



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, January 5, 2026

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.

Ms. Mindy Erickson, on Mid Oaks Lane, spoke about the importance of tree-safe construction practices and the need for protective fencing around trees during construction. She reviewed how Falcon Heights is protecting its trees by installing properly placed fencing to shield them from construction. She explained that oak trees are particularly vulnerable to construction and need protection.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Proclaim January 19, 2026, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Mayor Roe read the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Proclamation.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, to proclaim January 19, 2026, as Martin Luther King Jr. Month.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Approve Public Works 2026 Work Plan

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Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Jennifer Lowry briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 5, 2026.

Ms. Lowry presented the 2026 work plan, noting a \$9.6 million budget. She reviewed last year's accomplishments, including permit reviews, road resurfacing, and drainage improvements. The 2026 plan includes roadway maintenance, pathway construction, lighting projects, and sanitary sewer upgrades. She discussed the challenges and opportunities for various projects, including the City Campus Master Plan and coordination with other agencies.

Councilmember Strahan inquired about the responsibilities for resurfacing and lighting the dog park.

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer clarified that the City owns the dog park parking lot.

Councilmember Bauer asked about projects moved from 2026 to 2027 due to budget or resource constraints.

Mr. Freihammer explained that some delays were due to right-of-way issues and utility locations.

Councilmember Strahan asked about the status of the green-to-go implementation and business compliance.

Mr. Freihammer confirmed that green to go went live on January 1, 2026, and that efforts are ongoing to engage businesses.

Mayor Roe inquired about the ability to update residents on recycling changes as to items accepted or not accepted with the new hauler.

Ms. Lowry confirmed that information could be provided.

The council discussed the inflow and infiltration assistance program and its popularity among residents.

Mayor Roe mentioned that the last item was curbside organics. According to a presentation roughly two years ago, this was linked to the transfer facility in Blaine, which was developing robotic equipment to manage it. He assumed this project was still ongoing, involving Ramsey and Washington counties and the transfer station team.

Mr. Freihammer mentioned that it was his understanding. He noted he had not heard anything new. He explained that he has not received any updates confirming it will

happen this summer, but he knows it is in testing in two cities within Ramsey County.

Mayor Roe mentioned that he understood those pilot cities to be cities whose trash goes to the counties' Newport facility, which has the robot sorters installed, while most of suburban Ramsey County's trash goes to Blaine or elsewhere.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe invited public comments, but no one spoke.

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, approving the Public Works 2026 Work Plan.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff considered this an aggressive plan and was impressed by it. He hoped the city could complete most of the items.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

b. Discuss Roseville's 2026 Legislative Priorities

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 5, 2026.

Mr. Trudgeon reviewed the city's legislative priorities from the previous year and updates on their status. High priority items included capital improvements through the bonding bill, local control over ambulance services, statewide licensing for massage therapists, and park dedication fees.

The council discussed the relevance of various items, including sustainable alternative funding sources for cable commissions and the Open Meeting Law.

Mayor Roe suggested adding a summary of the city's stance on housing and affordable housing legislation.

Councilmember Schroeder suggested adding the State's cannabis tax sharing changes as a legislative priority.

Mayor Roe and Mr. Trudgeon discussed the need for more information on the Woodbury broadband franchise and its implications.

The council considered adding vehicle safety and carjacking issues as legislative priorities.

Mr. Trudgeon noted that Metro Cities has a policy supporting state funding for law enforcement efforts against street racing and carjacking.

The council agreed to add vehicle safety and carjacking issues as other priorities.

The council discussed the importance of advocating for the OVAL funding and statewide licensing for massage therapists.

Mayor Roe emphasized the importance of massage therapy licensing to prevent trafficking and sexual predation, focusing on customer safety.

Councilmember Strahan agreed, noting the issue was not limited to one area of the state.

Mayor Roe suggested bringing up the statewide licensing issue at the upcoming nine-city meeting.

Mayor Roe raised the issue of sprinkler systems for multifamily buildings, questioning whether that should remain on the council's list of priorities.

Mr. Trudgeon recalled the fire department's initial proposal for sprinkler systems and suggested researching to determine the council's stance.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe invited public comment, but no one spoke.

c. Consider Commission Reappointments and Vacancies for 2026

Assistant City Manager Rebecca Olson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated January 5, 2026.

Mr. Olson outlined the timeline for commission reappointments and vacancies, including the application period, interviews, and appointment dates.

Mayor Roe reviewed the process of reappointing commissioners.

Councilmember Groff suggested reappointing those who have been attending and participating.

Mayor Roe noted the importance of reappointing commissioners who have shown commitment through their attendance and responses to reappointment applications.

Schroeder moved; Strahan seconded, to reappoint eligible and re-applying commissioners to their respective commissions.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, to declare vacancies for the remaining commissioner positions as noted in the staff report.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

d. Consider City Council and Advisory Commissions Rules of Procedure

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated January 5, 2026.

Mr. Trudgeon reviewed the changes made to the city council and advisory commission rules of procedure in the previous year.

Mayor Roe and the council discussed whether further rule changes were needed. The council's consensus was that no new changes were proposed. The council decided to keep the current rules in effect until changes are required.

e. Designate City Council Liaisons to Various Groups and Committees

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated January 5, 2026.

Mr. Trudgeon outlined the designation of city council liaisons to various groups and committees.

Mayor Roe and the council discussed the terms and appointments for various boards and committees, including Northeast Youth and Family Services, North Suburban Communications Commission, and others.

Councilmember Groff indicated he could complete his term, which expires in August, to remain on the Northeast Youth and Family Services Board, and Councilmember Strahan indicated she would like to stay on the North Suburban Communications Commission.

Councilmember Schroeder indicated she would like to remain the liaison to the Ramsey County League of Local Governments.

The council discussed the appointment to the Visit Roseville Board.

Councilmember Strahan mentioned that attending daytime meetings was challenging for her. She stated that she would relinquish the liaison role to the legislative activities if someone else were willing to assume it.

Councilmember Bauer indicated he had the flexibility to serve as liaison to the legislative activities.

Mayor Roe noted that he currently serves as a liaison to the Fire Relief Association and the Rice and Larpenteur Alliance Board. Still, he is willing to step down if someone else is interested in assuming the role.

The Council supported Mayor Roe to continue serving as the liaison on both boards.

Mayor Roe explained that there was a change regarding the Legislative Council Representative, and the resolution will not include any items for NYFS or Visit Roseville. Staff will need to present those again for council consideration at a future meeting.

Groff moved; Bauer seconded. Adoption of Resolution No. 12205 (Attachment 1) entitled, "Resolution Designating Representatives to Various Groups and Committees, Including the Firefighter Relief Association."

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

f. Appoint Acting Mayor for 2026

Mayor Roe briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated January 5, 2026.

Mayor Roe explained the need to appoint an acting mayor for 2026, traditionally someone with experience and availability for daytime events.

Bauer moved appointing Councilmember Schroeder as Acting Mayor for 2026.

Councilmember Strahan countered with a prospective motion to appoint herself as the acting mayor. She indicated that in the past, she had been told that candidates up for re-election in that year were not considered, which she considered a big deal. She wanted to put that out there if that was really a point of contention, or if that was just a prior city councilmember's personal opinion, but that was brought forward as an issue.

Mayor Roe explained that it had been discussed previously. He did not know if there was a written policy, but there may have been an informal policy, and he was not sure how formal or informal it was.

Councilmember Bauer requested further clarification on the nature of the conflict or concern.

Councilmember Groff thought it was a previous councilmember, Etten, who brought that up because he was not going to run again, so he thought Mr. Etten was stepping back at that time.

Councilmember Strahan believed the previous councilmember, Willmus, had raised this as well.

Mayor Roe indicated he did not recall the details but understood the point of view, especially if someone was appointed Acting Mayor and then ran for Mayor. Still, he did not know that anyone knew anything about any of that at this point. He indicated this is a council appointment and that they need to appoint someone. He will vote for whichever motion is put forward. He asked if there was a second to councilmember Bauer's motion.

Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion to appoint herself as Acting Mayor.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Bauer reflected on the council's discussions about appointments to various groups. He appreciated the consistency this brings but also valued the opportunity to introduce new perspectives. He highlighted Councilmember Groff's extensive experience, especially during his multiple terms as Acting Mayor, and believes that involving more members could provide additional opportunities. Bauer valued the continuity Groff's repeated service as Acting Mayor provided and supports broadening participation to deepen engagement.

Councilmember Schroeder clarified that if the council followed Councilmember Strahan's suggestion, neither she nor Councilmember Groff could be considered. She pointed out that Strahan mentioned she was unavailable during the day, which would exclude three candidates.

Councilmember Strahan expressed interest in volunteering herself. She mentioned that Mayor Roe has been primarily available during the day, but that may change, and her own availability may vary as well. With five years of experience, she considers herself capable of leading meetings.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, appointing Councilmember Strahan as Acting Mayor for 2026.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff explained that the argument for the amended motion is that Councilmember Strahan has more experience. She has served on the council longer and has not served as Acting Mayor. While it's beneficial to attend events like ribbon cuttings during the day, schedules can sometimes be flexible.

Councilmember Bauer thought availability was critical, which was one of the reasons for his original motion. He felt that could not be overstated. Things happen in the city, and you need to be available as Mayor or Acting Mayor.

Councilmember Groff believed most of the events the mayor needs to address during the day are ribbon cuttings, although the mayor could clarify that.

Mayor Roe clarified that there are two aspects of Acting Mayor: one is filling in for the mayor when they are unavailable but still in office, and the other concerns the mayor's inability to continue in office for any reason. He believed the council should decide on this matter and remained neutral. He expressed the hope of staying healthy and continuing to serve in the role.

Mayor Roe indicated that the amended motion is on the table and requires a vote.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff and Strahan.

Nays: Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Mayor Roe indicated the motion failed. He stated the original motion needed to be voted on and asked whether there was any further discussion. With no further discussion, he called for a vote.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Abstain: Strahan.

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 December 1, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

Schroeder moved, Bauer seconded, approval of December 1, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

b. Approve December 8, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, approval of December 8, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.

Abstain: Bauer.

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 January 5, 2026, and related attachments.

Strahan moved, Bauer 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	\$490,327.36
114318-114533	1,149,117.99
TOTAL	\$1,639,445.35

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

c. Designation of Official Bank Depositories and Electronic Funds Transfers Authority for 2026

d. Designate the 2026 Legal Newspaper

e. Adopt a Resolution to Approve 2026 Reapportionment of Assessments

f. Approve Professional Services Agreement with Ehlers for Utility Rate Study Update

g. Approve Annual Contracts with Northeast Youth and Family Services

h. Approve Professional Services Agreement with Tubman

i. Adopt a Resolution Appointing the Building Official as Assistant Weed Inspector for 2026

j. Approve Resolution Ratifying the Labor Agreement Between the City of Roseville and Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) #112 Roseville Police Officers

k. Approve Annual City Sign Permits for 2026

l. Authorization to Seek Donations for Various City Functions and Events

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

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the January 12, 2026, EDA and City Council meetings, January 26, 2026, City Council meeting, and the February 2026 City Council and Commission Interview meetings.

Mr. Trudgeon noted that the January 12th meeting will begin with the City Council work session, followed by the EDA, to ensure sufficient time for the strategic plan discussion. He also stated that the Police Department Axon contract would be on the agenda at the start of the work session. The EDA meeting will include recognizing recipients of the annual Sustainable Steward Award, discussing a request from Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, and analyzing housing programs and funding. The council will also discuss the use of sales tax funding for new programming.

12. Adjourn

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager