance Engagement Strategy

Sustainability Specialist Noelle Bakken briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 22, 2024.

Councilmember Strahan loved the feedback idea. She wondered if staff has thought about contacting Jamie Becker-Finn as owner of Makwa because she has done a lot on her own and since all of her materials are recycled, she probably has an idea of what works and what does not work. She thought this would also be a good resource for small businesses.

Ms. Bakken agreed and one of the things staff is thinking with those community conversations/listening sessions is bringing in restaurants and businesses that are already using materials that would be in compliance with what staff is proposing.

Councilmember Groff thanked staff for the presentation and agreed with Councilmember Strahan that the feedback form is really important. He asked what staff has heard from other cities regarding their bumps in the road.

Ms. Bakken explained staff has talked to other cities about some of the difficulties they have been having. It has been kind of mix of different challenges across different cities. Some of them has been having a really easy time with large chain restaurants.

Councilmember Schroeder indicated she liked the Minneapolis ordinance where they held a packaging fair, including manufacturers and distributors that could actually help, especially with small businesses because they just don't have the time to research these things.

Councilmember Etten indicated he was excited about the work and glad there are more resources for the restaurants. He appreciated the work done so far.

Mayor Roe thanked staff for all of their work on this project.

d. Receive Stormwater Update

Environmental Manager Ryan Johnson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 22, 2024.

Mayor Roe thanked staff for the update.

e. Discuss Community Survey

Assistant City Manager Rebecca Olson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated January 22, 2024.

Ms. Olson asked the Council regarding questions 26-30 if these should be replaced with information in the RFCA.

Councilmember Etten thought some of the survey questions were duplicates of other questions in the survey and he wondered why these questions would be asked in different yet similar ways. He also wondered if this was part of the discussion with Morris Leatherman.

Ms. Olson explained this was not. She asked if Councilmember Etten was referencing the suggested "How well are the facilities and services meeting your needs". She stated what staff could do, if those are the questions he would like to consider, the questions could be combined and just update some of the facilities and other suggestions into one question.

Councilmember Etten explained starting at question 18, it is talking about recreation facilities, about how people would rate them, upkeep of park maintenance, and park programming. This is essentially hitting all of those so he would be reluctant to change the questions unless there is some real specific reason why these questions got to something much deeper. The goal is consistency as much as possible and he felt these questions are getting to almost the exact same thing without being redundant.

Mayor Roe thought it looks like the question being suggested talks about how well these specific facilities meet the needs of the household and as he looks at the other questions starting with 18, they do not have a specific question about these specific facilities. Then, questions 26 through 30 are very specific to those buildings. He understands what this is getting at but is not necessarily these other questions.

Councilmember Etten noted question 31 asks about recreation and sports facilities and what is missing. Maybe there is an addition for certain facilities that could be added or expand some of that but when talking about community versus neighborhood parks, as most people do not know the difference. Trails are mentioned multiple times in these questions and much of this is delineated, so if there is something specific they want to get that is fine, but he did not want to ask a question about six or seven different things that he thought were mostly addressed. He would actually get rid of some of these other ones beyond some of that.

Mayor Roe indicated he could get behind that to not be redundant in that section but also making sure the City gets out the information that is trying to be achieved through this.

Councilmember Etten indicated for question 21, he would add a question about rating park and recreation events. He also wondered if question 24 was necessary when the City has a pathway masterplan. He agreed that question 26 is not necessary and maybe questions 27 and 28 are adapted to include more facilities, if that is desired. With questions 29 and 30, he was not sure what the City is getting from these questions.

Mayor Roe indicated that was good feedback and concurred with Councilmember Etten.

Councilmember Strahan thought question 10 was not a yes or no question and if the City really wanted an answer, it should be asked in a different way. She was not sure why some of these questions were asked. She felt question 66 had some similarity to question 12 and maybe these questions could be combined. She was concerned about question 68 because it said, "affordable housing rentals, many, few or too much", and asked what is the City going to do if the response is too much. She felt that was not something that can be changed and maybe sentiment could be measured in a different way. What she thought was really concerning the last time this was done, was that there were very few people of color, and the age was fairly skewed. She thought they needed to find a way to get the voices of more than one type of people.

Ms. Olson explained how Morris Leatherman come up with the demographics of the City to get the respondents. Ms. Olson continued with question 84, it is actually the intro to question 84 that staff is recommending a change. She reviewed the suggested changes with the Council.

Mayor Roe thought the changes were fine.

Ms. Olson indicated on question 93, staff is suggesting the introduction be changed to 2019 and before question 98, the suggested edit is to add a longer intro and is more of an education piece and remove questions 98-99.

Councilmember Etten suggested the beginning of question 100 be adjusted to include curbside collection program, noting it may be delayed by a couple of years but that is the goal.

Mayor Roe suggested adding "when curbside collection program is available".

Ms. Olson explained question 102 should probably remove "local newspaper" because the City no longer has one and add "City emails", and question 104 because there are a couple of different things considered Roseville City news, just to clarify that this is the printed City publication.

Mayor Roe thought generally the changes were acceptable.

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Etten moved, Schroeder seconded, approving entering into a contract with Morris Leatherman Company to conduct a community survey in 2024 and note the discussion on the questions.

Roll Call

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

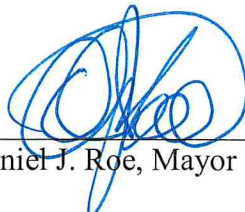
Nays: None

- 8. Council Direction on Councilmember Initiated Agenda Items**
- 9. Approve Minutes**
- 10. Approve Consent Agenda**
- 11. Future Agenda Review, Communications, Reports, and Announcements – Council and City Manager**
City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the January 29, 2024 City Council meeting, February 12, 2024 City Council meeting and the February 26, 2024 City Council meeting.
- 12. Adjourn**
Etten moved, Strahan seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 9:41 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager