



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, October 14, 2024

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:16 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Etten, Groff, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Josh Weir were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

Mayor Roe called for public comment by audience members on non-agenda items. No one came forward to speak.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Receive Ramsey County Presentations

• Ramsey County Overview by Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire

Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated October 14, 2024.

Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong introduced herself and presented about the Community Development Department and HRA.

• Ramsey County HRA Special Legislation

Ramsey County Community and Economic Development Interim Director Josh Olson made a presentation on the Ramsey County Community & Economic Development Department and Housing and Redevelopment Authority levy.

Mayor Roe asked if, in terms of some of the programs the City of Roseville and some of Ramsey County have, there are efforts to create a one-stop-shop.

Mr. Olson indicated their hope, and plan is to keep shopping at a minimum. He thought the other opportunity some new programs have now created is the ability to layer. He felt this is where contributions and collaboration have seen the best in everything. They plan to try to keep the one shop, but it is not always their decision; the resident chooses to do that, and sometimes, their lender makes that decision with them.

Councilmember Strahan asked if this is information residents can get at the county service center at the library. She wondered how people could get the information and find the resources.

Mr. Olson explained where residents can find the information.

Councilmember Groff asked how the information is given to loan officers because, half the time, they advise the realtors.

Deputy Director Max Holdhusen explained that on the down payment assistance side, the residents are usually connected to the program through their realtor or loan officer for their first mortgage. Ramsey County is seeing an expanded group for first mortgages. Lenders who know about the program are bringing repeat customers back.

Councilmember Etten wanted to ensure that residents get help through the process and know where the information can be obtained because not everyone knows where to get it. He also wanted to make a direct effort to make it available to people. He was curious about the County's role with the Carter Work build project and multiple jurisdictions.

Ms. Chong Xiong reviewed the County's role in the Jimmy Carter Habitat for Humanity work build project.

Mr. Olson added that the County does not actively participate in that project, but it has become a partner led by others in the same way—the applications for funding come through a couple of different doors.

Ms. Xiong continued with the presentation on the legislation.

• **Homelessness and Housing Stability**

Manager Anthony McWell gave a presentation on homelessness and housing stability in Ramsey County.

Councilmember Schroeder asked how many staff members are on staff to do the work.

Mr. McWell indicated the entire department is comprised of thirty-five people with seasonal staff during the winter.

Councilmember Schroeder asked how Ramsey County communicates with other cities.

Mr. McWell explained that the City Managers of the different cities usually call to ask them to come out and discuss the various services offered and law enforcement.

Councilmember Strahan asked if the warming centers are all within St. Paul or split across the County.

Mr. McWell explained all of the warming centers are currently in St. Paul.

Councilmember Strahan wondered what the interaction is with the school districts.

Mr. McWell explained that one of their programs is a stabilization program. They work with all the suburban counties, and a social worker is charged with working with suburban schools using a grant.

Councilmember Etten thanked Mr. McWell for attending the meeting and providing these services.

Mayor Roe thought this required a different perspective and mindset. What works well when issues are more concentrated is not necessarily the solution that works when things are much more dispersed. He asked if other solutions could work, noting that creative thinking is needed from everyone partnering in these efforts.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she was hopeful about the community resources for some of the businesses, and she thought Ramsey County had a partnership with Golden Shovel. At that time, there was Ramsey County's business piece and the attempt to connect people to work opportunities on bus lines. She wanted to ensure that some of these programs with great opportunities continued to grow and that there were no duplications of services in the partnerships.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. McWell for coming to the meeting and the presentation.

- **Environmental Service Center and Food Scraps Program**

Ms. Rae Eden Frank, Deputy Director of St. Paul Ramsey County Public Health, made a presentation on the environmental service center and food scraps program in Ramsey County.

Councilmember Strahan was curious about the interest in charging stations and being a community resource and wondered if any of that has been implemented.

Ms. Frank indicated that the County has not completely articulated all the services that will be used. Still, there will be opportunities as they think about needed emergency services, such as cooling centers. She was unsure about charging stations, but she thought that was interesting.

Commissioner McGuire indicated she will ensure this is discussed at a future meeting.

Councilmember Strahan wondered what type of accessibility would be available to the public. She asked if people would be able to drop in when needed.

Ms. Frank explained that the County is currently working on staffing and is considering increasing it for this facility. She noted the county will need to be very careful about that part of it and the parameters, but she would be interested in discussing it further.

Ms. Frank discussed the food scrap program with the City Council and the reality of why it has taken so long to implement.

Councilmember Etten appreciated the update on the food scrap program.

Mayor Roe thanked Ramsey County for the presentations and appreciated the updates.

b. Discuss and Consider Approval to Solicit Proposals for a Comprehensive Evaluation of Police Resources and Operational Efficiency

Police Chief Erika Scheider briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated October 14, 2024.

Mayor Roe indicated this is a request to go out for proposals at this time.

Councilmember Etten thanked Chief Scheider for doing this and appreciated the thinking about improving the City. Several agencies that have gone through a study are Roseville's neighbors, and he wondered what Roseville has learned from them already doing this study.

Chief Scheider explained it depends on the agency. She indicated in New Brighton that they learned through a study that there was an additional need for support staff for their officers, not necessarily officers. She explained that scheduling is a common theme in some of the reports. She reviewed some other things that studies found in other communities. She explained that every city seems different regarding what is being looked at.

Councilmember Schroeder appreciated everything that Chief Scheider has implemented over the years. She thought this made sense.

Councilmember Groff thanked Chief Scheider for bringing this forward and felt it would be best to get someone in from outside to give an unbiased evaluation.

Councilmember Strahan added that injuries often occur during double shifts. She wanted to ensure that the City was being honest and fair with all of the different departments as well.

Mayor Roe and City Manager Trudgeon explained the difference between the Fire Department and Police Department requests for studies.

Etten moved, Schroeder seconded, to approve the Roseville Police Department's request to solicit proposals for a comprehensive staffing assessment.

Roll Call

Ayes: Etten, Groff, Strahan, 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 October 21, 2024, City Council meeting, the October 24, 2024, City Council Strategic Planning meeting, and the November 4, 2024, EDA and City Council meeting.
12. **Adjourn**
Groff moved, Strahan seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 8:03 p.m.

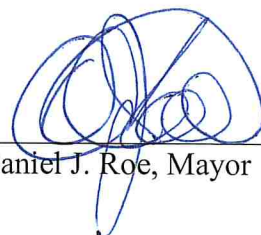
Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

ATTEST:


Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager


Daniel J. Roe, Mayor