



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, April 21, 2025

1. Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

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

Mr. Rich Nymoen, 2825 Arona, Roseville, addressed the City Council about housing affordability issues. He blamed zoning restrictions and upside-down property tax systems and called for zoning reform and land value tax districts to help young adults afford homes.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Nymoen for his comments.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Volunteer Month Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the Volunteer Month Proclamation.

Strahan moved, Schroeder seconded, proclaiming Volunteer Month, April 21, 2025.

The council expressed gratitude for the city's long tradition of volunteering.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

b. Proclaim May 2025 Mental Health Awareness Month

Mayor Roe read the Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation.

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, proclaiming May 2025 Mental Health Awareness Month.

Councilmembers discussed the city's commitment to mental health initiatives and the importance of public education.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

c. Proclaim May 2025 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, proclaiming May 2025 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

d. Proclaim May 2025 Older Adults Month

Mayor Roe read the Older Adults Month Proclamation.

Schroeder moved, Bauer seconded, proclaiming May 2025 Older Adults Month.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

e. Days of Remembrance Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the April 2025 Days of Remembrance Proclamation.

Strahan moved, Bauer seconded, proclaiming April 2025 Days of Remembrance.

Councilmember Strahan felt this proclamation was essential in a time when some people have chosen to ignore history and the persecution and attempted annihilation and extermination by Nazis. She hoped everyone remembered these critical events and worked to prevent them from ever happening again in any corner of the world, and that they would remember and learn from history and take the Days of Remembrance seriously.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Public Hearing and Approve Resolutions Approving the Vacation of Multiple Streets, Easements, and Rights-of-Way

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated April 21, 2025.

Mr. Freihammer presented the four areas for easement vacation. He explained the process and the intent to vacate the rights-of-way while maintaining utility easements.

Mayor Roe reviewed the public hearing protocol and opened and closed the hearing at approximately 6:28 p.m. to receive public input on the above-referenced Vacation K, County Road C, with no one appearing for or against.

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12151 (Attachment 1) entitled, "Resolution Approving the Vacations of a Portion of Eustis Street."

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Roe reviewed the public hearing protocol and opened and closed the hearing at approximately 6:30 p.m. to receive public input on the above-referenced Vacation U, Aldine Street. No one appeared for or against.

Strahan moved, Bauer seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12152 (Attachment 2) entitled, "Resolution Approving the Vacation of a Portion of Aldine Place that lies within the Plat of Ridgewood."

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Roe reviewed the public hearing protocol and opened the hearing for Vacation V, County Road C, at approximately 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Roe noted emails were received from Ms. Rachel Brown, Mr. Kevin Watson, and Ms. TamMcGehee.

Public Comment

Ms. Stefanie Kiihn Aschenbrenner, 2016 Herschel Street

Ms. Kiihn Aschenbrenner addressed the City Council and indicated she supported maintaining the pathway for neighborhood use.

Ms. Linda Strahan, Wheeler and Ryan

Ms. Strahan concurred with Ms. Kiihn Aschenbrenner. She noted it was another quiet place in Roseville, a nice place to walk.

Ms. Cindy Gallaher, 2009 Herschel Street

Ms. Gallaher explained that she lived in Roseville and used the path for 35 years. She indicated she was grateful for it and hoped a solution could be found so that people could pass through the area safely for another 35 years or longer.

Ms. Sara Quinn, 89 Mid Oaks Lane

Ms. Quinn expressed her concern about the impact on mature oak trees and the safety of a formal pathway.

Mr. Tim Brown and Mrs. Cindy Erickson, 93 Mid Oaks Lane

Mr. Brown explained that he and his wife were excited to see that the City Council was moving forward with these vacations and freeing this up for the residents to maintain, because it is sometimes a mess. He noted they did not favor the trail, mainly because of concerns about removing mature oak trees.

Ms. Olivia Gault, 2021 Herschel Street

Ms. Gault indicated she loved the path and hoped it could remain a path, not a formal sidewalk/trail. She noted the trail has been an excellent resource for the residents in the area.

Ms. Rachel Brown, 1705 Roselawn Avenue West

Ms. Brown explained that the property owners maintained the informal trail and not the city, which weaved between eight properties. She indicated her property overlooks the cornfields, which are research fields of the U of M, not a park. While she appreciated that children could walk from Mid Oaks to Brimhall school, she felt that planning a path for the small number of children to walk to school is not sensible. She noted she has lived at the property for 25 years and has felt from the moment they moved in that eventually they would fix the garage and gravel driveway problems that were created when the house was built. She indicated she was eager to work with the City to ensure that the easements required for the property would be appropriate once the land was vacated.

Ms. Brown indicated that the eight property owners want this now because it is not just a trail to walk by homes a few times a week; it is their property 24/7, as well as their backyards and sideyards. She noted she has been gracious and kind to people who walk by, but this is 293 feet of her property where people walk by whenever they want, which is intrusive. She wanted to thank the series of eight

property owners who have been learning so much and working together as a community.

Mr. Kevin Watson, 2001 Aldine Street

Mr. Watson felt this was a tremendous connection for this neighborhood, the Ridgewood neighborhood, and the Mid Oaks neighborhood. He thought it was a nice amenity. He noted that, looking at the city's strategic plan, pedestrian connections were one of the priorities. He thought environmental sustainability, encouraging people to walk, was one of the city's priorities, and inclusivity was another. He thought this was a way for people who did not always have a vehicle or other means of transportation to get around. This was a pathway for them to get to or through the neighborhood. He indicated he sent a video to the city council to show them that this path was well-used. He asked the City Council to keep the trail as a connection, a pedestrian connection, and to talk to the neighbors.

With no one else appearing to speak, Mayor Roe closed the public hearing at approximately 6:53 p.m.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Strahan commented on keeping the pedestrian connection open. She noted her support making it a pathway as her sister-in-law lived in the area and they often utilized the area.

Mayor Roe and the Council members discussed the need for further clarification on the resolution language with staff.

Councilmember Groff expressed concerns about the proposed pathway's safety, particularly the lack of sidewalks and crosswalks on Rose Lawn and Mid Oaks Lane.

Councilmember Schroeder echoed Councilmember Groff's concerns, emphasizing the importance of not harming trees and maintaining the area's natural beauty.

Mr. Freihammer discussed the City's responsibility to maintain any developed pathways and the potential for adjacent property owners to keep the edges. He clarified that the current corridor was not a formal pathway but a utility corridor, and any maintenance would depend on the Council's decision.

Mayor Roe and Councilmember Groff discussed the history of maintaining City pathways and the potential for property owners to keep the edges.

Mr. Freihammer explained that the City currently maintains utility corridors and could prioritize maintenance based on need.

Mayor Roe noted concerns with the language for this Vacation as it differed from others. Mr Freihammer noted this was the result of how the original Right of Way was conceived.

Councilmember Bauer agreed that additional wording for this Vacation would make it clear and was in favor of tabling the motion to allow for the wording change.

The Council discussed whether to table the decision on the pathway or take action immediately, with Councilmember Strahan proposing to table it for further discussion.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, tabling the decision pending further discussion and clarification by the City Attorney's Office and staff.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Roe opened the public hearing at approximately 7:26 p.m. for Vacation of shoulders and Rights-of-Way.

Public Comment

Ms. Olivia Gault, 2021 Herschel Street

Ms. Gault expressed confusion about the proposed changes and the maintenance responsibilities for dead trees along the pathway.

Ms. Janet Risinger, 1797 Shryer

Ms. Risinger emphasized the importance of maintaining the pathway as a sidewalk for children walking to school and questioned who would be responsible for tree maintenance.

Ms. Cindy Gallaher, 2009 Herschel Street

Ms. Gallaher pointed out discrepancies in property ownership and maintenance responsibilities along the pathway.

Mr. Kevin Watson, 2001 Aldine Street

Mr. Watson suggested educating neighbors about their property rights and responsibilities along the pathway.

With no one else appearing to speak, Mayor Roe closed the public hearing at approximately 7:31 p.m.

Mayor Roe explained that the excess property on either side of the pathway was vacated due to there being no need for future road construction.

The Council discussed the potential impact on property taxes and tree maintenance responsibilities.

Mr. Freihammer assured the council and residents that the city would maintain the corridor and could address tree maintenance issues before vacating the property.

Groff moved, Bauer seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12153 (Attachment 4) entitled, "Resolution Approving the Vacation of a Portion of Wheeler Street that lies within the Plat of Woodside."

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

b. Receive Feedback on Commission Interview Process

Assistant City Manager Rebecca Olson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated April 21, 2025.

Volunteer Manager Rachel Boggs provided feedback from commission applicants on the interview process.

Councilmembers discussed the challenges of providing constructive feedback to applicants without being overly critical in public meetings. They emphasized the importance of applicants doing their homework and understanding the commission's role.

The Council mentioned potential improvements to the interview process, including providing a position description for commissioners and ensuring consistent questions.

c. Discuss Massage Therapy Establishment Cap and Therapist Criteria

Assistant City Manager Rebecca Olson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated April 21, 2025.

Ms. Olson presented data on the increase in massage therapy establishments and the challenges of maintaining due diligence.

The Council discussed the potential for human trafficking in massage establishments and the need for better tools to address these issues.

The idea of revisiting the ordinance to address no longer accredited schools and the possibility of implementing a cap on the number of establishments was discussed.

The Council agreed to study the options further and bring back more detailed information for a future discussion.

8. Council Direction on Councilmember Initiated Agenda Items

9. Approve Minutes

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

a. Approve April 7, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, approval of the April 7, 2025, City Council 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 being considered under the Consent Agenda, as detailed in specific Requests for Council Action dated April 21, 2025, and related attachments.

Groff moved, Bauer 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	\$917,293.88
112395-112431	552,343.52
TOTAL	\$1,469,637.40

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

c. Receive City Grant Applicants Update

d. Adopt Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for 2025 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project #25-06

e. Accept Annual Variance Board Appointments

f. Approve Road Rescue Ultramedic Ambulance/Rescue Vehicle for 2027

g. Approve City Manager Goals for 2025-26

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

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City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the May 5, 2025, City Council meeting, the May 12, 2025, EDA and City Council meetings, and the May 19, 2025, City Council meeting, and recapped the June through August 2025 City Council meetings.

Councilmember Strahan requested that the Gun Violence Awareness Month proclamation be updated to reflect current events.

The Council was informed about the Roseville Business Council meeting and the open house for the new recycling center.

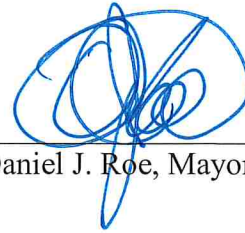
12. Adjourn

Strahan moved, Bauer seconded, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:32 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager