



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, April 15, 2024

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Groff, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe. Councilmember Etten was absent. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Rachel Tierney were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

Schroeder moved, Strahan seconded, approval of the agenda as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Strahan, 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 to speak.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Ramsey County Ditch 4 Construction Soils Study Award

Environmental Manager Ryan Johnson gave a presentation to the City Council about the Ramsey County Ditch 4 Construction Soils Study award.

Councilmember Groff thought this was a nice refresher on what happens to soil when disturbed and how hard it is to replace the structure. He stated it was an interesting read to find out how Mr. Johnson is working with that structure to put the soil back. He thought it was a great project and a great use of the City's money to spend \$9,000 and win the award while up against a million-dollar bridge projects.

Councilmember Strahan thanked Mr. Johnson for sharing this award with the City. She wondered if this is something that has been done elsewhere or will it be held up as a test for other cities to do something like this. She wondered if this was best practice or learning as they go in this situation.

Mr. Johnson indicated it is a little newer and not a lot of places have really grasped onto it in this way and is a common problem with other projects around the metro, and a lot of other construction companies. He noted this presentation has been given approximately five or six times to different organizations and conferences. There have been a couple of studies done on this.

Councilmember Strahan asked what the next phase will be moving forward to 2026.

Mr. Johnson explained the City will continue to work with the Ramsey County Ditch 4 corridor.

Councilmember Schroeder thanked Mr. Johnson for the presentation. She asked if he could speak a little more about the vegetation side of this, how the plants were picked and if these were seeds or plants.

Mr. Johnson explained in this case staff went with a seeded short grass prairie. This is really nice for habitat and pollinators and will get a lot of erosion control from it because there is a lot of root structure below the plants and maintenance will be a little bit less and will need less mowing. The benefits of adding the native vegetation outweighed just putting turf down.

Mayor Roe wondered when this type of work will be added to the City standards and specs for all of the projects to make sure that this step is a part of it. But, he thought more research needs to be done before it gets to that point but it made sense to start to think about that as a requirement in the specs for future projects.

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Receive Ramsey County Presentation – County Road C Project

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 15, 2024.

Mr. Freihammer introduced Ms. Joey Lundquist, Project Manager with Ramsey County and Ms. Alisa Johnson, SRF who gave a presentation.

Councilmember Strahan thanked Ms. Lundquist and Ms. Johnson for the presentation. She indicated when she looks at some of the materials the Council has, she does not see the trails coming off the ballfields heading toward County Road C. She explained the area is pretty treacherous and she was not sure if there would be any plans to level County Road C at all. She suggested there be a crossing between Fisk and Avon to Terrace to access the neighborhood and neighborhoods north of there to get them into Central Park. There are pathways there already but there is no crossing.

Councilmember Schroeder asked for more information on evaluating utilities.

Ms. Lundquist explained the County will need to find out where the utilities are before the construction begins. She noted driveways will probably need to be adjusted during the construction process.

Mayor Roe stated the City looks forward to the planning process and the project. He thanked Ms. Lundquist and Ms. Johnson for the presentation

b. Consider Releasing Request for Quotes for Residential Recycling Carts Purchase

Environmental Manager Ryan Johnson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 15, 2024.

Councilmember Strahan thought it might be a good idea for the recycling carts to say "Property of Roseville" so people realize this is for recycling and not for everything or for the resident to think that they can take them with when moving.

Mayor Roe thought that made sense.

Councilmember Groff stated this was a good refresher because it has been discussed before.

Councilmember Schroeder thought the more information, the better. She stated that having as much information as possible would allow the Council to make a good decision as to which direction to go in this.

Mayor Roe noted there was a reference to RFID tags on the Request for Quotes and he wondered if that is something that is on the Eureka carts now.

Mr. Johnson explained the Eureka carts used to have them, but the most recent carts do not have them.

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, approving the release of the Request for Quotes for Residential Recycling Roll-Out Carts.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff thought this put the City in a better position to negotiate down the road.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None

c. Receive Forestry Program and EAB Update

Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Johnson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated April 15, 2024.

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Parks Superintendent Jim Taylor gave a presentation on the Forestry program and EAB update.

Councilmember Schroeder asked what the difference is between a “fair” tree and a “good” tree in the presentation.

Mr. Taylor explained that a fair tree means it may have lost some of its canopy top or lost some limbs overtime, so it is not perfectly symmetrical. A good tree would be a good canopy and proper structure to it, leafing out now.

Councilmember Schroeder asked regarding the EAB, has the department had cooperation from the private side when there are infected trees on private land.

Mr. Taylor explained the City does get calls regularly, usually from a resident whose neighbor has a tree that they are worried is going to fall on their house or garage. The department has a laid out, detailed process on how those things are managed. He reviewed the process with the Council.

Councilmember Strahan asked if the City is planning a 2024 tree sale.

Mr. Taylor explained this year the sale will be in the fall. He indicated the City is planting a lot of trees this spring and will be busy caring for them. Because so many trees are being planted, the Tree Trust did not have stock until the fall to do the tree sale.

Councilmember Groff congratulated the department on the grants, noting it was quite impressive. He asked how the City handles falling trees in Reservoir Woods or other City parks because it could be in dangerous spots, like pathways.

Mr. Taylor explained the City uses the third Saturday events to clean up some areas adjacent to trails. The general process is, if the tree falls in a wooded area, it is left. However, the City has started to see some areas, after years of that happening, that it is creating a ratty mess. Reservoir Woods is on the list to clean up some areas adjacent to trails. If there is a hazard, the City will get that tree off the ground.

Mayor Roe thanked staff for the presentation and noted it made sense to look at ways to use the tree replacement funds for those private properties as suggested by Staff.

- 8. Council Direction on Councilmember Initiated Agenda Items**
- 9. Approve Minutes**
- 10. Approve Consent Agenda**

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

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the April 22, 2024 City Council meeting, May 6, 2024 City Council meeting, the May 13, 2024 EDA and City Council Work Session meeting and the May 20, 2024 City Council meeting.

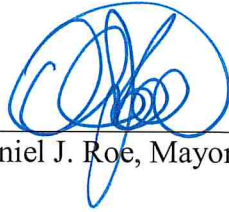
12. Adjourn

Strahan moved, Schroeder seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 7:38 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager