



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, January 26, 2026

1. Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Roe read a joint statement from the Roseville City Council condemning recent Department of Homeland Security immigration enforcement actions in the community. It reads as follows:

The recent actions of the Department of Homeland Security immigration enforcement agents in our community stand in direct opposition to the City of Roseville's core values of Accountability, Community, Equity, Safety, and Integrity that are rooted in engagement with our community. Our community is exhausted by the fear and disruption associated with Operation Metro Surge and heartbroken by the loss of life of Renée Good and Alex Pretti. Families hesitate to leave their homes for work, school, or to run basic errands. Trust in public institutions has been shaken at its foundation.

Our community cannot thrive when people are afraid. Public safety cannot exist without trust, and trust cannot exist where intimidation and fear are used as the governing tool. The actions of DHS, and the support those actions receive from elected and appointed federal government officials, undermine at best, and violate at worst, the rights and values guaranteed in our Constitution.

We stand with our residents, our faith leaders, our educators, our businesses, and the countless community members who are acting every day to respond to these federal actions with courage and compassion.

This community belongs to everyone who calls it home.

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As a local government, we commit to using every lawful tool and influence within our authority to support and protect our community. We will continue to center safety, dignity, and belonging in our actions in accordance with our core values. We commit to reducing harm, sharing accurate information, and standing alongside all those who are impacted. We cannot decide federal policy, but we can choose how we respond. We choose to respond with care, resolve, and an unwavering commitment to those who live, work, and visit Roseville.

We unequivocally condemn the dangerous, divisive, and deadly actions of DHS and demand that these actions stop, not just in Roseville and Minnesota, but across the nation.

4. Public Comment

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

Kathy Ramundt, 1161 Laurie Road W, Monte Johnson, 1033 Brooks Avenue W, Bill Farmer, 640 Heinel Drive, Mike Gregory, 1945 Sharondale Avenue

Ms. Kathy Ramundt, Mr. Monte Johnson, Mr. Bill Farmer, and Mr. Mike Gregory presented information about Roseville Cares, a community initiative that highlights and encourages everyday acts of kindness and volunteerism in Roseville. The program, launched in 2025 through Do Good Roseville and the Roseville Area Optimist Club, expanded in 2026 to include more service organizations and local businesses. Ms. Roman emphasized that while many residents want to help, time constraints and uncertainty about where to start can be barriers; Roseville Cares Week is designed to make participation easy through simple, meaningful opportunities.

The initiative offers a wide range of ways to get involved, including at-home projects, group activities, volunteer opportunities with more than 100 local organizations, and donation options such as the Roseville Cares Community Scholarship. Residents highlighted initiatives such as meal programs, collections for community needs, and creative service activities, and encouraged people to share their projects so community efforts can be recognized and amplified.

It was noted that community needs remain stable despite current challenges, and that the importance of safe, positive engagement was emphasized. New this year is an appreciation effort for first responders, including a fundraising campaign for gift cards to support individuals in need who may otherwise go unseen. Overall, residents expressed pride in the community's compassion, collaboration, and momentum, acknowledged the many unsung heroes quietly supporting neighbors, and reaffirmed that Roseville truly cares.

Mayor Roe thanked the group for the information. He reiterated that January 31, 2026, through February 8, 2026, is Roseville Cares Action Week in Roseville, and the information is available at the Do Good Roseville website.

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Ms. Angela Byrne, Chatsworth Street N

Ms. Angela Byrne, a 15-year Roseville resident, expressed deep concern about reports from her community that Roseville police have been seen interacting with ICE officers, which has heightened fear and confusion among residents. She emphasized that a lack of clear communication about police involvement has eroded trust and warned that, without transparency, rebuilding it may be impossible. She stressed that it cannot be assumed that all residents feel protected by law enforcement.

Ms. Byrne also criticized Councilmember Strahan's conduct at the previous meeting, arguing that it was inappropriate to publicly condemn ICE while also chastising residents for expressing anger. She stated that community anger reflects fear and urgency, and she urged councilmembers to accept discomfort and criticism as part of leadership, noting that the stakes for residents are life-or-death. She concluded by asserting that true advocacy requires personal and political cost and solidarity with those most affected, and she used her remaining time to symbolically hold space for neighbors who remain afraid to leave their homes.

Ms. Cari Gelle, Hwy 36 and Dale Street

Ms. Cari Gelle, a 36-year Roseville resident, thanked Mayor Roe for the council's earlier statement condemning immigration enforcement actions in the city. She then raised several questions and concerns for clarification, noting that others in the community may have similar questions.

Ms. Gelle asked about the status of a resolution requesting an eviction moratorium from the governor and sought confirmation that it was still on the agenda. She also flagged a concern about a specific agenda item related to a property approval, citing community information that raised potential short-term safety concerns, and said she would address it further when the item came up.

Additionally, Ms. Gelle asked how future agendas are set and whether upcoming meetings would include follow-up on prior meetings, such as updates from city departments on community support and potential revisions to police procedures related to immigration enforcement. She requested clearer presentations from the council, asking that new items be clearly identified as new and that updates or changes be shown side by side with prior versions to improve public understanding. She concluded by using her remaining time to hold space for the community.

Ms. May Yang, 1901 Ryan Avenue W

Ms. May Yang, a long-time Roseville resident and first-generation Hmong immigrant, spoke about the deep fear and trauma that recent ICE activities have caused for her community and other people of color. While she appreciated the city's statement opposing these actions, she urged the council to go further by advocating for, or requiring, that immigration agents clearly identify themselves and not wear face-covering attire. She emphasized that masked agents breaking into homes is terrifying and leaves people unsure whether those detaining them are legitimate federal officials or someone else. She asked

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whether the city would be willing to demand greater transparency and accountability to protect residents' sense of safety.

Mayor Roe explained at the City Council meeting on January 22, 2026, that there was some discussion about face-covering by ICE agents, and that cities have limited ability to tell federal agencies what they can do.

Mr. Andy Johnson, 218 County Road C W

Mr. Andy Johnson addressed the council, emphasizing that, as elected representatives, they are ultimately responsible for city decisions. He stated that council members are not obligated to remain in office if they disagree with current conditions and urged them to take decisive action rather than deflect responsibility.

Mr. Johnson supported not renewing a short-term rental license, citing safety concerns and reports of problematic occupants. He also raised concerns about the city's use of Flock license-plate reader cameras, arguing that data collected could be misused or accessed by the federal government, intentionally or not, and suggested eliminating the system to prevent potential abuse.

Additionally, Mr. Johnson expressed distrust of law enforcement partnerships with federal agencies and called for reconsidering police funding. He advocated for freezing or reducing police budgets and redirecting resources to other community supports, particularly during the current crisis.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Black History Month Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the Black History Month Proclamation.

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, proclaiming February 2026 Black History Month.

Councilmember Groff stated that recent national developments, including the removal of historical information from museums, underscore that these issues are ongoing and increasingly significant. He emphasized the need for continued attention and, if the situation worsens, additional action.

Councilmember Strahan emphasized the importance of recognizing African Americans' contributions to medical research, including the historical injustices experienced by individuals such as Henrietta Lacks and the victims of the Tuskegee experiments. He noted that these contributions and harms should not be overlooked when discussing public safety and history.

Councilmember Strahan also highlighted the city's ongoing Juneteenth celebrations, noting that Roseville has worked to ensure statements are matched by

meaningful actions, with the event growing each year as a reflection of the city's continued commitment to partnership and progress beyond words.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

b. Optimist Day Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the Optimist Day Proclamation.

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, proclaiming February 5, 2026, Optimist Day.

Councilmember Schroeder noted that the Optimist Club has done excellent work, has been fortunate to see what the Roseville branch does, and is glad to support this.

Councilmember Groff noted that the organization has done meaningful work supporting youth in Ukraine, including bringing students to the U.S. for educational and cultural experiences. He described this as important and impactful work, while acknowledging that it was difficult to highlight it fully given the seriousness of current events.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

c. Accept General Donations to the City of Roseville Parks and Recreation.

Parks and Recreation Director Matt Johnson formally presented a business item to accept \$29,081 in donations made to the Parks and Recreation Department over the past year, as required by state law. The donations, ranging from \$20 to over \$14,000 in cash and in-kind contributions, reflect broad community support for parks and recreation. The funds were used for both general purposes and specific projects, helping reduce pressure on the city's levy and enhance amenities. Examples included upgrades to the Roseville Ice Arena sound system, fencing replacement at the Muriel Sahlin Arboretum, donated flowers for Central Park, and improvements to the Roseville Puppet Wagon. He also noted that many donations were made in memory of park advocates who passed away. Including an additional \$115,000 previously accepted for specific projects, total donations over the past year reached nearly \$145,000.

Mr. Johnson concluded by thanking donors for their financial contributions, advocacy, and volunteerism.

Councilmember Schroeder expressed appreciation for the strong spirit of volunteerism in Roseville, noting that community support extends beyond financial donations to include the significant time residents dedicate to the city. She praised volunteers and partner organizations for helping sustain and enhance the community, and offered heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributes, including those whose efforts may not be formally recognized.

Schroeder moved, Strahan seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12211 (Attachment 1) entitled, "Resolution Accepting Donations".

Councilmember Strahan highlighted the Blooming Boulevard program, noting it as a particularly visible and meaningful example of community volunteerism. He explained that so many residents want to participate in planting flowers that each volunteer receives only a small plot, reflecting the high level of interest and engagement. Strahan praised the program for enhancing the city's year-round appearance, especially along Lexington Avenue, and noted that residents frequently comment on its impact. He expressed gratitude for all donations and volunteers, with special appreciation for this daily, highly visible contribution.

Mayor Roe asked staff whether it was appropriate to publicly name individuals honored through memorial donations. Then he recognized several memorial contributions in honor of Marilyn McGuire, Paul W. Warner, Donald Glendy, and the Verning/Virnic family. He expressed appreciation for these memorials and acknowledged the honorees' love and support of Roseville's parks.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Johnson and all the donors.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Discuss Roseville's 2026 Legislative Priorities

City Manager Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated January 26, 2026.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the council first reviewed Roseville's legislative priorities at the January 5, 2026, meeting, where most of the 2025 priorities were reaffirmed as still relevant, with several brought back for further discussion. He noted that an additional item regarding the eviction moratorium was added after the agenda packet was printed.

Mr. Trudgeon outlined how priorities are divided into high and other priorities, with high priorities defined as issues the city actively advocates for at the legislature through testimony, staff involvement, and council engagement. Four high priorities were carried over from the previous year:

1. Securing state funding for capital improvements at The Oval, noting that while prior funding has been received, additional support is still needed to complete the project.
2. Allowing local governments to designate licensed ambulance service areas, as current state law limits local input and accountability, affecting service quality and response times.
3. Establishing statewide licensing for massage therapists, to improve oversight, better track violations, and help address concerns such as human trafficking that are difficult to manage under the current city-by-city licensing system.
4. Modifying state park dedication laws to allow cities to collect park dedication fees from redevelopment projects that add density but are not classified as land subdivisions, an issue many metro-area cities are jointly advocating to change.

Mr. Trudgeon noted that none of these priorities gained traction during the first year of the legislative session, but expressed hope that progress could be made during the second year.

Mayor Roe asked if some of the items had legislation introduced.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that Statewide licensing for massage therapists had legislation introduced, but no legislative progress was made on ambulance service provider authority or park dedication changes. Funding for The Oval was requested and discussed during the bonding process, and the city testified in support, but it was ultimately not included in the final bonding bill.

Councilmember Bauer noted that while no legislation directly addressed ambulance service authority for cities, related legal changes were affecting rural areas. He characterized this as partial progress, acknowledging that movement had occurred but that it did not fully address the city's concerns.

Mr. Trudgeon believed some funding had come through to help them.

Councilmember Groff explained that one challenge with locally regulated massage therapist licensing is that problem operators can shut down in one city and reopen in another, complicating enforcement and tracking. He emphasized that a statewide licensing system would improve accountability and oversight and thanked staff for clarifying this issue for the public.

Mayor Roe noted that Minnesota already has statewide licensing and regulation for cosmetologists, but not for massage therapists. He stated that this inconsistency is difficult to justify, especially given ongoing concerns related to human trafficking, and reinforced the need for statewide oversight of massage therapy.

Mr. Trudgeon reviewed Roseville's other legislative priorities and proposed additions and revisions. He noted that one previously listed item should be removed following further discussion. Remaining priorities include allowing cities to use websites and digital tools for official notices; reforming police officer arbitration to strengthen local discipline authority; supporting advanced energy standards and green construction within the state building code; continuing state funding for emerald ash borer mitigation; and maintaining funding for mental health services and public-safety resources, including social workers embedded with police.

Mr. Trudgeon discussed adding a clear priority to support local control over zoning, land use, and affordable housing, and opposing one-size-fits-all state mandates—particularly for “missing middle” housing. Additional proposed priorities include restoring the Local Cannabis Aid Account to help cities cover enforcement and implementation costs associated with legal cannabis, and securing state funding to prevent and respond to street racing and carjackings, consistent with prior efforts to address auto theft.

Mr. Trudgeon brought forward prior priorities for discussion: exploring sustainable funding alternatives for cable commissions (including potential broadband franchise fees), noting emerging legal developments and ongoing coordination with the local cable commission; and amending the state building code to allow municipalities to require sprinklers in older multifamily buildings, citing fire safety benefits while acknowledging cost concerns.

Finally, Mr. Trudgeon presented a proposed high-priority request urging the Governor to issue a temporary eviction moratorium to protect residents and businesses affected by federal immigration enforcement actions. He noted that the packet includes a resolution and draft letter, with a suggested addition to address financial support for landlords and homeowners. He recommended passing the resolution and authorizing the letter if the council wishes to proceed. Trudgeon concluded by stating he would gather feedback and return with a final list for adoption at the February 9 meeting, ahead of the legislative session.

Mayor Roe raised two points of discussion regarding the proposed legislative priorities. First, he noted that recent legal developments, as outlined by Attorney Bradley, suggest the regulatory environment may now allow broadband franchising without new legislation. Given that past legislative efforts have not been successful, he suggested this issue may no longer need to be a formal legislative priority, but emphasized the importance of continued coordination with the Cable Commission

and neighboring cities to explore franchising opportunities as broadband providers expand.

Second, regarding the fire code priority for sprinkler requirements, Mayor Roe acknowledged that the issue has been on the city's priority list for several years, with limited progress. He stated that if the fire department continues to support the measure, he would not recommend removing it solely because of a lack of traction, while remaining open to input from other councilmembers.

Councilmember Schroeder explained her reasoning for adding language about financial resources to the proposed eviction moratorium request. She emphasized that while renters are often the focus, immigration enforcement actions can also affect homeowners, particularly first-time homeowners and small "mom-and-pop" landlords, who may struggle financially, as seen during the COVID-19 crisis. She stressed the importance of not excluding these groups from potential protection or assistance.

Councilmember Schroeder noted that the state already collects a housing-related sales tax that could be used to fund housing stability programs. She intended to ensure the proposal was inclusive and recognized the broader housing impacts on renters, homeowners, and small landlords.

Mayor Roe suggested that, in addition to an eviction moratorium, the city may want to consider advocating for a foreclosure moratorium to address impacts on homeowners and mortgage holders. He emphasized the need to consider housing stability beyond renters alone. He also asked for clarification on how the state housing-related sales tax is allocated, specifically whether those funds are fully distributed to local communities or partially retained by the state, before assuming they could be used for local housing assistance.

Mr. Trudgeon stated that it is not entirely clear how the state housing-related sales tax is allocated. He noted that the city does receive a local appropriation from it, but he was unsure whether the state retains any portion. He identified this as a good question that would need further clarification.

Mayor Roe stated that regardless of how the state housing sales tax is allocated, the city has already begun preliminary discussions about broader housing funding and the use of Roseville's local share of housing-related revenues. He said he would support including language in the city's request to the governor, calling for financial assistance to accompany any eviction moratorium, without specifying a particular funding source.

Mayor Roe emphasized that while protection helps tenants, it is also important to maintain the overall financial health of the local housing system. He highlighted the role of small landlords and owners of naturally occurring affordable housing,

noting that if they are financially harmed and unable to continue providing housing, it would worsen the community's housing situation. He concluded that he supports inclusive language that balances tenant protections with property owners' ability to preserve housing stability.

Councilmember Bauer followed up on the discussion of housing-related sales tax funds, noting that their use is currently very restricted and primarily limited to rental assistance. He expressed interest in seeking greater flexibility so that those funds could also support homeownership assistance, enabling the city to help both renters and homeowners.

Councilmember Bauer suggested that expanding allowable uses of existing funds could be a faster, near-term solution, since the funds are already available. He noted that current rules may already allow some flexibility through administrative approval. He proposed working with Minnesota Housing to seek permission, potentially at the administrative level rather than through the governor, to expand how Roseville can use these funds.

Mayor Roe clarified that several related issues are being discussed simultaneously. He noted that he has already asked staff to research whether Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) funds from the local housing sales tax could be used for mortgage assistance. However, he acknowledged there may be restrictions requiring special permission. He summarized the emerging consensus as advocating for eviction, and potentially foreclosure moratoriums, coupled with financial assistance for renters and homeowners, and seeking greater flexibility for cities to use LAHA funds to address these housing needs more comprehensively.

Councilmember Bauer noted that communities like Roseville, which are largely built out and lack extensive apartment housing stock, face unique challenges. He indicated his support for the approach being discussed to address housing needs under those conditions.

Councilmember Strahan, noting her new role as an ambassador to Nine North, emphasized the value of the public access television resource to the community. She highlighted that Nine North has historically been funded through the Cable Commission and expressed surprise at how many residents continue to subscribe to cable, underscoring the ongoing relevance and importance of public access media.

Mayor Roe indicated that it is still funded by cable, but the revenue declines each year as fewer people subscribe to cable television.

Councilmember Strahan emphasized the importance of Nine North as Roseville's public access media outlet, describing it as the community's local news source that documents city events, sports, and everyday civic life. She noted that declining resources make sustainable funding especially important.

Councilmember Strahan expressed support for retaining broadband franchising as a priority, referencing Woodbury's success and Nine North's leadership on the issue, but agreed that if franchising can proceed without legislative approval, the focus should shift from advocacy to implementation.

Councilmember Strahan also commented on the proposed eviction moratorium letter, urging caution in how financial assistance language is framed. While supportive of helping small landlords who may face losses, she stressed that assistance should not be interpreted as making large private equity firms whole, and that funding should be targeted and equitable rather than universally applied.

Mayor Roe suggested revising the language of the proposed request to direct financial assistance to impacted renters and homeowners rather than landlords. He explained that providing aid directly to renters would help prevent evictions, allow tenants to remain in good standing with their rent, and still ensure landlords are paid indirectly. He indicated this approach would be the most logical and equitable way to maintain housing stability.

Councilmember Groff agreed that directing housing assistance to renters makes sense. He also expressed support for the approach on cable commissions. Regarding sprinkler system requirements, he expressed uncertainty about the high cost and complexity of retrofitting older buildings. While acknowledging the importance of life safety, he noted that the timing and feasibility of implementation require careful consideration. He recommended keeping the issue on the priority list for further discussion, recognizing that the details are not simple to resolve.

Mayor Roe asked whether it would be appropriate to include language calling for a financial framework to support implementation, particularly to help address costs, rather than simply setting a requirement without identifying how it could be funded or made feasible.

Councilmember Groff stated a preference for including a financial framework to support any sprinkler retrofit requirements, noting that in some cases the cost of installing sprinklers could exceed the value of older buildings. He emphasized this as a practical concern rather than opposition to safety goals. He also raised a clarifying question about whether a particular legislative item under discussion was intended to apply at the federal level.

Mayor Roe suggested adding a federal legislative priority based on concerns raised by residents, proposing that Roseville urge its federal representatives to pursue legislation requiring federal enforcement officers to identify themselves clearly and not wear masks during routine operations. He noted that similar identification requirements already exist for other law enforcement agencies and that appropriate exceptions could remain for legitimate undercover work. Mayor Roe framed this as

a way to promote accountability and public trust through law, rather than relying solely on agency discretion, and invited council discussion on the idea.

Councilmember Groff expressed support for adding a federal legislative priority requiring federal law enforcement officers to identify themselves clearly. While acknowledging it would be a difficult effort, he said raising the issue is an important first step that could encourage other communities to join in. He emphasized the seriousness of residents' concerns, stating that being detained by masked individuals is deeply threatening and can feel like kidnapping. Groff noted that while local federal representatives may be supportive, broader pressure at the state and national level is needed, and he supported pursuing this advocacy.

Councilmember Bauer voiced support for adding a federal legislative priority requiring federal enforcement officers to identify themselves. He noted that the timing may be favorable and suggested advancing the issue through established channels such as the League of Minnesota Cities and the National League of Cities. Bauer said this approach could help aggregate support from multiple cities and increase influence at the federal level. He indicated he is willing to bring the issue forward through those organizations to see how far the advocacy could go.

Mayor Roe stated that he would raise the issue directly with Congresswoman McCollum during a scheduled call the following morning, signaling immediate federal-level follow-up on the council's concerns.

Councilmember Schroeder agreed with Councilmember Bauer's suggestion to elevate the issue through the League of Minnesota Cities. She noted that with roughly 800 cities involved, bringing the concern to that level would significantly amplify the city's voice. She expressed support for using broader municipal organizations to advance the issue and appreciated Bauer's willingness to carry it forward.

Councilmember Bauer argued that broadband franchise fees should remain a legislative priority, stating the issue is not settled. He explained that Woodbury's situation involved a new, willing broadband provider and a unique open-access buildout, which differs from Roseville's and from the circumstances of many inner-ring metro cities with existing providers.

Councilmember Bauer cautioned that imposing franchise fees on current broadband providers would likely face legal challenges and may not withstand scrutiny under current law. He emphasized that existing court cases have not fully tested the scope of broader franchise authority. He said legislative clarity is still needed, particularly to align broadband regulation with that of utilities such as gas and electric.

Mayor Roe noted that Roseville has previously required new cable providers to enter into a franchise agreement, citing a provider that entered the market in the

mid-2010s and complied with existing franchise requirements. He suggested this shows franchising can still be effective for new entrants, even if existing providers are grandfathered in. While acknowledging Councilmember Bauer's concerns, Mayor Roe agreed that continuing to pursue cable franchising at the legislature makes sense. He noted that the issue has previously been included as an "other priority," not a high priority, and indicated it would likely remain in that category.

Councilmember Bauer cautioned that broadband franchising remains complicated because the term "broadband" covers a wide range of services, including non-consumer and business applications. He noted that unclear definitions and boundaries create uncertainty about how regulations would apply, reinforcing his view that the issue is unsettled and warrants continued legislative attention.

Mr. Trudgeon stated that he had captured the council's feedback and would bring back revisions, including adding a federal legislative priority, incorporating language about a financial framework for sprinkler requirements, and keeping broadband franchise fees as an "other priority." Given the urgency around the eviction moratorium, he drafted preliminary language for council consideration that would call for a temporary moratorium paired with clear state guidance, coordinated implementation, and financial resources. The draft language would also grant cities authority and flexibility to use LAHA funding to assist impacted renters and homeowners.

Mayor Roe questioned whether the proposed language should explicitly include a foreclosure moratorium in addition to an eviction moratorium. He noted uncertainty about whether foreclosure protections were included during the COVID-era moratoriums and raised the point for consideration rather than making a firm recommendation.

Councilmember Bauer stated that foreclosure protections were not included in earlier moratoriums, but he explicitly supported adding foreclosure protections alongside eviction in the proposed language. He said this would clearly show the city is addressing both renters and homeowners, and emphasized that any moratorium should be temporary and targeted by need. He indicated support for updating the wording to reflect an eviction and foreclosure moratorium and asked if any further clarification was needed.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment.

Ms. Cali Carper, 915 Lovell Ave W

Ms. Carper urged the council to strengthen the language of Roseville's proposed resolution and letter, arguing that it is too mild compared to a more forceful resolution adopted by the Minneapolis City Council. She noted that Minneapolis's

language explicitly referenced violence, threats, abduction, displacement, and homelessness, while Roseville's draft relies on softer terms such as uncertainty and fear.

Ms. Carper emphasized that, after hours of public testimony, the community is asking for clearer, firmer, and more urgent language that reflects the severity of residents' experiences.

Ms. Carper stressed that because Minneapolis's resolution was not signed by its mayor, Roseville could become a leading city in formally urging action from Governor Walz, making its wording especially consequential beyond just Roseville. She encouraged the council to move from "seeking to act" to clearly stating that it *is* acting, and to ensure the strong condemnation and urgency expressed earlier in the meeting are reflected directly in the resolution and letter.

Ms. Carper expressed hope that the council would vote in favor of the resolution but urged members to consider amendments before final adoption. She cautioned against the process becoming stalled by procedural delays and reiterated her concern that the current language lacks sufficient strength. Carper specifically encouraged the council to include clear language stating that the city *stands alongside community members*, noting that this phrasing appears in the Minneapolis resolution but is missing from Roseville's draft. She emphasized that support should be framed as standing with the people themselves, not only as readiness to assist the state, and thanked the council for considering her input.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Carper for her feedback and acknowledged that differences in language likely resulted from the resolutions being drafted at different times. He indicated the council could incorporate stronger language from one resolution to improve the other. He expressed appreciation for the input, noted a spelling error would be corrected, and then invited additional public comment on the proposed legislative priorities.

Ms. Jessie Austin O'Neal, 464 Glenwood Avenue

Ms. Austin O'Neal expressed support for the proposed eviction moratorium resolution and letter. She noted that the governor's office has a clear precedent for enacting a moratorium, referencing the one implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Austin O'Neal argued that the current situation is especially urgent because it represents an intentional crisis that disproportionately targets vulnerable community members. She welcomed the council's discussion of local rental and mortgage assistance. She encouraged the council to move forward promptly, advising against delaying action on minor language revisions while still taking meaningful steps now.

Ms. Cari Gelle, Hwy 36 and Dale Street

Ms. Gelle urged the council to act as quickly as possible on the eviction moratorium, noting that if the governor has the authority to act without waiting for the legislative session, that option should be pursued. She emphasized the urgency, given the proximity to the next rent due date, stating that timely action could make a meaningful difference for residents facing February 1 rent obligations. She encouraged the council to move faster if possible, or to proceed as soon as possible.

Mayor Roe thanked the speakers and closed the public comment period on the legislative priorities. He suggested authorizing the letter and resolution to be sent pending final edits, noting that the letter may be easier to finalize quickly, while resolutions typically require formal council action. He indicated the council could send the letter first and follow up with a finalized resolution if needed, and invited feedback from councilmembers, staff, and legal counsel on that approach.

Councilmember Bauer stated that he is comfortable approving the resolution as written. He acknowledged that stronger language could be added. Still, he argued that the resolution and letter are directed to the governor, who is already well aware of the situation and has the authority to act.

Councilmember Bauer suggested that the current wording may be intentionally broader and less confrontational to build broader support rather than alienate potential allies. He emphasized the importance of moving quickly and stated that, in his view, the existing language is sufficient to demonstrate Roseville's support and enable timely action.

Councilmember Schroeder agreed that acting quickly is more important than further revising the language. She expressed support for passing the resolution with the single agreed-upon change and emphasized the need to send it promptly. Schroeder noted that the primary goal is to clearly signal the city's support to the governor, who will ultimately craft any action in his own words, and she urged the council not to delay by continuing to refine the language.

Councilmember Groff emphasized that time is of the essence and that action should not be delayed in pursuit of perfect language. He acknowledged that while the documents may not sound as strong as some would prefer, they contain the necessary statements.

Councilmember Groff urged the council to approve the documents that evening so action could be taken promptly.

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12212 (Attachment 3) entitled, "Resolution Calling on Governor Walz to Pass an Eviction and foreclosure Moratorium through Executive Order to Support Roseville in Keeping Families in

their Homes and Further Protect them from ICE”. And approval of the letter to Governor Walz with the changes as discussed.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Roe clarified to the public that, while all councilmembers have their names on the draft letter, that did not mean that the letter was approved until this vote was taken, and that councilmembers would officially sign the letter now that it is approved. He noted there was no objection to adding the proposed federal legislative priority and confirmed it would be treated as a high priority. Mayor Roe indicated the city would proceed immediately on that item rather than wait for the final compiled document. He concluded by confirming that staff had clear guidance and that the full set of legislative priorities would be brought back to the council for formal adoption at the February 9, 2026, meeting.

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 January 5, 2026, and January 2, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

Bauer moved, Groff seconded, approval of the January 5, 2026, and January 12, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

10. Approve Consent Agenda

At Mayor Roe's request, City Manager Trudgeon briefly reviewed the items being considered under the Consent Agenda, as detailed in specific Requests for Council Action dated January 26, 2026, and related attachments.

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

a. Approve Payments

ACH Payments	\$483,555.64
114534-114670	1,734,825.96
TOTAL	\$2,218,381.60

b. Approve 1 Temporary Liquor License and 1 Temporary Gambling Permit

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

d. Receive City Grant Applications Update

e. Approve the Renewal of a Short-Term Rental License for 29 South Owasso Blvd

f. Approve the Renewal of a Short-Term Rental License for 770 Heinel Drive

g. Approve the Renewal of a Short-Term Rental License for 1901 Ryan Avenue

h. Award Willow Pond Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) Project Agreement

i. Adopt a Resolution Approving Motor Vehicle Repair as a Conditional Use for Roseville Automotive, 2150 Hamline Avenue

j. Approve Agreement for Financial Personnel Services and Data Center Lease with Metro-INET

k. Accept Donation from Midway Speedskating Club for Travel Expenses for Staff

l. Authorize Staff to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Toltz, King, Duvall, Anderson, and Associates (TKDA) for the Pathway Feasibility Study of the Right-of-Way at Aldine Street

Councilmember Strahan provided an update on concerns related to the property at 770 Heinel Drive. She explained that staff explored whether a rental log, similar to a hotel registry, could be required, but determined it would be very limited in access and use. The city confirmed the property complies with the ordinance limiting occupancy to no more than four unrelated adults, and a minimum seven-day stay requirement has been implemented to prevent frequent turnover.

Councilmember Strahan stated that the city has been informed that the renters of concern are no longer occupying the home and that there have been no additional violations or complaints associated with the property.

Councilmember Strahan emphasized that the homeowner has been cooperative and responsive, working with both the city and neighbors to address concerns. She also noted the legal challenges of restricting who a property owner may allow to occupy their home and referenced ongoing communication with the city attorney on the matter.

Mayor Roe noted that there are legal limitations on the city's ability to restrict access to lodging at public establishments. He framed this as a broader legal question about the scope of municipal authority to regulate who may stay in such accommodations.

City Attorney Tierney stated that restricting access to lodging is a broad and complex legal issue. She noted that she is not aware of existing regulations that do this and questioned what legal basis would support such a restriction. She added that, at best, it would require significant legal research to determine whether such authority exists.

Mayor Roe expressed concern that restricting who can stay in rental properties could raise constitutional and civil rights issues. He acknowledged that it is reassuring to know the rental situation in question has ended and that the individuals of concern are no longer occupying the property.

Mayor Roe noted that the homeowner indicated the renters were engineers working on a local project. Still, he recognized there is no practical way for owners or the city to verify such claims independently. He emphasized that this places small residential property owners in a difficult position, as they are not equipped to police renters and may fear losing access to national rental platforms that help them meet their financial obligations.

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

a. Monthly Commission Updates:

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the new Monthly Commission Update that will be shared each month with the City Council and public.

b. Future Meeting Agenda Highlights

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the February 9, 2026, City Council meeting; the February 17, 2026, and February 19, 2026, Commission Interviews; and the February 23, 2026, EDA and City Council meetings.

12. Adjourn

Groff moved, Bauer seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 7:31 p.m.

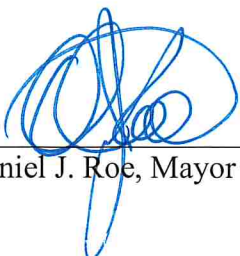
Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

ATTEST:


Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager


Daniel J. Roe, Mayor