



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

1. Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

- a. City Manager Trudgeon requested removal of Item 7a (Consider a Request to Perform an Abatement for Unresolved Violations of City Code at 3119 Mildred Drive). Staff has been in contact with the property owner and is working to resolve this issue.

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, approval of the agenda as amended.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

Mayor Roe called for public comment by members of the audience on any non-agenda items.

Ms. Lindsay Stauner, St. Paul Farmers Market, 290 5th Street, East St. Paul, indicated she was at the meeting to share that the farmers market will be starting its seasonal market in Roseville at 2131 Fairview Avenue, Corpus Christi Catholic Church, in two weeks. Opening day is May 7th, and runs through October. The market will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Stauner for coming to the meeting and he knows people will be excited for the market to open.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Proclaim Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Mayor Roe read the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation.

Strahan moved, Etten seconded, proclaiming May 2024 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

b. Proclaim Mental Health Awareness Month

Mayor Roe read the Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation.

Groff moved, Etten seconded, proclaiming May 2024, Mental Health Awareness Month.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

c. Proclaim Older Adults Month

Mayor Roe read the Older Adults Month Proclamation.

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, proclaiming May 2024 Older Adults Month.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

d. Proclaim Days of Remembrance Month

Mayor Roe read the Days of Remembrance Month Proclamation.

Strahan moved, Schroeder seconded, proclaiming May 2024 Days of Remember Month.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

e. Poppy Days Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the Poppy Days Proclamation.

Etten moved, Schroeder seconded, proclaiming May 24, 25, and 26, 2024 Poppy Days.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Consider a Request to Perform an Abatement for Unresolved Violations of City Code at 3119 Mildred Drive

This item was removed from the agenda.

b. MnDOT Update on the Hwy 36 Transportation Study

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Jennifer Lowry briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 22, 2024.

Mr. David Elvin, Transportation planner with MnDOT, gave a presentation on the second phase of the Hwy 36 Transportation Study.

Councilmember Strahan referenced page 31 of the presentation that states, “local business comments, RAHS comments, MnDOT maintenance comments”, those were not included, and she did not know if Mr. Elvin has those comments or if that is a part of the matrix of all comments. She wondered if Mr. Elvin could speak to what the comments were from the high school or how that would impact things.

Mr. Elvin indicated these are not included in written form but he did want to address them. He noted the Council asked when he was before the Council last time if he could go out and talk to these groups and there was good conversations with them and some were somewhat candid. He reviewed the comments from the groups MnDOT talked to.

Councilmember Strahan knew the traffic study was conducted in 2022 but she has noticed, especially Tuesday through Thursday of late, the traffic has increased. Mondays and Fridays tend to be lighter with hybrid schedules continuing but the amount of people who are back into an office per location seemed to have increased greatly. She thought that Commerce St. underneath Snelling is a great idea and it was noted there was a bike lane on that, but she wanted to make sure that if they consider a bike lane, that it extends all the way from Hamline to Fairview. She noted that neither side of that has complete sidewalks so in front of the apartment buildings from Snelling to Fairview, there is no bike lane or pathway and not even parking along the side. She loved the idea and another piece would be a bike trail too, at least on the Target side. She noted there is sidewalk in there, if these could connect so it got to that intersection of County B and Snelling. She also wanted to know how all of these things work together with issues they have been addressing with County Road B and Snelling intersection.

Mr. Elvin explained Snelling and County B is a County project.

Ms. Lowry stated it is a study funded by the County primarily led by the City. She reviewed the project and study information with the Council.

Mr. Elvin explained the reason for the ninety-degree intersection is for slower speeds and the target speed for Snelling would be 45 MPH, which is at least five to ten miles below what is going on today. That would be more consistent with the amount of speed wanted at County B and Snelling. He reviewed a folded diamond ramp versus a tight diamond ramp with the Council.

Councilmember Etten agreed with some of the thoughts Mr. Elvin had. He wondered if there has been any communication with Ramsey County. He noted the County just rebuilt Lexington and B2 and asked if that was built with the anticipation that Hamline ramp would shut down.

Mr. Elvin indicated that was not anticipated by the County.

Councilmember Etten noted the peak times for the high school and asked what will happen if more traffic piles onto County Rd B2 heading westbound to the high school. There will be a lot of extra strain put into that situation.

Mr. Elvin was not sure if that issue was discussed directly with the school.

Ms. Lowry explained the County is on the project management team. She did not think that when Lexington was redone, this conversation, considering Hamline ramp closures had been begun at all so she was guessing no.

Councilmember Etten asked if there were any conversations with the two churches there at that intersection.

Mr. Elvin explained they did go to Grace Church but were unable to connect to line up discussions.

Councilmember Etten concurred with Councilmember Strahan's comments about Commerce Street being a positive extension but also thinking about the pedestrian access, it would be a tremendous boon for what the City has with people crossing not at the intersection just north of County Road B, between County Road B and Highway 36. He thought this would be a much safer connection for folks to important resources, which he appreciated. He questioned intersection additions on Snelling Avenue, when the City thinks about some of the big changes that have happened in the North Metro, he is thinking about the intersection at Rice Street and Highway 36 and the intersection at Rice Street and 694. He noted traffic signals were being eliminated and this plan is adding two traffic signals. He was curious about the projections in 2045 which are to be rated at a C level, so he felt this is building in a problem.

Mayor Roe thought C level was pretty good from a traffic engineering perspective.

Councilmember Etten thought the traffic flowed very smoothly with currently nothing, so this is actually building in congestion and quite opposite of these recent award-winning areas. He asked for Mr. Elvin to speak to the purposes and ways the City might think about this as not building a bunch of congestion, but necessary or roundabouts would not work or something else.

Mr. Elvin explained Councilmember Etten was right that the traffic will move slower, at a level C and that is the intent to improve the safety piece of it. The design of the interchange also provides connection for bikes and pedestrians to get over and across, which is not there today. There is a need to get the pedestrians across that traffic line, so the introduction of the new ninety-degree intersections creates a place for crosswalks. He explained MnDOT has done preliminary analysis that says this will work at level C, but he cannot tell how much of a degradation that over existing levels is.

Councilmember Etten explained his concern is that this is building in congestion, and he wondered about building in congestion. He noted this is an area that is congested.

Mayor Roe indicated he agreed with comments regarding the Commerce St. connection under Snelling that will help with pedestrian issues and conflicts at County Road B, especially because that is a difficult place to cross. The other thing is if there is a way to do as many auxiliary lanes as possible, even in a 1A or 1C, he thought that would be helpful because of those acceleration/deceleration issues that are already conflicts right now.

Councilmember Strahan wanted to reiterate regarding Councilmember Etten's concern. She also shares the concern about adding intersections on Snelling but, as a biker or walker, there is no other way to get across there and people do go incredibly fast coming off those exits in either direction. She thought the only way to actually add pedestrian or bike traffic on that would be to do something where everyone would need to come to a complete stop. Even then, she would worry it would take a little bit of learning to get people to be cognizant of the various speeds.

Mayor Roe asked Mr. Elvin if he wanted to go through the other two alternatives listed in the presentation.

Mr. Elvin thought the differences were pretty well summarized. The 1A and 1C have those main features at Snelling. The main difference is the ramps for Hamline are retained with option 1C and that reduces the width available for bike and pedestrian facilities on that bridge and at the local intersections. There would be a slightly less optimal bike and pedestrian facility, but it would still exceed what is out there today. Option 3, which is to add the auxiliary lanes, to make that work, the ramps at Hamline do need to be closed. That is main summary, the main take-away.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Elvin for the presentation and answering questions.

c. Discuss Smoke-Free Multi-Family Housing Strategies

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated April 22, 2024.

Ms. Katie Engman introduced Ms. Kara Skahen from ASNR-M, who provided a presentation to the City Council.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Skahen for the presentation.

Councilmember Etten indicated the City has a resident that has been quite vocal about concerns with buying into a community that indicated it was smoke free but is not and some of these steps run into the same issue such as a grandfather policy or a blind eye attitude. He wondered if there are any points from things learned from other places on how to handle these kinds of issues.

Ms. Skahen explained her association has a toolkit on compliance and enforcement for properties that can be provided free of charge and technical support. That being said, they encourage properties to have everything written. Everything should be documented. The association does not recommend permanently exempting any smokers in a building and does not consider that to be a smoke free property. If there are fixed term leases, and a lease cannot be broken mid-lease, if someone refuses to sign onto a smoke free policy before their lease is up her association makes it very clear to managers that they need to notify all new residents moving into the property what the smoking policy is for the property and that the property is transitioning to be smoke free and may still smell smoke until a certain date, until the person who most recently signed a lease has signed the smoke free policy. She would say part of that issue tends to be confusion from multiple parties in terms of what policy details are, what that timeline is, what the transition is. There are a number of different resources that could be provided for that situation.

Councilmember Etten explained this particular case is a condominium community and the residents are the owners. The issue is the board is choosing to not enforce their own rules. He wondered how these things help or don't help with that. He thought the City needed help with how these things would interact with enforcement.

Ms. Skahen thought that was the appeal of having a city-based policy. It levels the playing field and the same rules for everybody.

Councilmember Groff thought perhaps the educational portion of this may be helpful and a step toward smoke-free housing.

Councilmember Schroeder asked Ms. Skahen to address cannabis, stating she knows there are still a lot of loose ends of what is coming from the State. She asked if cannabis would be lumped in with all of the other smoking.

Ms. Skahen explained there are a lot of cities that want to be proactive about it and there is a lot of discussion happening right now at the legislature. As she is aware, currently as the law stands, smoking of cannabis is allowed in multi-unit housing until March 1, 2025. After March 1, 2025, as the law is written, the smoking of cannabis will no longer be allowed in multi-unit housing per State law. There are also some points that are unclear within the law. There is some grey area there that she thought was still being worked out at the State Legislature. In conversations with other cities and public health, most are considering lumping that in as a proactive measure because there is so much grey area and she is not sure whether or not that will be included at the State level going forward.

Councilmember Schroeder wondered what the rights of the smokers are. She asked, when stating that low-income people are affected the most, did Ms. Engman know what percentage of low-income people are smokers. She wanted to make sure there is a balance of people's rights.

Ms. Skahen explained under the eyes of the law there are no legal protections for active smoking. Unlike freedom of speech, smoking has never been deemed a protected category under the eyes of the law. They recognize that nicotine addiction is a very significant addiction. The tobacco industry has preyed on different communities for decades so there are a lot of layers to this that they do not take lightly when talking about smoking policies. She noted that smoke free housing is not smoker free housing so people who are smokers can absolutely live in smoke free housing.

Councilmember Strahan asked what the legality would be of decreasing the multi-family licensing fee for a smoke free policy.

City Attorney Tierney advised that fees are based on costs, so the license fee needs to reflect the cost of providing that service. The City would need to demonstrate that a building that was not smoke free is a higher cost to the City than a building that is smoke free in order to justify that disparity. Ms. Tierney stated license fees are not a place to achieve policy objectives.

Mayor Roe asked if the City could consider a building if it has a smoke free policy and they do not enforce it with evidence of non-enforcement — if that would be something that could be added as a consideration for the City's looking at their license and whether or not to renew or whether or not to impose some sort of penalty associated with that license.

City Attorney Tierney explained the City could look at that in the same way the City looks at tobacco or liquor establishments not being in conformity and failing a compliance check. Those actions for Council become very difficult when talking about housing because the ultimate consequence of revoking a rental license is evicting everyone who lives there.

Mayor Roe asked Ms. Tierney to clarify if the City could consider non-enforcement of a private smoke free policy in that case, or if it must be a City policy, with Ms. Tierney confirming it must be a City policy to be considered as to the licenses.

Public Comment

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

Mayor Roe asked for thoughts and if the Council wanted to look at doing something in this area and if so, what these would be. He asked if the Council would want to direct a process to start the City looking at that.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she would be supportive of a smokefree policy disclosure ordinance. She did not think this would help the resident who has come to the City about a specific current issue in their building, but it could help others. If there was some sort of interface where that was connected to resources that person could easily obtain. She also thought the Council could consider a declaration of support for smoke free housing. She still had reservations on some of the other ideas at the moment given others concerns and questions that were raised.

Councilmember Etten concurred with a lot of those points. The disclosure piece is something he would be prepared to do and then have those education pieces, both things on a website as well as some outreach to those properties.

Councilmember Groff agreed with both of those items, especially the education piece and contact with the management.

Councilmember Schroeder thought it did not hurt to get more information, but she was going to withhold her support on things until she knows more. She did not want to commit to anything from that aspect. She was concerned about doing anything that the City has to dedicate resources to in order to enforce because it seemed to her if the City is going to require a management to enforce it then the management would have to evict people and she was very not comfortable with that thought.

Mayor Roe concurred with most of what was said by the Council. He liked the educational part of this and is also interested in talking about how the City looks at projects that the City helps to fund.

Councilmember Strahan wondered if the City needed to formalize a declaration of support of smoke free housing by putting the educational materials on the City website. She asked if the City should take a more formal approach and state the City does support smoke free housing. She did not think it was at the cost of non-smoke free housing, but she wondered if the Council is saying the City supports it if the City is doing educational programming. She also wondered if the Council takes a bolder stand by stating the City does support it and here are the resources because of that.

Mayor Roe indicated it is something to think about. He was not always sure that the City's declaration of things has as much impact that the Council thinks it does but at the same time, one aspect to look at is if this is something the City wants to advocate for as a change to State law in our next discussion of legislative priorities.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Engman for the presentation.

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 7:57 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 8:04 p.m.

d. Discuss Kids in Need Foundation State Bonding Request

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 22, 2024.

Mayor Roe indicated as Mr. Trudgeon talked about ownership interest, and he wondered if it was a partial ownership interest on the part of the City or would the City own the building outright as a result of this.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated the simplest way, probably, is to own the building outright.

Mayor Roe asked City Attorney Tierney if the City would own the building.

City Attorney Tierney explained in situations like this, what commonly happens is that the non-profit would acquire the property and then lease the property to the City who would lease it back to the non-profit. The document structure is that the City would enter into a grant agreement with the State to receive the funds. The funds would then be used to purchase the property on behalf of the non-profit who would lease it to the City who would lease it back to the non-profit and as a part of that transaction the City would enter into a use agreement with the non-profit as well to conduct the program, the project, and that has to be what the State Legislation says it is. In this case, it is operating a non-profit that provides school

supplies to teachers at a teacher training location, so facilities for training teachers. The Legislation requires that if for some reason the organization goes away, the City then takes over that program.

Mayor Roe thought from what City Attorney Tierney was saying, the City does not actually have ownership of the building. The City has ownership of the program.

City Attorney Tierney explained she is not the best person to talk to about the tax law as it pertains to tax exempt on properties. The Federal law requires that the City own it, but they consider the City having a lease that will last for 125 percent of the life of the project to rise to the level of what they would consider an ownership interest. She does not know what the life of the project would be, but she heard thirty years so the City would have to give a forty-five-year lease.

Councilmember Schroeder asked if taking on these bonds affects the City's ability to take on bonds to do the City's projects. She also asked if this would go against the City's rating.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated it would not because the City would be receiving a grant. The City is not actually borrowing. He did think there was a liability there as the City Attorney outlined that the City would have to take over the program if the non-profit no longer existed.

Councilmember Strahan asked if the program were no longer in operation and it came back to the City, would the City would have to conduct the program or decide as an organization to change what the scope of the program was?

Mayor Roe thought it would be that or give the money back.

City Attorney Tierney explained because these are tax exempt bonds, there are bond holders who have their ability to continue to hold bonds that are exempt from Federal taxes and relies on the continuation of this program. So, the City would need to take over the program. She did not know whether or not it could be modified but she did not think it could. It is tied to the original legislation that created the program. If the City failed to operate the program, this did not mean that city employees would need to run the program, the City could contact another non-profit to run the program, but the City is responsible to make sure the program keeps operating. If the City fails to take that responsibility, it could happen that the State could come to the City to pay the money back.

Councilmember Schroeder asked if the City had any input before the bill was introduced.

Mr. Trudgeon explained the City did not have any input, but he did see a draft of this.

Mr. Corey Gordon, CEO of Kids In Need Foundation, and Ms. Molly Jansen, resident of City of Roseville and works as a lobbyist for Kids In Need Foundation at the Capitol, introduced themselves and gave a presentation to the City Council.

Mr. Gordon explained what the foundation would do if the funding from the State did not come through.

Councilmember Etten asked for more information on the program and the responsibility of the program.

Mr. Gordon reviewed the program and requirements.

Councilmember Groff asked if Mr. Gordon and Kids in Need Foundation have approached Ramsey County because he thought this appeared to be a larger thing than just Roseville.

Mr. Gordon thought the City was the first step in the process. He reviewed other cities that have worked in partnership with non-profits to obtain GO (General Obligation) State bonds in the past. He thought this was more of a hometown program.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Gordon and Ms. Jansen for the presentation. He asked the Council for feedback and if the Council felt the City should consider entering into a partnership with Kids In Need Foundation.

Mayor Roe indicated he shared some of the same concerns that the City Manager noted and it may help to mitigate some of the concerns knowing that the City's responsibility is primarily for the program. But, he still had some questions about this notion that if the City does it how does the City determine for whom the City does this sort of thing and what is the precedent that is being set, how does the City deal with the next request that comes, and how does that relate to the City's capacity to do these things. He was not sure he had answers yet on those questions.

Councilmember Schroeder explained the first thing she wants to say is what the Council is talking about at this point is not the good work being done. She thought everyone understood that this is a good program. What the Council is trying to decide here is how much does the City of Roseville want to take on when it comes to this particular obligation. She thought the last time the City did bonds, it did not end well and there was an issue, so she was a little gun shy from that, and this is very long term and it seems new. She thought if there were conversations earlier, the City would have had more time to get the information needed to make a decision. She felt bad because she does not know enough about this process and some of the details. She was uncomfortable and could not support this at this time

because she does not have enough information and has not been a part of the process.

Councilmember Strahan stated she had been lobbying for a community center for as long as she can remember so when she thought this building would belong to Roseville and if in forty years it became the City's and for the City's use is one thing. But, to think that for forty years the City has to execute this program as is, that is a bit intimidating. She understands the nonprofit has been around for thirty years and applauds that, but non-profits do change, and come and go based on the market. She indicated this can be somewhat fickle and she has reviewed the 990s and there have been some pretty significant changes in income and fundraising based on the market. She shared some of that trepidation but yet was excited about this new workforce. She was very conflicted but felt there were a lot of questions that were raised and not answered through discussion.

Mayor Roe asked if it is possible, at an upcoming meeting, to get an expert in this area to come in and help the Council understand it better. He thought the key issue was the risk and getting more information might help with that. He explained that as holders of the public purse and the public trust, the Council wants to make sure to understand the risks and how things unwind if things do not go as planned.

City Attorney Tierney explained the City Council has an EDA Attorney, Gina Fiorini, who could help with answering questions.

Councilmember Etten agreed with all of the comments made and the concerns and praise for KINF work. If this item is tabled to discuss with EDA Attorney Fiorini, he would also be looking for some information and feedback, knowledge that could be gleaned from other suburbs that have done this. He noted he was certainly apprehensive about those long-term responsibilities.

Councilmember Groff concurred. He explained the issue for him is what is the risk involved here with the taxpayers. He would like more information on that.

Mayor Roe thought more discussion would be needed at the May 6th meeting.

e. Consider Approval of Community Aspirations and Authorize Next Steps for Receiving Strategic Planning Proposals

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 22, 2024.

Mayor Roe asked the City Council if this was at a point where the Council might be able to take the output of the last two years process and adopt those as the City's aspirations going forward.

Councilmember Strahan asked if the Council was following what was in Item 7e of the Request for Council Action packet because it differs significantly from the Envision Roseville packet.

Mayor Roe indicated he requested the Envision Roseville packet be included and that was the presentation from last fall as the output of the process. The reason he wanted that included as information for this discussion, was that it actually has the aspirations and a lot of additional information to help the conversation.

Councilmember Strahan recommended that economically prosperous start with the same convention that the rest of them do. "A community or city that is..." just because it is the one out of that batch that does not match.

Councilmember Schroeder asked for clarification on the last aspiration. She asked if the word inclusive talking about the transportation modes or is it talking about people.

Mayor Roe thought this was an all purpose inclusive and included both.

Councilmember Strahan explained she would assert that in that particular line "with a safe inclusive and well-connected transportation and infrastructure system that supports..."

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, to formally adopt the Community Aspirations as identified by the Envision Roseville community visioning process with amendments as discussed in this meeting and authorize next steps for receiving proposals for strategic planning.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff thought revisiting and rereading the aspirations was good, he felt good about what was in this, and he looked forward to working on more.

Councilmember Strahan stated it is nice to know that all of that process seen from the beginning to the end, it is kind of concrete, and she hoped the City's next processes will give City staff and the Council an indication that the next steps are rooted in this wealth of knowledge.

Councilmember Etten thought there were a lot of words in here that could go in a lot of directions. He also thought there would be a lot of directions the City could take this, and he did not disagree with any of this.

Councilmember Schroeder concurred and indicated she supported the general concept of these and maybe staff should look at some wordsmithing.

Mayor Roe agreed and thought this is a living document that can always be revisited if needed.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Mayor Roe indicated, as to the strategic planning process, that he wanted to say a few things to kick off the conversation. One of the reasons he asked that the report from Envision Roseville be included in the packet was because not only does the report include the aspirations, but it also identifies successful outcomes with the “where...” statements under each aspiration. He thought that was the starting point for some measurable objectives and things the City can work towards. He wanted to make sure the Council does not lose track of that. Even beyond that, he noted some of the aspirations in the report include talk about more specific measures of some things or concerns expressed by the community. He stated that reviewing that information helped inform what the City’s strategic planning might look like from a couple of perspectives. One is the notion of identifying what those outcomes are under each of the aspirations, which is important because the Council wants to know what to look for and what is trying to be achieved. He thought a big piece of this was trying to acknowledge and understand what the City is already doing toward some of those things. Then the Council can come up with strategic planning to accomplish some of things noted where we are falling short of the desired outcomes.

Councilmember Schroeder thought Mayor Roe made a good point because there needs to be something to start with on this and it is important that whoever is working on this has the same priorities as the Council and what is being discussed. She explained they want to make sure the City gets the right consultant to walk the Council through this, make sure this is kept on task, and know what they are doing when it comes to strategic planning.

Councilmember Etten appreciated the framing the Mayor provided. Some of these aspirations are the same as before and at some point, the Council needs to find out what the City is doing towards these aspirations, what the City wants to expand in this area, or what a new program is. But, if the Council does not talk about what the City is doing now, the Council will probably create a whole bunch of nonsense that staff will not understand and walk away from.

The Council discussed the process that should be taken with strategic planning and a consultant leading the Council discussion.

Councilmember Schroeder thought two half days would work best in order to do some work and have time to think about it and come back.

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Mayor Roe asked if any of the Council would be interested in working with Mr. Trudgeon on the initial process before everyone meets.

Councilmember Schroeder indicated she would be interested in that.

Mayor Roe indicated he would also be interested.

b. Council Direction on Councilmember Initiated Agenda Items

c. Approve Minutes

d. 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 April 22, 2024 and related attachments.

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

a. Approve Payments

ACH Payments	\$985,854.73
109190 - 109290	667,597.04
TOTAL	\$1,653,451.77

b. Approve 2 Temporary Liquor Licenses, and 1 Temporary Gambling License

c. Adopt Ordinance No. 1674 Transferring the Procedures for Preparation, Adoption, and Amendment of the Comprehensive Plan from Title 2, Chapter 202 to Title 10, Chapter 1024, and approve Resolution No. 12059 an Ordinance Summary Publication

d. Accept Annual Variance Board Appointments

e. Accept State of Minnesota Pathways to Policing Grant Award

f. Accept State of Minnesota Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training (ICPOET) Grant Award

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

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

f. Adjourn

Strahan moved, Etten seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 9:23 p.m.

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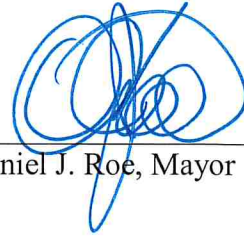
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Ayes: Strahan, Etten, Schroeder, Groff, and Roe.

Nays: None.

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Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager