



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, March 23, 2026

1. Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

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

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

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

Ms. Kathy Ramundt, Do-Good Roseville representative, 1161 Laurie Road West, and Ms. Deb Newell, Millwood Avenue

Ms. Ramundt stated that the discussion began in January regarding the Operation Metro surge and the community's needs. She reported on the efforts by community members, describing progress as a collective, step-by-step achievement. She shared that the community created the Roseville Housing Stability Fund, known as Love Pays the Rent, with fiscal agents including the Roseville Area School Foundation, Roseville Lutheran Church, and St. Michael's Church.

Ms. Ramundt explained that during January and February, approximately 500 donors contributed more than \$210,000, which was used to assist 132 households with rent payments. She emphasized that this effort was entirely community-led, with individuals organizing and contributing independently. She noted that although Operation Metro surge numbers have decreased, the issue is ongoing. She added that while she had been working behind the scenes on initiatives such as the housing fund, her colleague, Ms. Deb, had been working on the front lines and would share her experiences.

Ms. Newell stated that she was asked to speak about what families in Roseville are experiencing as they struggle to meet basic needs. She explained that since January, she has devoted the equivalent of full-time hours, often more, to supporting community members impacted by the Operation Metro surge. Her work has included daily on-site support, delivering food and essential supplies, assisting with laundry, providing

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transportation to work and medical appointments, coordinating with property management, responding to emergencies, connecting residents to employment, legal, tax, and other resources, and organizing community support efforts. She noted that much of her time has focused on approximately 50 households in one location. She emphasized that she is one of hundreds of volunteers involved, reflecting both the scale of the need and the level of community response.

Ms. Newell stated that she has witnessed significant unmet needs related to rent, utilities, food, employment, and transportation. She provided several examples to illustrate these challenges. She described a resident who became a single mother of three after her husband was detained by ICE, resulting in a loss of half the household income while expenses remained the same. She noted that the resident is working full-time, caring for her children, attempting to raise bail funds, and coping with the trauma experienced by the family.

Ms. Newell described another resident, a single mother of two, who underwent surgery and had no income during a two-week recovery period. She stated that community members provided transportation and aftercare support, covered out-of-pocket costs. She noted that the resident had already experienced reduced work hours due to the Operation Metro surge and would require significant time to recover financially.

Ms. Newell shared a third example of a single mother of two whose work hours were reduced and who also experienced a vehicle breakdown, with repair costs exceeding half of her monthly income. She stated that the resident was forced to choose between paying rent and repairing her vehicle, while her children experienced stress due to a lack of transportation. She added that even basic tasks, such as doing laundry, became difficult due to safety concerns near local facilities.

Ms. Newell emphasized that these examples represent only a portion of the community's needs. She stated that while volunteers have provided significant support, the level of need is ongoing and cannot be sustained by volunteer efforts alone. She concluded that families are doing what they can to stabilize, and future outcomes will depend on whether sufficient resources are made available to support recovery.

Ms. Ramundt stated that the needs of affected families remain ongoing, noting that even when individuals can return to work, there is a delay before they receive a paycheck, which continues to create a need for rent assistance. She explained that the Love Pays the Rent program is still active and continuing to raise funds to support these efforts.

Ms. Ramundt reported that the Wilson Foundation has committed to matching donations raised between now and the end of April, providing a dollar-for-dollar match for contributions made during this period. She encouraged those who have previously donated to consider contributing again to take advantage of the match. She invited others who have not yet contributed to do so, emphasizing the ongoing need and the significant financial contributions already made by volunteers.

Ms. Ramundt stated that information about the program and donation opportunities is available through a flyer, on the Do-Good Roseville website under the immigrants section, and on the Do-Good Roseville Facebook page. She emphasized that while Operation Metro surge activity has decreased, it has not ended, and the impacts on families will continue for an extended period. She thanked the Council for its time.

Mayor Roe expressed appreciation for the information shared and for the generosity demonstrated by the community. He noted that the funds raised over the past two months were impressive and thanked those involved.

Mr. Donald Gault, Herschel Street

Mr. Gault introduced himself and stated that he has lived in Roseville for 33 years. He shared that he has never been prouder to be a resident, noting the community's significant efforts and expressing appreciation for the collective response.

Mr. Gault stated that he attended to thank the city council and acknowledge their work, emphasizing that, in his experience working in county-level government for over 30 years, local government is not typically designed to respond to the circumstances the city has faced in recent months. He stated that the city's efforts to bring the community together and make a meaningful difference in residents' lives were remarkable.

Mr. Gault referenced a statement issued by the city on January 26, which condemned certain federal actions and affirmed that the community belongs to everyone who calls it home. He stated that the city's response demonstrated courage, timeliness, and leadership during a period of uncertainty and fear.

Mr. Gault reflected on his upbringing in Chicago and shared a personal experience from 1968, when he attended a protest as a child and witnessed police using force against demonstrators. He stated that this experience informed his perspective on the fear and anger expressed by community members in recent meetings. He noted that the council listened attentively to residents, even when concerns were directed toward them. He concluded by thanking the council for their service, describing Roseville as an exceptional community, and expressing pride in calling it his home.

Mayor Roe asked if there were any additional public comments for the evening. Seeing none, he stated that he wanted to address a topic raised at a previous meeting regarding drone activity in Roseville.

Mayor Roe noted that Mr. Trudgeon had sent an email to the council earlier that day providing information on the matter and asked if he would take a moment to share an update on actions the city is taking in response.

Mr. Trudgeon stated that the city has received reports of increased drone activity, including some reports from approximately a month prior. He explained that city staff have attempted to monitor the situation but have not directly observed the reported activity, while

acknowledging that this does not mean it is not occurring. He encouraged residents to continue reporting any observed drone activity. He reported that the city has contacted partner agencies at the local, county, and federal levels, but has not identified any consistent pattern or received confirming information. He stated that the city does not receive notifications of drone operations reported to the Federal Aviation Administration, which limits available information and leaves the city with limited visibility.

Mr. Trudgeon stated that he contacted Representative McCollum's office to communicate community concerns and to suggest that future legislative efforts could include increased transparency regarding drone operations, such as a centralized system to inform local governments and the public.

Mr. Trudgeon noted that the city has had difficulty obtaining information from federal partners and described the situation as frustrating. He explained that the Police Department operates drones under established policies, with limited use in recent months, primarily for rescue operations. He added that other agencies may use drones for purposes such as inspecting railroad corridors or utilities, although this has not been confirmed. He concluded that the situation remains unclear, reiterated that the city will continue to gather information, and encouraged residents to report observations.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Trudgeon for the update and reflected on the public comments received during the meeting. He stated that it has been remarkable to see the community come together to support those in need. He noted that while government plays an important role, it is not always able to respond quickly or with agility due to its structure, and that the community's efforts have helped fill those gaps in meaningful ways.

Mayor Roe stated that the city continues to explore ways to address community needs, including developing a rental assistance program. He acknowledged that progress has taken time due to logistical challenges and noted that the legislature is also considering additional assistance programs. He stated that the city will continue to support and advocate for these efforts.

Mayor Roe concluded by expressing appreciation for the recognition given to the Council, stating that their work reflects the strength and commitment of the community, and that the credit belongs broadly to the residents who have contributed to these efforts.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Volunteer Month Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the Volunteer Month Proclamation.

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, proclaiming April 2026, Volunteer Month.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff expressed appreciation for the city's volunteer coordinator, Ms. Boggs, noting that she has done an excellent job supporting volunteer efforts. He stated that her work has contributed to the program's growth over the past three years. He emphasized that its success is the result of a team effort, with the residents of Roseville serving as the primary contributors.

Councilmember Schroeder expressed appreciation for the many volunteers in the community, noting that volunteerism has been strong in Roseville for many years. She stated that witnessing volunteers' work was one of the reasons she chose to become more involved in the community.

Councilmember Schroeder commented that Roseville is one of the strongest volunteer communities in Minnesota and emphasized that there is much to be proud of. She added that it is important for volunteers to know their efforts are valued and appreciated, and she thanked them for their contributions.

Councilmember Bauer noted that the community's long history of volunteerism has enabled the city to support and sustain various programs. He cited efforts such as the Natural Resources Program and noted that many initiatives brought before the Council are only feasible because of volunteers' contributions. He added that the consistency of volunteer involvement enables the city to plan and budget for these programs, and he expressed appreciation for the ongoing commitment of community members.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.

b. Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the Fair Housing Month Proclamation.

Groff moved, Bauer seconded, to proclaim April 2026 as Fair Housing Month.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff stated that the discussion connects directly to comments shared earlier in the meeting, noting the importance of fair housing. He emphasized that housing is essential for all residents and that the examples presented during public comment clearly demonstrated its significance.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Consider a Request to Perform an Abatement for Unresolved Violations of City Code at 2165 Victoria Street N

City Building Official David Englund summarized the request as detailed in the Request for Council Action of this date and noted a bench handout incorporated into the Request for Council Action, providing an extract of the city council meeting minutes of March 23, 2026.

Mr. Englund addressed the council regarding a property that has appeared before them multiple times for similar violations, including unlicensed and inoperable vehicles. He stated that the city contacted the property owner on March 9, posted notices of violation, and scheduled the matter for the current council hearing. He explained that administrative citations were issued for each violation observed, along with a repeat nuisance fine, noting that a similar abatement action had been carried out in February of the previous year.

Mr. Englund reported that a property representative met with city staff earlier that day to review the required corrective actions and timelines. He stated that the representative made significant progress in addressing the violations throughout the day and that he conducted multiple site visits to observe the improvements.

Mr. Englund noted that while substantial progress had been made, the property was not yet fully compliant. He stated that as of late afternoon, two vehicles still had tire issues, and one vehicle remained on an unimproved surface. He explained that due to these remaining violations, he did not recommend removing the item from council consideration.

Mr. Englund recommended that the council approve the abatement request for the violations that remained earlier in the day, explaining that approval would allow the city to proactively monitor the property every month moving forward. He reiterated that progress had been made, but full compliance had not yet been achieved.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Englund and asked if there were any questions from the Council regarding the abatement request. He then asked if a representative of the property owner was present and wished to speak on the matter. He indicated that no representative appeared to be present, then asked whether any members of the public wished to speak regarding the requested abatement at 2165 Victoria Street.

Mayor Roe asked whether a specific timeframe should be established for compliance, inquiring if a deadline should be set for completing the required work. He clarified that he was not suggesting a long period, such as two weeks, and requested input from Mr. Englund on an appropriate timeframe.

Mr. Englund stated that establishing a compliance timeframe would be at the council's discretion. He explained that based on his discussions with the property representative earlier in the day, the remaining work was expected to be completed that evening. He added that if a deadline were set, it should be no more than one week and suggested a shorter timeframe of a few days would be preferable.

Mayor Roe explained that the council could determine an appropriate timeframe for compliance. He indicated that he was not inclined to extend the deadline to the end of the week but noted that the decision would be up to the Council. He added that a motion would need to be made to proceed.

Councilmember Schroeder indicated that a deadline of the end of the week would be generous, with a requirement that all items be brought into compliance by Friday morning. She then asked whether there is a progressive or escalating enforcement mechanism for repeat violations, inquiring if additional measures could be applied if the property continues to have ongoing issues.

Mr. Englund stated that under the city code, the city may increase fees for repeat nuisance violations to include the actual staff time spent addressing the issues. However, this option has not been utilized. He explained that scheduling the matter for a council meeting has been the most effective means of providing notice, prompting compliance from the property owner.

Mr. Englund noted that the property owner has consistently paid assessed fees each fall for violations of the previous year and that these charges do not need to be assessed to taxes. He stated that the financial penalties alone do not appear to serve as a sufficient incentive for compliance. Instead, he indicated that the Council meeting process and approved abatements, along with the city's ability to follow through on enforcement actions such as vehicle removal and violation correction, have been more effective at achieving compliance.

Mr. Trudgeon added that there is a limited progressive component within the city's enforcement process. He explained that repeated nuisance calls can result in a \$250 charge for each occurrence within a specified timeframe. He noted that there is also an option to charge for staff time, although that has not been implemented.

Mr. Trudgeon also referenced an administrative citation of \$1,000 related to the violations and indicated that, to his understanding, both fines have been paid.

Mr. Englund clarified that the current fines have not yet been paid, noting that the previous year's fines had been paid.

Mayor Roe asked about the required timeframe for payment of repeat nuisance fees and administrative citations.

Mr. Englund stated that payment is required within 30 days, after which unpaid amounts are forwarded to finance for certification to property taxes.

Mayor Roe questioned the timing of payment, noting that the matter had come before the Council in February of the previous year and that payment was made in the fall. He observed that this appeared to exceed the 30-day payment requirement and asked for clarification.

Mr. Englund explained that unpaid amounts are not certified immediately, noting that certification typically occurs annually after September. He added that the process does not occur quarterly, as with a utility bill.

Mayor Roe sought clarification on the process, asking whether, once the abatement or fees are certified for the property, the owner typically pays them before they are added to the property taxes. He confirmed his understanding that payment is not usually made within the initial 30-day timeframe.

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, directing Community Development staff to abate the public nuisance violations at 2165 Victoria St N., by notifying a towing company to remove the unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicles from the property if the property does not come into compliance by 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 27, 2026. If so ordered, the property owner will be billed for actual and administrative costs. If charges are not paid, staff will recover costs as specified in Section 405.08.B.

Council Discussion

Mayor Roe requested clarification on whether staff time charges can be included in abatement costs or only applied under repeat nuisance charges. He indicated that he would like additional clarification on how those costs may be applied.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that his understanding is that staff time charges can be applied under the repeat nuisance provisions, which have already been issued in this case. He noted that this could be considered for future instances, given the property's history, if the Council supports that approach. He added that staff have not yet determined how they would track those costs internally, but that it would likely be a straightforward process.

Mayor Roe indicated support for applying staff time charges under repeat-nuisance provisions and recommended follow-up to determine whether such costs could also be included in abatement expenses. He noted that the city may already apply a service fee to some costs, but questioned whether it fully captures staff time. He suggested that additional policy discussions may be needed and acknowledged that this item may not be addressed as part of the current action.

Councilmember Groff asked whether 9:00 a.m. would be an appropriate deadline and suggested specifying that compliance be required before 9:00 a.m. on Friday to ensure clarity.

Councilmember Groff expressed support for establishing a clear deadline, noting that it helps ensure compliance. He stated that while there are not many properties with similar issues in Roseville, they do require attention, and fewer such cases are preferable. He added that having a deadline appears necessary to prompt corrective action and supported the proposed timeframe.

Mayor Roe reiterated comments from a prior meeting, noting concern that current penalties may not provide sufficient incentive for compliance. He observed that the cost of violations does not appear to discourage improper use of property or encourage lawful storage and use practices.

Mayor Roe commented that this remains an issue with certain land-use and code violations, in which properties are used in ways that do not align with zoning or nuisance code requirements. He expressed the view that it should be more costly to remain out of compliance than to follow the code.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.

b. Adopt an Ordinance and Resolution Changing the Land Use Map Designation and Zoning of Three Parcels Addressed as 1500 Highway 36 West from Employment (E-1) and Mixed Use (MU-4) to Institutional (INST) for the Minnesota State Patrol Headquarters Facility

City Planner Thomas Paschke briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated March 23, 2026.

Mr. Paschke presented a proposal involving a comprehensive land use map amendment, rezoning, and approval of plans for a special or object-oriented building. He explained that the project is for a State Patrol headquarters campus located at 1500 Highway 36 and includes three parcels.

Mr. Paschke described that the current comprehensive plan designations of employment and core mixed use would be changed to institutional. He noted that the rezoning would align with this change, shifting from employment district and core mixed-use to institutional zoning. He explained that these changes are intended to ensure consistency between the comprehensive plan and zoning map.

Mr. Paschke stated that the proposed use aligns best with institutional zoning, particularly given the nature of the State Patrol facility, including security needs

and limited public access. He indicated that these characteristics do not fit well within the employment district designation.

Mr. Paschke reported that an open house was held as required, with seven community members in attendance. He noted that there were no negative comments, and attendees were primarily interested in how the site would be redeveloped for the State Patrol headquarters.

Mr. Paschke explained that the institutional zoning allows for flexibility in design standards through the special or object-oriented building process, which enables review and approval of the full site development, including building elevations, grading, drainage, and other project-specific elements. He noted that under the current employment district zoning, the project would likely require variances, whereas the institutional designation would better accommodate it.

Mr. Paschke stated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the comprehensive plan amendment, rezoning, and the special or object-oriented building designation. He concluded by recommending that the council support the project.

Mayor Roe asked for clarification regarding the zoning change to institutional, specifically whether an additional step is required to approve the building plans as part of that process.

Mr. Paschke explained that under the definition of a special or object-oriented building, the city council approves the project plans as part of the institutional zoning process.

Councilmember Schroeder clarified that the State of Minnesota owns the property and is already off the property tax roll. She noted that, as a result, the rezoning would not affect property taxes.

Mr. Paschke indicated that was correct.

Mr. Trudgeon clarified that the property is currently owned by the State of Minnesota and was previously owned by a private entity that included the Department of Education and a private college. He noted that the property has not been subject to taxation for a considerable period.

Councilmember Groff raised questions about traffic and noted that, based on the report, facility traffic would be distributed throughout the day. He indicated that State Patrol personnel are not required to report at a single set time, which would reduce concentrated peak traffic periods.

Mr. Paschke explained that the facility is not designed for State Patrol troopers to report at a single time to begin their shifts. He noted that while there will be an office component with typical hours, other functions, such as garage use and training activities, will occur at varying times, resulting in traffic being dispersed throughout the day.

Councilmember Groff commented that the proposed use would not differ significantly from previous office-related uses of the site and indicated that it would not represent a major change. He also referenced the proposed security fencing, noting that it is intended to be effective while remaining minimal in appearance, and asked for confirmation that it would not resemble a fortress.

Mr. Paschke described the proposed security fencing as more decorative in appearance.

Mayor Roe indicated that he had a similar question regarding fencing and asked whether it would still be required to meet applicable fencing code requirements.

Mr. Paschke explained that the special or object-oriented building process allows flexibility from standard code requirements for certain features, such as screening walls or specialized structures, due to their unique nature. He noted that, in this case, fencing standards would allow the security fence to be approximately 1.5 feet taller than is typically permitted.

Public Comment

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

Groff moved, Bauer seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12224 (Attachment 6) entitled, "Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Map Designation from Employment and Core Mixed-Use to Institutional for Property Located at 1500 Highway 36 (PF26-001)."

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, enactment of Ordinance No. 1700 (Attachment 7) entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of the City Code, Changing Certain Real Property Located at 1500 Highway 36 from E-1 (Employment) District and MU-4 (Core Mixed Use) District to Inst (Institutional) District."

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None

Bauer moved, Groff seconded, approving the site and building development plans and specifications as outlined in the materials.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff noted that, based on the Planning Commission meeting minutes, a State Patrol representative indicated that the project would significantly improve the site's environmental conditions. He noted that the site is currently heavily paved and that the proposal includes permeable surfaces, resulting in environmental improvements.

Mr. Paschke explained that the redevelopment would be significant, noting that the project must meet higher standards than most developments.

Mayor Roe noted that the State's construction standards require a higher level of compliance, particularly due to state funding. He observed that current standards are more stringent than those in place when the existing building was originally constructed.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None

c. Consider Renewal of Hotel License for Motel 6, 2300 Cleveland Avenue

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated March 23, 2026.

Mr. Trudgeon presented the renewal request for the Motel 6 hotel license, noting that additional hotel license renewals are included on the consent agenda. He explained that this item was brought forward separately due to a recommended condition for Council consideration.

Mr. Trudgeon reviewed the license history of Motel 6, which received its license effective April 1, 2025. He noted that at the time, there were outstanding issues with the railings on the second and third floors, which delayed full operation until those issues were corrected in May.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the renewal application triggered a full review process, including inspections for compliance with city, state, and fire codes. He indicated that although the application materials and background checks were in order, inspections over the past year revealed numerous violations. He noted that ownership worked with staff to correct those issues to the minimum standards.

Mr. Trudgeon recommended approval of the license with a condition requiring staff to conduct full inspections of the property every four months. He explained that this approach would allow for more consistent monitoring, rather than waiting a full year between inspections, especially given that this property required more attention than others who generally showed improved compliance during the second year of inspections.

Mr. Trudgeon reported that the property is current on all fees, utilities, and taxes. He also noted an increase in reactive police calls, from 224 the previous year to 293, indicating a concerning trend. He stated that staff and police leadership have been working with ownership, which has been cooperative, but that issues persist, and that continued monitoring is necessary.

Mr. Trudgeon referenced the repeat nuisance ordinance, noting that the property exceeded the enforcement threshold by a small margin early in 2026. He stated that while the situation does not warrant denial of the license, it remains a concern. He concluded by recommending approval of the hotel license renewal with the condition that quarterly inspections be conducted and noted that additional staff were available to answer questions.

Councilmember Bauer asked whether a specific timeline needs to be included for correcting violations under the condition outlined in the packet or if the required timelines are already established under the existing municipal code.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the timeline for correcting violations would vary depending on the nature of the issue. He noted that some violations can be addressed quickly, while others may require more time. He emphasized that the goal is to achieve compliance and allow a reasonable timeframe based on the circumstances. He added that if corrections are not completed satisfactorily, the matter can be brought back to the council for further consideration, and that a single standard timeline would not apply to all situations.

Councilmember Bauer asked whether the timeline for correcting violations would be determined on a case-by-case basis and deferred to staff to establish appropriate deadlines.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that it was correct.

Councilmember Schroeder asked whether the conditions requiring inspections every four months would apply only for the current license year and not automatically carry over to future renewals, unless the council chooses to include it again.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the condition would apply only to the current license period, from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027. He noted that the council

would need to reconsider the condition at the next renewal and that if the property remains in compliance, it may not be necessary to include it again.

Councilmember Groff asked whether the four-month inspections would involve staff returning to the property, identifying any issues, and then notifying the owner with a timeframe for correction, based on the type of violation, to maintain compliance.

Mr. Trudgeon confirmed that during the four-month inspections, staff would walk the property with the owner and manager to review any issues together. He explained that many items can be corrected quickly when identified early and that the goal is to prevent problems from accumulating over time.

Mr. Trudgeon noted that the city has a good working relationship with the owner, who has been responsive in making corrections. He emphasized that more frequent inspections intend to avoid a large number of violations building up, as occurred during the annual inspection, which required significantly more time than inspections at other hotels. He added that regular monitoring and preventative maintenance would help ensure standards are maintained.

Councilmember Groff asked about the nature of the police calls, specifically inquiring whether they involved domestic incidents, drug activity, or other types of offenses such as robbery.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that he did not have a detailed breakdown of the police calls. Still, he explained that they are likely to include a variety of incidents such as service calls, trespassing, drug activity, and theft. He noted that domestic violence calls are not included in the count, as those are treated separately to ensure safety.

Mayor Roe asked whether the additional inspections conducted every four months would result in charges to the hotel operator or owner, and whether those charges would differ from what other hotels typically experience.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that staff had not discussed charging for the additional inspections and that there is currently no provision in the fee schedule to do so.

Mayor Roe explained that his question regarding inspection fees was intended to understand whether the city could be viewed as imposing additional costs or burdens on this hotel compared to others. He noted that he wanted to ensure the city is not placed in a difficult position from an enforcement or legal standpoint.

Mayor Roe then asked if there were any additional questions from the council. Hearing none, he invited members of the public to speak regarding the proposed license approval with conditions for Motel 6 at 2300 Cleveland Avenue.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comments.

Nicole Thirion, Motel 6 General Manager

Ms. Thirion introduced herself as the general manager of Motel 6 and noted that she is newly assigned to the property. She explained that ownership brought her in after recognizing that prior management had not been effective and that her role is to return the property to good standing and maintain a positive relationship with the city. She added that she has previously managed the property and is familiar with inspection processes.

Ms. Thirion acknowledged that the recent inspection was more extensive but stated that she is actively working with staff to address the issues. She reported that many items have already been corrected and that communication with staff has been ongoing to document progress. She added that the remaining items are being addressed and that additional improvements are underway.

Ms. Thirion requested that the inspection conditions be modified from every four months to every six months to allow more time to complete corrective actions and avoid additional penalties. She also noted that she is working with staff and security personnel to reduce police calls associated with the property. She thanked the council for their time.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Thirion for attending the meeting and expressed appreciation for her efforts at the hotel and for returning to the property.

Councilmember Bauer asked City Manager Trudgeon for clarification on whether a violation triggers a repeat-nuisance fee or another charge to the property owner.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that a code violation does not automatically result in a repeat nuisance charge. He noted that such charges are triggered when police call thresholds are exceeded.

Councilmember Bauer asked whether a violation, such as an expired smoke detector identified during a four-month inspection, would result in a cost to the property owner.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated it would not.

Mayor Roe added that a cost would only be incurred if the violation was not corrected. He explained that the purpose of the additional inspections is to be proactive and ensure that issues are addressed promptly. He noted that staff have discretion in how they handle violations, allowing appropriate timeframes based on the severity of the issue. He emphasized that the intent is not to impose additional

costs on the hotel if inspections are passed and any identified issues are corrected promptly.

Councilmember Bauer noted that the council has previously demonstrated flexibility, such as with the third-floor railing issue under last year's license. He emphasized that the intent is to work collaboratively with the hotel to achieve compliance.

Mayor Roe noted that the hotel came into compliance within the required timeframe and that, as a result, the license became fully effective for all floors.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the purpose of more frequent inspections is to help ensure issues are addressed early rather than at the last minute. He expressed that the goal is for inspections to be brief, with any identified items corrected quickly and without creating a burden. He emphasized that regular inspections are important in this case due to the number of prior violations and the level of police calls associated with the property.

City Attorney Tierney clarified that Ms. Thirion was present on behalf of Motel 6. She noted that the resolution includes a recital requiring notice and an opportunity to be heard regarding the license condition. She explained that since a representative was present and had the opportunity to speak, the recital could be removed from the resolution.

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12225 (Attachment 6) entitled, "Resolution Approving the Application for Renewal of a Hotel License for Roseville Hospitality Group, LLC Doing Business as Motel 6 Roseville."

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff noted that staff have developed an effective approach to working with hotel management and expressed optimism about the property's direction. He stated that he is hopeful the business can be brought back on track in Roseville and believes the proposed approach will help achieve that goal.

Councilmember Schroeder expressed appreciation for the city staff supporting the business in maintaining compliance and moving forward. She noted that periodic inspections could help address issues incrementally and emphasized that the intent is not to penalize or punish, but to assist the business in achieving success.

Councilmember Bauer noted that the conditions apply only to the current license year and expressed hope that, if compliance is maintained, they would not be needed in the following year.

Mayor Roe agreed with the prior comments and noted that the approach reflects a “trust but verify” concept. He stated that a motion was before the council to approve the license with the stated condition, including removing specific language from the resolution that was no longer applicable.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None

d. Discuss Appointment of Roseville Resident to Falcon Heights’s Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment Community Advisory Committee

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated March 23, 2026.

Mr. Trudgeon provided background on the University of Minnesota's closure of the Les Bolstad Golf Course, noting that the property in Falcon Heights will be put up for sale. He explained that a community visioning process is underway to help determine the site's future use.

Mr. Trudgeon stated that a community advisory committee is being formed, primarily consisting of Falcon Heights residents and commission members, and that surrounding communities have been asked to participate. He noted that Roseville, along with Lauderdale and a St. Anthony neighborhood representative from St. Paul, has been invited to appoint a resident to serve on the committee.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the committee is expected to begin meeting in April, possibly later in the month, and will meet monthly for approximately 18 to 24 months. He clarified that the committee will not have a formal reporting relationship with the city.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that he did not have a specific recommendation for how the council should select a representative but suggested that any process be efficient and not require significant council time. He also noted that it may be beneficial to appoint someone who lives near the area. He invited a discussion by the council on how to proceed.

Councilmember Bauer suggested that a formal selection process may not be necessary and asked whether the appointment could be made without one or through direct appointment.

Mayor Roe responded that there should be some form of process in place and indicated a preference for something more structured than a direct appointment.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that he did not envision a lengthy process, such as a full commission-style interview. Still, he acknowledged the need for some method to

reach a consensus on an appointment. He noted that there has already been informal interest expressed and questioned whether additional outreach should be done to inform more residents and invite participation. He added that he did not have a definitive recommendation and was seeking direction from the council.

Councilmember Groff expressed concern about the timeline for scheduling an appointment, noting ongoing interest but limited opportunity to address the matter due to other priorities. He stated that he has spoken with individuals who live near the site and identified Jewelie Grape as a potential candidate.

Councilmember Groff described Ms. Grape as an attorney who has been involved in community work, including service related to the Roseville library, and noted that she lives near the site. He stated that the position would require a monthly time commitment and suggested appointing someone prepared to engage without a significant learning curve. He indicated support for her appointment and offered her name for council consideration.

Mayor Roe indicated that he could support the suggested candidate but was not prepared to make an appointment at that time. He asked staff to explain how participants were selected for the maintenance facility stakeholder group, specifically asking whether there was an application process, staff review, or reliance on existing connections to identify interested individuals.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that for the stakeholder group, many participants were individuals already serving on commissions through self-appointment. He noted that there were also three citizen representatives, for whom information was shared publicly, and some individuals were personally encouraged to apply. Applicants provided information about their interest in participating.

Mr. Trudgeon stated that the number of applicants was relatively small, which made the selection process straightforward. He added that staff handled the process internally and worked to ensure appropriate representation from nearby residents and stakeholders.

Councilmember Groff asked about the timeline that was used for that selection process.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that the timeline for that process was a couple of months. He noted that it was not as urgent at the time, as meetings were not expected to begin until later, and that the process took place in the fall.

Mayor Roe asked about the appointment process for the police advisory committee, noting that it is also handled by staff. He inquired whether there is an application process and how staff work with interested individuals during the selection process.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the process was more informal and organic, noting there was no formal application or interview. He indicated that participation was based on outreach and expressed interest, and that individuals were welcome to attend if they were willing to commit their time.

Mayor Roe suggested a process that includes outreach to the community and an opportunity for interested residents to apply to serve on the advisory committee. He proposed that staff could review those expressions of interest and bring forward one or more recommendations for the council to consider at a future meeting, potentially in early April.

Mayor Roe noted that his goal is to ensure the process is inclusive and gives residents who may not yet be aware of it the opportunity to participate. He acknowledged that informal conversations have already taken place but expressed concern that relying solely on those discussions may not be sufficient. He invited additional input from the council on how to proceed.

Councilmember Bauer asked for clarification on the criteria staff would use to evaluate interested candidates, including how staff would distinguish among applicants and which factors, such as level of interest or qualifications, would guide their recommendation.

Mayor Roe indicated that the selection criteria may need to remain open-ended at this stage. He expressed hesitation about implementing a formal interview process involving the council.

Mayor Roe suggested that staff could bring forward a small number of potential candidates, such as two or three, along with supporting information, for the council to review and select from. He noted that this approach could enable informed decision-making without requiring a formal interview process and added that he did not want to place an undue burden on staff.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that staff would follow the council's direction but noted the challenge of selecting candidates without defined criteria. He questioned how staff would evaluate or rank applicants in the absence of clear guidance.

Councilmember Groff asked what outreach approach could be used and how it could be conducted efficiently within a one-week timeframe.

Mayor Roe noted that timing may present a challenge and referenced the upcoming April meeting schedule as a factor in determining how quickly the process could be completed.

Mr. Trudgeon provided the upcoming meeting dates: April 6, April 13, and April 20, noting that the April 20 meeting focuses on budget discussions.

Councilmember Groff noted that the first advisory committee meeting was proposed for April 15 and indicated that the timeline may be adjusted if necessary.

Mayor Roe noted that the April 13 meeting would provide a reasonable timeline for making an appointment and outlined a potential outreach approach. He suggested using email, neighborhood platforms such as Nextdoor, and outreach through the Roseville Reader to inform residents about the opportunity.

Mayor Roe indicated that a deadline could be established within that timeframe, followed by a staff review of interested applicants and a recommendation brought forward to the council at the April 13 meeting. He added that Falcon Heights could be informed of this timeline and noted that their own schedule may also be flexible.

Councilmember Groff emphasized the need to be respectful of potential volunteers, noting that individuals may need adequate notice and cannot be expected to adjust their schedules on very short notice.

Mr. Trudgeon noted that outreach could be completed relatively easily, but expressed concern that it may generate a significant number of interested applicants. He indicated that multiple individuals have already expressed interest and suggested that additional outreach could further increase the number of participants.

Mr. Trudgeon questioned how staff would effectively evaluate a larger pool of applicants. He suggested that, at a minimum, interested individuals could provide basic information and a statement of interest to help the council make a more informed decision.

Mayor Roe suggested that the council could consider applying a geographic limitation, such as proximity to the golf course, to help narrow the pool of potential candidates.

Councilmember Groff expressed uncertainty about what an appropriate geographic boundary would be, noting that it would likely need to include residents close to the site. He questioned whether a very narrow distance, such as 500 feet, would be too restrictive, or a broader range, such as half a mile, might be too expansive.

Mayor Roe noted that the council could choose to make a motion and appoint a representative this evening and indicated that he would decide how to vote on such a motion.

Councilmember Bauer expressed support for making an appointment this evening, citing the timeline and noting that a qualified and interested candidate who lives in the appropriate area had already been identified.

Mayor Roe asked what information is available regarding other individuals who have expressed interest, including those who have contacted Falcon Heights or reached out to staff.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that he has received some names of interested individuals but does not have detailed information about them. He questioned whether it would be a fair process to move forward without having more information about those potential candidates.

Councilmember Groff asked whether an appointment could be made by April 6.

Mayor Roe indicated that the process could be completed within two weeks, with one week for outreach and one week for follow-up.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that staff could gather information from interested applicants and provide it to the council in time for consideration at the April 6 meeting.

Councilmember Groff expressed support for extending the timeline to April 6 to allow additional interested individuals to be considered. He emphasized the importance of not unnecessarily prolonging the process, noting that potential volunteers need adequate time to plan their participation. He stated that while he has spoken with some residents, others have also expressed interest, and ultimately, the council should make the decision.

Councilmember Schroeder noted that the site is closer to Councilmember Groff's area and expressed trust in his judgment, given that he has already spoken with interested individuals. She agreed that it is important to select someone who lives near the site and can commit to the role. She added that she did not want to make the process more complicated than necessary.

Councilmember Groff stated that he believes the representative should live very close to the site, specifically between Cleveland Avenue and the opposite side of the golf course, ideally within one or two blocks, given that the impacts, such as traffic, would most directly affect that area.

Mayor Roe agreed with the description of the surrounding neighborhood and noted that the area impacted does not extend far beyond the immediate vicinity of the site.

Councilmember Groff expressed continued support for his proposed candidate but also indicated openness to the mayor's suggestion of conducting outreach to identify additional interested individuals. He noted that there may be other qualified residents in the area who should be considered.

Councilmember Groff emphasized the importance of not unnecessarily extending the process and of ensuring that a representative is appointed promptly. He stated that potential candidates should be given adequate notice and expressed a preference for the council to make a final decision by April 6.

Mayor Roe observed that the area of interest is relatively limited, describing it as a few east-west streets between Midland Hills and Roselawn and west of Cleveland. He suggested that outreach could be targeted to that specific area, noting that it represents a relatively small number of households.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that staff could send a quick postcard to the target area and use additional communication channels to share the opportunity. He noted that an online form is available on the city's website where interested individuals can submit basic information and explain why they wish to serve.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that staff would proceed with outreach using available materials and would return to the council with information for consideration at the April 6 meeting. At that time, a decision would be made.

Mayor Roe asked whether a formal motion was necessary and whether there were any objections to the proposed approach. Hearing none, he confirmed that this would be the direction provided to staff.

Public Comment

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

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.

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 March 23, 2026, and related attachments.

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

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.

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a. Approve Payments

ACH Payments	\$376,517.10
115148-115189	598,426.23
TOTAL	\$974,943.33

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

c. Approve Renewal of Hotel License for Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 2095 Centre Point Drive

d. Approve Renewal of Hotel License for Fairfield Inn and Suites, 3045 Centre Point Drive

e. Approve Renewal of Hotel License for Hampton Inn, 2050 Iona Lane

f. Approve Renewal of Hotel License for Residence Inn, 2895 Centre Point Drive

g. Approve Renewal of Hotel License for Home 2 Suites, 2020 Iona Lane

h. Approve Renewal of Hotel License for Country Inn and Suites, 2740 Snelling Avenue

i. Approve Renewal of Hotel License for DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2540 Cleveland Avenue

j. Approve Renewal of Hotel License for Avid Hotel, 3015 Centre Point Drive

k. Approve Renewal of Hotel License for Key Inn, 2550 Cleveland Avenue

l. Approve Renewal of Hotel License for Holiday Inn Express, 2715 Long Lake Road

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

a. Future Agenda

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the April 6, 2026, City Council meeting; the April 8, 2026, Ethics Training; the April 13, 2026, Special EDA meeting; the April 13, 2026, City Council meeting; and the April 20, 2026, City Council Work Session.

Councilmember Schroeder requested that the council revisit the abatement discussion regarding repeat properties, including ways to incentivize compliance better. She asked that this topic be scheduled for a future council agenda.

Councilmember Bauer provided a legislative update, noting that activity at the state capitol is moving quickly. He reported that a Senate committee has advanced amendments related to housing programs, including a proposal to extend the deadline for local governments to spend certain funds by two years.

Councilmember Bauer emphasized that the proposal is still in committee and subject to change, and he indicated that he would continue to monitor developments and provide updates as more information becomes available.

Mayor Roe noted that earlier in the meeting, he requested a follow-up from staff regarding a prior public comment and referenced a previous discussion about possibly

formalizing that practice within the agenda structure. He suggested that the council consider whether to include a standing item to follow up on prior public comments or to continue handling it informally as needed.

Mayor Roe indicated that this was not the appropriate time for a decision. He suggested that councilmembers consider the idea further and bring it forward for future discussion if warranted.

Mayor Roe clarified that he was suggesting adding a standing agenda item tied to the public comment section to allow follow-up on prior public comments when needed. He described the idea as something to consider in the future and noted that he wanted to raise it to build awareness, recalling that it had been discussed previously. He concluded by suggesting it be noted for potential future discussion.

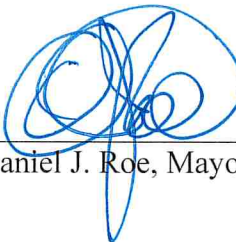
12. Adjourn

Schroeder moved, Bauer seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call

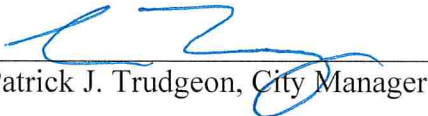
Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager