



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, February 9, 2026

1. Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

Mayor Roe called for public comment by audience members on non-agenda items. No one came forward to speak.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Introduce Finance Director Sam Magureanu

City Manager Trudgeon introduced the new finance director, Sam Magureanu, highlighting his extensive experience in local government finance.

Mr. Magureanu expressed his excitement about joining the city and thanked the council for the opportunity.

Mayor Roe welcomed Mr. Magureanu.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Consider Approving Updated Roseville Police Department Policy 413 (Immigration Matters) and Receive Update on City's Actions Regarding Operation Metro Surge

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated February 9, 2026.

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City Manager Trudgeon indicated that the Council is reviewing Section 413.6 of Roseville Police Department Policy 413, which addresses immigration matters and federal requests for assistance. This section has been under City Council oversight since 2017.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that at a January 22, 2026, special meeting, the Council asked staff to revise the language, particularly around references ensuring the safety of federal immigration officers. Staff then worked with the Police Department's Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC), a resident-based advisory group, to review and update the policy. The proposed revisions clarify that police officers will not participate in immigration enforcement or inquire about immigration status unless it relates to a local criminal investigation. Officers may respond to federal immigration operations only for public safety reasons, such as preventing injury or maintaining order, and any assistance must be limited strictly to public safety functions. The policy also reiterates compliance with state and federal law and directs that requests from federal immigration officials be routed through a supervisor.

Mr. Trudgeon stated that the revised language presented is the proposed policy. He asked the Council to review it and consider approving it later in the meeting if it appears acceptable. He also offered to pause for questions at that time, noting that the Police Chief was present to assist, or to continue with the presentation and return to the discussion afterward, depending on the Council's preference.

Mayor Roe suggested staff should pause for questions.

Councilmember Schroeder asked about the MAC's role.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) is a volunteer group of roughly 12 to 20 community members that was formed after the murder of George Floyd to strengthen engagement with residents, particularly people of color. Over the past five years, the group has met periodically to review police department policies, provide feedback on community interactions, and help build relationships through networking and community events. He described the MAC as a valuable and insightful resource and expressed appreciation for their volunteer commitment and contributions to improving city policies and practices.

Councilmember Schroeder requested confirmation that the Multicultural Advisory Committee works closely with the police department to help shape department policies and related matters.

Mr. Trudgeon confirmed that MAC is consulted regularly.

Councilmember Strahan clarified to the public that Roseville Police officers will activate their body-worn cameras during any interactions with ICE, Border Patrol,

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or other federal agencies, consistent with department policy. She sought confirmation that cameras would be on to document the interaction, even if the federal agency involved had its own recording equipment.

Mr. Trudgeon stated that the department has strict body camera policies and that officers must have their body cameras activated for any call for service, including interactions with other agencies. He confirmed that cameras are consistently used during those situations.

Mayor Roe noted that the previous policy referenced participation in task forces, but that language is absent from the revised version. While he indicated he did not necessarily object to its removal, he asked whether the omission was specifically discussed or recommended by the Multicultural Advisory Committee during the amendment process.

Mr. Trudgeon said he was not certain he could fully answer the question and suggested the Police Chief address it directly. He indicated that the issue of task force participation was likely discussed, and that its removal may reflect that conversation, but deferred to the Chief for clarification.

Police Chief Scheider explained that the task force language was removed because it was not relevant to the department's work. While the department does collaborate with federal partners on issues such as human trafficking, those efforts are not tied to immigration enforcement. As a result, the language was considered unnecessary and was removed.

Following that clarification, Mayor Roe asked the Chief to describe the level of consensus within the Multicultural Advisory Committee when finalizing the revised policy language. He asked whether the group generally agreed on the revisions or whether there were ongoing concerns among members.

Chief Scheider explained that the proposed policy language was shared with MAC members in advance for review. Although not all members were able to attend the meeting, they had the opportunity to provide input by email. Based on the meeting discussion, a draft revision was prepared and circulated again to ensure it reflected the group's feedback. A few minor wording edits were received, and no additional concerns were raised after the final version was distributed, indicating that it captured the committee's input.

Mr. Trudgeon said he wanted to provide an update on the actions the city has taken in response to community input on this issue. He acknowledged that some information may be repetitive, but emphasized the importance of outlining the steps taken.

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Mr. Trudgeon noted that on January 15, 2026, the city installed signs in parking lots, parks, and facilities stating that those spaces are to be used only for their intended purposes unless permitted by the city. This measure is intended to prevent ICE or other agencies from staging operations in those locations. He also acknowledged that enforcement may be challenging and encouraged residents to report concerns, adding that the city would follow up with the Attorney General and consider any necessary future action.

Mr. Trudgeon provided an overview of the additional actions the city has taken in response to community concerns about federal immigration enforcement. He shared that residents can report concerns to complaint@cityofroseville.com. The city has revised several police department policies, including clarifying that automated license plate reader data is not shared with immigration officials, strengthening protections for First Amendment assemblies, and requiring officers to be clearly identified by name and badge, with limits on facial coverings.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the City Council has passed an ordinance and resolution prohibiting the use of city resources for federal immigration enforcement, issued a public statement denouncing federal enforcement actions, urged the Governor to consider an eviction and foreclosure moratorium related to Operation Metro Surge, and added a federal legislative priority addressing identification requirements for federal law enforcement officers.

Mr. Trudgeon stated that the city has created and regularly updates an immigrant resources webpage that includes statements, legal resources, “know your rights” information, food shelf resources, and business guidance. Additional transparency pages provide details about automated license plate readers and Flock camera systems, including audits, policies, and participating agencies.

Mr. Trudgeon noted that operational steps include:

- Keeping park buildings locked unless events are occurring.
- Allowing last-minute facility cancellations with refunds if related to immigration enforcement concerns.
- Developing a trusted messenger program for two-way communication with community members.
- Exploring flexible or private license center appointment hours.
- Considering rent assistance funding through the EDA.
- Preparing informational materials for multifamily property owners and renters.

Mr. Trudgeon explained the city has also distributed a “What You Need to Know” document outlining what the Roseville Police Department does and does not do regarding immigration enforcement, how to identify Roseville officers, and how to file complaints about federal officials. The document has been translated into Spanish, with additional languages planned. Finally, he highlighted a food and

personal products drive in partnership with the school district to support families in need. He noted that the city would next receive an update from the city attorney regarding the State of Minnesota's lawsuit related to federal immigration enforcement actions.

City Attorney Tierney explained that a federal district court recently denied the State of Minnesota and the Twin Cities' request for a preliminary injunction that sought to block federal immigration arrests in Minnesota. Although the injunction was denied, the lawsuit remains active and will proceed on its merits.

City Attorney Tierney noted that the Attorney General's Office has several options moving forward, including appealing the denial, seeking a preliminary injunction on a different legal theory, or proceeding without an injunction. No decision has been publicly announced yet. She also shared that the city attorney's office is working with the Attorney General's Office to draft potential amicus briefs to support the litigation and offered to provide more information to the Council if the Council is interested in participating.

Councilmember Bauer asked whether, to the City Attorney's knowledge, the Attorney General's Office has formally requested cities to join the lawsuit or provide assistance, based on any discussions held so far.

City Attorney Tierney explained that she is not the primary point of contact in her office who communicates directly with the Attorney General's Office. However, she understands that the Attorney General may seek support from cities at some point, though the specific form that support would take has not yet been determined. She noted that some cities have already filed briefs, often from a prosecutorial or law enforcement perspective. Her firm is exploring support from the broader perspective of a city as an entity, rather than solely from a law enforcement standpoint. She emphasized that they will coordinate closely with the Attorney General's Office and the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul to ensure that any support reflects the unique roles and perspectives of the cities.

City Attorney Tierney also clarified that, because the Attorney General filed the lawsuit on behalf of the State of Minnesota, the City of Roseville is already covered by the case and that any relief granted would apply to Roseville.

Councilmember Strahan asked whether the city needs to take any action at this time, given that the Attorney General's next steps are still unclear. She expressed uncertainty about the City's next steps and asked whether there is a specific next step for the Council.

City Attorney Tierney stated that the Council does not need to take any urgent action at this time. She explained that the Attorney General's Office has not yet provided directions on how cities can be most helpful. Still, they are aware that

some cities are interested in offering support. She noted that if an urgent need arises, she will promptly communicate it to the Council through the City Manager. However, she emphasized that litigation typically moves slowly and that an immediate decision would be surprising. She added that the Attorney General's Office is likely still determining its strategy and would not publicly share next steps until decisions are finalized.

Mayor Roe asked whether there were any objections to receiving updates on the potential amicus brief and to considering participation at the appropriate time. Hearing no objection from the Council, he indicated that the direction is to receive updates and evaluate participation as more information becomes available.

Mr. Trudgeon informed the Council about the Safe and Stable Communities Coalition, a nonpartisan group of cities that recently formed in response to Operation Metro Surge. The coalition was initially formed by 12 cities, primarily in the west metro, including Maplewood, and was not widely announced in advance, which surprised other cities. The coalition is focused on three core messages: prioritizing safety over partisanship, supporting economic stabilization, and protecting local control and constitutional rights. Its purpose is to advocate collectively for change at the state and federal levels, likely with the assistance of a consultant or lobbyist.

Mr. Trudgeon noted that approximately 30 cities are now considering joining, which would reduce the estimated per-city cost to around \$2,000. He brought the information forward for discussion, noting that both residents and councilmembers had inquired about it, and offered to gather more details if the Council is interested in pursuing membership.

Councilmember Strahan stated that she had also raised the coalition for discussion and appreciated receiving more information. She noted that several of the cities involved have previously worked with the same lobbying firm and have confidence in its work. She emphasized the value of a broad group of metro-area cities, particularly suburban ones, coming together to share a collective voice. Rather than always following the lead of Minneapolis or St. Paul, she expressed support for a suburban perspective, especially from first-ring suburbs facing similar concerns. She indicated support for moving forward, at least to understand better the commitment and potentially join the coalition, highlighting the benefits of cooperation and shared learning.

Councilmember Groff expressed support for moving forward as more information becomes available. He noted that while individual outreach to legislators is valuable, coordinated action among a larger group of cities carries more influence and creates a stronger collective voice. He added that joining the coalition would demonstrate seriousness and show that many cities stand united on the issue.

Councilmember Schroeder asked whether it would be possible to invite a coalition representative to a future meeting so the Council could have a direct conversation and ask questions about the group and its work.

City Manager Trudgeon said he could reach out to the coalition about attending a meeting. He explained that the group is largely a grassroots effort of city managers and elected officials from across the metro area, with a third-party consultant involved. He noted that there is a designated point of contact and that he would follow up with them.

Councilmember Schroeder said it would be helpful to have someone directly involved with the coalition attend a meeting to provide a summary of its purpose and activities and to allow the Council to ask questions.

Mayor Roe said he was initially cautious about joining a coalition that involves hiring a consultant, emphasizing the importance of understanding the background and purpose before committing. However, based on the information reviewed, he believes it is worth seriously considering and continuing discussions with the organizers.

Mayor Roe noted that several Ramsey County cities are either already involved or exploring participation. He suggested it may be appropriate to place the matter on the February 23 agenda for further consideration. He added that the coalition's stated goals do not appear controversial from a municipal perspective, particularly with respect to impacts on residents, businesses, and communities, and expressed support for continuing the conversation. He then asked City Manager Trudgeon for any additional updates on city activities related to the issue.

City Manager Trudgeon said there were no additional updates for the evening but emphasized that the work is ongoing. He stressed that the city's efforts will continue day by day and week by week, and that staff will remain flexible and responsive as circumstances evolve. He added that if specific situations arise requiring Council action or direction, they will bring those matters forward.

Mayor Roe provided an update on recent regional and federal discussions. He shared that he participated in a call with Congresswoman Betty McCollum's office, which focused primarily on federal grant programs being pursued by cities in her district. A second meeting, hosted by the Ramsey County League of Local Governments, included broader participation from cities, school districts, and the county, and allowed for more discussion about concerns related to federal immigration enforcement and legislative priorities.

Mayor Roe noted that while the federal outlook appears challenging, particularly in the U.S. House, there may be more opportunity in the Senate due to procedural rules. He encouraged continued outreach to federal representatives, particularly

regarding concerns about federal enforcement practices, including facial coverings and vehicle identification. He also referenced media reports about enforcement vehicles using mismatched license plates, noting that Minnesota law requires proper registration for state and local unmarked law enforcement vehicles. However, federal agencies are not necessarily subject to the same state requirements.

Mayor Roe also discussed attending a Mounds View School District meeting with City Manager Trudgeon. While the meeting was typically an annual update, this meeting focused around a discussion on Operation Metro Surge. He highlighted efforts by the school district and affiliated food shelf to provide food and limited rental assistance, as well as similar efforts by faith communities and cities. He noted that cities are exploring ways to use state sales tax funds designated for affordable housing to support rent assistance for those affected by the current situation. He concluded by emphasizing that significant collaboration is occurring across cities, school districts, and community partners, both formally and informally.

Councilmember Schroeder noted that she serves as Roseville's representative to the Ramsey County League of Local Governments and referenced the Friday meeting mentioned by the Mayor, which included participation from 43 representatives across cities, the county, school districts, and even watershed organizations.

Councilmember Schroeder emphasized the broad collaboration taking place among various entities to share information, support one another, and address community needs. She added that the group continues to reach out to state and federal representatives to communicate concerns and priorities.

Councilmember Schroeder underscored that significant cooperation is happening, both through formal structures and informal conversations, and that cities are actively learning from one another about policies, strategies, and potential partnerships.

Councilmember Strahan noted that although she is no longer the official liaison to local elected officials, she has recently spoken with several state legislators, including Representative Lee Finke and Representative David Gottfried, about the city's concerns. She said they share those concerns.

Councilmember Strahan mentioned that Representative Leigh Finke plans to introduce legislation addressing facial-covering and license-plate identification issues. While acknowledging that state authority over federal enforcement is limited, she noted that multiple efforts are underway. She added that Senator Marty, as a senior member of the Senate, is actively working through committees and discussions, including engagement with the Minnesota Supreme Court. However, there is general frustration about the difficulty of holding the federal government accountable.

Councilmember Strahan also shared that, as Roseville's representative to NineNorth, she participated in discussions with the 10-member cities about their respective responses. She said the conversation was productive, noted that several cities looked to Roseville as an early leader on the issue, and emphasized that many of the strategies being discussed have come through collaboration and shared learning among cities.

Councilmember Bauer explained that his involvement has been more informal, consisting of conversations with other city elected officials through phone calls, virtual meetings, and informal gatherings. He described these discussions as brainstorming sessions to share ideas, compare what is working and what is not across cities, and explore potential solutions.

Councilmember Bauer noted that some ideas are later brought forward to more formal organizations, such as the League of Minnesota Cities or the Ramsey County League, for further consideration. While not all ideas are applicable across cities, he emphasized the value of ongoing dialogue and collaboration as part of a continuous, informal effort to address the issue.

Councilmember Groff said he agreed with the earlier comments on formal and informal collaboration with neighboring cities. He emphasized his role as liaison to Northeast Youth and Family Services, noting that the organization focuses on addressing trauma affecting children in schools and is currently overwhelmed. He cautioned that the impacts of recent events may persist for years and encouraged considering organizations like that when planning community support.

Councilmember Groff also shared that he has received messages from friends and family across the country asking how they can help, which he described as encouraging. He highlighted Do Good Roseville's recent newsletter, particularly a review written by Cathy Vermont, which outlined local and regional developments and offered numerous ways for residents to get involved, from financial and food support to simply helping neighbors. He encouraged others to read it and stay engaged.

Mayor Roe added that local police chiefs have been in discussions with one another and possibly with other officials to address related concerns. He noted that the city is also seeking or may soon receive additional guidance from the Ramsey County Attorney's Office regarding what local law enforcement can and cannot do. He emphasized that these conversations are ongoing and that the city continues to explore all options.

Mayor Roe then opened the floor for public comment, particularly on the revised Policy 413.6 regarding police involvement in immigration matters.

Public Comment

Ms. Cynthia White, 2489 Churchill

Ms. White, a Roseville resident, thanked the Council and the Police Chief for their work and acknowledged the challenges involved. She expressed strong support for the Safe and Stable Communities coalition. She also thanked the Council for the revisions to Police Policy 413. She referenced a letter from Ramsey County Attorney John Choi to local police chiefs affirming the county's authority to investigate allegations involving federal officers. She requested confirmation that the updated language in Policy 413 is consistent with any conversations or guidance from the County Attorney's Office.

Mr. Andy Johnson, 218 County Road C

Mr. Johnson, a Roseville resident, expressed concern about the revised language in Policy 413.6, specifically the section directing requests from federal immigration officials to a supervisor. He objected to phrases such as "whenever practicable" and "when feasible," describing them as vague and weaker than the prior language. He questioned why the stronger, more concise wording was changed and suggested restoring the earlier phrasing, even recommending replacing "should" with "ought" to convey a stronger moral obligation. He argued that requiring supervisory involvement could serve as a practical check in interactions with federal officials. He also voiced support for rent and food assistance efforts. Additionally, he reiterated concerns about the city's use of Flock license plate reader cameras, arguing that local laws cannot prevent the federal government from accessing data if it chooses to do so. He suggested that the only way to ensure federal authorities do not use the data would be to stop collecting it altogether.

Ms. Tori Smith, 1404 County Road C2 W

Ms. Smith, a Roseville resident, expressed appreciation for the links and resources available on the city's website. She suggested that the city consider adding a statement addressing drone activity, noting an increase in drones observed in Roseville skies in recent days. She recommended clarifying the difference between drones operated by the Roseville Police Department and those potentially operated by federal agencies. She also asked whether there is any way to report concerns about federal drone activity, acknowledging that the answer may be limited, but suggesting that additional public information would be helpful.

Ms. Cari Gelle

Ms. Gelle, a Roseville resident, thanked the Council and staff for the updates and for sharing information about collaboration with other cities. She encouraged continued communication and sustained attention to Operation Metro Surge in the months ahead. She expressed appreciation for the City Attorney's explanation of the lawsuit and for the revisions to Police Policy 413, noting that some of the updated language appears more protective of community members than the previous version. She emphasized the importance of getting the policy language

right and asked whether Minneapolis and Saint Paul's policies were reviewed for comparison. She also asked whether the Equity and Inclusion Commission was consulted in drafting the revisions, while acknowledging that she would defer to those more directly involved in assessing whether the policy adequately protects the community.

Mayor Roe closed the public comment period and thanked residents for their feedback. He provided follow-up information on drones, noting that enforcement of drone activity falls under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He shared the local FAA contact number and mentioned that reports can also be submitted online through the FAA. He clarified that Roseville Police have deployed city drones approximately four times in the past month, typically to locate suspects or assist with investigations, and that the department has a formal drone-use policy. He acknowledged that county, state, and federal agencies may also operate drones and suggested that federal drone policies could be part of future legislative advocacy.

Regarding the police policy revisions, he noted that the Equity and Inclusion Commission was not consulted due to timing. However, he said the policy could still be reviewed and amended later if needed, emphasizing that policies can evolve. Regarding concerns about license plate reader data, he stated that he understood the data belongs to the City of Roseville and is not held by the camera vendor. He deferred to the Police Chief for clarification and indicated a willingness to provide follow-up information to address public concerns.

Chief Scheider explained that the department contacted its license plate reader vendor to confirm how the data is handled. She stated that the data belongs to the City of Roseville, and the city determines with whom it is shared. While there are data-sharing agreements with certain local agencies, there are no agreements with federal agencies, and federal entities do not have access to the city's license plate reader data.

Mayor Roe asked for clarification that the city's license plate reader data-sharing with local agencies is typically limited to legitimate law enforcement purposes, such as tracking a suspect with a warrant or assisting when someone moves between jurisdictions, and that this is the primary reason for those sharing arrangements.

Chief Scheider clarified that even when license plate reader data is shared with local agencies, those agencies must have a legitimate law enforcement purpose to access the database. It cannot be used for general browsing or monitoring activity. She noted that audits are conducted to ensure procedures are followed and that all agencies in Minnesota are required to undergo similar audits. She added that Minnesota law includes statutory requirements and mandated policies designed to prioritize privacy protections, even though other states may not have the same rules.

Mayor Roe thanked the Chief for the clarification and then returned to the earlier public concern regarding the revised policy language in the final paragraph. He asked whether the Chief would like to address the reasoning behind the language change.

Chief Scheider explained that the department expects a supervisor to respond to these situations whenever possible. However, operational realities sometimes require flexibility. Often, only one supervisor is covering multiple officers during a shift. If that supervisor is tied up on another call and cannot leave immediately, the department does not want a request to go unanswered. In those cases, an officer may respond first, with a supervisor joining as soon as possible. She added that during daytime hours, when more command staff are available, a supervisor is more likely to respond immediately. The policy language reflects the need for practical flexibility while maintaining supervisory involvement as the goal.

Mayor Roe noted that this approach appears consistent with how other calls are handled; if supervisory staff are not immediately available, officers still respond to assess the situation, and supervisors become involved as soon as they are able, depending on the circumstances.

Chief Scheider clarified that if a situation can safely wait for a supervisor, the department would wait. However, some calls require an immediate response; in those cases, an officer would be dispatched immediately, with supervisory involvement as soon as possible.

Mayor Roe clarified that routine requests made in advance would follow the normal chain of command, while urgent requests, particularly those involving public safety, may require a more immediate response. He noted that the intent is not to delay providing safety assistance in time-sensitive situations.

Chief Scheider confirmed that supervisors are expected to respond whenever available and that this expectation has been clearly communicated to all sergeants. She noted that only in limited, unique circumstances—such as when a supervisor is tied up on another urgent matter—might there be a delay before a supervisor can arrive on scene.

Mayor Roe requested that the previous version of the policy language be displayed for comparison with the revised version. He questioned whether the earlier, more concise wording effectively conveyed the same intent. After reviewing it, he indicated that the language essentially conveyed the same point and noted that the Council may consider reverting to simpler wording.

Councilmember Strahan suggested revising the new policy language to state that requests “should be directed to a supervisor as soon as practicable” to clarify expectations while maintaining flexibility.

Chief Scheider indicated that it would be fine.

Mayor Roe suggested that, if the Council chose to revert to the previous, simpler language, they could add a clarifying phrase, such as “as soon as possible,” at the end to reinforce the expectation of timely supervisory involvement while keeping the wording concise.

Councilmember Strahan clarified that her suggestion was to replace “whenever practicable” with “as soon as practicable” to emphasize immediacy. She noted that supervisors would still be expected to respond, but acknowledged that they might not be able to do so immediately if they are engaged elsewhere.

Mayor Roe suggested adding a qualification that supervisory involvement would occur in accordance with standard department procedures. He added that the Council could revisit and refine the wording later if necessary.

Councilmember Bauer believed the language would appear elsewhere in the policy.

Mayor Roe said that the department likely already has policies outlining when matters are elevated to supervisors, so the revised language could reference consistency with standard procedures while specifying that supervisory involvement should occur as soon as possible. He then invited further comments from Councilmembers on the updated policy overall, noting that discussion could focus on the revised language as presented, with potential adjustments to simplify or modify the final paragraph.

Councilmember Groff expressed support for the revised policy, noting that it effectively addresses residents’ concerns and his own. He emphasized that policies can be updated as circumstances change and noted that it is important to put something in place now, even if further revisions may be needed.

Councilmember Groff indicated he is comfortable with the current language, particularly if it incorporates Councilmember Strahan’s suggested revision, replacing “whenever practicable” with “as soon as possible,” and stated that the policy appropriately reflects what the city can do within local authority.

Councilmember Schroeder stated that she is comfortable with the revised policy language, particularly because the Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) was involved in its review and shaping. She noted that the MAC has played an important role in prior policy updates and that, given their multiple opportunities to review the language and their support, she feels confident in approving the policy.

Councilmember Bauer expressed support for the revised policy and seconded Councilmember Schroeder’s praise for the Multicultural Advisory Committee

(MAC), noting their instrumental role in shaping police-related policies and building trust between the department and the community. He stated that he believes the policy thoughtfully addresses community concerns and supports adopting it, including Councilmember Strahan's suggested revision to the final paragraph.

Mayor Roe stated that the current proposal is to simplify the final paragraph by striking the last sentence, which appears redundant, bringing the language closer to the original version. He also suggested replacing "whenever practicable" with "as soon as possible" or a similar phrase to improve clarity and consistency with policy standards.

Councilmember Strahan suggested that "as soon as possible" might be clearer than "as soon as practicable," since some people may view "practicable" as jargon. However, she acknowledged that the policy is intended as an operational directive rather than public-facing language, and that the key goal is to ensure it is clear and enforceable for those who must follow it.

Mayor Roe said he does not see a significant difference between "practicable" and "possible," and suggested that if one term is clearer to more people, it may be preferable.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, approving the updated Policy Department Policy 413.6 (Federal Requests for Assistance), as contained in Attachment 2, striking the last sentence of the proposed language and adjusting the second-to-last sentence to indicate that it should be directed to a supervisor as soon as possible.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

b. Consider a Request to Perform an Abatement for Unresolved Violations of City Code at 1585 County Road C

Building Official Englund reported that numerous tires are being stored on a grass area along Lincoln Avenue in violation of city code. The city received a complaint on January 6 and confirmed the issue. Staff issued a notice to the business and property owner, followed by a 10-day compliance letter after no progress was observed. Although the number of tires was later reduced, staff determined they were removed only after reaching a certain threshold, not as part of a plan to comply with the code.

Mr. Englund explained that the business submitted a permit application for an enclosure to store the tires, but the plans lacked sufficient detail. Despite multiple staff requests for additional information, no adequate revisions were provided.

While an enclosure could be permitted if it meets city standards, the current proposal does not meet requirements.

Mr. Englund noted a pattern of noncompliance at the property, including multiple snow abatement actions this winter. Staff recommend that the Council direct city staff to abate (remove) the tires currently on the property, with the expectation that enforcement action will motivate the business to come into compliance and construct an appropriate enclosure.

Councilmember Schroeder inquired if the property was owned or rented.

Mr. Englund confirmed it was rented from a corporate entity.

Mayor Roe asked whether a representative from Jiffy Lube was present.

Mr. Englund confirmed that no one from Jiffy Lube was in attendance.

Councilmembers discussed the potential for abatement and the need for compliance with city codes and directed staff to proceed with the abatement, with the understanding that further action may be required if the property does not come into compliance.

Mayor Roe clarified that consideration of this abatement action was not influenced by the status of prior snow abatement payments.

Strahan moved; Groff seconded, directing Community Development staff to abate the public nuisance violations at 1585 County Road C by hiring a contractor to remove and dispose of the items stored outside in public view of adjacent properties.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Strahan questioned the relationship between the abatement fee and the actual removal cost and emphasized compliance if more tires were added.

Councilmember Groff expressed frustration over the slow progress and supported the abatement to get the property owner's attention.

Mayor Roe mentioned the possibility of administrative citations and repeat nuisance fees if non-compliance continued.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

c. Pascal Street/Keya Park Layout Recommendations

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated February 9, 2026.

Mr. Freihammer discussed the intersection of Pascal Street and Brooks Avenue, including complaints and a pilot project. The current conditions at the intersection were described, including visibility issues caused by a vertical curve and the presence of pipelines. He presented three options for the intersection: narrowing the street, eliminating a bump-out, or maintaining the current road width with a sidewalk. He noted the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Commissions recommended adding an all-way stop at the intersection.

Councilmember Schroeder supported adding the four-way stop based on the commission's recommendations.

Councilmember Strahan questioned the feasibility of a crosswalk and the impact of the four-way stop on speed.

Councilmember Bauer expressed concerns about stop sign compliance and the potential for increased speed between stops.

Mayor Roe and the council discussed the balance between addressing complaints and maintaining the status quo at the intersection.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment.

Mr. John Hines, 2496 Pascal

Mr. Hines, a Roseville resident at 2496 Pascal Street, stated that he has lived near the intersection for 25 years and is not aware of any accidents occurring there. He argued that the absence of accidents indicates the intersection is functioning safely and suggested that doing nothing would be the most cost-effective and efficient option. He questioned whether "Option One" had been removed from consideration.

Mayor Roe indicated that options one and two were not being recommended.

Mr. Hines argued that all three proposed options for the intersection contain flaws. He criticized Option One as inaccurate and potentially unsafe, claiming it could force drivers into oncoming traffic and create navigation challenges. He described Option Two as introducing similar hazards and narrowing the roadway near the park entrance, which he believes could increase the risk to drivers, pedestrians, and even to unexpected wildlife crossings. He characterized Option Three as the least objectionable but still an unnecessary expense given the reported lack of accidents

at the intersection. He questioned measurements referenced in the proposal materials and suggested that if action is required, a temporary or portable stop sign could be considered instead of more permanent changes.

Ms. Tracey Baker, 2496 Pascal

Ms. Baker, a resident near Pascal and Brooks, noted that she had previously expressed support for a stop sign if changes were necessary to slow traffic. However, she stated that she would prefer no changes. She expressed relief that Option Three is being considered. She said she was strongly opposed to Options One and Two, citing concerns about street narrowing and prior disruptions during utility work. She acknowledged that a stop sign could work, but emphasized that traffic in the area is primarily local neighborhood traffic rather than through traffic.

Mayor Roe thanked the speakers for their comments and closed the public comment period. He then moved the discussion to Council consideration and asked Mr. Freihammer for clarification, specifically whether the current street condition permits parking on only one side.

Mr. Freihammer confirmed that parking is permitted on only one side of the street in front of the park, consistent with the city's typical practice near residential parks to maintain maneuverability. Specifically, parking is permitted on the east side of the roadway. He noted there are designated no-parking areas near a fire hydrant and the park entrance to maintain access and pedestrian safety.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, to approve Pascal Street changes as detailed in Option 3.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff said he visited the area to understand the conditions better and observed that the hill and block are fairly prominent, particularly at sunset. He noted that visibility over the hill could be limited for pedestrians and drivers. He expressed support for the sidewalk as an important safety feature. He stated that he does not believe a four-way stop is necessary at this time, aligning with comments about avoiding changes unless clearly needed. He also acknowledged neighborhood concerns about speeding and expressed hope that drivers will slow down.

Councilmember Bauer expressed general support for adding sidewalks but questioned whether Option Three effectively addresses the specific concern raised. He noted the long record of no reported incidents at the intersection and emphasized that traffic is primarily local. He pointed out that even with a sidewalk, pedestrians would still need to cross streets such as Brooks and Pascal, where risks remain. He

also raised concerns about cost, construction impacts, and the removal of existing landscaping, stating he is not in favor of Option Three.

Councilmember Schroeder expressed continued uncertainty about not pursuing the four-way stop option, noting that two separate commissions unanimously recommended it. She suggested there may be additional reasoning behind those recommendations that the Council does not fully see.

Councilmember Schroeder characterized a four-way stop as a relatively low-cost measure that could potentially improve safety and suggested that enforcement could reinforce compliance if drivers begin rolling through the intersection. She indicated that she does not have enough information to dismiss the recommendation, particularly given the support it received from both commissions.

Mayor Roe expressed support for the motion as presented. While he acknowledged the unanimous recommendations from the two commissions, he noted that traffic control decisions involve specialized analysis and engineering expertise. He suggested that stop signs are often perceived as a simple solution to improve safety. Based on the traffic analysis, he does not believe a four-way stop is warranted at this time. He added that stop signs could be considered in the future if conditions change, since they are relatively easy to implement, but he is not prepared to support installing a four-way stop at this time.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

Nays: Bauer, Schroeder

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 8:07 p.m.

d. Consider Offering a 2026 Public Tree Sale Using Tree Preservation/Planting Funds

Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Johnson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated February 9, 2026.

Mr. Johnson presented the proposal to continue the public tree sale using funds for tree preservation. The program has been successful, with trees priced at \$40 per resident and the city covering the additional cost.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe invited public comment, but no one spoke.

Schroeder moved; Groff seconded, authorizing staff to proceed with a public tree sale as outlined in the RCA.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

e. Receive Update on Strategic Plan

Equity and Inclusion Manager Antonio Montez briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated February 9, 2026.

Mr. Montez provided an update on the Roseville Strategic Plan, highlighting the key takeaways from the Envision Roseville project. The strategic plan includes vision, mission, and strategic directions focused on economic vitality, parks and natural environment, responsive services and safety, reliable and sustainable infrastructure, community and civic engagement, and city operations. He emphasized the importance of plain language and collaboration in implementing the strategic plan.

Mr. Montez outlined the year-end reporting process, emphasizing collaboration between staff and council for the 2026 phase three implementation. The focus for 2027 would be on strategic plan objectives identified in the 2027 budget process, with a review of progress in quarter two of 2027.

Mr. Montez discussed the need for evaluation and adjustment plans within three to five years, emphasizing the importance of flexibility and agility.

Mr. Montez elaborated on the four objectives, emphasizing low- or no-budget initiatives. He noted the department head leadership team has prioritized work to avoid overloading staff and ensure a balance between daily tasks and strategic plan work. The four objectives include programming, local affordable housing aid funding, strategy and planning sessions with various foundations, and a supervisor and leadership academy. He mentioned the rollout plan, including visuals, templates, and summary reports for community discussions.

Mr. Montez explained the supervisor and leadership academy, which provides learning and development opportunities for staff. The academy included a partnership with Dakota County Technical College and internal sessions led by himself. He highlighted the positive feedback received from the first two sessions and discussed the collaboration with community relations on visuals and templates to support the strategic plan.

Councilmember Schroeder requested clarification regarding the supervisor and leadership academy.

Mr. Montez provided details on the academy, including the partnership with Dakota County Technical College and the positive feedback received.

Councilmember Strahan inquired about the impact of having dedicated advocacy groups for parks on smaller parks without such groups.

Councilmember Bauer questioned the plan's strategic nature, characterizing it as a work plan rather than a strategic document.

Mr. Montez, Ms. Olson, and Mr. Trudgeon discussed the alignment of objectives with strategic directions and goals. The importance of measuring success and the challenges of identifying key performance indicators were highlighted.

Mayor Roe emphasized the need for intentional progress measurement and the strategic plan's role in guiding the organization.

f. Receive Update on Commission Applications

Assistant City Manager Rebecca Olson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated February 9, 2026.

The council discussed extending the application deadline for the Finance Commission and decided to proceed with the current applicants.

g. Approve Roseville's 2026 Legislative Priorities

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated February 9, 2026.

City Manager Trudgeon explained that the legislative priorities have been updated and briefly highlighted the additions. Under high-priority items, the city added support for maintaining local decision-making authority over housing, including "missing middle" housing. He also noted a new federal legislative priority requesting changes to federal law to prohibit federal law enforcement agents from obscuring their identities with facial coverings and to require visible name identification, except under defined special conditions. Under other supported priorities, he mentioned reestablishing the local cannabis aid account and allocating funding to support state and local law enforcement agencies in addressing street racing and carjacking.

Mr. Trudgeon requested Council approval of the 2026 legislative priorities, noting that the legislative session begins the following Tuesday. He indicated that these priorities will be shared with legislative partners, including during upcoming Capitol meetings, and invited any final questions before adoption.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment.

Mr. Andy Johnson, 218 County Road C

Andy Johnson requested clarification on the city's legislative priority regarding "continuation of local decision-making," particularly as it relates to zoning and housing policy. He cited state-level housing proposals (such as "Yes to Homes" initiatives) and expressed broad support for affordable housing and improved housing quality.

Mr. Johnson questioned whether the city's position is intended to protect local control from state actions that might override municipal zoning authority, or whether the city opposes broader state-led housing reforms. He asked the Council to clarify the underlying rationale for that priority and how it aligns with goals on affordability and housing improvements.

Mayor Roe acknowledged that the question about local decision-making and housing is reasonable. He explained that while the city supports expanding affordable and diverse housing options, consistent with its strategic plan, the concern relates to state proposals that impose one-size-fits-all mandates on all cities. He noted that zoning has traditionally been a local responsibility and that Roseville has conducted significant community outreach to determine which housing types are appropriate in different neighborhoods. While he acknowledged that local decisions can sometimes be influenced by vocal opposition, he cautioned that broad state mandates could limit the city's ability to tailor solutions to local conditions. He emphasized that the city is not opposed to state-level goals or best practices but is concerned about preserving local authority over land-use and zoning decisions.

Councilmember Bauer added that under state-mandated zoning controls, cities could be required to approve developments, such as large multifamily projects, even if local infrastructure, such as water and sewer systems, is not equipped to support them. He suggested that removing local discretion could create practical challenges and unintended consequences for existing residents. He emphasized that keeping decision-making closer to the local level enables communities to assess and manage impacts more effectively, given their specific conditions.

Mayor Roe added context about prior legislative discussions. He noted that mayors and city managers from north-suburban Ramsey County met with local legislators to share concerns about prior statewide housing proposals. He explained that those proposals were supported by both affordable housing advocates and builders, often for different reasons. Builders favored reducing local regulations to simplify development, while housing advocates supported the bills to expand affordable housing. He described this alignment as a challenge in past legislative efforts and

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

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

a. Approve Payments

ACH Payments	\$687,556.84
114671-114783	2,194,516.29
TOTAL	\$2,882,073.13

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

c. Approve Amendment to the IAFF Local 5051 Collective Bargaining Unit Contract

d. Approve Purchase Order for Tree Trust to Complete Removal of 199 Diseased Ash, and Planting 200 Replacement Trees

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

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

Mayor Roe shared that Xcel Energy has suspended utility disconnections for residential and commercial customers in Minneapolis and St. Paul beginning January 27 and has expanded that suspension to the entire metro area through the end of February. This is intended to assist individuals experiencing financial hardship related to current circumstances. He noted that customers do not need to take action to receive protection from disconnection. However, Xcel encourages customers to call if they need help with payment plans or bill restructuring, as charges will continue to accrue during the protection period. He provided Xcel’s customer service number (800-895-4999) and mentioned that staff will help share this information more broadly with the community.

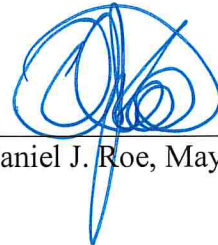
12. Adjourn

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 9:28 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager