City of ROSEVILLE Minnesota, USA

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, May 12, 2025

1. **Roll Call**

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, 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: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None.

4. **Public Comment**

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

5. **Recognitions, Donations, and Communications**

a. **Introduction of Embedded Social Workers: Molli Slade and Amber Ruth**

Police Chief Erika Scheider introduced Roseville's two new embedded social workers, Molli Slade and Amber Ruth, to the City Council.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Slade and Ms. Ruth for stepping forward to undertake this type of work for Roseville and for their willingness to serve the community. He supported the Chief's analysis that this was making a big difference in the community for individuals, this was doing what the City hoped, and he felt it should do. He indicated that he appreciated the work being done.

Councilmember Schroeder explained that she was proud to discuss the program the City offers, as it is a fantastic initiative to provide. She noted that there were still many people who were unaware of this program. She also knew how hard it was for someone in crisis, particularly to figure out how to navigate the systems to get help, because everything is disjointed, which makes it challenging to navigate. She appreciated the hard work being done and the building of relationships within the community.

Councilmember Strahan explained that she appreciated the excitement of Ms. Slade and the rare attribute in the police department of having a proactive approach. She noted the City was honored to have such talent.

Councilmember Groff agreed with the comments and felt Ms. Slade and Ms. Ruth have done great work for the city.

Councilmember Bauer explained that he was excited to have both Ms. Slade and Ms. Ruth join the department, and he looked forward to receiving feedback as well as ideas on how the City can improve this already great program.

Ms. Slade indicated she had two thoughts. One thing she loved best was the stories that were not heard. She also explained she liked to be involved with the city and to watch this come to fruition. She was not sure she would do this for any other department because the Roseville Police Department is amazing, and she appreciated that.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Receive Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, Auditor Communication Letter, and Reports on Compliance for Fiscal Year Ending December 21, 2024
Finance Director Michelle Pietrick briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 12, 2025.

Ms. Rebecca Petersen of Redpath & Company, LLC, provided an overview of the Annual Reports, as well as the audit process, required disclosures, and key findings.

Ms. Petersen indicated the audit received a clean, unmodified opinion, indicating the financial statements were fairly presented. The report on internal controls included a finding for audit adjustments related to loans receivable. No instances of non-compliance with Minnesota legal compliance were reported.

Councilmember Schroeder asked about the audit process, including the number of field staff and the duration of Redpath's contract.

Ms. Petersen explained that Redpath does have controls over vendors on a cyclical basis. Her company examines various aspects every year. She noted that this was something they emphasized heavily during both the audit planning meetings and the off-cycle meetings, when meeting with city staff year-round. She explained that this year, Redpath had four staff on site.

Councilmember Bauer inquired about the sampling techniques used in the audit.

Ms. Petersen reviewed the sampling techniques used during the federal compliance audit. She indicated that the federal government has specific sample sizes that they would like her staff to use, so her staff follows those sample sizes specifically. The sample size varies depending on the population being tested.

Councilmember Groff emphasized the importance of the audit for budget planning and policy adjustments.

Mayor Roe clarified the city's policy on professional services contracts and the potential for contract extensions.

Public Comment

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

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, accepting the 2024 Annual Financial Reports.

Roll Call
Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None

b. Consider Request by Lydia Rose Apartments LLC to Allow Residential Density in a Proposed Apartment Building Greater than 24 Dwellings per Acre as a CONDITIONAL USE (PF25-001)
Senior Planner Brian Lloyd briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 12, 2025.

Mr. Lloyd explained that the proposal seeks approval for 28 units per acre, exceeding the standard limit of 24 units per acre. He indicated the Planning Commission recommended approval with a condition to add a pathway easement along the western side of the property.

The council discussed concerns regarding parking safety, shared parking agreements, and the potential impact on market rates.

Mr. Dennis Hummel, the property owner, and Kathy Kenny, the property manager, addressed concerns about parking and rental rates. The applicant confirmed the existence of underground parking in the adjacent building and the potential for shared parking.

Public Comment

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

Schroeder moved, Bauer seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12159 (Attachment 3) entitled, "Resolution Approving Residential Density Greater than 24 Dwelling Units per Acre in Support of a Proposed Apartment Project (PF25-001)."

Council Discussion

Councilmember Schroeder noted that the Planning Commission had reviewed this, and it appeared that a thorough conversation had taken place regarding several aspects, which made her feel comfortable supporting this.

Councilmember Bauer indicated that he had watched the Planning Commission meeting and thought there was a good discussion that he considered necessary. He would also be comfortable supporting this.

Councilmember Groff felt that this would be an addition needed in Roseville's housing. He felt the layout was popular and in demand with rentals.

Councilmember Strahan thought it resembled what was passed by the Planning Commission, and the expectations regarding screening and landscaping to serve as buffers for the neighborhood are maintained and upheld. She also felt that it would have a less significant impact on those adjacent to the area by providing more screening from Snelling Avenue.

Mayor Roe agreed with much of what was said and felt they received very robust standards regarding screening, and that it would be an improvement over what was currently in place. He recognized and noted some of the comments from the testifiers at the Planning Commission regarding specific maintenance issues with existing properties that were not part of this consideration. He thought the council was correct in its assessment of the council's limitations and how much, if at all, the council could take those off-site issues into consideration when considering an application concerning this property. He encouraged the owner to work with city staff on any identified issues and ensure that those items come into compliance for the benefit of both the property owner and the neighborhood in the long run.

Roll Call
Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, 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 prior to tonight's meeting, and those revisions were incorporated into the draft presented in the Council packet.

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 12, 2025, and related attachments.

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

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None.

a. Approve Payments

ACH Payments	$391,869.38
112530-112577	358,371.24
TOTAL	**$750,240.62**

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

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

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the May 19, 2025, City Council meeting, the June 2, 2025, City Council meeting, and the City Council meetings held in June and July 2025.

Councilmember Strahan asked if the Rose Fest could be added to the June agenda for discussion.

Councilmember Groff asked if there could be a discussion on the streetlight policy at a future meeting, as he has been receiving numerous calls regarding it. He reviewed what he would like to discuss regarding the policy.

12. Adjourn

Schroeder moved, Bauer seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 7:11 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None.

Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager