



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, January 6, 2025

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Oaths of Office**

a. Councilmember Matt Bauer

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained he was pleased to be here tonight to welcome in our one new council member and returning council member.

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon introduced Matthew Bauer, the newest member of the City Council, and explained that Mr. Bauer's son, Carsten, would help to administer the Oath of Office.

Councilmember-elect Bauer recited and signed the Oath of Office.

Councilmember Bauer thanked everyone for being at the meeting and participating and being interested in local government. He wanted to thank his family sincerely. He started with his oldest, Carsten, who helped to administer his oath was never tired of talking about local government. He hoped that it would help with his US History grade. He also wanted to thank his other two children, Andreas and Juliane, who understood why he missed their practices and games, and when he was there, he understood that the drive home would be filled with phone calls about parks, public safety, public works, and budgets. Most of all, he thanked his wife, Stefanie, who, after some convincing, decided to let him run for City Council. Once she decided that, she was supportive, always there, and always picking up the pieces in the family when he was not around.

Councilmember Bauer also wanted to thank his supporters, who were always willing to help. Be a door knocker, hand out literature, attend events, be in parades, or just talk with their neighbors and share all their advice with them. He stated it helped during the campaign, that their passion for Roseville meant so much, and that he continually learns from all of them. He also thanked the City Council Members and the Mayor, who were always positive and available to share their experiences and help him on this journey. He also wanted to thank all the department heads for taking the time to explain their departments, helping him to understand the Roseville vision, and assisting and telling him about their challenges and opportunities. He indicated he was looking forward to working with everyone at Roseville. He also wanted to thank the residents of Roseville who elected him to represent them. It has been such a privilege to meet so many of you during door-knocking during those events; your stories about Roseville, your visions for it, and everything in between are a key part of what makes Roseville, Roseville, this

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such a wonderful place. He noted he was deeply humbled to be elected and looked forward to productively serving all of Roseville in collaboration with his fellow City Council members.

b. Councilmember Julie Strahan

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon indicated Councilmember Strahan's husband, Frank, and sister, Katie, would help to administer the Oath of Office for her.

Councilmember Strahan recited and signed the Oath of Office.

Councilmember Strahan wanted to say a special thank you to the folks who she invited to join them today. She explained she had not intended, as many people know, to run for a second term, but she put her name in, and at the end of the filing season, there were no women and no people of color and she really wanted to save space for those folks. She thanked her sister, Katie, her sister-in-law, Linda, who lives in Roseville, her husband, Frank, and her family, who were her support behind the scenes and did a lot of extra work. But this time also, she noted she had help from Phil Norcross, Phil Blackbird Cross, Gina and Todd Anderson, Chelsea, and Noah, Rick and Sherry Sanders, Kathy Ramundt and many others. She wanted to thank them all for being her support because they keep doing this work.

Councilmember Strahan stated today she had, not to diminish the *Bible*, but to show its importance, swore her oath on "*The Conscience of a Liberal*" by Paul Wellstone because she really believed that we all do better when we all do better, and that's why she gets up and does this work. She indicated that was her daily goal, why she stands here, and why she comes to meeting after meeting, when sometimes she does not feel like she is seeing a lot of progress, but it's a collective good and trying to be fair. She noted that her sister Katie knows well that their mom always said that life isn't fair, and today is the third anniversary of their mom's passing. But because of that, she works hard to make life fair. And so, she wanted everyone to know that she would try to give the same to every person who walks in the door and every person in the city, all 36,000 people. She explained she was going to make it fair and was going to try to give equal access to everyone, that if it worked for one person, it worked for these people, and that everyone knew she was going to be treating them as much as she could, the same.

Councilmember Strahan explained she was really proud of the work being done on the equity inclusion committee, and that was really important to her and stated that she will continue to fight for that so that every person feels like they are someone who is involved and has equal acceptance into what brings us to the city. She thanked everyone for your election and for the support and belief in her ability to do the job for another four years.

Mr. Trudgeon congratulated the two Councilmembers and explained the roll call will be done and then a quick break for some photos.

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3. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:10 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Groff, Strahan, Schroeder, Bauer, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Rachel Tierney were also present.

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 6:11 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 6:19 p.m.

4. Approve Agenda

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

5. Public Comment

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

Ms. Kathy Ramundt, 1161 Laurie Road West, and Ms. Barb Bergseth, 146 71st Way, Fridley, Roseville Area Optimists, gave a quick presentation about a new collaborative project between Do Good Roseville and the Roseville Optimists.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Ramundt and Ms. Bergseth for attending the meeting and for their efforts.

6. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Proclaim January 20, 2025, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Mayor Roe read the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Proclamation.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, proclaiming January 20, 2025, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

7. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 6:31 p.m. and reconvened it at approximately 6:32 p.m. to correct some technical issues.

8. Business Items

a. Approve County Road C Project, Pathway/Midblock Crossings

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 6, 2025.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Freihammer for the information.

Councilmember Strahan thanked Mr. Freihammer for the presentation and wondered if parking was allowed in the area designated as a bike lane.

Mr. Freihammer indicated that parking would not be allowed and that no changes would be made.

Councilmember Strahan asked if the bike lanes, as presented, conform to the City of Roseville's bike master plan.

Mr. Freihammer noted that the Bike Master Plan has not been adopted yet, but it is currently in the proposed draft version of the bike plan.

Councilmember Strahan asked if that segment is part of the Bike Master Plan. She asked Mr. Freihammer to speak to the impact of the overall project, as indicated, from Victoria all the way to Little Canada road, if this particular section were altered, to amend to conform to the needs or requests of the people involved.

Mr. Freihammer explained if they were to remove those two elements from the pathway, then he guessed they would have to look back at the Pathway Master Plan and consider that whole site, though the entire County Road C corridor needs to be looked at differently. The long-term vision is to put a pathway on both sides. He noted the City has only looked to do this segment due to a specific project. Doing this to the entire segment would add significant cost. At this time, the City already has a lot of other pathways planned in the near term, with a Lexington project next year, Hamline projects the following year, and potentially other projects on Victoria Street in the near term as well. He noted there are a lot of things going on, and the City did not want to over-commit and could jeopardize funding because the City's portion of the funding is typically Municipal State Aid funding for these projects, and the City's share for the pathways, typically fifty percent on the project.

Mr. Freihammer explained that the County is supportive of adding the mid-block crossings. He stated that it would be a lot harder to add them in a couple of years if they get requests to do them like what they look like on Dale Street and the County will tell Roseville that it missed its opportunity. It is a chance to do it with a larger project.

Councilmember Strahan asked what impact the City's input had on the County's decision to move forward.

Mr. Freihammer explained the City is following the Pathway Master Plan, and he thought if the City said no, they do not want the pathway, then the County will follow that. He thought that not building the trail would impact the mid-block crossings, which would remove the need to have them. If the City moves forward with the pathway, the County will support that if the City makes a recommendation against the mid-block crossing. He noted that is ultimately the County's decision on what to do because it is their crossing, but he thought they would take the input from the City Council.

Councilmember Schroeder asked if the City taking out the mid-block crossing would the City save money.

Mr. Freihammer did not believe so. He indicated the City has not gotten into the details of the cost participation. Still, regarding the Dale Street project, the City is not responsible for any of the costs related for the three pedestrian crossings going in there. The part that the City would be providing funding for would be just the pathway and any right of way associated with the path or any right of way on the corner. Mainly, the City's cost on this project would be just the pathway cost, which would be fifty percent of the City cost, and the County would pay the other fifty percent.

Councilmember Groff noticed additional enhancements to the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and asked what those would be on this project.

Mr. Freihammer reviewed with the Council the ADA improvements and speed limits that will be made in the corridor.

Councilmember Strahan wondered if the City had studied an equity impact for renters or others who might utilize this space.

Mr. Freihammer indicated that any pathway benefits everyone, especially those who do not use motorized transportation. This should benefit everyone.

Councilmember Bauer indicated that some mid-block crossings have flashers, and some do not. He asked if City staff were aware of what the County was proposing for this area.

Mr. Freihammer explained that currently, the County is not proposing to install those flashers, which are typically used for much higher-volume crossings like Central Park. This could be added later, but the County does have a pretty firm threshold on when that would get installed.

Mayor Roe indicated he had a couple of questions. First, on the mid-block crossings, the other examples he is thinking of generally seem to be places where there are not a lot of cross streets, and so there are long gaps where nothing will be

perceived as a crossing. This seems to be a little different than that. He asked if staff could talk about whether there is a policy difference in this location, as opposed to other places where the City has done or plans to do the mid-block crossings.

Mr. Freihammer explained the one it's most like is the one that the County will be doing on Dale Street at Belmont, to a degree. Some of the other ones are a little different because they're long blocks. So, it kind of doesn't matter where you put it. It ends up creating a mid-block crossing, but it does have the effect of enhancing the crossing and shortening the crossing distance. Certainly, they could also put these at an intersection. The problem is with the location of the intersection on this segment of County Road C, it would prevent the left-hand turn. When working with the county, staff didn't want to restrict left-hand turns. In this case, the only way to put these in, if you want to do them, is in the middle of the block, and that's kind of what the City Council worked with on Dale Street between Belmont and Eldridge. If you put it like at Eldridge, you'd be restricted to the park. So, it's like what the county did there., it is a little different. But it's not unprecedented.

Mayor Roe indicated he did look at and noted that on the east side of the intersection with Matilda, because there's no entrance to the park there, you potentially could put a sheltered crossing at the actual crosswalk at the intersection if you wanted to provide a little more enhanced protection at that location because there's no left turn westbound into the park property, that would be about the only spot in that area that if you wanted to locate a more sheltered crossing at an intersection, It wouldn't interfere with that left turn action there, because there's no left turn south.

Mr. Freihammer indicated that was correct. One of the concerns was it was so far to the middle of the park, and it wasn't direct, it didn't connect in a very good spot.

Mayor Roe indicated the other thing he did have a question regarding is that the Council talked about how they would like to try to do pathway projects, even if there may be a little bit lower on the priority list on the pathway master plan when they coincide with projects. So, say we didn't do this project's pathway on the north side of County Road C. Did staff have a kind of an idea of what the time frame would be for the next path, or the next pavement rehabilitation on that section of County Road C after this project gets done?

Mr. Freihammer explained typically, if the county is doing a mill and overlay, it's going to be 15 to 20 years before the county would be back to look at the project,

Mayor Roe also thought it was good to understand that time frame. His final comment was that the average daily trips in this section of County Road C, are about five or six thousand.

Mr. Freihammer explained that it varies but is five to six thousand cars daily.

Councilmember Strahan noted that priority two is County Road C. Parenthetical a. Could Mr. Freihammer speak to what area of County Road C qualifies as priority two in the parkway master plan?

Mr. Freihammer showed on the map where priority two was located.

Councilmember Strahan wondered if there was any chance that the City could take advantage of any cost savings to adjust this area, and at the same time, we would make other modifications.

Mayor Roe explained that he should point out that he had looked at this this afternoon. He stated that a majority of the sections identified in the trail master plan talk about constructing an on-road pathway either stand-alone or in addition to what's already there.

Councilmember Strahan wondered if staff could speak to the concerns of the owners of the land adjacent to the north side of County Road C regarding the easement or right of way that is owned by the City in that situation.

Mr. Freihammer explained that the County Road C right-of-way is owned by the County and they have jurisdiction over the right of way. He believed there is approximately 20 feet of right away on the north half of the road to construct any improvements. He knew there were a lot of utility lines and whatnot there as well. So, it is under county jurisdiction to use as needed. It is technically not part of the lot unless the county vacates that with the property owner. So, the county certainly has the right to construct a pathway. Certainly, if they needed easements to go on private property, the county would acquire those with 20 feet. Hopefully, there should be minimal or temporary easements if needed.

Mr. Freihammer and Ms. Lowry reviewed the County right-of-way with the Council.

Mayor Roe indicated the email the Council received from the resident concerned about building up to his property line. Certainly, the government can conceivably build the roadway right up to the edge of that property line if it is needed for transportation purposes. That's why counties and cities have those rights of way. But the idea is they try to minimize impacts and not have the road be that six lanes; they don't want to do that. The other thing is, if people are concerned about people walking on the sidewalk and using the sidewalk or the pathway, there are sort of different schools of thought on that, and the City has experienced concerns about that on the B2 pathway and one that was being looked at on Fairview Avenue. One perspective is that from a safety point of view, the property owner is getting more eyes on the property and more eyes on what's going on in general, so that can be considered safer. Certainly, if residents are concerned about people sort of

venturing onto their property, especially if it's close to the home, a fence could be installed. Obviously, that's the property owner's decision and cost in that case. But that is one solution that's out there. He noted he was not saying that the City was going to make people install fences or whatever, but that's just part of what goes into the consideration of individual property owners on what's going on next to their property, too.

Mayor Roe stated the City has received the petition, and it's straightforward. Hopefully, the discussion up to this point has helped folks understand what has been discussed and some of the questions that the Council has as well.

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment.

Public Comment

Mr. Greg Schroeder, 2646 Matilda Street, explained he was a retired civil engineer, and from 2002 to 2005, he was a City Council member for the City of Roseville. He stated he was at the meeting to express his and his neighborhood's concern with the proposed County Road C project, the inclusion of the mid-block crossing, and the eight-foot-wide bituminous trail path. He explained he was really surprised that this section of road is still in the bikeway, or the pathway plan. Back in 2000, there was a proposed project to build a sidewalk on the north side of County Road C, and that was eliminated. They thought that it was also eliminating it from the master plan, but obviously, the staff did not follow through and deleted it from the master plan. There should not even be one there in the first place. He noted he ran for city council to defeat that project, and it has been very personal to him. He indicated this shouldn't even be on the agenda in any way in the first place. He explained he was going to express his opinion and his neighborhood's concern with the proposed County Road C project, the inclusion of the mid-block crossing, then the eight-foot-wide trail.

Mr. Schroeder presented a slide show to the Council. He explained that the top drawing is a cross-section of County Road C, which is now a cross-section with four traffic lanes and a sidewalk on the south side. The county is proposing to leave the sidewalk and have three lanes in the middle with a bike path on either side in blue with a proposed trail along the north side. It was indicated that the right of way is 20 feet along this area; again, that is, in the air, you will have to buy right away at a few properties. He noted he knew of two places alone where there were only 10 to 12 feet right away behind the curb line. The City is going to be buying property from people, from our residents, to construct this project. He showed an aerial view of the project. He reviewed the mid-block crossings and traffic lanes. He explained when he was walking around talking to the neighborhood, the residents on Farrington indicated to him that they would continue to use the intersection there across County Road C because they would not walk down the pathway, cross at the mid-block intersection, and come back and then go back into

the park. It is just not feasible. Same thing with the residents on Matilda. They would come down to the intersection; would continue to cross as they legally could, and get to the park. However, they would not follow this pathway all the way down here, cross at this mid-block, cross, and come back to get in the park. Same thing here. They would not go in this direction to come in. It's just redundant. Why would you do this?

Mayor Roe reminded Mr. Schroeder of the three-minute time limit.

Mr. Schroeder explained that, to be honest with you, staff took quite a bit of time, and he thought he should be allowed to represent the neighborhood and the many people that he has petitioned to stop this project. He thought he would be given the right to talk if he needed to, would speak for another five minutes, and that would be it.

Mayor Roe explained he would not give him another five minutes but would allow another 30 seconds. He pointed out that the City Council does have the information in the petition.

Mr. Schroeder indicated he understood that, but he was just trying to present some additional information that he had not presented before. He explained as he said earlier, this project, the counter project, with the two bike lanes and the center turn lanes, creates three safety zones for pedestrians across the intersections where they are. The pedestrians can come out now; they can stay behind the curb before they can come out, and they can get into the six-foot wide area. They can identify traffic oncoming and see if they stop or if they're going to be able to cross. Then they can cross into a safety zone in the middle and then do the same thing as across the road. The project itself, without any trails, without any mid-block crossing, will enhance pedestrian crossings on County Road. C.

Mr. Schroeder explained he had two little things to talk about. He showed a photo of City Hall and County Road C and explained the reason he was showing that was, back in the years 2001 and 2002, the county and the city reconstructed County Road C between Hamline and Lexington Avenue. During the approval of this project, it was agreed that the trees and island concepts should be used to enhance other locations along County Road C as they are reconstructed. One specific area identified was Acorn Park between Farrington and Galtier. He noted that this was back when he was a council member. Constructing the islands in the center of the road with trees and other vegetation, plus planting trees along the south side of County Road C, would enhance the area and tie the neighborhood to the park. It's this is something else that should be thought of. It should be done as was thought of back in the initial park.

Mr. Schroeder indicated his last item was this intersection of Galtier and County Road C; this intersection has not worked since it was initially built. Traffic has a

hard time entering and exiting this, and the City has been putting center-line pedestrian crossing signs. there. They are getting hit, they are getting rolled over, and he finds them in his yard. The City needs to do something about this, and this project, the County Road C project, is an enhancement that can be capitalized on by the City if they would go ahead and try to modify this in conjunction with this project. He explained that those were his two issues, besides what he presented before. He noted he was very frustrated with the City Council right now.

Mayor Roe stated he appreciated Mr. Schroeder's insight and information and noted that sometimes it is a challenge to say a lot in a three-minute time frame. He explained he was certainly not at the meeting to try to take people's right to speak away. He noted he wanted to be respectful of that, and everybody should be able to follow the same rules.

Mr. Schroeder explained that he had asked many people to come here and voice their opinions, and he thought that he should have been allowed a lot more time, to say the least. This project should never go forward. It should not even be the pathways, and the mid-block crossing should not be done.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Schroeder for his input and concerns.

Mr. Brenda Osterlund, 2660 Matilda, explained they moved to this area just less than two years ago. She and her husband, Mark, were thrilled to be in the neighborhood and appreciate the park. She explained she was concerned when taking this pathway, how much the City and County are going to take of personal property. She explained she was not a civil engineer like Mr. Schroeder, but it appears, looking at this as a person, she did not know what would be done with all those utilities including transformers and light poles. She just wanted to say she agreed and was against that pathway and those mid-crossings. She noted she crosses at Matilda frequently and does not have a problem. And if the City is going to add those three lanes to make it go, that would work. Thank you.

Mr. Ron Kohner, 2872 Marion Street, indicated he was also a retired civil engineer. He stated he has been in his location for 54 years, and what he heard was a lot of discussion, which was a good discussion on how to do this. What he has not heard is why. That whole area to the north of County Road C is residential, from Rice Street all the way to Dale Street. And there are two reasons in his observation for people needing to cross county road C. One is the residents want to get over to the park to recreate. And second is there's limited parking there for the ball games, the little kids and stuff, and so people park on the residential streets, and they need to cross for that. Those are the two major reasons. He asked why they needed a mid-block crossing. There is nothing there. If they're going to a street where they're parked, they're either at this end of the block or they're on the other end of the block. Think about why we're doing this. There doesn't seem to be a lot of sense put into this thinking of why we're doing it. If you want to get people into Roseville, he

appreciated the lady talking about bicycles, but many people in Roseville have gray hair or are approaching that. He indicated they are limited in how often they will be riding bicycles. You need to move traffic and people through Roseville. And County Road C is one of the primary ways if you start narrowing it down with bicycle lanes, that's just going to, in his opinion, the traffic will have to stop for people crossing because of the state law potentially. He thought the Council wanted to think about why Roseville needed to do this. Because there isn't any reason to be crossing mid-block. Residents have a crossing right now as was noted, and they keep putting up little in the middle of the road, signs and things, and they keep getting knocked down by the traffic. It hasn't worked to put in more of those he thought were a problem, and he would be against this project.

Mr. Dwayne Stenlund, 2687 Matilda Street, explained he did not feel any need for the trail or it's not solving anything. There's no problem right now on an east-west movement. You got the sidewalk and have something on the north side for the east-west, so the problem is north-south movement. He explained that he lives on Matilda and crosses into that park all the time, and there's no curb cut. You just trip over a curb and hope to escape the park without death. It is a raceway. He noted he works for the Department of Transportation, and he was opposed to more block space. This doesn't meet what he was going to call context-sensitive design. It doesn't meet climate resiliency. It's just more black bituminous, more surface water, and discharge. When he looks at the map, this is crazy. People drive to go to a place to exercise. They will not walk there, even if they are a block away. The point is, he knows and has heard at least twice now that people are going to go on Matilda Street and go straight across the shortest path to two places is the short path. And the big issue is playground or for the baseball, and they, too, are in a rush, rush, rush. They park up and down at least Matilda Street, as far as you can see, to get to the baseball game. And you haven't solved the safety problem, north, south movement. His recommendation is, why did no one think about roundabouts? Do you want traffic calming? Why aren't there roundabouts and things that make you sick? People hate roundabouts because they slow the traffic down. Why are there no curb bumps? The idea is to get the public, the people that are going to the baseball game, to get across and use the road you already have and make the road better, painted, and striped. And the last one is you get no north south connection. This has not improved anything, and what is the City going to do with the snow? This is all great for summer stuff. Where does the snow go? It is being pushed so tight against the North side. Where are they going to plow the snow? They got to get it off the main line and get those bike paths open. Where does the bituminous path snow go? Because there's no storm water pond that he was aware of. He was asking why the design is only partially thought about, and it's not complete streets; it's not context-sensitive. For him, the idea that he liked what has already been heard is the idea to have trees in the center, trees on the edge, and all those things are traffic calming and give you a better sense of be and just a wider road with black bituminous is not it is not a livable community.

Mr. Chris Zander, Matilda Street, echoed what has been said. He stated they do not walk down to the crosswalks. One of the concerns that he has with the center of the mid-street crossings is it implies that the intersections aren't crossable. He gets the state law that says you can cross at that intersection. Now you have doubled the number of potential stops, and people see a crosswalk and then don't see a crosswalk at their street and perceive that, well, they should be walking down to this other street to cross because that's a crosswalk, and theirs is not a crosswalk. By placing these in the middle, there will be an implied perception, wrong as it is, that's the only place you should be crossing, all of the statements about you can cross it both; there will be an implied statement that you should be walking down the street, which won't be happening, as you've heard from multiple people that will be crossing the street there. You also heard the comment about the power poles and utilities. He has not seen where they're going in the drawings, so he was concerned that there is space to put a path there by taking that right of way, but now you also must relocate all those poles. Has there been a consideration of using the space to the south to leave the paths in there where they are, or is there a decision that they have to have that path rather than trying to place it on the north, where there are all of the power poles, use that space to the south, where there is parkland and things like that? If it must happen, can it be moved to the south or eliminated entirely?

Mr. Thomas Vandermause, 2653 Matilda Street, explained he has been a resident in Roseville for about three and a half years and is very happy so far; he stated that he crosses into Acorn Park daily. He walks his dog and goes up to the intersection where there is sometimes traffic. He noted he usually does it in the morning, during the rush hour, when there are lots of cars going on. He explained that he just waited. It's as simple as waiting for a break in the road. He felt it didn't take too long with the stop light at Rice Street; the stop sign at Western always allowed for a gap. He thinks that he is safely able to cross the road. He explained there are no sidewalks anywhere in their neighborhood, so he does not see that sidewalk on the north side as being overly advantageous, nor did he see a high volume of pedestrians using the sidewalk to the point where he felt additional space would be required or beneficial to help facilitate people moving. He thought the bike lanes were a great idea and was okay with the three lanes. He did not see the full benefit of spending money to put in a walkway on that North Side and those mid-crossings.

Ms. Judy Bartoletti, 2716 Virginia Avenue, stated they had been hearing a lot of people tonight that are not in favor of this project, so that moved her to say that she was very much in favor of this project. She explained they could cross County Road C into Acorn from Virginia. She explained she did not often feel very comfortable doing it. There's a slight rise from Western, where she is not always visible as a pedestrian and not the fastest walker. When her wife was recovering from hip replacement surgery, they did not in any way feel comfortable crossing the county seat. They absolutely would use that mid-block crossing between Virginia and Farrington. And she just wanted to let you know that somebody in this neighborhood favors this.

Ms. Linda Strahan, 1988 Wheeler Street, indicated she has been a Roseville resident for over 25 years and has watched her grandchildren move through the Roseville School District. It's been great, but what's missing in many parts of Roseville is a place for kids to walk, and a sidewalk on one side is excellent. But if you're going to put in something like this, she applauds them because how far away is Acorn Park from Roseville Middle School? She explained that when her grandson was in Roseville Middle School, he walked home with his friends, which was one of the roads they took. If you want families with young kids to be safe, this is what you put in. She felt this was a good vision for Roseville and was very much for it.

Ms. Rose Gawarecki, 2645 Galtier Street, noted she was the one who sent the email earlier today because she was not sure if she would be able to come tonight. She was not going to reiterate all of what she wrote in the email but did have a couple of additional points coming up as other people have spoken. One was she agreed with multiple people that they would have some decreased safety for crossing at the intersections with these mid-block crossings. She thought improvements to signage, possibly a lighting system or something, would be better for pedestrian safety than the mid-block crosswalks. They get a lot of parking on their street for overflow from the park, but it's mostly disc golfers. She indicated that people unfamiliar with the area will not walk an extra block, going halfway down the block, crossing, and back to get to the First Tee. She thought moving to these mid-block crosswalks would harm pedestrian safety overall. She noted she was one of the properties where the pathway would go through the easement down the side of her property. She did not believe that it was 20 feet. She indicated she went and measured this summer before they got all the snow, and it was 13 feet. Her property has a hedge that is a sound and privacy barrier for them. This would go about a foot into her hedge and then lead to questions about how they would have to remove it. She explained she has small children and that the hedge provides extra protection for them. It blocks their bedroom window and bathroom window, so safety concerns are there, but she did not believe it was a 20-foot easement. She indicated she supported the petition to eliminate the mid-block crossings and the pathway.

Mr. Jason Saari, 2721 Farrington Street, thought that they might think this project looked good on paper, but at the end of the day, the City was spending a million dollars to upset the neighborhood's people; he saw no functional gain. He stated the town will hamper its emergency services, postal delivery, and utilities, all for what? What does the city gain? He explained that Councilmember Strahan was concerned with people with different disabilities. He sees people crossing in wheelchairs regularly at Farrington Street to go into the park, and they don't seem to have any issues. Usually, they're escorted by someone helping them in an electric or manual wheelchair. They also use the bike paths every day. He failed to see what this project gained. All it does is annoy your voters, and it costs money. He strongly urged the Council to reconsider this. There is an existing sidewalk on the south side, and if they don't feel it's wide enough, they should consider widening the sidewalk.

It would cost a minimal amount to do that. He explained that the other thing for the other residents who don't feel comfortable crossing the street at different locations is that all the cities would have to do is spend some money on paint and possibly a light. In the days when we're trying to make our budgets on a personal level, we should consider what people are spending on a public level, too, because this project is not free. The City will be coming up with at least half the project cost, which must come from Roseville residents and is coming from people's grocery bills. Please reconsider.

Mr. Dick Rohland, 2737 Farrington Street, explained he did not live on County Road C, but he has empathy for property owners that live there. They're concerned about their property rights and right-of-way easements. He explained he was a bicyclist and liked the idea of a six-foot bike lane, but my concern is what happens to traffic at Rice Street because right now, it gets backed up during rush hour. He wondered if there had been any thought put into that. Now, with four lanes, his assumption was there would be some signal timing changes in that signal up on Rice. What does Walgreens think about this? They already had cars cutting through their lot, and he thought it would only worsen. He agrees with the property owners who will be directly affected by that bike lane and that eight-foot bike path, which he didn't think was needed and will not get that much use.

Mayor Roe closed public comment.

Council Discussion

Mayor Roe thanked everyone for participating. He noted he wanted to get to some of the questions. One thing came up that he did not think was directly asked, but he just wanted to clarify, on the south side of County Road C, across from all of the north-south cross streets, he wondered if the county would ensure accessible ped ramps on both the east and west sides to get up onto the sidewalk on the south side of County Road C. He wondered if that was part of the whole ADA process. He indicated he did not see many details on the plan for pedestrian ramps in those areas. He noted he just wanted to double-check, and if staff did not know the answer this evening, if staff could follow up, he would appreciate that.

Ms. Lowry indicated the County does not have that level of plans right now, so staff will verify.

Mayor Roe reviewed the questions the residents had with staff.

Staff reviewed watershed requirements, snow disposal, and utility pole relocations with the City Council.

Mayor Roe indicated the City's funding source for the City's portion of the pathway project, if that is taken forward, would be MSA, or municipal state aid funds, which

he believed is gas tax money from the State to the cities so it wouldn't necessarily be property taxpayers in Roseville, other than to the extent you pay gas tax as you're traveling in the state. A portion of that would be allocated to the City based on the City's mileage of State Aid roads in the town. Some of those funds would probably be used to pay for the City's portion of this project. He thought it was mentioned in the presentation that both the signal at Lexington and the signal at Rice Street would be potentially replaced; he imagined because it's a lane conversion, there would have to be different positioning of lights and things like that, and that would be where the light signal timing and some of those issues would be addressed to make sure that things flow as well as possible.

Mr. Freihammer added that Rice Street will operate more like a traditional signal. It's currently operated on split phasing, so only eastbound gets direction first and then westbound. The new signal will be designed to flash yellow, and you can have both east and west go simultaneously with a protected phase for the left Turners or a flashing yellow arrow. The new signal will operate a lot more efficiently than what the current one can do, which is a function of the design.

Mayor Roe thought all the residents' questions were answered. He asked the Council for other questions; otherwise, they should proceed to deliberation.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she was wondering if there was any advantage or possibility of the bituminous trail to the North being the most cost-effective way to do things, given the size, probably for plowing and everything else like that, rather than having another sidewalk on the north side. Is that the main advantage, or is this just the cost of plowing and maintaining?

Mr. Freihammer explained that it is more multimodal and friendly. It is more user-friendly for riding a bike. It's a little wider, so more people can walk on it from the maintenance end. It's also easier to maintain. It melts quicker in the winter and can be plowed with multiple types of equipment. There are a lot of advantages.

Councilmember Strahan asked about the space between the roadway and the proposed path.

Mr. Freihammer explained that it is proposed to be five feet. That is typically what they shoot for. It provides at least enough green space for grass to grow and room for signage and snow storage, but it certainly can be reduced.

Councilmember Strahan explained her last comment regarding the residents' point that the right of way cannot be 20 feet because there is a hedge in that space. She assumed that someone might have planted a hedge in the city right of way.

Mr. Freihammer noted it is a County right-of-way, but encroachments could have happened. He explained he did know there was at least one property that, for

whatever reason, wasn't platted or was outside the plat that had a narrower right of way, so it isn't all 20 feet. He believed the current design has shown working around that lesser right-of-way. But that's something that would be determined in the final plan.

Mayor Roe explained he was going to throw a thought out to see what the response from the council might be. He explained he tended to be sympathetic to the petition in both regards. He explained that he thought it seemed like a lot of the sidewalk was to get to the mid-block crossings. When he looked at how that figures into or exceeds the pathway on the north side when it figures into the pathway master plan, it was noted that this is 31 out of 79 terms of segments. It's about 12 points, as opposed to 22 or 23 points for the most highly rated and maybe 17 or 18 for the four A, B, C, and D sections. He thought it made some sense to try to look at a sheltered crossing, but as opposed to mid-block, He suggested, like he had talked about before, just on the east side of Matilda intersection, to provide that sort of somewhat halfway between the east end of the residential neighborhood at Woodbridge and Western so that might be a nice traffic calming still to have something a little more permanent than the things that keep ending up in people's yards. Still, it also lines up with specific current legal crosswalks. That might be something to think about, but he would open it up to the rest of the Council for feedback on that,

Councilmember Schroeder explained that she was thinking along the same lines and could support that. Initially, she felt the mid-crosswalks didn't seem to be needed because, looking at how many there were, the actual streets and what people were talking about seemed overkill. The other piece is that so many of the citizens or residents, if you look at this petition and who's all involved in it, are many people, and she thought it makes sense to hear their concerns about some of this. She could support not having those pieces in there.

Council Member Groff explained he could go along with that. He thought the main thing for him was that this turn lane solution was resolved. He thought that was an important issue when people talk about pedestrian safety. He has had this happen many times with these four-lane roads where one car has stopped, a pedestrian starts, and the car on the other side doesn't stop and nearly hits that pedestrian, so he thought that was the key thing in this, in this project, that is important. Of course, he would like to see pathways increased. He felt that, in general, it helps with the walkability of neighborhoods. It is the goal of the City. But he did understand the residents' concerns, and change is always tricky. It is hard to remember that easement property is not your property.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she would also support that recommendation. She revealed she had been involved in accidents where she had been the person on the side, somebody's turning or being waved through, and a person could not see, so she thought it was necessary. She explained she also wanted to take exception to

the person who indicated that anyone with gray or white hair doesn't ride a bike. She indicated she rides a bike everywhere and thought they must remember that Roseville is changing with many younger people or people who intentionally want to walk. The City is trying to find many multi-modal ways to get about the city.

Mayor Roe thought it probably would seem appropriate to make a motion.

Schroeder moved, Roe seconded, to support the petition, except including the protected crossing on the east side of the Matilda intersection and a preference to make sure that the ADA ramp access issues on the south side of County Road C and at all of the street intersections and perhaps even some striping enhancements for many, if not all, of those crosswalks, at least a recommendation to look at those.

Councilmember Groff asked if the motion could be reworded because it seemed awkward. He thought it might read, "to approve County Road C layout with the change on the path."

Mayor Roe believed the motion would be to essentially accept the petition of the residents, which is not to have the pathway on the north side of County Road C and not to have the mid-block crossings. Clarifying that the city still would see the benefit to the protected crossing design of a mid-block crossing at that intersection of Matilda on the east side because there isn't that left turn westbound, left turn south, and also enhancing as much as possible the existing crossings at the intersections, whether that be striping, and certainly looking at the ADA ramps wherever possible, if they're not there now.

Councilmember Strahan explained she would like to make a counter motion to accept the North Side pathway with the amendments as noted, the crosswalks at the intersection, and the striping as indicated. Thus, she would take that portion of the recommendation but maintain the North Side pathway.

Mayor Roe asked if there was a second to that motion. He explained it would be essentially a motion to amend or replace the original motion by continuing to include the pathway on the north side of C. He again asked if there was a second for that motion. No one seconded the motion, so the amendment motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Roe indicated the Council has the original motion before them. Council member Schroeder is the motion's maker, and he asked if she had anything to say in support of it.

Councilmember Schroeder explained that she appreciated all the comments and thoughts that went into this project. She wanted to ensure that the residents knew the City Council wanted to hear from them and what they thought about these and some of these projects. Change can be challenging, but in this case, the Council

listened to what the residents had to say about it. She thanked the residents for bringing it forward.

Mayor Roe indicated that, as the seconder, he would defer to additional discussion on the motion.

Councilmember Strahan explained she wanted to comment that many different portions of the city, including County Road B, complained vociferously about sidewalks going on both sides of the street. It can be challenging when it's not what your wish is, but it was very clear to her when she moved onto her street that a sidewalk could be put into my city at any time. And so, thinking about what the greater good is for the whole town and all the residents, not just for her today but 50 years from now, some people do want those amenities for access to the neighborhood around them.

Councilmember Bauer echoed what Councilmember Schroeder stated: the resident's input and petition, the effort that went into that discussion points today informed the decisions in this motion to appreciate the effort put into this all.

Mayor Roe explained that he thought he had previously supported sidewalks on both sides of some streets. One case that comes to mind is on County Road D by Emmet D Williams School. He felt that with the presence of the school and the traffic on D in that area, while it's not a tremendously high count of traffic because of the school and some of those issues, he was supportive of the amenities on both sides of Lexington. He pointed out that Lexington has over 18,000 trips, especially south of County Road B. He explained that the four to three conversions do function well, but that's a lot of car traffic, and the City needs to provide the ability for pedestrians and others to move on both sides without having to cross over necessarily. He thought that just in this area, the traffic count didn't quite register with him as requiring, at least at this point, the pathway on the north side. He completely understood the notion of it as an amenity for families with children, and he supported it. He thought the justification wasn't enough in this case because the activity was limited to that short segment on the north side.

Councilmember Strahan wondered if this alters their pathway master plan, here or elsewhere within the city. If they make a change, or they make this determination currently,

Mayor Roe explained, speaking for himself, that it probably would not because it's already not like one of the top, highest priorities, and the reason that we were considering it was because there was a project at the time, which is, as was noted before, frequently the case when we will move something up on the list because of the there's an opportunity to take advantage of savings as part of a more significant project or funding that's available. So, he did not know that it changed the City's pathway master plan.

Councilmember Strahan thought it would be wise to think ahead and decide what would qualify something as part of the master plan based on traffic or otherwise. So that way, it is consistently applied. Again, fairness, just making it just because you have the loudest group of people shouldn't mean that you're no longer included. If another area is also on the pathway master plan, they will receive the same consideration for people. Maybe it's a high rental area, and she wanted to ensure they would receive the same consideration if they spoke out against a project.

Mayor Roe noted that he thought the city's history regarding when people speak out against pathway projects is to build the pathways in most cases. He thought it was a rare exception that they had not put on a path where people had spoken against it.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 8:11 p.m.

b. Approve Public Works 2025 Work Plan

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Jennifer Lowry briefly highlighted this item, which is detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 6, 2025.

Ms. Lowry presented the Public Works 2025 Work Plan.

Councilmember Schroeder indicated she was impressed and asked if staff could complete this in 2025. She explained there was a small detail she wanted to discuss: the less mow May. She believed there was some conversation about this, and she thought Councilmember Strahan also had some information on this, but that doesn't seem to be the science behind it or support it. She wondered if it could almost turn that into more pollinator protection versus just less mowing. She thought that would be her preference, but everything else is wow.

Ms. Freihammer explained that the Public Works Commission did discuss that in November, and staff will most likely bring the Council a resolution with changes in early February.

Councilmember Strahan wanted to echo that; she noted before that her daughter was a Horticulture Educator for Cornell extension, and she did a white paper about this. However, a lot of her sources, which she looks to be from the University of Minnesota bee lab, and really, she refers everybody along the East Coast to the bee

lab as well, just so that it's good science replicating what's happening here in the Midwest. The original No Mow was a Nine A Zone, and that is not necessarily what happens in May here in Minnesota when it is frost-free in that area in early March. There's a lot to it, but she would echo Councilmember Schroeder's comments.

Councilmember Groff indicated he had a question regarding the streetlights that are being added. What is the style of those? He wondered if they were all downward lighting.

Mr. Freihammer indicated that the city's lighting is exactly what it has today. It's all down lighting, no up lighting. It's all flat Cobra heads with cut-off lighting on the back.

Councilmember Groff indicated that the pond is much appreciated. The mayor also brought up the status of the holding ponds through Roseville at another meeting because so many have been neglected. They have talked about it over the last three to four years. He would like staff to come back to the Council with an update.

Strahan moved, and Groff seconded, approving the Public Works 2025 Work Plan.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

c. Approve Wayfinding Signage Locations

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer briefly highlighted this item, which is detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 6, 2025.

Councilmember Schroeder asked what the maintenance going forward will be on these signs.

Mr. Freihammer explained that working with the County, these will all generally be located behind a pathway so that they are out of the line of the plowed lane. They will not have to worry about vehicles or plows hitting them, so they should be protected. He reviewed the design of the signs with the Council.

Councilmember Strahan echoed one of the residents' concerns about HarMar Mall. Rosedale seems significant, and it would take a pretty big change for that to change in the next ten years to go away completely. Though it doesn't indicate, if you don't know what Rosedale Center is, what it is retail or shops, HarMar Mall is emptier than it is complete now. She wondered if they should also maintain the retail restaurant type of idea rather than trying to keep it or if they could direct people to the A-line or other transit lines. She indicated she did know that some schools are mentioned and some are not, some parks are mentioned, and some are not, and if

they do not list them all, people will question it. But she didn't know if we would need to. No one ever seems to know how to get to middle school, and it's not Roseville, but it's enough tangential that people are always confused.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the City wants to ensure its walkable distance because it's focused more on the pedestrian level than vehicles. He would think the middle school might be too far because there's no signage on the other side of Rice Street. The blades are interchangeable, and the City can adapt as they change. They might find some wording and signage they want to use better over time. Indeed, the HarMar reference was to refer to the HarMar shopping area. Retail/restaurants might be a generic way to say that, but the City did feel it was essential to call it Rosedale because many people know it, and it's an important place. Even though it is a retail area, the HarMar area is an essential shopping area.

Mayor Roe thought that HarMar was undoubtedly a historical landmark in the community. It probably makes sense to keep it until it's no longer the case.

Councilmember Groff explained he knew Visit Roseville would be pleased to see this because they've talked about wayfaring and signage for quite some time. It's a good start. He noted he was very interested in seeing how it would play out, and he thought one of the residents said that sometimes you don't realize how close that thing is to you until you see it on a little sign. That's only a third of the mile there. He indicated he could walk there instead of driving. He thought that was a plus, too.

Councilmember Strahan noted that there's not much representation north of County Road C, but that does not mean the City cannot add signs down the road.

Mayor Roe thought this was a good starting point, and the City could certainly add as it needed to. He asked if staff could refresh him on the cost of replacing a pole.

Mr. Freihammer indicated that the average cost of the pole and the sign blades that would go on it was about \$8,200. He thought the blade cost \$75.

Mayor Roe asked if it would make sense to have a pole on hand as a spare part or if it were something they would probably not replace that often. They should only replace it as needed.

Mr. Freihammer did not think that would be necessary.

Mayor Roe indicated whether the Council would consider making this a CIP item or just a maintenance budget item.

Schroeder moved, Strahan seconded, approving the Wayfinding Signage Location Plan.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

d. Consider Approval of Roseville's 2025 Legislative Priorities

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item, which is detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 6, 2025.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment, but no one came forward.

Groff moved, Bauer seconded, approving the City's 2025 Legislative Priorities.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

e. Consider Commission Reappointments and Vacancies for 2025

Assistant City Manager Rebecca Olson briefly highlighted this item, which is detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 6, 2025.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Olson for the presentation. He asked if there were any questions from the council for staff on the commissioner reappointment process or any of the aspects of what the council was being asked to consider this evening. He indicated the first question he had was regarding those commissioners who are eligible and seeking reappointment. He wondered if the council wanted to take action other than to reappoint those commissioners at this time,

Council Member Schroeder indicated she would move to appoint those who are reapplying.

Schroeder moved, Strahan seconded, the reappointment of those Commissioners eligible and applying for reappointment.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Schroeder stated that the City wanted to attract people interested in this. She thought those people had come to most of the meetings and been doing a good job, so she wanted to ensure that the City retained them.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she concurred. It looks like the interested folks have been highly engaged. She knew that at least one of the members had been the

chair for a while. She thought that all the current members had been actively involved and did not see any reason to seek re-interviewing them.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, approval of staff recommended meeting dates for Commission recruitment and appointment process.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Strahan thought it made sense and appreciated the forethought of having them go.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

f. Consider City Council and Advisory Commission Rules and Procedures

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item, which is detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 6, 2025.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that every year, at the first meeting, the Council reviews the Council and Advisory Commission's Rules of Procedure for the best way to conduct city business. Last year, there were some changes regarding how commission members bring up new topics as part of a fuller commission conversation. It mirrored the council rules. And the City added some new language, addressing when virtual participation in city meetings was allowed. For this year, there's only one proposed change, and that's by Mayor Roe regarding who would be a presiding officer in the absence of both the Mayor and Acting Mayor being unable to do that. He thought that boiled down to the most senior council member running the meeting or representing the City. He was not sure this had been an issue in the past. Most always, the mayor has been at the meetings and the Acting Mayor rarely has needed to run a meeting. The Acting Mayor has shown up at some other events if the mayor can't make it.

Councilmember Strahan noted that someday, the Mayor might not be as available.

Mayor Roe indicated he did not know that this was one of those rules burning in everybody's mind as necessary. Still, he thought it made sense to think about it ahead of time and just put it in there so that they do not have a commission or the council sitting there, not knowing what to do if the situation arises. Somebody must call the meeting to order, and somebody has to get things going. He thought providing a means to determine that anybody, once the meeting gets underway,

could, by motion, designate somebody else to take it, especially if that person doesn't want to go any further. Still, at least this gives everybody a guide as to what to do. This is the same reason they swear in the vice president at the federal level first, just in case the president keels over right after that; they've got everything covered. This is just making sure everything is covered.

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, to approve the City Council and Advisory Commission Rules and Procedures with the addition of appointing a presiding officer if the Mayor and Acting Mayor are not available to chair the meeting.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

g. Designate City Council Liaisons to Various Groups and Committees

Mayor Roe briefly highlighted this item, which is detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated January 6, 2025.

Councilmember Bauer indicated he would be willing to take over all of former Councilmember Etten's liaison positions. He noted that he looked back at previous minutes, and that appeared to be what was done.

Councilmember Groff thought the Council should go through all the positions.

Mayor Roe thought former Councilmember Etten held only one position, the City Manager Review Committee. He was not sure if there were any others.

Councilmember Schroeder indicated that was the only one he was on.

Mayor Roe asked Councilmember Groff if he was still interested in continuing as Liaison for NYFS for a third term.

Councilmember Groff explained he was on the Executive Committee until the end of June and thought he should stay on until then. He indicated he would finish out this year, and if someone was interested next January, that did not preclude him from saying he wanted to continue, but he would be willing to resign. Someone could step in because nine years on one of these is quite a bit of time, and he thought it was better for boards to have a variety of opinions. But in this case, he would like to finish out this year, and they are finally getting to a good place.

Councilmember Strahan nominated Councilmember Groff to be on the NYFS Board as the liaison.

Mayor Roe asked if anyone else would like to serve in that capacity, either be appointed to the three-year term starting in July because he thought they would Councilmember Groff finish his term.

Councilmember Strahan thought it would make sense for Councilmember Groff to start a third term if things were not wrapped up the way they hoped.

Councilmember Groff indicated he would start the third term, which can be revisited in January.

Mayor Roe indicated the second one is the North Suburban Communications Commission and NSAC Board, or Nine North. He noted he thought he had been the City's representative on that board for a number of years. He explained he would continue to be the Commission liaison unless someone else wanted to take it over.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she reached out to the Mayor and expressed interest in taking on that position. She wondered if that would be okay.

Mayor Roe reviewed the meeting schedule with the Council.

Councilmember Strahan indicated that given the limitations of her position, she did not have time during the day and was in an entirely in-person position. It would be hard to get away during the day. She noted this liaison position would be one of the few that works at night, and she would like to have an opportunity to take it over if he is ready to give it up.

Mayor Roe indicated he would be happy to do that and would be willing to serve as an alternate if needed.

Mayor Roe reviewed the responsibilities of the Ramsey County League of Local Governments.

Mayor Roe noted that the Fire Relief Association is an ex officio. The Council can designate anyone on the City Council. He was unsure if anybody other than the mayor had served on that.

Mayor Roe did not think there was any proposal for changes. He reviewed the liaison position for the Visit Roseville board. He noted that Councilmember Groff was the liaison on that board, and his term on the board goes through August of next year. By the bylaws, it's a two- to three-year term; the council did not have to take any action at this time unless Councilmember Groff wanted to defer to somebody else.

Councilmember Groff indicated he was fine staying on and could step off a little early next year and someone else could step up. He thought the City should have

someone else go on there, probably in 2026, just because it's good to have other people thinking about this stuff rather than the same numbers.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she would be interested in the future if the meeting were at noon.

Mayor Roe thought the meetings were at noon on a Wednesday.

Mayor Roe continued to review other liaison positions and summarized the appointments.

Mr. Trudgeon summarized the appointments.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, and adopted Resolution No. 12122 (Attachment 1) entitled, "Resolution Approving Designating Representatives to Various Groups and Committees Including the Firefighter Relief Association."

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

h. Appoint Acting Mayor for 2025

Mayor Roe briefly highlighted this item, which is detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated January 6, 2025.

Strahan moved, Schroeder seconded, designating Councilmember Groff, Acting Mayor for 2025.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

8. Council Direction on Councilmember Initiated Agenda Items

9. Approve Minutes

The City Council submitted comments and corrections to the draft minutes before tonight's meeting, which were incorporated into the draft presented in the Council packet.

a. Approve November 25, 2024, EDA and City Council Meeting Minutes; December 2, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes; October 24, 2024, Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes; and November 13, 2024, Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes.

Strahan moved, Schroeder seconded approval of November 25, 2024, EDA and City Council Meeting Minutes, December 2, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes,

October 24, 2024, Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes, and November 13, 2024, Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

10. Approve Consent Agenda

At Mayor Roe's request, City Manager Trudgeon briefly reviewed the items considered under the Consent Agenda, as detailed in specific Requests for Council Action dated January 6, 2025, and related attachments.

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

a. Approve Payments

ACH Payments	\$2,154,024.49
111348 - 111402	1,634,363.71
TOTAL	\$3,788,388.20

b. Approve General Purchases or Sale of Surplus Items Exceeding \$10,000

c. Designation of Official Bank Depositories and Electronic Funds Transfer Authority for 2025

d. Designate the 2025 Legal Newspaper

e. Annual City Sign Permits for 2025

f. Adopt a Resolution to Approve 2025 Reapportionment of Assessments

g. Approve Annual Contracts with Northeast Youth and Family Services

h. Approve Professional Services Agreement with The Axtell Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Evaluation of Police Resources and Operational Efficiency

i. Adopt a Resolution Appointing the Building Official as Assistant Weed Inspector for 2025

j. Authorization to Seek Donations for Various City Functions and Events

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

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the January 10, 2025, Strategic Planning Session, January 13, 2025, EDA and City Council meetings, and the January 27, 2025, City Council meeting.

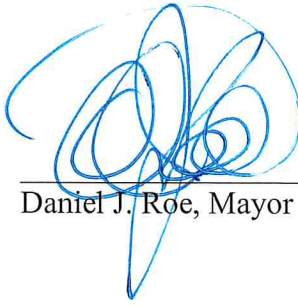
12. Adjourn

Strahan moved, Bauer seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 9:22 p.m.

Roll Call

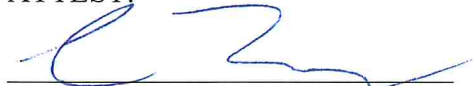
Ayes: Groff, Strahan, Schroeder, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager