



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, September 8, 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

Schroeder 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. No one came forward to speak.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Proclaim Hispanic Heritage Month

Mayor Roe read the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, proclaiming September 15 – October 15, 2025, Hispanic Heritage Month.

Councilmember Strahan appreciated ongoing contributions to the city from the people in this and many other populations.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

b. Proclaim Constitution Week

Mayor Roe introduced representatives from the local Daughters of the American Revolution group.

Ms. Kelly Ferguson, president of the Harriet G. Walker DAR chapter, addressed the City Council.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Ferguson for the work that the DAR does to remind people about the Constitution. He read the Constitution Week Proclamation.

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, proclaiming September 17 – 23, 2025, Constitution Week.

Mayor Roe mentioned on the way into the meeting that he saw the Constitution recognition monument outside City Hall, which was placed many years ago and had been in storage for a while before being brought back and refurbished. He said it might need refurbishing again because it is hard to read. He wanted to take this opportunity to see if the city could renew its efforts to restore that monument as well.

Councilmember Strahan affirmed Mayor Roe's comments and noted the Constitution song she learned at an early age, which has stuck with her over the years. She thought it was essential for everyone to remember that the Constitution was not an accident; it was intentionally written, and the process that went into ensuring our country was rooted in these values.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Discuss an Ordinance Imposing Regulations on Excavations within Ten Feet of Existing Foundations

Community Development Director Janice Gundlach briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated September 8, 2025.

Ms. Gundlach presented background information to the Council regarding the Enclave Homeowners' Association request and the proposed ordinance's purpose.

Building Official David Englund detailed the current residential building code and the state's position on the ordinance.

Ms. Gundlach presented options for the ordinance's scope, including the need for a registered design professional and the potential impact on hundreds of properties.

Mayor Roe requested clarification on the location of responsibility for the permitting process for excavation in the City Code. He inquired whether this is also covered in the Public Works section and if the Public Works information is separate

from what is being discussed here, or if both types of permits are included in both sections.

Ms. Gundlach was unsure which specific Code sections the Mayor was referencing but noted that engineering requires separate permits for excavations.

Mr. Englund explained that a building permit is required if there is going to be foundation or soil disturbance; this is referred to the engineering department for an erosion control permit.

Mayor Roe asked City Attorney Tierney if it was possible to draft a statement for these situations stating something like “for these types of situations, the State Building Code, which the city adopts and aligns with, applies. However, if it is not addressed in the state code, these are the standards the city follows.” He indicated that then the city would not need to rescind its language if the state approved such language. Instead, the city would specify that the state code takes precedence over any local regulations.

City Attorney Tierney expressed her hesitation. She stated that if the state passed regulations that differed from the city's regulations, the city would be preempted, and the city ordinance would be effectively overridden. She was reluctant to try to predict what the state might do and then craft laws based on those assumptions. Instead, she suggested it would be better to wait for the state to establish regulations and then address anything the state has not covered. This approach would give them time to analyze whether their rules differ from the state's and offer an opportunity to consult with the state as well.

Councilmembers discussed the feasibility and potential unintended consequences of the ordinance, including cost and timeline implications.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Jamie Jensen, 1499 Clarmar

Mr. Jensen supported the staff's approach and questioned the need for additional regulations.

Mayor Roe suggested further discussion and expert consultation before deciding.

Council members directed staff to seek input from registered design professionals and revisit the issue after conducting further research.

b. Discuss Beekeeping Regulations

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated September 8, 2025.

Councilmember Bauer requested clarification on this item because the email that was received appeared to originate from a St. Paul resident. Still, he wondered if a Roseville resident actually sent it.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated the address given by the person who appeared had a Roseville address.

Councilmember Strahan mentioned she contacted Mr. Trudgeon to ask why the Council was considering this matter if a single resident raised this issue. Typically, such concerns are brought before the council when multiple individuals express concerns. She noted that many of her questions from the initial email were answered through responses from residents, especially Dietrich Anderson and Mike Thomas. She believed that if the city hadn't addressed many concerns in previous discussions and reviews of some of the provided ordinances, they seemed quite restrictive. She thought education could be helpful, but yards in Chanhassen are much larger than in Roseville. She was unsure if Roseville, based on information from a resident who may not have had accurate details, should restrict beekeeping. She saw this as an educational opportunity, noting that Harriet Alexander Nature Center has done similar work. She also mentioned that in her neighborhood, there are roosters and goats, which are much louder than bees. She thought that if the city is going to regulate these issues, it needs to consider them as a broader topic than just isolated concerns from one person.

Mayor Roe asked if installing a beehive on a resident's property is currently regulated in terms of setbacks for backyard structures or if a permit is required.

Staff indicated it was not.

Councilmember Schroeder asked staff how many complaints have been received regarding beekeeping.

Building Official Dave Englund noted that this was the only instance, and if it were related to a beehive or beekeeping, staff would confirm that the use was allowed, and it would not be an issue.

Mayor Roe asked if the Council would be inclined to pursue this beekeeping regulations of some sort.

Councilmember Bauer mentioned he has previously kept bees for many years and has worked with the U of M bee lab, helping to establish the Woodbury apiary for them. He noted he would be hesitant to propose restrictions, believing that the

current circumstances are sufficient. The beekeepers present are very passionate, deeply care about their craft, are well organized, and support each other.

Mayor Roe asked, from Councilmember Bauer's point of view, if there was something the city might want to do along the lines of the ordinance language on dangerous dogs. He wondered if there was a paragraph or some language the city could include in the ordinance concerning a possible hazardous situation involving bees.

Councilmember Bauer believed there are several reasons why a person might end up with an angry hive. Still, he thought the city would have trouble being specific enough to write a regulation and enforce it legally. He noted that beekeepers dislike angry hives, and they often resolve those problems quickly.

Councilmember Groff was willing to consider regulations, mentioning that some people are worried about being stung and have health issues related to it. However, it does not seem that the city has many known cases, and most concerns are about wasps. He believed honey bees are more gentle than wild bees. He noted he doesn't want to dismiss concerns about health issues, but such incidents appear to be infrequent.

Mayor Roe noted that walking through a city park can also result in a person getting stung, and from what he understands, honeybees tend to be very non-aggressive, except right around their hives. If someone is near a hive, they are most likely trespassing on private property.

Councilmember Schroeder explained that the city promotes itself as a pollinator-friendly community, and she believed the city would want to encourage bees more than restrict them. The small segment of bees should not be regulated, as most of the problems stem from the larger population of other types of bees that are not being domesticated. She tends to favor not putting regulations in place to stifle them.

Mayor Roe believed there was a strong consensus on the council that they would likely not pursue any regulations based on what they had heard.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment.

Mr. Dietrich Anderson, Roseville resident

Mr. Anderson stated that the council had received emails from him and given the council's level of knowledge on this topic, he chose not to read his entire email. He shared his enthusiasm for beekeeping and its significance, highlighting his extensive experience and connections in the community. He offered to educate the

public about beekeeping and mentioned his involvement with the Harriet Alexander Heritage Nature Center and the Roe Holiday Craft Fair. He emphasized the gentle nature of bees and gave tips on how to handle bees if they become aggressive. He offered his services for public education and noted that other knowledgeable beekeepers were present in the audience.

Mr. Mike Thomas, 2552 Beacon Street

Mr. Thomas indicated that he was a beekeeper and supported the current policy on beekeeping, expressing no desire for changes.

Mr. Erik Noren, 2214 Lexington Avenue

Mr. Noren explained that he was a new beekeeper. He expressed concerns about potential restrictions and mentioned his involvement in the U of M beekeeping class.

Ms. Alyssa Prideaux, 1488 Woodlynn Ave

Ms. Prideaux explained that she sent the original email about beekeeping regulations and expressed her disappointment that Roseville lacks its own rules. She shared her personal experience with aggressive bees. She noted that every city surrounding Roseville has its own beekeeping rules. She explained that the hive she mentioned in her email is almost on the property line, and if nothing else, she would like there to be some distance regulation, such as ten feet from the property line. She also believed that education needed to be implemented.

Mayor Roe closed the public comment period and apologized for the accidental release of contact information, recognizing the need for better education and regulations on beekeeping. He proposed that the city collaborate with neighbors to address issues related to beekeeping locations.

Councilmember Bauer emphasized the importance of community involvement in resolving beekeeping issues.

Councilmember Strahan expressed concern about implementing regulations based solely on a single incident and suggested waiting for more data before making a decision.

Mayor Roe proposed examining zoning regulations to address setbacks for hives and mentioned the possibility of utilizing nuisance code enforcement. He also proposed that no action be taken on overall beekeeping regulations at this time. The City Council concurred.

c. Consider Closure of Roseville Leaf Recycling Center

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated September 8, 2025.

Mr. Freihammer proposed closing the Roseville Leaf Recycling Center due to overlapping services, site issues, and cost savings. He detailed the site's history and current operations, including its limited hours and management challenges. He pointed out problems with illegal dumping, non-resident use, and the need for improved maintenance and equipment. He suggested a phased plan to close the site, which involves educating residents about alternative locations and repurposing the site for other city needs.

Mayor Roe suggested using the site for tree management and other city needs and proposed moving the fence to reduce illegal dumping. He also wondered if there was an opportunity to attempt wetland restoration or delineate wetlands in this area.

Councilmembers Groff and Strahan talked about the need for a comprehensive approach to evaluate the costs and benefits of closing the site.

Public Comment

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

Ms. Marilyn Jacobson, 2756 Griggs Street North

Ms. Jacobson raised concerns about how closing the site would affect residents and recommended better education about available resources.

Mayor Roe suggested delaying the decision to be considered as part of the budget process. The City Council agreed.

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 August 20, 2025, and August 25, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, approval of the August 20, 2025, and August 25, 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 September 8, 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	\$538,314.16
113459-113584	891,075.30
TOTAL	\$1,429,389.46

b. Approve Ordinance Extending Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast through 2032

c. Approve the renewal of a short-term rental license for 1901 Shady Beach Avenue. Approve the renewal of a short-term rental license for 1277 Garden Avenue

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

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the September 15, 2025, EDA and City Council meetings, September 22, 2025, City Council meetings, and future October and November 2025 City Council meetings.

Mayor Roe and Councilmembers discussed the upcoming meetings and potential agenda items, including a meeting with the Rice Larpeur Alliance and the approval of the preliminary tax levy and budget.

Councilmember Groff mentioned a community meeting about a bike lane project on Hamline Avenue and suggested following up with residents.

Mayor Roe and Councilmembers discussed the importance of community engagement and the need for clear communication on city decisions.

12. Adjourn

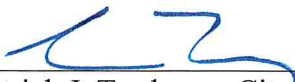
Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 8:11 p.m.

Roll Call

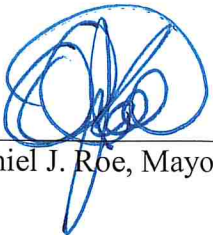
Ayes: Groff, Strahan, Schroeder, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None.

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor