



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, May 5, 2025

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 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

City Manager Trudgeon requested the removal of Item 7b (Consider a Request to Perform an Abatement for Unresolved Violations of City Code at 795 Cope Avenue W) due to the property owner coming into compliance with City Code.

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

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. No one came forward to speak.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Peace Officer Memorial Day and National Police Week Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the proclamation for Peace Officer Memorial Day and National Police Week.

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, proclaiming May 15, 2025, Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 11, 2025, to May 17, 2025, National Police Week.

Councilmember Groff thanked the Roseville police force for all the good work they do. He indicated that he has heard wonderful things from the residents, and the city appreciates all the work they are doing.

Councilmember Schroeder concurred. She noted that she has a lot of support from the residents, and the police officers make their jobs easier; she has not received any complaints.

Councilmember Strahan asked that the city recognize the officers in the Chambers for the people watching the meeting.

Mayor Roe asked the officers at the meeting to come forward so they could be acknowledged.

Officers came forward for a photo opportunity.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she recently sent a note to Chief Scheider and Deputy Chief Adams recognizing many of the fantastic things that the officers have accomplished recently. She thanked the officers for being present to hear the thanks.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

b. Proclaim May 16, 2025, to May 18, 2025, Poppy Days

Mayor Roe read the Poppy Days Proclamation.

Schroeder moved, Bauer seconded, proclaiming May 16, 2025, to May 18, 2025, Poppy Days.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

c. Proclaim National Public Works Week

Mayor Roe read the National Public Works Week Proclamation.

Strahan moved, Schroeder seconded, proclaiming May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025, National Public Works Week.

Councilmember Strahan thanked Mr. Freihammer and Ms. Lowry for their response to citizens when they have questions.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Discuss and Approve Strategic Plan Goals

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 5, 2025.

Mr. Trudgeon explained specific changes to the strategic plan goals, which included removing the parenthetical reference to multimodal public transportation, refining the wording for reliable and sustainable infrastructure, and adding training to the responsive services and safety goal.

Councilmember Strahan indicated in goal number two regarding the community and civic engagement, she thought the following could be added “Commissioners receive and articulate the needs of the citizens they represent”, or some piece thereof, to make sure the commissioner received information from the public and how they receive it and using their decision-making process. She thought the rest of this was written well, except that it seemed residents were not aware of their understanding of the commission's role and how information was communicated from the commission to the council. She thought this could be a separate goal, but could also be included in the second goal. She felt that goal two was missing something.

Mayor Roe thought it might be possible, if it is a goal, to wrap it into the language of the goal itself.

Councilmember Groff agreed with the concept.

Councilmember Schroeder thought the wording could be stated as “pathways for residents of all backgrounds that represent the community's voice.”

Mayor Roe indicated he liked that language.

Councilmembers Strahan and Groff thought that it read well and captured what was meant.

Councilmember Strahan appreciated the wording that came out in goal three for responsive services.

Councilmember Bauer suggested that under city operations, bullet two, the word “innovative” could be added to attract and retain a diverse and innovative group of employees.

The council discussed how the city will measure success indicators. It was noted that the objectives listed in the information are examples, and staff will bring back actual objectives for the council to consider and decide upon.

Councilmember Strahan indicated that she liked the way Attachment One, the community aspirations, has emerged as a prominent aspect of representing the people of the city, both within and outside city boundaries, regarding what the city is doing and why.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, adopting the Strategic Plan goals and success indicators including the changes noted during this discussion.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff thanked everyone involved in the process, as well as those who participated in this effort. He thought this was an excellent document.

Councilmember Schroeder thought there was a robust conversation on this item, and she appreciated that they could take everybody's thoughts into account to make it a better document.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

b. Consider a Request to Perform an Abatement for Unresolved Violations of City Code at 795 Cope Avenue W

This item was removed from the agenda because the owner has come into compliance with City Code.

c. Consider Resolution Updating the Special Assessment Deferral Policy

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Jennifer Lowry briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 5, 2025.

Councilmembers Groff and Strahan inquired about the deferral process and the handling of deferred assessments.

City Attorney Tierney clarified that the city would be paid if the property were foreclosed upon.

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12155 (Attachment 1) entitled, "Resolution for Deferral of Special Assessments."

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff thanked the staff for bringing this item to review, as he believed the city needed to keep these documents up to date.

Councilmember Strahan appreciated staff bringing this item forward as well. She thought deferring to the Social Security Administration on their guidelines was the best thing because they do not want to be the expert on who qualifies and who does

not. She thought going with the Social Security Administration's definition of disability would make the most sense.

Mayor Roe noted that if there was another way for someone to prove they were receiving a non-SSA benefit tied to a permanent disability, that ought to be considered evidence of a disability as well.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

d. Discuss Initiating Climate Equity Action Plan

Sustainability Specialist Noelle Bakken briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 5, 2025.

Ms. Bakken presented an overview of Roseville's sustainability efforts over the past decade, including various projects and awards. She outlined the goals for the Climate Equity Action Plan, including aligning with state and county goals and ensuring equity in the planning process. The plan included community engagement, technical assistance from Ramsey County, and the creation of a Climate Justice Advisory Group. She requested approval to award contracts to consultants for the storytelling and community engagement aspects of the plan.

Ms. Bakken emphasized the importance of robust community engagement, which includes surveys, workshops, and interdisciplinary collaboration. The plan included a timeline for community engagement, data collection, and finalization of the plan by June 2026. She mentioned the use of grant funding from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Fund and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

The Council expressed support for the plan and the community engagement approach, with a focus on ensuring broad representation and participation.

Councilmember Bauer questioned the allocation of \$76,000 for a climate plan, seeking an explanation for residents.

Ms. Bakken explained the importance of the climate plan in addressing the impacts of climate change on vulnerable groups, including the elderly and young children. She emphasized the importance of electric school buses and reduced emissions to enhance air quality for children. She noted the plan also aimed to address the needs of Roseville's significant immigrant community, ensuring their voices were heard.

Councilmember Strahan references the 2017 Vulnerable Populations and Climate Adaptation Framework, emphasizing its relevance to the current discussion. She suggested making the 104-page report accessible to the council and residents to understand the historical context and disparities.

Ms. Bakken acknowledged the importance of the report and its continuation in the current climate action plan. She indicated the plan will connect with other city plans, ensuring a comprehensive approach to climate action.

Ms. Bakken discussed the importance of connecting the new climate plan with existing plans, such as the 2050 Comprehensive Plan and the Natural Resources Master Plan. The plan will help the city use taxpayer money wisely by providing a framework for future actions.

Councilmember Strahan emphasized the need to demonstrate that the current efforts were a continuation of past work, rather than starting from scratch.

Ms. Bakken explained that the plan will help the city focus on specific areas and avoid opportunistic actions.

Councilmember Schroeder suggested emphasizing the benefits of the climate plan for all residents, not just vulnerable groups.

Ms. Bakken compared the climate plan to ADA adjustments, which benefit everyone, even if not everyone was directly affected. The plan aimed to help the entire community, including increasing the tree canopy and adding bike lanes.

Councilmember Schroeder agreed, noting the importance of explaining the benefits to newer residents and those unfamiliar with the city's climate efforts.

Councilmember Groff highlighted the importance of having a proactive plan to avoid reactive actions.

Ms. Bakken agreed, noting that the plan would help the city focus on the most impactful actions. The plan would also help the city understand its role and responsibilities compared to the county and state.

Mayor Roe emphasized the need for a plan to allocate resources effectively and ensure the city was focusing on the right areas. He acknowledged the community's feedback from the Imagine Roseville 2025 process, which guided the city's efforts.

Councilmember Bauer questioned the city's capacity to sustain these efforts without relying on grants.

Ms. Bakken explained that the city often hires consultants to fill capacity gaps, especially in community engagement. The plan would help identify areas where the city needed to add capacity, such as a solid waste specialist or a transportation specialist.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comments.

Ms. Allison Jensen, Eldridge, between Hamline and Lexington

Ms. Jensen praised Ms. Bakken's efforts and the progress made in climate action.

Ms. Bakken appreciated all the comments and questions and indicated that she would send out the presentation and climate vulnerability report to the council and post it online.

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 14, 2025, EDA and City Council Meeting Minutes and April 21, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes.

The council discussed changes made to the minutes that were handed out before the meeting in the form of a bench handout.

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, approval of the April 14, 2025, EDA and City Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Roll Call

Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, 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 May 5, 2025, and related attachments.

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

a. Approve Payments

ACH Payments	\$294,250.63
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TOTAL	\$735,101.61
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- b. **Approve General Purchases or Sale of Surplus Items Exceeding \$10,000**
 - c. **Approve Resolution Awarding Contract for 2025 Pavement Management Project**
 - d. **Order Final Assessment Public Hearing for County Road B Reconstruction**
 - e. **Approve Renewal of Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota and Court Data Services Amendment Agreement**
 - f. **Approve Ridgewater College Paramedic Contract with the Fire Department**
- 11. Future Agenda Review, Communications, Reports, and Announcements – Council and City Manager**

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the May 12, 2025, EDA and City Council meetings, the May 19, 2025, City Council meeting, and the June and July 2025 City Council meetings.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the May 12, 2025, EDA meeting did not have anything on the agenda, so he noted the meeting would be cancelled.

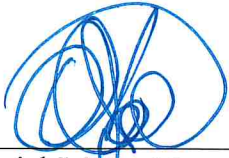
12. Adjourn

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 7:46 p.m.

Roll Call

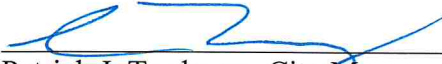
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager