



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, January 12, 2026

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Bauer, Schroeder, Groff, Strahan, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Rachel Tierney were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Roe explained he wanted to take a moment, as a point of personal privilege, to share a brief statement.

Mayor Roe extended his heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Renee Good, who was killed last week, and to our broader community as we continue to process this horrific act. It was a shocking event, and its impact continues to reverberate through our lives in many ways.

Mayor Roe explained that this tragedy comes on top of the deep fear and disruption caused by the recent escalation of immigration enforcement in our area, a fear felt by longtime residents, multigenerational families, new citizens, legal immigrants, refugees, and others in our community. No one in this country should be forced to live in fear. That is a founding American principle, and it is deeply troubling to see it violated day after day. Renee Good should be alive today. It is that simple. Responsible, professional law enforcement must be grounded in the principle that every person should leave an encounter alive and with their rights intact. That should never be in question.

Mayor Roe stated that the loss of Ms. Good and the ongoing erosion of civil rights are what drive so many ordinary people to step forward through peaceful protest, legal observation, offering assistance, and even simple acts of kindness, such as helping families who are afraid to leave their homes to get basic necessities.

Mayor Roe expressed gratitude for living in a community that stands up for its neighbors and meets these challenges together. May we remain safe and effective in these efforts, and may the day soon come when such efforts are no longer necessary.

3. Approve Agenda

City Manager Trudgeon requested that Item 8a (City Council Direction on Future Agenda Item Initiated by Councilmember Bauer – Expectations and Restrictions of DHS, ICE, and Associated Agencies Regarding the Use of City Resources, Including Property, Staff, and Data) be moved to Item 7a because many audience members were interested in hearing that item. He also noted that the EDA meeting, scheduled after the City Council

meeting rather than before it, may need to be postponed if the City Council meeting runs longer than planned.

Mayor Roe noted that, given the Economic Development Authority agenda, it makes sense to recognize that Business Item 5d is not time-sensitive and deserves adequate discussion time. Likewise, Item 5b, which recognizes the recipients of the Sustainable Steward Award, is something we have already indicated may need to be rescheduled, and we will work with those recipients to arrange another opportunity.

Mayor Roe also indicated that he would like to ensure the council can address the business items related to the annual election of officers, which should not take much time, as well as the request from Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity for one-time assistance. When they reach the EDA agenda, he explained that he would be open to adjusting the order of those items if that makes the most sense from a timing perspective.

Councilmember Strahan understood that council meeting Item 7b was a sensitive issue and believed it needed to be addressed in a timely manner.

Mayor Roe stated that he would like the council to complete the full agenda this evening, though Item 7A, the strategic plan update, may require significant time. As a result, some flexibility may be needed as the meeting progresses to ensure everyone has an opportunity to be heard. With that in mind, the recommendation is to move Item 8A to the first business item, the only change to tonight's agenda.

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

Mayor Roe explained how the public comment process would work for the meeting. He indicated that Item 8A involves a councilmember's request to add an item not originally on tonight's agenda. Under our council rules, such requests are brought forward at the next available council meeting for discussion on whether the item should be placed on a future agenda and to provide staff with guidance on how it should be researched and presented. This is a council-centered discussion, and we would not typically take public comment at this stage. However, the council recognizes that many people are here this evening to share their perspectives on the subject related to Item 8A. Therefore, the proposal is to take general public comment on the topic tonight, with the understanding that the only action being considered this evening is whether to place the item on a future agenda and what guidance to provide to staff for further review. The rules are designed this way to ensure the council has adequate time to conduct research, consult with staff and legal counsel, and comply with state notice requirements, particularly when ordinances are involved. This

process ensures thoughtful, informed decision-making while allowing councilmembers to bring forward new issues for consideration.

Mayor Roe reviewed the background on the City of Roseville's immigration enforcement policy. He explained that for many years, the police department followed an unwritten practice of not engaging in immigration enforcement or inquiring about immigration status. This practice was later formalized in a written policy before 2017 and adopted by council resolution in 2017, requiring council approval for any future changes. That policy, Roseville Police Department Policy 413, states that the department does not engage in federal immigration enforcement and does not inquire about immigration status unless it is directly relevant to a non-immigration criminal investigation. The policy allows limited cooperation with ICE only when authorized by the department and only for safety-related purposes. It also restricts participation in task forces focused on immigration enforcement, while acknowledging that state or federal law may require cooperation in certain circumstances.

Mayor Roe explained that the meeting would proceed to public comment. He asked for the public's cooperation to ensure that everyone who wished to speak had the opportunity to do so. He indicated that each speaker would have three minutes, that comments be directed to the council, and that speakers remain respectful and courteous. Written comments may also be submitted if you are unable to complete your remarks within the time limit. He asked all speakers to state their names for the record. Providing an address is optional this evening. He opened public comment.

Ms. Michelle Morse-Wendt, 1335 Willow Circle

Ms. Morse-Wendt stated that she was present to speak in support of further restrictions on ICE activities in Roseville, specifically prohibiting the use of Roseville public parks as staging areas for enforcement operations.

Ms. Morse-Wendt explained that she was a Roseville resident and the granddaughter of Howard Johnson, for whom Howard Johnson Park on Woodhill is named. She noted that she was speaking on behalf of herself and her family, some of whom were present at the meeting.

Ms. Morse-Wendt shared her family history with the Council. She explained that her grandfather was the grandson of immigrants who came to the United States seeking a better life for their families at a time when there were no visas, asylum applications, or legal barriers, only financial ones. She stated that her grandfather was born in St. Paul in 1925. In the 1950s, he and her grandmother, the daughter of Norwegian immigrants, moved to Roseville near Northwestern College with their three young children: her uncle Bruce, her aunt Pam, and her mother, Debbie. Ms. Morse-Wendt indicated that her family was raised with values of community service, welcoming strangers, and standing against injustice, which she said her grandfather embodied throughout his life. She stated that he earned a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart in World War II before becoming a Roseville police officer. She reported that after 15 years of service, he was off duty at home on August 16, 1972,

when he responded to a bank robbery at Rosedale Mall and pursued the suspect on foot through nearby neighborhoods. She stated that the suspect climbed a tree and shot and killed her grandfather, who was 48 years old.

Ms. Morse-Wendt stated that Howard Johnson Park, known in her family as “Papa’s Park,” honored her grandfather’s legacy of service, protection, and commitment to helping vulnerable and oppressed individuals. She noted that her family grew up spending time there and learning about his sacrifice and values. She stated that ICE agents’ use of the park as a staging area to separate families and spread fear in the community her grandfather died protecting was an affront to his memory. She quoted her aunt as saying that even considering the park as a staging area for ICE was deeply demoralizing and a painful blow to their family. Ms. Morse-Wendt stated that her grandfather stood for “everything good” and that he would have been appalled by what she described as cruel and inhumane actions carried out by ICE. She requested that the Council not allow the park to be used in a manner that, in her view, desecrated his memory.

Ms. Melissa Carey, 2935 Marion Street

Ms. Carey stated that she was an immigrant from Peru and a Roseville resident. She noted that she was a follower of Jesus, a homeschooling mother, a wife, and an advocate with the Minnesota Immigrant Movement, which she described as a grassroots organization that championed and helped pass the Driver’s License for All legislation in 2023.

Ms. Carey stated that she appeared before the Council to request passage of a formal separation ordinance. She indicated that her community had been fearful. She stated that, as an advocate and an immigrant, she worked directly with vulnerable residents and helped deliver food, diapers, and other necessities to families who were afraid to leave their homes. She reported that many individuals had not gone to work because they feared being detained and leaving their children behind.

Ms. Carey stated that, on one occasion, she delivered food to a man who had gone two weeks without groceries because he was afraid to leave his home. She reported that he was grateful when assistance was provided. Ms. Carey stated that immigration was complex and that it was not simply a matter of “doing it the right way” or “getting in line,” adding that for some people, “there is no line.” She stated that she had experienced living between immigration statuses. She explained that her family had left the country once and that, on another occasion, they had been preparing to overstay their visa when, on the final day, they received notice that their green card had been approved. She stated that the issue was not solely about documented versus undocumented status. She reported that ICE had detained people with valid work permits who were in the middle of legal asylum cases, and that such cases often took years. She stated that she had heard reports of green card applicants being detained after attending final interviews.

Ms. Carey stated that there had been numerous traumatic encounters with ICE. She reported that U.S. citizens, including herself, her U.S.-born Black and Brown friends, and her naturalized citizen friends, had been carrying passports out of fear. She explained that

these circumstances had affected her personally. She stated that her eldest son, also from Peru, was 17 years old and a high school student attending two universities through PSEO. She reported that when ICE activity first increased, her family had him carry copies of his naturalization documents and his passport, and that later he began carrying his passport itself.

Ms. Carey stated that her son used public transportation, enjoyed going to the mall, and engaged in hobbies such as birding, photography, and long bike rides. She stated that conditions had become severe enough that he was no longer allowed to leave the house unless accompanied by his U.S.-born father or her. She said that her son's independence and ability to participate in regular activities had been significantly restricted. She reported that he had previously enjoyed taking the bus to school, using the time to read or listen to music, but that the routine ended due to safety concerns. Ms. Carey stated that, despite carrying a passport, she feared that ICE would target him based on his appearance and that she would not allow him to be put at risk. She urged the Council to pass a formal separation ordinance.

Ms. Carey thanked local police and urged the Council not to allow, in her view, ICE to treat U.S. citizens as second-class citizens or to violate constitutional rights. She requested that the Council pass a formal separation ordinance with the strongest possible language to protect all Roseville residents, stating that no City resources should support ICE operations and that ICE should not use City parks or neighborhoods for enforcement activities. She thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak.

Ms. Linda Gridley, 2725 Fernwood

Ms. Gridley stated that she was a Roseville resident and a member of Indivisible Twin Cities and the Women's March. She reported delivering petitions and letters to the Mayor and Council, along with sheets containing 300 signatures gathered at Do Good Roseville the previous Saturday. She read the petition aloud, which requested the following actions:

1. Issue an executive directive prohibiting City employees and law enforcement from assisting ICE in civil immigration enforcement, absent a judicial warrant, and ban participation in joint task forces or cooperative arrangements related to civil immigration enforcement.
2. Prevent and prohibit masked or unidentified law enforcement activity within City limits by requiring visible name and agency identification for enforcement actions and requiring disengagement where that standard was violated.
3. Prohibit the use of City-owned property, facilities, vehicles, and resources for ICE operations, including terminating or refusing leases and access agreements.
4. Cancel City contracts and funding streams that supported immigration detention, transport, or surveillance, and deny permits for new or expanded detention facilities.

5. Enact strict City data privacy policies barring the sharing or purchase of warrantless location, biometric, or surveillance data and prohibiting data broker access.
6. Direct the City Attorney and relevant departments to investigate ICE-related misconduct and enforce applicable municipal laws, including nuisance, trespass, and public safety violations.
7. Convene public oversight hearings to create a complete public record of ICE activity and City involvement.

Ms. Gridley stated that the petition was based on similar petitions filed in Los Angeles, Portland, Chicago, Minneapolis, and St. Paul. She expressed her belief that ICE activity was concentrated in Roseville because, in Minneapolis and St. Paul, ICE was not permitted to use parking lots or public facilities. She encouraged the Council to consider the petition.

Mayor Roe indicated that the city had copies of the petition.

Mr. Mike Gregory, 1945 Sharondale Avenue

Mr. Gregory stated that he would not repeat comments already made. He reported that ICE had 10,000 hires as of December 1, that the agency had exceeded that number, and that it aimed to hire an additional 10,000. He stated that ICE documents dated January 3 indicated that the agency had hired more than 12,000 individuals. He reported that the position's salary was just under \$40,000 per year and included incentives such as a \$50,000 signing bonus, a \$60,000 student loan deferment, and an additional 25% salary payment for the year.

Mr. Gregory stated that new hires were required to complete a background check, drug test, medical exam, and polygraph, and that background checks could take months due to FBI processing. He stated that, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, ICE had recruited individuals with ties to white supremacist groups in Minnesota. He urged the Council to consider adopting measures to limit ICE's use of facilities in Roseville.

Ms. Cheryl Laurent, 2944 Sheldon Street

Ms. Laurent stated that she had been a Roseville resident for 30 years. She described attending a community meeting in the building a few years earlier regarding criminal activity linked to a single individual. She stated that Roseville police officers listened to residents' concerns, provided guidance, and explained that the individual had civil rights and that the police would not violate them. She stated that she appreciated the police department's adherence to values such as integrity, accountability, and compliance with the law. She noted that officials at the meeting were correctly identified, emphasized safety, and discussed lawful steps neighbors could take.

Ms. Laurent stated that she supported Councilmember Bauer's request that the City explore possible restrictions when the police department was required to work with outside agencies. She urged the Council to take steps to ensure that Roseville officers could

continue to uphold high standards. She referenced recent events and noted that the community had seen the consequences when such standards were not followed.

Ms. Amy Perkins, 904 Brenner Avenue

Ms. Perkins stated that she lived near Emmet D. Williams Elementary School in Roseville. She agreed with prior speakers and acknowledged that she did not fully understand all legal and procedural aspects of the issue. She stated that she had not seen anything like the current situation in the 50 years she had lived in Minnesota or abroad. She said that, based on her experiences in other countries, she had seen protests and shutdowns, but not what she described as the current circumstances.

Ms. Perkins stated that the situation had been building for years and that systems and infrastructure had enabled it. She noted that focused, concerted efforts would be needed to push back and rebuild the legal systems she believed were being disregarded. She urged the city and the police department to do everything within their power to prevent ICE activities. She encouraged Councilmembers and residents to observe rapid-response actions firsthand, noting that it offered a different understanding than watching the news or social media.

Ms. Perkins stated that fear, intimidation, and a lack of protocol had affected community members regardless of immigration status. She encouraged the Council to consider separation ordinances and to “think outside the box.” She expressed hope in seeing more residents become engaged and urged the city to find ways to involve more people in community action.

Ms. Angela Byrne, 1894 Chatsworth Street

Ms. Byrne stated that she had been a Roseville resident for 15 years, a parent at Harambe Elementary, and an employee at the Harambe Library. She reported that, on Friday morning, a Harambe school bus was blocked by an ICE detention. She stated that children ages 5 to 12 witnessed the detention of two neighbors, took photos and videos, and showed them to school staff. She noted that this occurred after weeks during which vulnerable families kept children home from school and community members ran errands for families afraid to leave their homes. She described staff sending curriculum materials home and making home visits for the same reasons.

Ms. Byrne referenced the Imagine Roseville community input group. She noted that in May 2017, it recommended that the city adopt a separation ordinance prohibiting federal immigration employees from using City resources. She stated that she attended the August 28, 2017, City Council meeting, where the ordinance was discussed. She referenced City Manager Patrick Trudgeon’s staff recommendation in the meeting packet. She stated that it indicated the ordinance would not measurably change the City’s treatment of residents and visitors and would have a limited practical effect. She noted that after the testimony, Mayor Roe was prepared to support the ordinance, but Councilmember Jason Etten opposed it, and the ordinance was defeated.

Ms. Byrne stated that she observed a detention that blocked traffic on Rice Street, that no paperwork was exchanged, and that she did not know whether the detention was lawful. She stated that ICE had been present in the city for at least a week, including activity in parks and near mobile home communities, and that observers had reported being threatened or assaulted. She urged the Council to act and stated that a separation ordinance would be the minimum response. She requested that the City enforce and build upon existing policies and act more quickly.

Mr. Randy Neprash, 1276 Eldridge Avenue W

Mr. Neprash stated that he had lived in the neighborhood for more than 30 years, south of the main library. He characterized federal agency activity as state-sponsored terrorism and urged the city to respond accordingly. He supported the petition's items and urged the City to deny federal agents' use of City property or facilities for staging or organizing activities.

Mr. Neprash stated that it had been some time since he last spoke to the Council and expressed his appreciation for Mayor Roe's facilitation of the meeting. He said that he hoped no one in Roseville would be injured or killed and concluded with a remark about "ice-out conditions" in winter.

Mr. Alan Holasek, 1620 Highway 36 W

Mr. Holasek stated that he wanted to contact the city regarding the recent tragedy, including the death of Renee Good. He noted that misinformation about ICE contributed to tensions and that he wanted to address ICE's actions. He stated that there was a 20% drop in homicides nationwide between 2024 and 2025 and attributed the decline in part to federal agencies such as ICE.

Mr. Holasek stated that ICE arrested individuals who had committed crimes. He said he provided Councilmembers with a list of individuals detained by ICE in Minnesota during the prior week and read several examples aloud, including the crimes and deportation order timelines. He stated that ICE had experienced an increase in attacks and assaults and referenced an incident in which an ICE officer was reportedly struck by a vehicle and drew a firearm in self-defense. Mr. Holasek expressed support for law enforcement and urged the Council not to undermine ICE's work. He thanked the Council for its time.

Ms. Kathy Quick, 1307 Edmund

Ms. Quick stated that strong separation ordinances support public safety. She said she had worked for more than 10 years on community and police relationships at the state, regional, national, and international levels. She noted that mutual safety depends on mutual trust and said separation ordinances are vital to maintaining that trust, asserting that local police should not be involved in civil immigration enforcement.

Ms. Quick stated that the City's existing separation ordinance should be strengthened. She noted that the ordinance should clarify that the police department should not participate in perimeter control, scene control, or scene security related to immigration enforcement. She stated that the ordinance should further specify that no City resources, including data,

property, cameras, vehicles, or other resources, should be used to support immigration enforcement. She recommended that the City prohibit immigration enforcement activity within City limits by officers who mask their identities or fail to display identifying information, unless supported by a judicial warrant. She also recommended that the deployment of City resources for immigration-related activities require direct authorization by the Mayor or City Manager, that staff receive regular training on the policy, and that violations result in clear discipline and prompt public reporting to the Council.

Mr. Tanner Berris, 2915 Pascal Street

Mr. Berris stated that he lived on Pascal Street in Roseville. He noted that by providing his name and address, the city had more identifying information about him than residents had about ICE agents operating in the city, whom he described as often anonymous and unaccountable. He requested that the Council, within its authority, prevent federal agencies from using City resources, including public land, staff time, and resident data, for enforcement activities that could cause fear and harm.

Mr. Berris stated that he was approached in a public park by four individuals he assumed were ICE officers, who were armed and wearing face coverings. He said he was shouted at and threatened with arrest for being in the park. He stated that he observed individuals he believed were ICE officers driving at high speeds on residential streets. He cited recent incidents in nearby communities and noted that public safety depends on trust. He stated that when residents feared federal officers in public spaces, they were less likely to report crimes, seek assistance, shop, or participate in community life. He urged the Council to adopt a clear separation ordinance to prevent City resources from supporting federal immigration enforcement.

Ms. Jessica Lopez-Lyman, 214 Wewers Road

Ms. Lopez-Lyman stated that she had been a Roseville resident for five years. She said she chose to speak from her professional expertise and research background. She noted that for 14 years, as a master's student, PhD candidate, postdoctoral fellow, and faculty member, she focused her research on Latino history and culture in the United States, with an emphasis on immigration in the Midwest. She stated that her comments were grounded in scholarship.

Ms. Lopez-Lyman stated that research supports the need for a firm, clear policy that separates local law enforcement from DHS and ICE. She said that when local law enforcement assisted ICE, residents were less likely to call 911, increasing community risk. She noted that failing to maintain separation could expose the city to litigation and referenced Fourth Amendment requirements for judicial warrants or subpoenas. She said that local participation could lead to constitutional violations and associated legal costs. She also stated that there were economic consequences for local governments when assisting ICE and that promised federal reimbursements did not consistently occur, leaving cities responsible for costs.

Ms. Lopez-Lyman cited core values taught at Central Park Elementary School. She urged the Council to prioritize resident safety, be accurate and transparent, act responsibly with City resources, and lead with empathy. She urged adoption of a strong separation ordinance.

Ms. Joan Bulfer, 3030 Chatsworth

Ms. Bulfer stated that she had lived in Roseville for more than 35 years and recently retired after a 40-year career in public health. She agreed with many of the comments shared during the meeting and urged the Council to act. She emphasized the trauma experienced by children, including immigrant children and their peers, related to the fear that parents might not be present after school. She stated that such trauma could have long-term mental and physical health impacts and affect children throughout their lives. She urged the Council to consider how the city could prevent long-term harm to children.

Mr. Walter Vandre, 2458 Holton Street

Mr. Vandre stated that he felt sad and scared. He noted that he had attended meetings with his mother since he was a baby and that, seven years later, he was still waiting for leaders to take action to protect classmates, neighbors, and community spaces. He stated that ICE's presence in the community made him feel anxious. He said classmates were afraid to leave home, play outside, or get food. He requested that the Council do a better job of protecting parks, markets, and apartment buildings so children would not feel afraid. He thanked the Council.

Ms. Sarah Marrone, 2136 Fry Street

Ms. Marrone stated that she had lived in Roseville for almost 15 years and expressed appreciation for the City's commitment to the community. She said that ICE's growing presence threatened that sense of community. She urged the Council to implement a clear and strong separation ordinance as soon as possible. She asked the Council to consider whether accepting federal funding would be beneficial, particularly funding directed to the Roseville Police Department. She stated that all residents and visitors deserved safety, dignity, and equal treatment under the law. She urged the Council to act promptly.

Ms. Kelly Ayd, 1754 Stanbridge Avenue

Ms. Ayd stated that she did not have prepared remarks. She said she reviewed the City of Roseville's mission statement and highlighted the words "community," "safety," "inclusivity," and "diversity." She stated that those values drew her and her husband to Roseville when they moved from Minneapolis 20 years earlier and raised a family. She said she had worked as an educator and a nurse in the community. She stated that recent events in Roseville and the Greater Twin Cities area were upsetting and disturbing. She strongly encouraged adopting a separation ordinance to enhance community safety.

Ms. Ayd stated that she wanted children to feel safe in parks and cited Oasis Park as an essential neighborhood space. She said she no longer felt comfortable allowing her 16-year-old to be in the area independently. She stated that adopting a policy separating local law enforcement from ICE would help restore a sense of safety. She thanked the Council.

Mr. Dan Ayd, 1754 Stanbridge Avenue

Mr. Ayd thanked the Council and the audience for attending. He stated that he did not have prepared remarks. He said he was a long-time resident and a first-time speaker at a Council meeting. He noted that, given the agenda item on police involvement in ICE matters, he urged the city to ensure that local police limit their role to responding to 911 calls or observing ICE actions while protecting Roseville residents, shoppers, and visitors. He stated that police should not provide perimeter support for ICE operations. He noted that local tax dollars should support local activities rather than ICE operations.

Mr. Ayd expressed concern about constitutional issues and cited the Fourth and Fifth Amendments. He stated that he feared a future in which residents might invoke the Second Amendment and hoped that would not occur.

Mr. Arjomand Mullen, 3087 Mount Ridge Road

Mr. Mullen thanked the Council and stated he was unsure whether his comments were appropriate for the meeting. He referenced reports he had heard about fire alarms being pulled as a scare tactic and requested that, if such activity occurred in Roseville, the City investigate. He also expressed concerns about Target and stated that he did not believe individuals should enter stores with large firearms to address minor issues or use a restroom. He said that Target could manage situations using its internal security measures and resources. He expressed discomfort with visible firearms in retail settings and questioned how such practices were permitted. He thanked the Council.

Mr. Dan Heuer, 1171 County Road B West

Mr. Heuer urged the Council to act in accordance with its oath of service to restrict ICE operations within City limits. He stated that he had lived in or near Roseville for most of his life and described his family's ties to the city and its community institutions. He noted that recent ICE activity had disrupted Roseville's sense of security and described discussions within his family about keeping their children safe. He stated that his daughter had Mexican heritage and did not share the same privileges he did. He said that he had heard reports of citizens being detained based on appearance and expressed concern for his daughter's safety. He stated that he began walking his daughter to and from the bus stop due to safety concerns and described the challenge of explaining to a child that specific individuals in the community could not be trusted.

Mr. Heuer stated that earlier comments cited names as evidence of ICE accomplishments, but that the Council could not see the names of individuals who were afraid to leave their homes or who had unreported encounters. He stated that he believed these activities were occurring in "darkness" and ambiguity. He urged the City to strengthen current and future policy language to protect community safety. He supported the suggestions made by prior speakers and urged the Council to take all available actions within its authority.

Ms. Kathleen Winters

Ms. Winters introduced herself as a Roseville resident who lived near Reservoir Woods Park and stated that she had lived in the community for approximately 20 years. She noted that she was a member of the Roseville Police Department's Multicultural Advisory Commission but said she was not speaking on its behalf.

Ms. Winters stated that she believed the existing department policy, initially adopted in 2017 and now identified as Policy 413, was inadequate in several respects. She noted that, in her view as a private citizen, the policy should prioritize community safety, including residents and visitors, rather than ICE agents. She indicated that she believed the first paragraph of the policy was unclear. She explained that while the policy noted that federal law did not require the Roseville Police Department to enforce immigration laws, it also stated that employees would not inquire about a person's immigration status unless it were directly related to a criminal investigation.

Ms. Winters stated that she did not understand how immigration status would be relevant to prosecutions for crimes such as assault or robbery. She further noted that if unlawful presence were treated as a misdemeanor, suspected unlawful immigration could arguably be treated as a crime, and that the policy language was inconsistent. She supported adopting a firm separation policy that, at a minimum, required enforcement agents to display identifying badges, prohibited masks, and focused on protecting the general public's safety in Roseville. She thanked the Council for its time.

Mr. Terry Newby

Mr. Newby introduced himself as a Roseville resident on Churchill Street and stated that he has lived in Roseville since 2001. He noted that he had the opportunity to meet and work with members of the Council and the Roseville Police Department during that time. Mr. Newby also stated that he was a member of the Roseville Police Department's Multicultural Advisory Committee.

Mr. Newby stated that, in his experience, the Roseville Police Department was an exemplary agency that operated under the principles of transparency, due process, and accountability, which he described as core to effective governance and public safety. He stated that, in his view, ICE did not operate under those principles and lacked transparency, accountability, and due process. He supported separation measures, within the bounds of the law, to distance the city from an organization he believed did not uphold those principles. He thanked the Council.

Mr. Etienne Djevi

Mr. Djevi introduced himself and stated that he had lived in Roseville for approximately 15 years. He said that he was an immigrant and noted his accent. He stated that he did not view his accent or immigrant status as a liability to serving the community.

Mr. Djevi stated that he had served on commissions and continued to serve on the Roseville Police Department's Multicultural Advisory Committee. He stated that he had observed consistent efforts by the police department to make residents feel welcome and expressed

a desire for that work to continue. He stated that he found it troubling that, in a country that identifies itself as “the land of the free,” he felt pressure to carry a passport daily while traveling to provide patient care in clinics and hospitals.

Mr. Djevi urged the Council to do what it could to ensure all community members continued to feel welcome and to continue the City's efforts to build a welcoming community. He thanked the Council.

Ms. Chelse McCabe

Ms. McCabe introduced herself as a Roseville resident, voter, and a 20-year veteran public school teacher. She stated that she worked in the West St. Paul Public School District, which she said had demographics similar to Roseville.

Ms. McCabe stated that in recent days and weeks, she had observed children becoming fearful because masked and armed ICE agents were present near schools and bus stops. She stated that many of the children were U.S. citizens and emphasized that they should not have to live in fear.

Ms. McCabe stated that after her workday, she had been walking students to their doors because they were afraid to walk alone, and that she did so because it had become necessary. She urged Councilmembers to reflect on values such as empathy, kindness, and care for neighbors, and asked the Council whether anyone would want children to see masked, armed individuals near their schools. She stated that student anxiety was spreading across the Twin Cities and that children's safety, well-being, and ability to learn were at stake. She urged the Council to do everything possible to prevent federal enforcement activity from disrupting the daily lives of children, families, and schools. She thanked the Council.

Mr. Mark McCabe

Mr. McCabe introduced himself as a 10-year Roseville resident. He said he agreed with most of the comments made that evening and was encouraged by the turnout. He thanked the city for bringing forward the ordinance and discussion, and stated he supported efforts to resist cooperation with ICE and to eliminate City resources that supported ICE operations.

Mr. McCabe stated that he wanted the ordinance to require ICE agents to show their faces and display identification. He stated that he believed what was occurring in the country and community was frightening and criticized the use of federal tax dollars in a manner he believed terrorized residents, including children.

Mr. McCabe explained that the community should be protected by the rule of law and urged the Council to continue acting with courage and to resist cooperating with ICE. He thanked the Council.

Ms. Alana Howey

Ms. Howey introduced herself as a Parker Avenue resident and stated that she had lived in Roseville for more than 30 years. She supported implementing a strong separation ordinance and noted that many speakers had already expressed their support.

Ms. Howey encouraged the Council to seize the opportunity to lead, speak clearly, and show support for residents. She acknowledged that a process is required to adopt an ordinance, but noted that City officials could demonstrate support for the community more quickly than the ordinance process. She stated that she wanted neighbors to know the city stood behind its residents. She thanked the Council.

Ms. Kayla Ulsby

Ms. Ulsby introduced herself as a social worker and therapist in Roseville. She stated that she worked with individuals directly affected by ICE activity in the Twin Cities and that others not directly affected were still experiencing increased stress, anxiety, and fear for friends, children, neighbors, and the community. She stated that she believed federal agents had been detaining individuals in public places and that community members asserting First Amendment rights had been met with chemical irritants and physical violence.

Ms. Ulsby stated that children were afraid to attend school because they feared being harmed or separated from their families. She stated that adults were afraid to go to work or run errands because they feared not returning home. She reported that some clients had switched in-person appointments to virtual ones because they feared leaving home. She stated that when individuals did not feel safe, it affected their ability to function and could result in long-term health impacts.

Ms. Ulsby explained that the community was not safe and that residents, including children, were traumatized. She urged the Council to restrict ICE access to City-owned locations, uphold and amend the separation ordinance, and, within the City's authority, take action to protect community safety. She thanked the Council.

Mr. Erik N, Lexington Ave

Mr. Erik N. introduced himself as a Lexington Avenue resident and stated that he did not have prepared remarks. He thanked residents for attending and said he believed the issue was important. He stated that he worked at the University of Minnesota as a technical fabrication welder and described working with individuals from various countries.

Mr. Erik N. stated that he had been teaching English and current slang to help individuals feel safer and blend in in public because he believed they were being targeted. He stated that he found it troubling to have to consider routes and safety planning for routine activities. He stated that he believed the situation was absurd and concluded that "no one is illegal on stolen land."

Ms. Emme Knowles

Ms. Knowles introduced herself as a Roseville resident of nearly 10 years and a Minnesota resident for most of her life. She stated that she was a Korean adoptee and referenced recent

news affecting Korean adoptees. She said she did not know enough about her adoption circumstances to determine whether she had been taken under false pretenses, and she stated that this contributed to complicated feelings about her identity.

Ms. Knowles stated that she had been a U.S. citizen since shortly after arriving in the country as an infant and that she spoke only English. She said that her physical appearance and speech impediment could make her a potential target for racial profiling. She stated that she was concerned about racial profiling affecting Indigenous community members and others.

Ms. Knowles stated that she was afraid to leave her apartment to commute, shop, or get gas because of activity in the community, and she said she was particularly fearful of being kidnapped or sexually assaulted, given her history as a sexual assault survivor. She stated that she had been able to work from home, but noted that many residents did not have that option and had been forced to choose between work, school, and personal safety.

Ms. Knowles urged City officials to consider additional actions beyond the ordinance, including encouraging local law enforcement to enforce the law and protect residents when unlawful or unconstitutional activity occurs. She also asked the City to consider participating in legal action seeking injunctive relief regarding federal actions, if applicable. She urged residents to continue looking out for one another and asked the Council to take action to protect the community. She thanked the Council.

Ms. Sarah Kaufman

Ms. Kaufman introduced herself as a Roseville resident of three years and said she had not planned to speak. She said she had been fearful and described preparing to leave her home with her family and essentials because of concerns about escalating conflict. She stated that her emotions had shifted from fear to anger and said she did not want to remain neutral.

Ms. Kaufman urged City leaders to make a clear statement and avoid neutrality. She stated that she wanted leaders to act decisively and concluded her remarks by encouraging the Council to “not be neutral.” She thanked the Council.

Ms. Sarah Coleman

Ms. Coleman introduced herself as a Roseville resident and stated that she was not providing her address. She described an incident in an Aldi parking lot in which she observed two vehicles, one with a single license plate and another with no license plates, and stated that masked individuals wearing camouflage were present. She said she warned people inside the store and later observed the vehicles again, including individuals positioned behind a semi-truck.

Ms. Coleman stated that she took photos of the vehicles and then described being pursued by them, including an incident in which she said her vehicle was pushed into a snowbank. She stated that the cars were driven aggressively in the parking lot and near pedestrians. She stated that two-armed individuals exited one vehicle and approached her car, and that

one took photos while another shouted that this was her “only warning.” Ms. Coleman stated that she did not know what the warning meant and expressed concern about her safety. She noted that the incident occurred in Little Canada, but stated it was near Roseville and asked the Council to act.

Ms. Coleman also stated that she was concerned for her two adopted daughters, who were Black, immigrants, and U.S. citizens. She said her daughters had been carrying their passports to school and college and expressed concern that they could be targeted because of their appearance. She requested that the city enforce existing laws, including vehicle licensing requirements, and asked the Council to protect residents and families. She stated that she moved to Roseville because it was safe and diverse, and expressed concern that this no longer felt true. She thanked the Council.

Ms. Sara A.

Ms. Sara A. introduced herself as an active volunteer in Roseville schools and the broader community. She stated that she had spoken with many residents during the prior week while providing mutual aid and that she was present to advocate for vulnerable community members. She reported that many immigrant families were keeping children home from school out of fear and that dual-language classrooms had many empty seats.

Ms. Sara A. stated that residents were afraid to leave their homes and that schools were under strain as they attempted to support children and families amid what she described as state-sanctioned violence. She stated that she was angry and reported that detentions were occurring without warrants or due process. She noted that ICE activity in schools and neighborhoods was occurring without regard for public safety or fundamental rights. She stated that she had witnessed activity similar to what Ms. Coleman described at Aldi.

Ms. Sara A. urged the Council, the police department, and residents to take action to protect the community. She requested passage of a separation ordinance and encouraged further action beyond the ordinance. She thanked the Council.

Ms. Deon Haider

Ms. Deon Haider introduced herself as a Roseville employee and acknowledged that speaking could put her in an uncomfortable position, but emphasized that she was also a community member. She stated that she and her spouse chose Roseville because it was a vibrant community that valued diversity, security, and resident well-being. She said she believed current events threatened those values.

Ms. Haider stated that residents were being terrorized and harmed by armed agents who acted without regard for the law, the Constitution, public safety, or morality. She urged the city to distance itself from ICE actions and to prioritize the safety and security of all community members. She stated that this should include enforceable standards to prevent immigration enforcement from using city property and data. She said that failing to act would undermine community trust in elected officials. She urged city leaders to be brave and to lead. She thanked the Council.

Mr. Abdiwak Yohannes

Mr. Yohannes introduced himself and stated that he lived north of Dale Street and Highway 36. He said he wished to address Roseville's reputation. He stated that he was the child of immigrants from Oromia in East Africa and noted that, while he did not have an accent, his parents did. He said that his name had affected his experiences, including job searches. He stated that he was a father of three children and described his family's ties to the community.

Mr. Yohannes stated that he and his spouse chose Roseville because it offered access to both nature and diversity. He described the value of living in a community where his family could feel connected, safe, and welcome. He said he felt pressured to carry a passport because of his appearance and expressed concern about the implications for his children. He urged the Council to consider Roseville's reputation as a diverse and welcoming community and to take action to ensure that City resources or leadership decisions did not enable ICE. He thanked the Council.

Mr. Biko Semeere

Mr. Semeere introduced himself as a Roseville resident for five years and stated that he is a first-generation immigrant. He said he would not have attended the meeting if it had been held earlier in the day because of fear in the immigrant community. He stated that several people close to him were in detention and believed they were detained despite being in the country legally.

Mr. Semeere stated that legal pathways to citizenship existed but were difficult and noted that individuals with pending asylum cases and work permits had been detained. He described fear of driving due to unmarked vehicles and said that people he knew had been arrested after being stopped. He cited examples of individuals, according to his statements, who were detained while going to work or attending an appointment and transferred between detention facilities. He stated that these individuals had no criminal history and that he believed they were being targeted because of their appearance and country of origin.

Mr. Semeere urged the Council to pass the separation ordinance and stated that city resources should not be used to assist ICE. He asked that the City ensure that ICE did not use city property for enforcement activities in neighborhoods. He stated that he had remained home for several days out of fear and thanked the Council.

Mr. Rafael Espinosa, 671 Eldridge Avenue

Mr. Espinosa introduced himself and stated that he was new to Roseville, having lived in the City for approximately one year. He noted that he and his family moved to Roseville because it was considered a great city and a good place to raise a family. He stated that he believed he was at risk of being targeted and that he had lost contact with approximately 20 people he knew due to detentions. He provided his address as 671 Eldridge Avenue and stated that he was not afraid to share it.

Mr. Espinosa urged the Council not to allow the Roseville Police Department or City staff to assist ICE. He stated that the police department's role was to protect residents and visitors, and that City employees' role was to make the city safe and strong, not to contribute to fear. He asked the Council to make ICE feel unwelcome and to refrain from providing resources for enforcement actions. He thanked the Council.

Ms. Cali Carper

Ms. Carper introduced herself as a Roseville resident and noted that she was new to the area. She stated that she had been standing in the lobby for approximately two hours with many others who supported a sanctuary policy or a separation ordinance.

Ms. Carper stated that she reviewed the agenda, the strategic plan, and the police department policy. She referenced strategic plan goals related to diversity, inclusivity, and building mutual trust and responsive emergency services.

Ms. Carper stated that she believed Roseville had already demonstrated diversity and inclusion, citing community engagement in local elections. She noted that the city had an opportunity to proactively protect mutual trust and ensure responsive emergency services.

Ms. Carper stated that she supported adopting a formal, clear, and concise separation ordinance to demonstrate integrity, respect, and responsibility, and to protect residents' ability to access services and participate in community life without fear. She urged the Council to adopt a separation ordinance and thanked the Council for its consideration.

Mr. Michael Zajicek

Mr. Zajicek introduced himself as a Roseville resident of approximately six years. He stated that he supported many of the comments made that evening and expressed concern for the safety of immigrants in his family and social circles, including those connected through adoption and marriage.

Mr. Zajicek stated that statistics should be considered in context. He noted that changes in homicide rates should be viewed against the backdrop of pandemic-era increases. He also said that, based on the research he cited, immigrants, including undocumented immigrants, committed violent crime at lower rates than individuals born in the United States. He urged the Council not to use crime as a justification for actions affecting the community. He thanked the Council.

Ms. Mary Beth Kehrwald

Ms. Kehrwald introduced herself and stated that she was attending with her husband, Michael. She stated that she wished to echo concerns raised by earlier speakers. She stated that the activity she observed, including fear created by masked agents, constituted intimidation and was intended to discourage public accountability. She stated that she believed racial profiling was occurring and described it as an abuse of power.

Ms. Kehrwald urged the Council to adopt the strongest separation ordinance possible and to prohibit federal agents from using City property and resources for activities she said intimidated community members. She thanked the Council.

Ms. Stacey Peterson

Ms. Peterson introduced herself as a 10-year Roseville resident. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their flexibility and urgency in addressing the matter and for hearing public comments. She stated that she had not previously attended a Council meeting but found the turnout and comments meaningful.

Ms. Peterson stated that she supported a strong separation ordinance that, to the fullest extent possible, limits the use of City resources by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Ms. Peterson explained that it was not illegal to have Black or Brown skin, to speak with an accent, or not to speak English. She stated that ICE was treating people like criminals for actions that were not crimes. She stated that if federal officials do not comply with the law, state and local governments must respond. She stated that if any person's constitutional rights were violated, all constitutional rights were at risk. She urged the Council to adopt a separation ordinance to protect the community and thanked the Council.

Ms. Katie Falksen

Ms. Falksen introduced herself as a parent of two children in the Roseville School District. She stated that she had been struggling to find appropriate ways to explain current events to her children while maintaining their sense of security. She stated that her children had already experienced significant challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic and repeated school shootings. She stated that her children had expressed fear and asked questions about school safety procedures.

Ms. Falksen stated that she believed children were already at a breaking point and that many were now staying home out of fear. She also stated that her son had discussed friends who had been absent for months and reported hearing that a friend's father had disappeared.

Ms. Falksen described seeing a caravan of vehicles she believed were ICE and stated that she attempted to capture license plate information to alert residents. She stated that her son believed ICE would be driving clearly marked vehicles, and that realization was upsetting.

Ms. Falksen stated that she took time off work to show her children that she was doing everything she could to protect them. She stated that her son had expressed concern for younger children and that he was relieved when ICE did not appear near the school, as it would have been frightening for kindergartners.

Ms. Falksen urged the Council to take decisive action to protect children and families and asked community leaders to do everything possible to keep children safe. She thanked the Council for its work.

Mr. Praj Vemireddy, Rice Street

Mr. Vemireddy introduced himself as a Rice Street resident and stated that he serves as chair of the City of Roseville Equity and Inclusion Commission. He said his comments were his own as a private citizen and did not represent the Commission.

Mr. Vemireddy stated that he agreed with most of the comments made that evening and expressed confidence that City leaders would act to keep residents safe. He said he wanted to speak from an optimistic perspective. He noted that City Council meetings typically had limited attendance and that the high attendance that evening reflected a moment of clarity and responsibility among residents. He said the turnout gave him hope and made him proud to be a Minnesotan. He thanked the Council.

Mr. Jestin Stoffel

Mr. Stoffel introduced himself as a parent and a Roseville resident. He noted that his family moved to Roseville in 2021 and recalled an early experience in which a neighbor, whom he described as an immigrant, welcomed them shortly after they moved in. He stated that that experience shaped his view of Roseville as a welcoming community.

Mr. Stoffel stated that he was concerned about reports of law enforcement activity that appeared to disregard the law, including speeding in residential neighborhoods, aggressive driving, and the use of vehicles without license plates. He questioned why such activity was not being addressed through existing enforcement. He stated that he was not asking the Council to wait for new ordinances before acting and urged the Council to enforce current laws. He said he appreciated comments describing the Roseville Police Department as exemplary and stated that he would like to see those standards applied consistently. He thanked the Council.

Dr. Chris Taylor, Owasso

Dr. Taylor introduced himself as a Roseville resident who lives on Owasso and stated that he supports taking action rather than remaining neutral. He noted that inaction supports harmful activities and urged the city to take steps to address the situation.

Dr. Taylor stated that he had worked in equity and justice for approximately 20 years and served on the Equity Commission. He discussed the difference between stated and lived values and noted that the City's values were being tested. He said community trust depended on safety and that if residents did not feel safe, trust could not be established. He stated that the wrong decision would undermine equity efforts, community engagement, and trust-building.

Dr. Taylor urged support for a separation ordinance and stated that he wanted City actions to align with the values he believed the city had committed to. He thanked the Council.

Mr. Scott Szafran, McCarron's Boulevard

Mr. Szafran introduced himself and clarified the pronunciation of his last name. He stated that he was a second-generation immigrant on his father's side. He stated that he had friends

whose families had lived in the United States for many generations, and that they were being targeted because of their skin color. He said he lived on McCarron's Boulevard, had lived in Roseville for six years, and had lived in Minnesota for approximately 20 years.

Mr. Szafran stated that he worked with adults with developmental disabilities and described traveling throughout the metro area for work. He said he observed what he believed to be erratic driving by ICE agents in unmarked vehicles, including vehicles without license plates. He questioned whether those individuals were subject to local laws. He expressed concern about constitutional rights and asked who residents should contact if their rights were violated.

Mr. Szafran stated that he supported the ordinance and urged City leaders and the police department to protect residents and ensure that no one is above the law. He said he experienced significant stress due to concerns about how vulnerable adults and staff could be affected during enforcement activity. He stated his workplace had held meetings to determine how to protect vulnerable individuals and staff from federal actions. He urged the Council to act and thanked the Council.

Ms. Caroline Wedel

Ms. Wedel introduced herself as a 13-year-old Roseville resident and stated that she was autistic. She said she was speaking because she believed the topic was important. She stated that she had attended Little Canada Elementary School and had spoken Spanish since first grade. She said that she had traveled to Mexico since she was 2 years old and had attended school there for 1 year. She stated that she believed it was wrong for people to be deported because they spoke a different language or looked different, including being sent to countries experiencing dangerous conditions.

Ms. Wedel stated that she had immigrant friends and that she had received messages from friends about ICE activity near schools. She noted that some classmates were staying home and that other students were bringing necessities to families afraid to leave their homes. She stated that a school club had changed its meeting times due to safety concerns. She said she attended the meeting to observe how government worked because her generation would eventually hold leadership roles. She expressed concern that children might be afraid their parents would not be home when they returned from school. She urged the Council to pass laws to stop ICE activity, noting that the issue affected not only immigrant communities but also other groups that could be targeted. She thanked the Council.

Ms. Kristin Cabak

Ms. Cabak thanked the Council and attendees and acknowledged the meeting's length. She stated that she had been a Roseville resident since 2017 and was the parent of two children in Roseville. She also noted that she was a public school teacher in a neighboring district.

Ms. Cabak stated that she arrived at school early to prepare and chose to participate in bus duty to help keep students safe. She said she had been explaining to her children why many classmates were absent and why everyday routines, such as recess, had been disrupted. She

stated that her daycare had closed for two days and that families had scrambled to create safe plans. She said she was frustrated by what she described as abnormal circumstances.

Ms. Cabak urged the Council to support the ordinance and pursue additional practical steps to improve safety. She expressed concern about ICE agents using City Park facilities and said she would support restricting access if it prevented federal agents from using the facilities. She said she had been providing mutual aid and coordinating transportation for families. She reported significant student absences and said she was developing plans to teach students remotely who could not attend in person. She urged the Council to take action to ensure the community is safe for students. She thanked the Council.

Ms. Arrolyn Besonen

Ms. Besonen introduced herself as a student at Roseville Area High School. She stated she had not planned to speak but decided to do so after a school walkout. She noted that during the walkout, students grew fearful when they saw a vehicle they believed was associated with ICE, and that she observed panic spread quickly until they learned the individual was an organizer.

Ms. Besonen stated that school staff were working to keep students safe before and after school. She described fear and confusion caused by social media posts claiming that ICE was near the school and noted that an email from the district advised students on what to do if ICE was present at a bus stop. She stated that she believed such guidance was unnecessary and that masked individuals should not be present at bus stops.

Ms. Besonen reported that many students had been absent and stated that she believed all students deserved an education. She urged the Council to consider how children and students observe community leaders' actions. She thanked the Council.

Ms. Emily Graham, Minnesota Avenue

Ms. Graham, a Minnesota Avenue resident who had lived in Roseville for approximately two and a half years, addressed the Council as a parent and community member. She stated that living in fear was unacceptable and recognized the pain and suffering experienced by community members across the state. She expressed pride in Roseville High School students who had demonstrated in support of community safety and noted that children should not have to take on that responsibility. She shared that her four-year-old daughter had noticed a teacher's absence and that she was struggling to explain the situation to a young child.

Ms. Graham stated that she and her family chose Roseville for its diversity, strong schools, and sense of community, and urged the Council not to undermine that decision. She emphasized that police resources should prioritize resident safety rather than the protection of ICE agents and expressed concern about armed agents near schools. She encouraged the Council to continue listening to residents and to take action to protect the community.

Ms. Rose Martin, Lake McCarron

Ms. Martin, a resident living near Lake McCarron, thanked the Council and fellow residents for their time and engagement. She stated that strong moral and ethical reasons supported adopting a separation ordinance and highlighted a practical public safety concern. She referenced a prior speaker's account of harassment in an Aldi parking lot and questioned how residents could distinguish between legitimate law enforcement activity and criminal impersonation. She expressed concern that ICE operations could create opportunities for violent actors to impersonate federal agents. She asked whether residents could trust that police would respond to and investigate reports of harassment. She stated that while she believed the City and Police Department intended to protect residents, ICE activity increased the risk of harm to residents. She also expressed concern about the long-term impact on police integrity and the difficulty of explaining to children which uniformed individuals could be trusted. She urged the city not to assist ICE operations.

Ms. Priyanka, Cleveland Avenue

Ms. Priyanka, a resident of Cleveland Avenue, stated that she was a registered nurse and a future nurse practitioner who planned to continue serving Roseville, particularly underserved communities. She described herself as a first-generation doctoral candidate and a proud Minnesotan. She stated that she routinely carried her passport, naturalization certificate, driver's license, and identification because she feared being detained because of her skin color. She described feeling afraid to attend the meeting despite her legal status. She expressed concern about reports of Native Americans being arrested and stated that she believed such actions were unjust. She expressed pride in Roseville residents and confidence in the Police Department's ability to protect the community. She urged City leaders to demonstrate that they cared about residents by taking action to prevent residents from being detained by masked federal agents.

Ms. Christa Knudsen, 843 Brenner Avenue

Ms. Knudsen, a lifelong Minnesotan and new Roseville resident, said she relocated her multigenerational, multiracial family to Roseville because of its reputation as a vibrant, welcoming, and safe city. She said current conditions had made the city feel unrecognizable. She reported that ICE agents were using city parks, restaurants, neighborhoods, apartment complexes, mobile home parks, roads, and school bus stops for enforcement. She stated that district leadership had implemented safety plans for students and urged City leaders to take decisive action to protect residents. She noted that the current city policy was insufficient and urged the adoption of a strong separation ordinance without delay. She emphasized that the situation was urgent and that Roseville residents and visitors were not safe.

Ms. Jamie Becker-Finn

Ms. Becker-Finn, a Roseville resident and small-business owner, said she had never been prouder of her neighbors and the turnout at the meeting. She described herself as deeply angry about what she characterized as ICE agents terrorizing residents through neighborhood operations. She stated that residents were taking time off work to monitor activity and protect neighbors. She questioned what City leaders had done while residents were actively working to keep their community safe. She described having conversations

with her children about how to respond if targeted by ICE because of their appearance. She stated that Native people were being detained solely based on skin color. She expressed concern that ICE agents were using city resources, including parking lots, streets, and public facilities. She urged City leaders to take a public stance, enact protections through law, and resist cooperation with ICE. She asked the Council to act with urgency and not wait for the standard notice period before taking action.

Dr. Benjamin Robert Eisenreich, Virginia Avenue

Dr. Eisenreich, a Virginia Avenue resident, stated that public participation in civil and criminal justice was a cornerstone of the rule of law. He expressed concern that the current federal administration was undermining that principle. He noted that fear was widespread in the community and that residents were asking for the adoption of a separation ordinance. He urged the Council to listen to residents and take action consistent with community requests.

Ms. Gwen Lee-Irving, Eldridge Avenue

Ms. Lee-Irving, a new Roseville resident who moved to the city within the previous six months, stated that she and her wife chose Roseville because it felt safe. She expressed concern that ICE operations were violating constitutional protections, including due process and protection from unlawful search and seizure. She cited the federal immigration courts' overwhelming caseload and reported that legally present immigrants were being detained when visas expired due to administrative backlogs. She also referenced reports that ICE had wrongfully detained U.S. citizens. She urged the Council not to assist in ICE operations and stated that the City had a moral duty to protect constitutional rights.

Ms. Allegra Lockstadt, 333 County Road B2

Ms. Lockstadt, a Canadian-American resident who had lived in Roseville for approximately two years, expressed support for a clear separation ordinance prohibiting the use of city resources by ICE. She stated that non-white residents were particularly unsafe. She expressed concern about ICE activity near school zones, the presence of unmarked vehicles, and staging operations near residential complexes. She stated that ICE's presence caused residents to avoid calling 911, reporting crimes, and leaving their homes. She noted that ICE typically remains in cities for extended periods and urged the Council to act with urgency.

Ms. Joanne Isdahl, 2202 Midland View

Ms. Isdahl, a resident who had lived in Roseville for three months, urged the Council to expedite the ordinance process. She acknowledged the procedural requirements but said the situation was urgent and that residents could not wait 10 or 30 days for action. She asked the Council to protect residents as quickly as possible.

Mr. Ian Foster, B2 and Victoria

Mr. Foster, who grew up in Falcon Heights and Roseville and had lived in Roseville for several years, stated that Roseville's park system was one of its most valued assets. He expressed dismay that ICE was operating in city parks. He referenced City policy allowing

cooperation with ICE for agent safety and said this language was insufficient. He urged the Council not to assist ICE and to go beyond minimum legal requirements. He asked City leaders to act with courage and protect the community.

Mr. Rich Freyholtz

Mr. Freyholtz stated that he had lived in Roseville for approximately 22 years. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak and noted that he had not originally planned to do so but felt it was a critical time for residents to speak up. He shared that he grew up in a small town in North Dakota, where neighbors looked out for one another, and said he found those same values in Roseville. He stated that Roseville residents care for their neighbors and that the current moment called for people to do the right thing. He expressed support for the proposed separation agreement. He suggested that the city also consider sending a letter of support to the mayors and city councils of Minneapolis and St. Paul or joining their lawsuit against the federal government. He stated that doing so would demonstrate that Roseville is a good neighbor to surrounding communities. He concluded that, regardless of ancestry, everyone in this country has immigrant roots.

Ms. Afton Hanger

Ms. Hanger thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak and noted that it was her first time speaking publicly. She apologized for being nervous and stated that her grandparents built their home on the other side of Howard Johnson Park and had lived in the area since the 1960s and 1970s. She explained that her grandparents raised her mother and her siblings there, as well as their grandchildren, including herself. She shared that her grandfather and mother were proud members of the military. She said her family was proud to live in the community and to contribute to it, even if that contribution was primarily within their neighborhood.

Ms. Hanger stated that she had been a Minnesota resident since fifth grade, attended St. Rose of Lima Catholic School, and later attended De La Salle High School in Minneapolis. She noted that De La Salle emphasized the belief that everyone deserved an education, regardless of background.

Ms. Hanger explained that she had recently seen the impact of current events on the city and surrounding communities. She reported that within 24 hours of the killing of Renee Good, a friend who organized a monthly goth night in the Twin Cities, along with that friend's partner, Anna, was taken into custody by ICE agents in the Central Avenue area of north Minneapolis. She stated that videos of the incident circulated on social media. She reported that Anna was released first and received medical care for a broken hand sustained during the incident.

Ms. Hanger reported that a college friend had said ICE agents were present in her apartment building after staff had left for the day and were searching for people. She added that this friend taught at the university level and had seen students staying home and attending classes via Zoom for their safety.

Ms. Hanger stated that these events had shaken communities but also brought people together, reflecting what others often referred to as "Minnesota Nice." She said that community outreach and support for neighbors reflected the Golden Rule: treat others as you would want to be treated.

Ms. Hanger stated that she did not want her nephew to have to hear explanations about why friends were no longer attending school or about the dangers those friends faced. She stated that they did not want to continue seeing friends taken by ICE without anyone knowing where they were or whether they had been harmed.

Ms. Hanger urged the Council to keep ICE out of the city and to protect community members, noting that she had already seen these impacts affect people she knew. She asked the Council to do the right thing and concluded by thanking the Council for hearing their comments.

Ms. Mayra Reyes, 2718 Dellwood Avenue

Ms. Reyes stated that she immigrated to the United States eleven years ago as an engineer in pursuit of the American Dream. She explained that she chose to purchase a home in Roseville after reviewing crime data and identifying it as the safest area in the northeast metro. She had lived in Roseville for five and a half years and had always felt safe until the previous week. She stated that she no longer felt secure because of the color of her skin and that she now always carried her United States passport out of fear. She said that masked, armed agents were terrorizing residents and asked the Council to act quickly to protect the community. She urged the Council to expedite the separation ordinance process and emphasized that the community was in an emergency.

Ms. Jeena Gurung Vomhof

Ms. Gurung Vomhof stated that she immigrated from Nepal fifteen years ago and has lived, worked, owned a business, and raised a family exclusively in Roseville. She described Roseville as her home and said she has always felt welcome in the community. She shared that she had recently become afraid to go on her early-morning walks for the first time. She stated that despite her fear, she continued to show up for her community because others looked to her for strength. She urged the Council to act and not simply listen. She emphasized that residents had placed their trust in the Council and asked that the city act as soon as possible to keep Roseville safe.

Ms. Kerry Wong, County Road B West

Ms. Carrie Wong stated that she lived near Keller Mayflower Park and had recently become a homeowner in Roseville after fourteen years in the Twin Cities. She expressed support for strengthening the separation ordinance. She also urged the Council to consider restricting the use of automated license plate reader cameras operated by private companies, which collect and store vehicle movement data that ICE may access without a warrant. She stated that limiting these systems would protect both immigrant communities and the privacy of Roseville residents. She encouraged the Council to consider banning such surveillance tools as part of broader community protection.

Ms. Kristina Krohn

Ms. Krohn stated that she was a Roseville resident and a hospitalist physician who cared for both adults and children. She explained that she expected to see an increase in trauma-related mental health crises among children due to recent events. She stated that while physicians often treat harm after it occurs, the Council had the opportunity to prevent damage through its actions. She also noted that she had worked extensively with refugee patients and emphasized the importance of documenting community harm to enable future accountability. She encouraged the city to bring transparency to these events and to act swiftly.

Ms. Victoria Soulia

Ms. Soulia stated that she was a Roseville resident and a First Nations woman from South Dakota. She shared that while returning home from visiting family, she received numerous messages warning her not to answer her door and to carry identification. She described the fear she felt when deciding whether to return home or remain out of state. She said her son told her he wanted to return to a safe city. She urged the Council to ensure that Roseville remains a place where residents can return home safely each evening without fear.

Mr. Bruce Ona, 534 Lovell Avenue

Mr. Ona stated that he had lived on Lovell Avenue in Roseville for 24 years and volunteered at a nursing home. He reported witnessing a human trafficking incident in Roseville involving multiple unmarked vehicles and the rescue of victims. He opposed the proposed separation ordinance and stated that ICE should not be obstructed from arresting violent offenders. He urged cooperation between ICE and local law enforcement and noted that federal immigration laws exist to protect public safety.

Ms. Aleya Berry

Ms. Berry stated that she had grown up in Roseville since childhood and was born and raised in Minnesota. She shared that she had written emergency contact numbers on her arms in case she was detained. She stated that she was fearful for herself, her family, and her community, particularly as a mixed-race Black woman. She described responding to ICE sightings and assisting with community patrols. She urged the Council to exercise its authority to protect immigrant communities.

Ms. Layla Narayo

Ms. Narayo stated that she was twenty years old and had lived in Roseville for nineteen years. She said she had always believed Roseville was a safe place, but no longer did. She shared that her parents were immigrants who came legally and were now living in fear. She stated that if her family were deported to their country of origin, they would face life-threatening danger. She expressed strong support for the separation ordinance and urged the city to join the lawsuit against the federal government.

Ms. Joan Dao

Ms. Doo stated that she had been a Roseville resident since 1994 and had served on the Human Rights Commission. She shared that she was the child of refugees and reflected on Roseville's history, including past redlining and racial discrimination. She noted the meeting's diverse turnout and urged the Council to take a stronger stance against ICE. She said that the Council's actions following the meeting would demonstrate whether it truly stood with its residents.

Mr. Phil Norcross

Mr. Phil Norcross stated that he had lived near McCarron's Lake Park for thirty years. He shared a story about his grandson's fear of federal agents. He urged the City to take a strong stand against ICE, arguing that neutrality was insufficient. He criticized comparisons between opposing ICE and supporting criminal activity and urged the City to resist federal actions he believed endangered residents.

Ms. Noel Bakken, Carroll Place

Ms. Noel Bakken stated that she lived on Carroll Place and had been a Roseville resident for eleven years. She also identified herself as a city employee speaking in her capacity as a resident. She supported a separation ordinance and urged the Police Department to focus on protecting all residents and visitors, including the more than 17,000 people who enter the city daily for work and recreation. She emphasized that ICE activity placed thousands of people at risk and urged the city to take action.

Ms. Elizabeth Omizo, Holton Street

Ms. Omizo stated that she was born and raised in Roseville and chose to return to raise her multiracial family there. She said that ICE actions had created public safety hazards and human rights violations. She urged the City not to allow ICE to use City property or resources and encouraged Roseville to join the lawsuit brought by Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Ms. Cari Gelle, Lovell Avenue

Ms. Gelle stated that she was a longtime Roseville resident who lived near Dale Street and Highway 36. She said she supported accelerating the adoption of a separation ordinance and urged the city to act quickly, given the ongoing crisis. She stated that Roseville was in an emergency and that prior policy work from 2016 and 2017 should be revisited to inform immediate action.

Mr. Brooks Flugaur-Leavitt

Mr. Flugaur-Leavitt stated that although he lived just outside Roseville, the city had been central to his personal and professional life for over a decade. He supported a stronger separation-of-powers framework and urged the city to join the state and municipal lawsuit against the federal government. He stated that the current situation was not only about immigration but also about unchecked power and a lack of accountability. He urged the Police Department to enforce existing traffic and safety laws against unmarked federal vehicles that operate recklessly in the community.

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Mr. Gustave Beaton, 1836 Aglen Street

Mr. Beaton stated that he was a Roseville resident and an anthropology student at the University of Minnesota. He emphasized the importance of historical accountability and noted that history would remember whether Roseville acted or remained silent. He urged the Council to adopt the separation resolution to ensure the city was not remembered as complicit in injustice.

Ms. Cynthia Miller, 1836 Aglen Street

Ms. Miller stated that she had lived in the Twin Cities for thirty years and in Roseville for eight years. She expressed disappointment that a stronger separation ordinance had not been adopted in 2017. She shared concerns raised by Girl Scout leaders about children's safety during cookie season and emphasized civic leaders' responsibility to protect youth. She urged the Council to act to safeguard families and children.

Mr. Darwin Isdahl, Midland Hills Area

Mr. Isdahl stated that he had moved to Roseville in October and had been deeply impressed by the community turnout. He said that using ICE to combat human trafficking was a false argument and that terrorizing entire communities was not a legitimate crime-prevention strategy. He urged the city to support the separation ordinance, stand with Minneapolis in its lawsuit, and protect residents from federal overreach.

Mayor Roe thanked everyone for their comments and noted that the meeting would end at 10:00 p.m. unless a motion to extend was made. He asked Mr. Trudgeon whether the other items on the agenda were essential to consider at the meeting or could be deferred to a future agenda.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the Axon contract would be the only item on the agenda for this meeting.

Mayor Roe explained the EDA meeting would need to be rescheduled for another evening. He asked the city council for a motion to extend the meeting to cover Items 8a and 7b.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, extending the meeting to cover Item 8a (City Council Direction on Future Agenda Item Initiated by Councilmember Bauer – Expectations and Restrictions of DHS, ICE and Associated Agencies Regarding the Use of City Resources Including Property, Staff and Data) and Item 7c (Consider Approval of a Contract with Axon for a Records Management System and Integrated Public Safety Technology).

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 10:00 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 10:05 p.m.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. City Council Direction on Future Agenda Item Initiated by Councilmember Bauer – Expectations and Restrictions of DHS, ICE, and Associated Agencies Regarding the Use of City Resources, Including Property, Staff, and Data.

Mayor Roe suggested using documents from Councilmember Strahan and a petition to seek legal counsel and staff feedback.

Mr. Trudgeon emphasized the need for specific directions to determine the time frame for actions.

Mayor Roe discussed the importance of understanding the impact of various requested actions on the city.

Councilmember Bauer highlighted the need for additional legal work and the potential for expedited meetings.

Councilmember Bauer and Mayor Roe discussed the importance of analyzing and updating the city's policy on ICE.

Councilmember Strahan presented a summary of more than 50 resident emails, outlining 9 points for consideration.

Mayor Roe emphasized the need to differentiate between future agenda discussions and current actions.

Councilmember Strahan suggested using the 2017 policy and ordinance as a base for new language.

Mayor Roe outlined the direction to staff and the attorney to draft ordinance language and consider policy changes. He acknowledged the community's input and the need to review the city's data policy related to flock cameras.

b. Receive Update on Strategic Plan

This item was postponed.

c. Consider Approval of a Contract with Axon for a Records Management System and Integrated Public Safety Technology

Police Chief Erika Scheider briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated January 12, 2026.

Mayor Roe introduced the Axon contract for a records management system.

Mr. Jeff Lopez, Investigations Commander for Roseville Police Department, explained the benefits of the Axon System, including better workflow and integration with St. Paul.

Councilmember Bauer asked about the cost savings and time efficiencies of the new system.

Police Chief Scheider and Mr. Lopez discussed the inefficiencies of the current system and the benefits of the Axon ecosystem.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe invited public comments.

Ms. Carly Ulig

Ms. Ulig, a Roseville resident, expressed concerns about data privacy and the contract term, suggesting a renegotiation.

Mayor Roe closed the public comment and asked for staff and council input.

Mr. Lopez explained the independent audits and data retention policies for body cams and license plate readers.

Police Chief Scheider clarifies that Axon does not have direct access to the city's data.

Mr. Lopez mentioned the significant cost savings of the 10-year agreement compared to a five-year one.

Councilmember Strahan asked about planning for the end of the contract and potential renewals.

Mr. Lopez discussed the proactive approach to future contract reviews and the importance of the Axon system for the department's efficiency.

Groff moved; Bauer seconded. Approved entering into a contract with Axon for a Records Management System and Integrated Public Safety Technology.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Schroeder thanked the staff for providing the information in advance.

Mayor Roe emphasized the importance of the contract for the department's productivity and the community's safety.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

8. Council Direction on Councilmember Initiated Agenda Items

- a. City Council Direction on Future Agenda Item Initiated by Councilmember Bauer – Expectations and Restrictions of DHS, ICE, and Associated Agencies Regarding the Use of City Resources, Including Property, Staff, and Data.**

This item was moved up in the agenda to Item 7a.

9. Approve Minutes

10. Approve Consent Agenda

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

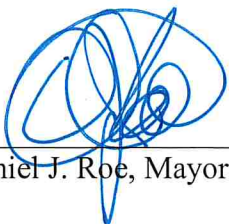
12. Adjourn

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 11:05 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager