



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, January 13, 2025

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 7:13 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Rachel Tierney were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

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

Mr. Roger Hess, Wagener Place, indicated that on April 20, 1944, the State Attorney General ruled that a City could not help an American Legion build a building. He did not know if that had anything to do when planning with the VFW, but he hoped someone had taken a look at that. He liked how the City has been streamlining the meetings for the last few months to a year. He noticed that the City Council does not recite their Oath of Office every meeting but says the Pledge of Allegiance. He did not think the City Council needed to do that at every meeting. Maybe it could be said at the beginning of the year and when there is a flag holiday or remembrance, but he did not think it was needed at every meeting. He indicated his last question, which he did not know if the City Council could answer, as it appears there was possibly some voter fraud during the State House of Representatives election. He did not know if the City had investigated that or not or if a different entity did that, but he thought someone should at least be looking at that, whether it was the attorney or another entity.

Mayor Roe indicated he did not know of anyone looking into the election question. He believed, and indeed, the City Attorney could correct him if he was wrong, that the jurisdiction, especially in a legislative election that is not a City municipal election, would probably be something like the state office of administrative hearings or somebody like that. Still, he would defer to the City Attorney. He believed it had to be based on a complaint as well.

City Attorney Tierney indicated she could not say for sure. She did have a recollection that it would be the Secretary of State's office and maybe the Attorney General, but it was her understanding that it was not the police department. She noted she could look into that question.

Mr. Hess indicated he was curious because he did not know if voter fraud was a criminal crime or how it was handled. He hoped someone was taking a look at it.

Mayor Roe thought that, to the extent of an accusation, those accusations would have to take the form of a complaint with the appropriate entity investigating that complaint.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Approve 1 Temporary Liquor License

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated January 13, 2025.

Public Comment

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

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, approving the Temporary Liquor License for Bent Brewstillery.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

b. Discuss Next Steps with the Maintenance Operations Center and License & Passport Center Projects.

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated January 13, 2025.

Mr. Trudgeon explained he had eight items to cover in the staff report. One item is the implications of the sale tax referendum results. The second is moving forward with a maintenance center operations project with talk about implementing the local sales tax and what needs to be done. There also needs to be a discussion about the license and passport center, what the City Council wants to do with that, and if they decide to move ahead, what the funding options would look like.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that the City Council and staff also need to discuss the next steps for getting to the final design project management and community engagement. Mr. Trudgeon also said he would cover some miscellaneous items briefly that are still significant.

Mr. Trudgeon reviewed the proposed project.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated the City had two questions on the ballot on November 5, 2024: one for creating a local sales tax for the Public Works and Parks Operations Facility and another for the license and passport center. He noted that question one passed, but question two did not. The voters approved creating a 0.5% local sales tax for constructing a new maintenance operations center but did not approve using the sales tax to pay for the license and passport center. He noted that the failure of question two did not necessarily mean that the license and passport center could not be built or did not need to be built, just that the funding for the project could not come from sales tax. As noted throughout the report, the existing license and passport center location shops must be relocated if the maintenance center project goes ahead. The City still has some space needs in the existing facility that needs to be addressed. The need remains but the funding mechanism cannot be sales tax.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the Council should first consider if it wants to proceed with exploring and planning for this project, primarily the Maintenance and Operations Center, and then talk through the license and passport center and see what is possible. The question for the City Council tonight is whether the City should proceed with the planning and implementation of the new maintenance center. Previously, he talked about the pre-design plan, and there may be some additional considerations that the Council may want to alter some of that site plan, especially the location of the license and passport center and maybe the VFW.

Mr. Trudgeon asked the Council if the City should move ahead and continue planning and looking into options for the planning and construction of the maintenance operations center. The staff knows a lot of information that needs to be provided before the Council can make final decisions. Still, he also wanted to ask the question because if the answer was no and there was no interest in moving ahead with any part of the project, the discussion would not need to go any farther.

Mr. Trudgeon explained he wanted to talk a little about the mechanics of implementing a local sales tax for the maintenance operation center. He noted the City does need to notify the Minnesota Department of Revenue at least ninety days before the City could begin to collect the sales tax, and the City Council would need to pass an ordinance and provide some other additional information to the Department of Revenue. This must be done ninety days before the City collects the sales tax. He reviewed the process to start collecting sales tax with the City Council. He noted the earliest the City can begin collecting local sales tax would be July 1, 2025. He explained there is no rush to start collecting, but there is no need to delay.

it. As long as the Council is comfortable moving ahead with some form of the project once the collection starts, the clock starts ticking for the twenty-year collection. If the City Council and staff knew that the scale of the project could be reduced or that the entire project could not be moved ahead, the City would collect what was needed, and then the sales tax would be over. As the State Law is written now, it is up to twenty years and or the project's total cost. He indicated staff is looking into some details and what that means with the license and passport center not being in there and will come back with that information later.

Mr. Trudgeon explained the mechanics of providing information and having the City Council pass an ordinance instituting the local sales tax. He asked what information or decisions the City Council needed to have in front of them, maybe more appropriately, before the Council would be comfortable instituting the sales tax and getting the process started.

Mr. Trudgeon thought the City Council should first discuss the license and passport center, which also includes a dance studio. He felt that if the Council made some decisions, for instance, regarding the first couple of options, leasing or not going ahead, the City would still need to figure out some solution for locating the dance studio elsewhere. He noted he would like to review four options for the City Council regarding the license and passport center.

Mayor Roe asked if some aspects of the broad category, of the license and passport center, besides the dance studio, included some storage for City needs.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that was correct. Currently, some space is needed to store seasonal park equipment, and office space is also needed to provide programming and hold meetings. This space is not necessarily used year-round but is needed, and staff was hopeful that the maintenance facility would cover all of the City's storage needs.

Mr. Trudgeon explained there were four options that he identified for discussion. The City could close the license and passport center, which would remove the need to replace anything, but that is not something he would recommend. He believed it provided an excellent service to the community and the surrounding area. He noted it brings in revenue for the City to use towards property tax relief and felt it has been a very successful license and passport center. The second option is for the City to lease a new facility elsewhere in Roseville. The last two options are locating the building on the campus. Number three is if the City would go along with the predesign study and put it as a separate building, a two-story building on the northeast corner of a vacated spot from the maintenance center. The fourth option would be to use an existing building and maintenance facility to move the license and passport center. He thought that if the Council could discuss this to eliminate some options, it would be helpful for staff. He thought having some additional

review and study of possibilities on the City campus might be appropriate, but that is for the Council to discuss. However, any of these are for the Council to consider.

Mr. Trudgeon reviewed the cost of building the license and passport center and possible options the City could pursue to pay for the construction. He also reviewed the predesign report with the City Council.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Trudgeon for the presentation. He indicated that this should be a time for questions and clarification for the Council's benefit. From a Council perspective, he wanted to make sure that the Council try to limit themselves at this point to clarifying questions of what is out there or what may be missing from what is out there.

Mayor Roe indicated he had a couple of questions he wanted to clarify. He knew the Council talked about the sales tax revenue being used to pay the revenue bonds issued on the project. However, he also knew they were potentially discussing incurring some upfront costs for architectural services and things like that. He asked if the property tax revenue could also be used before the issuance of the bonds to pay some of those upfront costs or if the City is totally restricted to only using it to pay the bonds, the revenue bonds, once those are issued.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated it was his understanding that the City could use some sales tax funds after the fact. The Council passed a resolution that the City can reimburse themselves from bond proceeds after the fact.

Mayor Roe asked, for instance, about architectural costs. If the City were to incur architectural costs in the first quarter of this year and has not started collecting the sales tax, can the City reimburse itself for those costs?

Mr. Trudgeon asked if Mayor Roe was talking about the license and passport center because the City would have to differentiate between the maintenance facility and the license and passport facility. He indicated that the City could recapture the license and passport architectural costs from bond proceeds if a bond is issued for that facility.

Mayor Roe indicated he wanted to make sure that the City had some options because otherwise, the City would be funding those costs out of either the general fund or other City funds.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that until the City issues those bonds and receives the funds, it will incur some costs that would use existing fund balances, which would then be reimbursed once the City obtained the money.

Councilmember Bauer believed the space for the dance studio would also be used as flex space for senior programming or other events.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated it could be, but he thought it would primarily be used as a dance studio.

Mayor Roe indicated he was not sure the staff had yet gotten that far down the path.

Mr. Johnson explained that the current dance studio is pretty much limited to dance and yoga because of the tight confines. As with anything that is built, the City wants it to be multifunctional. Something that would be built from the ground up would be built with dance in mind, but the City could certainly put as much there as possible as multiuse is important.

Councilmember Strahan inquired about the cost of purchasing the VFW and how that figured into the City breakdown indicated. She wondered if the staff had the price of the real estate itself and how that fits into the total of \$6 million.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated he did not have an exact cost. The City would have to get an appraisal, but it is currently assessed at over a million dollars. He was not sure where it would end up, and that would have to be sorted out through an appraisal and negotiations. He noted that the sales tax could cover the purchase of the VFW because that is part of the Maintenance Center project.

Councilmember Strahan asked if those costs were included in the \$6.5 million because it is not a total VFW cost but the City's cost.

Mayor Roe explained that would be in the \$64,000,000.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that it was not identified directly in the predesign study but would be under the construction design or one of those contingencies. He thought the owner's cost line item could cover that.

Mayor Roe noted that to be clear, the City Council's discussions about particular offers the City might make or negotiations along those lines would be in closed sessions until a deal is ready to be public.

Councilmember Strahan asked if the staff knew this project's total size and the total area needed for the space.

Mr. Trudgeon asked if Councilmember Strahan was discussing the maintenance plan because he did not recall off hand.

Mr. Freihammer explained the maintenance building was 112,500 square feet.

Councilmember Schroeder explained she was looking at the license center, which is 8,685 square feet. When she looked at the cost per square foot, it came out to be

about \$1,400, which seemed high. She explained that would tell her either it is not including a second floor in the square footage or something extraordinary is put into that. She wondered if there was something else in the cost or if the square footage was not quite right.

Mr. Trudgeon explained he did not know if he could answer that. He thought the 8,000 square feet did include the second story. He noted that the staff could get clarification on that.

Councilmember Schroeder thought those costs were high, but the contingency drives some of that. The Council needs to have a fully informed decision on how much the City plans to spend for that because that looks pretty high, especially when compared to the other two because the VFW by itself is \$613 per square foot. The maintenance center is \$579 per square foot, so the license center is much higher. She thought there might have been something else in there, maybe soil mitigation or something with the gas station.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated staff would put that on the list to try to understand where the predesign numbers came from if staff can determine that, but certainly strive towards getting another calculation on that as this moves forward.

Mayor Roe indicated he appreciated that.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment.

Mr. Roger Hess, Wagener Place

Mr. Hess indicated this proposal has been going on since before COVID, and the City delays it daily, which costs more money. He indicated he did not like that. He explained that the City is thinking of building in three phases and that he wants the City to get it done. He explained that it should only take a few months to make the building for the maintenance center because everything would already be built; the pieces must be brought in and put together. The main thing is getting everything else out of the way so the City can get going. He thought the City should move the license center onto the rented property for about two to three years. Then, the VFW should be picked up and moved along Lexington, which will give the City a buffer between Lexington and the beginning of the maintenance property, plus the VFW will be on their property. If the VFW building were to be moved, it would not cost the VFW anything because the City would pay to move it, and it would not cost anything to swap land. He explained the City could give the VFW a piece of land the same size as what they have now, and then it is all done, and everything is cleared out to start building the maintenance facility, which the City needs badly. He did not think it would take long to make the maintenance facility because it is just a big warehouse, giving the City two or three years to figure out what to do

with the license center. He also thought the City could move the license center and everybody else into the old Public Works building and give the police department City Hall, except for the Council Chambers, because the police department needs the space. Then everybody could have new offices for all the other departments at the Public Works.

Mr. Tyler Kloos, 2750 Griggs Street

Mr. Kloos explained he did not want the building directly in their backyard because they would first walk out of their door and look at a monster building, but he understood that the City needed space. He was curious about some of the plan details. He indicated he was curious about the Lexington Avenue elevation because it is much higher than the backyards and has a slow, gradual slope. He wondered what kind of grading the City would do for the building. He asked if the City planned on leveling it all out or what the plans were because he was curious how tall the building would be if he were sitting in his backyard. He also wondered what the park does to their property values because their neighborhood could lose property value with this building next to it. He thought that should be something to consider when discussing this proposal.

Mr. Matthew Drwall, 2736 Griggs Street North

Mr. Drwall explained the residents' primary concern is the property values of their homes, and he would encourage the Council not to put this building in their backyards. He noted that no other City in the State has a Public Works Facility in a residential neighborhood like this. It belongs in an industrial area on the City's outskirts, where it is not taken away from residents, green space, or property values. He explained he has lived in the neighborhood for ten years and uses the green space, which will significantly alter that. He thought something needed to be done to address the impact of their property values, and there should be some compensation for them if this does move forward.

Mr. Drwall asked when this was put up for a vote. There was a frequently asked question section, and in that, there was a question about why this particular location stated that the City already owns all of the land, which is not valid, which may have influenced voters to agree to pass this. In contrast, if it was stated that the City would still have to purchase from the VFW, that might have influenced things differently. He thought this was misstated. He explained he would encourage the Council to reconsider its location and put it in an industrial area, where it belongs and not in the neighborhood.

No one else wished to address the Council, so Mayor Roe closed public comment.

Council Discussion

Mayor Roe asked staff if they could answer the question regarding the height of the building and elevations.

Mr. Freihammer reviewed the predesign project and noted it was just a concept.

Councilmember Strahan asked if the staff has considered Mr. Drwall's suggestion about compensation for neighborhoods concerned about a reduction in their property value based on having the maintenance building instead of a park or additional costs that might come from sound mitigation and other things.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that the staff has not considered paying the neighbors money for perceived value loss. He thought that would need to be talked about a lot more. He was not sure that the City could even directly do that. He thought buffering and other mitigation efforts could help in that situation. He understood that their building may be visible and that it is no longer a park, so staff will have to have continued conversations on that. He thought there were things that staff could look at operationally to ensure no other disturbances to the property. He felt the City would want to continue working with the neighbors to mitigate all impacts as much as possible, but he did not know to what extent the City could mitigate any financial loss if that were proven.

Councilmember Strahan expected there would be light and sound mitigation from having a twenty-four-hour facility adjacent to their homes that was not there previously.

Mr. Trudgeon noted that no garage doors are opening west to the neighborhood's backyards; it is all north/south. The City does not have activity there after four o'clock, except for emergencies such as a water main break or snow plowing. He indicated that he talked to Mr. Freihammer about doing what they could to mitigate the sound from the backup beeping and there is some technology could be used to make overall less sound. He noted that, as part of the consideration, there was an acknowledgment that the City did not own all of the lands but did own quite a lot, so the land costs would be cheaper to locate. He indicated having the facility close to City Hall, the City's center, would suit continuity. He stated the City does not have a lot of land left to relocate the City campus somewhere else that is not close to a neighborhood.

Councilmember Groff explained he was pleased they were having this discussion because three people on the Council had not been involved in this from the beginning, and a lot of information had been collected and questions asked. He reviewed the history of this item with the Council.

The Council discussed the predesign, working with the VFW on relocation, and conversations regarding such matters as eminent domain and compensation for land. The license and passport center was also discussed.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that based on the Council's direction, the first step would be to narrowly focus on design alternatives for the VFW and license center and

flesh it out a little bit more about what the Council would want to see. He noted that the last thing at this point is the contingencies. He thought some numbers were inflated, and staff would need to try to figure that out a little better.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated the City would want to craft an RFP, but the Council would need to talk about the scope of that and what the Council would want to have considered. He thought the staff could bring this back to a future meeting for further discussion with a draft RFP. He felt that would seem the most appropriate way forward to start answering the Council's questions at this point.

Mayor Roe thought the City could start the conversation on some of the specific questions. He noted his initial take on this because the question related to the license center and dance studio did not pass, which was that the City needed to be really conscious of the costs and approach. He indicated he was starting to lean towards trying to do something on the City Hall campus with existing buildings the City already has.

Councilmember Bauer agreed and was in favor of keeping costs down for residents, which should be the guiding light on the project. The idea of using existing facilities and buildings that the City currently has is a good opportunity. He reiterated that there are some space challenges for different departments, so they may be able to alleviate some of that with this plan. He noted this depended on some consultants coming in and architects looking to see if this was feasible. He also liked owning and leasing the property back to the VFW or some future entity.

Councilmember Strahan explained that one of the residents brought to their attention a new license center facility on Transfer Road in St. Paul, just five and a half miles from this place, and open on Saturday. She did not know if the City would continue using the passport center, making sure that it could eventually pay for itself, and whether the City would need to expand the service days to be helpful. Many people have told her that they would appreciate service on Saturdays. She also thought the City must consider that licensing and passports take different resources. A lot of those items can be handled online, and a lot of the people who are in person have a lot of complicated needs. The one thing she had not heard anyone mention was a community center. People are often asking about one. She noted the City does have the resources at the OVAL rather than build a whole new building if there is an opportunity to add or expand a section onto the OVAL, where a dance center could be located. This one-stop shop could be more community-friendly with amenities than separate buildings that would take up green space.

Mayor Roe asked if the City should proceed with the planning. He stated the big question, for him, was that this evening did not change the original question from years ago: The City needs a maintenance facility and space there. He has gone through it a couple of times with different public works directors, and his answer would be yes.

Councilmember Schroeder agreed and indicated that now that this has been clarified, she felt more comfortable saying yes. She thought the Council should continue to figure out how the City wants to do this, and it sounded like they were willing to look at many options. However, how exactly that is going to happen is yet to be determined.

Councilmember Strahan wanted to check if any situations would occur that would stop the City, as well as any information that would come forward that would indicate this would not be the best plan. She thought it would be good for the residents to know if this was a for sure, in the future plan, regardless of whether something could potentially change.

Councilmember Bauer thought there was a long list of those possibilities, and that was why saying yes to the first one and investigating that, that is, bringing it back to the Council to look at and evaluate, he thought, allows them the ability and the flexibility to say, to decide on anything that they want at that point in time. He thought it allowed them to go further and to be able to get to that definitive answer.

Councilmember Strahan appreciated the comment and just wanted to make sure that it is the thought of the whole body because she thought prior members felt there was not that flexibility to make other adjustments along the way.

Councilmember Schroeder thought the Council needed more information and was interested in getting it. However, the council would still have to approve anything actually to build it, so that is where she was looking at this.

Mayor Roe indicated he would go a little further; all the Councilmembers do not have to be at the same place, and he thought they have been pretty conservative with all the estimates up to this point. With the intent that, because they were going to the legislature to get approval to do a sales tax, they cannot short themselves. He explained he was not saying that the numbers were correct. Still, he hoped they were high with those estimates in that they could come in within that, but he also noted that they came in within it, which meant they could potentially do more for mitigation. He thought that would be something they wanted to keep the ability to do within the overall \$64 million limit because he would instead put more dollars into mitigation.

Mayor Roe explained that the Council has to have those conversations if they cannot even get the square footage they want at the \$64 million with mitigation desired. He thought that was one of those points that they needed to understand because the City has this limitation. The City knows the revenue source and how much it is limited. He noted the City has to do everything within that, and he thought the Council would want to ensure they were not compromising what they were trying to achieve with the project. He thought they would have to cut the budget so

much that they would end up with the same facility they have now. That is not the objective here. He did not necessarily envision that happening. Still, if that is where numbers were coming back, that is a definite point where they have to look at this more closely, which is why the Council needs better numbers.

Councilmember Groff explained that the Council was saying yes to the first question because things have to be adjusted whenever there is a project.

Mr. Trudgeon recapped the conversation around question one.

Mayor Roe asked if the Council had a sense yet or was prepared to provide any insight on the construction manager with risk versus the advisor or if that is something that could be a subsequent decision.

Mr. Trudgeon thought it could be; it could wait a little bit. He thought staff could introduce a subject and have further conversations. He thought the focus right now was on just the short-term architectural things. Then, as the City gets ready to get to the final design, it would be the same process where an RFP is drafted and run through with the Council and maybe the Commissions to get feedback on the scope and everything the City wants and have a firmer understanding of the process. He asked if the Council was comfortable with that and then issued the RFP and the contract afterward.

Councilmember Groff indicated he wanted to know the difference between the cost of those two types. It might not be exact, but he would like to have a general idea. He asked if twenty percent or fifty percent is added on.

Mayor Roe thought getting bids in both formats from people might be possible. They may have to do it in two separate bids, but that is the only way the City will know the cost difference. He was not sure people would voluntarily say unless other entities have some experience with the two.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that staff talked to one company to understand more about the general process.

The Council discussed where the City should get feedback regarding the proposals.

Mr. Trudgeon asked the Council to give him a sense of when the City should impose the added sales tax. He wondered if the Council wanted to hold off on doing that until they get through the architectural stuff or if it would get that rolling now so they can start collecting on July 1.

Councilmember Groff thought the City should get that going because he did not see what would change if the City did not implement the sales tax.

Mayor Roe asked what the difference was between a decision at this meeting and a decision at a meeting in February.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the Council does not need to make a decision at tonight's meeting, but if the Council wants staff to bring it back, it would need to be soon.

Mayor Roe explained a particular question he had related to Councilmember Strahan's point about if the City hits a roadblock in the process, what would be the process to roll back the implementation because that is something to keep in mind. He would instead not collect millions and millions of dollars in sales tax if it turns out the project is not going forward, which might influence precisely the nuance of when the City might put it into effect. He noted he would like to think more about that.

Councilmember Bauer asked when the City can contact the Department of Revenue and terminate this.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that there is a ninety-day lead, so there is time to send instructions to all the retailers to update their software.

City Attorney Tierney explained the City can terminate the sales tax at any point when the City no longer needs the money. There is an open question of what would happen with the money the City had collected. She did not think the statute anticipated that the City would start sales tax and then decide not to do the project. Still, if that did happen, she thought, from a fair reading of the statute, the City would owe the money then to the State because the City cannot pay it back to the people who paid the taxes, so the State would then collect and receive the money from the City which would then go into whatever appropriate fund at the State, which she was sure there was one because it sometimes happens that a City raises more than they need. After all, the sales tax is not turned off and on in a quarter, so sometimes cities get more than they need. She noted she could talk to the Department of Revenue regarding that.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated he heard that the Council wanted to bring this back in February with another conversation regarding implementing the sales tax and to get answers to these questions. If the Council feels they have the information, the City could potentially take action in February to implement it in July. He noted this could also be decided in March so that staff could bring this back a couple of times.

The Council agreed.

Mayor Roe thanked staff for the information and looked forward to further discussion in February.

8. Council Direction on Councilmember Initiated Agenda Items

a. City Council Direction on Future Agenda Item Initiated by Mayor Roe – Amending City Council and Advisory Commission Rules and Procedures Regarding Public Comment Time Limits

Mayor Roe explained that this deals with something that came up at the last council meeting. There was a petitioner from the public, explicitly petitioning in the Council representing a neighborhood and in the enforcement of the time rules, who interpreted that the speaker was a general speaker and realized afterward that it probably was not the best interpretation of the rule and that the speaker should have been given more time to speak. He thought from past experiences, that is how the Council has dealt with people who have an appeal of an action of the City before the Council or people who are applying for something from the City and or people who are the subject of a potential part of a citation by the City for liquor violations or something like that. Usually, those folks get as much time as needed to represent themselves. Mayor Roe thought it might make sense to consider putting something specifically in the rules that make it clear to everybody going forward. He asked if the Council wanted to put that on a future agenda.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she would be open to having this item on a future agenda.

Councilmember Groff thought it was a good discussion to have because he has had comments from the public where there was a representation from an expert or from the staff that took thirty-five to forty minutes, and then another person got three minutes for rebuttal, and it did not seem fair to them. He would like that discussion.

Councilmember Strahan explained the only thing she would like to ensure is that if there is a presenter for an item that, it is clear that it is the focal presenter, and there is not a sub-presenter and sub-presenter after that who each get ten minutes. She thought if there was someone, in this case, someone who initiated the petition and spoke on their behalf, it made sense. However, subsequent speakers would need to be aware of the standard three-minute time limit and clarify it. She thought it was worth a conversation.

Mayor Roe noted there was interest in putting this item on a future agenda for discussion but not on the consent agenda.

9. Approve Minutes

10. Approve Consent Agenda

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

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City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed January 27, 2025, City Council meeting, February 10, 2025, February 19 and 20, 2025, February 24, 2024, and the March 2025 EDA and City Council meetings.

12. Adjourn

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 9:24 p.m.

Roll Call

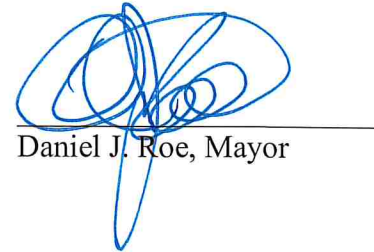
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.

Nays: None.

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor