



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, August 11, 2025

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Strahan, Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, 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: Strahan, Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

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

Mr. Greg Schroeder, 2646 Matilda Street, began his comments about the County Road C project, expressing concerns over the proposed protected crossing at Matilda Street. He argued that pedestrian traffic at Matilda Street was low, based on his personal observations and the impact on park use. He proposed a simpler solution involving realigning the East Acorn parking lot entrance at Galtier Street and installing paid ramps and a crosswalk. He finished by asking the Council to approve the proposed park entrance alignment and the simple crossing concept.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. 75th Commemoration of Karen Martyrs' Day

Mayor Roe read the 75th Commemoration of Karen Martyrs' Day Proclamation.

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, proclaiming August 12, 2025, the 75th Commemoration of Karen Martyrs' Day.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

b. Accept Gold Leaf Award

Sustainability Specialist Noelle Bakken introduced Ms. Kristen Mroz, director of the Green Step Cities Program at the State of Minnesota.

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Ms. Mroz presented the Gold Lead Challenge Award to the City of Roseville. Ms. Bakken accepted the award on behalf of the City.

The Council took a brief recess for a photo op with Ms. Morose and the Gold Leaf Award.

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 7:16 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 7:18 p.m.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Receive Update from Tubman Regarding Crisis Intervention Services Provided for the City of Roseville.

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

Tubman representative Jennifer Dickinson delivered a presentation on the Crisis Intervention Services available for the City of Roseville. She explained Tubman's services, including legal advocacy, shelter, and youth programs, and how they assist victims of relationship violence. She also detailed the specific services provided in Roseville, such as legal advocacy, protective orders, and attorney services.

Ms. Dickinson shared a case study about a Roseville resident, who received help from Tubman to file an order of protection and navigate the court process.

Ms. Dickinson discussed the challenges faced by Tubman, including lengthy court procedures, clients' multiple complex needs, and the requirement for additional resources.

Councilmember Groff inquired about transportation options for Roseville residents accessing Tubman services.

Ms. Dickinson confirmed that Lyft accounts are used for transportation.

Councilmember Strahan asked for a list of city commitments from other cities for 2025 and 2026.

Ms. Dickinson shared details about current and possible future support from other cities and counties.

Mayor Roe and City Manager Trudgeon discussed the possible funding request for \$20,000 in 2026 budget.

Ms. Dickinson expressed gratitude for Roseville's support and emphasized the need for ongoing funding.

The council showed support for Tubman's services and recognized their positive effect on the community.

Public Comment

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

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Dickinson for the presentation and mentioned that the Council will review this further along with the budget recommendation at the end of the month.

b. Receive Presentation from NewTrax Regarding Roseville Area Circulator Bus Service

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated August 11, 2025.

Mr. Scott Olson from NewTrax gave a presentation to the city council. He explained the history of the circulator bus service, its purpose, and the challenges faced previously. He described the current model, which includes five buses serving multiple senior communities, and highlighted the program's success in ridership and financial contributions from riders.

Mr. Olson asked the city for support in the amount of \$7,000 to help sustain the program, suggesting a contribution of twenty percent of the annual budget.

Public Comment

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

The council discussed the potential benefits of the circulator bus service and emphasized the importance of ongoing support from the community and other partners.

c. Appoint Youth Commissioners to Various Commissions

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated August 11, 2025.

Mr. Trudgeon introduced Aldous Berquist and Sophia Salinas-Ruiz as candidates for youth commissioners and requested their appointments to the Finance Commission and the Equity and Inclusion Commission, respectively.

The council discussed how youth commissioners can become voting members.

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, appointing Aldous Bergquist as a youth commissioner to the Finance Commission for a term ending July 31, 2026, and to appoint Sofia Salinas-Ruiz as a youth commissioner to the Equity and Inclusion Commission for a term ending July 31, 2026.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

d. Discuss City Council and Advisory Commission Rules of Procedure Remote Participation Policy

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated August 11, 2025.

The council discussed potential changes to the city's policy on remote participation by councilmembers and commissioners, considering the recent changes to State law. There were concerns about maintaining residency requirements and ensuring transparency in remote participation, while also recognizing the need for flexibility in certain situations.

Councilmember Strahan stressed the importance of in-person attendance for councilmembers, highlighting the difference in engagement and participation. She suggested that remote participation should be an exception rather than the norm, especially for medical reasons.

Councilmember Strahan addressed the logistical challenges of remote participation in closed meetings, emphasizing the importance of visual presence.

Councilmember Bauer supported in-person attendance, citing the challenges of remote participation and the need for a supportive culture and system that is remote focused for it to succeed.

Councilmember Schroeder shared a negative experience attending a meeting remotely, describing the awkwardness of hybrid meetings (partial in-person and partial remote participation). She expressed concern that remote participation should not be mandatory for those who are genuinely ill.

Mayor Roe emphasized the importance of in-person meetings for building trust and relationships among councilmembers.

Councilmember Strahan agreed with Mayor Roe. She emphasized the need to consider equity and inclusion, especially for those with young children or from different socioeconomic backgrounds.

Mayor Roe discussed the importance of balancing in-person attendance with remote participation for public speakers and staff.

Councilmember Bauer proposed that any policy changes should be applied equally to councilmembers and the public.

Mr. Trudgeon explained the current policy on public participation and emphasized the need for flexibility in certain situations.

Councilmember Schroeder identified confusing language in the public comment policy, which was clarified by Mayor Roe.

City Attorney Tierney recommended adding language to the policy for reasonable accommodation and excluding executive sessions from the cap.

Mayor Roe stressed the importance of not using the policy to evade residency requirements.

Councilmember Strahan and Mayor Roe discussed the value of striking a balance between medical accommodations and overall policy.

The Council decided to restrict remote participation to three times annually, with no limitations specific to medical reasons and gave direction to staff to bring back draft language for the Council to consider.

e. Consider Making Changes to the 2025 City Council Calendar

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated August 11, 2025.

Mr. Trudgeon proposed options for scheduling the budget hearing and final approval meeting, taking into account the timing of tax statements from the County.

Councilmember Bauer proposed postponing the budget discussion to the first meeting in December if needed, and arranging an additional meeting on December eighth.

Mayor Roe and Councilmember Schroeder supported holding an additional meeting in December to ensure sufficient time for decision-making.

Strahan moved, Roe seconded, to postpone the Truth and Taxation hearing to December 1, 2025, and to add an extra meeting on December 8, 2025.

Roll Call

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

a. Approve July 14, 2025, EDA Meeting Minutes

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

Councilmember Strahan indicated she has a correction for line 50. It shows that she voiced concerns about fire safety. She would like it rephrased to say "asked for clarification about a prior fire safety consideration." She noted it sounded like she was opposed to this, which she is not, but she wanted to confirm the previous consideration.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

b. Approve July 14, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, approval of the July 14, 2025, EDA and City Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

c. Approve July 21, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, approval of the July 21, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Schroeder, Groff, 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 August 11, 2025, and related attachments.

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

a. Approve Payments

ACH Payments	\$584,968.23
113141 - 113329	829,814.70
TOTAL	\$1,414,782.93

b. Approve 1 Temporary Gambling Permit and 2 Temporary Liquor Licenses

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

d. Receive City Grant Applications Update

e. Receive the 2025 Second Quarter Financial Report. Approve Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program Agreement. Approve Facility Management Agreement with McGough Facility Management, LLC

f. Approve Agreement with Reach for Resources for Inclusion Services in 2026

g. Approval to Submit a Grant Application for the Intensive Peach Officer Education and Training Program

Councilmember Strahan asked about the Reach for Resources contract, suggesting that the city should regularly seek new proposals.

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

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the Special City Council meeting on August 20, 2025, the City Council meeting on August 25, 2025, and the City Council meetings from September through November 2025.

Councilmember Strahan asked about the Comcast franchise extension, which was confirmed to be on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Roe announced the Rice Larpenteur Alliance summer block party, encouraging public attendance.

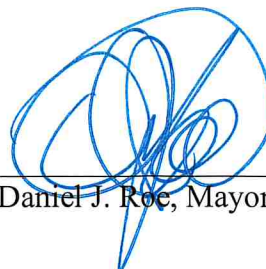
12. Adjourn

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 8:02 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.


Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager