City of

ROSEVILLE

Minnesota, USA

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, August 10, 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.

   Mr. Hess asked whether the on-sale liquor license requirement applied only to food sales or to all non-alcohol sales and whether any current license holders were out of compliance.

   Mayor Roe clarified that all non-alcohol sales count toward the requirement and asked how the City monitors compliance.

   Mr. Trudgeon reported that staff was unaware of any current compliance issues and explained that compliance is reviewed as needed through receipts and occasional spot checks rather than annual certification.

5. **Recognitions, Donations, and Communications**

   a. **76th Commemoration of Karen Martyr's Day**

   Mayor Roe read the 76th Commemoration of Karen Martyr's Day Proclamation.

   Strahan moved, Groff seconded, proclaiming August 12, 2026, Karen Martyr's Day.

   Councilmember Strahan supported the proclamation and recognized the Karen community's involvement in Roseville, noting that representatives of the community had previously worked with the City. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to continue recognizing Karen leaders and the community's contributions to Roseville.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Accept Donation from Friends of the OVAL Foundation and Approve OVAL Lobby Improvements

Parks and Recreation Director Matt Johnson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated August 10, 2026.

Mr. Johnson introduced Skating Center Superintendent Kevin Elm, who assisted with the presentation.

Mayor Roe asked whether moving the CIP expenditure from 2027 to 2026 could jeopardize other capital projects. After receiving clarification, he indicated that his concern had been addressed.

Mr. Johnson confirmed that sufficient funding capacity was available due to project savings and deferrals. He assured the council that advancing the OVAL project would not place the CIP fund or other planned projects at risk.

Public Comment

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

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12255 (Attachment 1) entitled, "Resolution Accepting a $50,000 Donation from the Friends of the OVAL Foundation for OVAL Lobby Improvements."

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff emphasized the OVAL's importance locally and beyond Minnesota and thanked the Friends of the OVAL Foundation for its continued support.

Councilmember Strahan thanked Mr. Elm for his years of service and emphasized the importance of the Foundation's contributions, particularly given the facility's limited state funding. She also noted the value of livestreaming in connecting people outside Roseville with OVAL events.

Mayor Roe supported improving the lobby, agreeing that if it serves as the OVAL's primary entrance, it should function and appear as the facility's "front door."

Roll Call
Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None

b. Hold a Public Hearing to Consider Approving a Liquor License for Adventure Park LLC dba Blastoff Play Park Located at 2325 Prior Ave N
City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated August 10, 2026.

Mayor Roe reviewed public hearing protocol and opened the public hearing at approximately 6:23 p.m.

Public Comment

Mr. Roger Hess, Wagener Place
Mr. Hess questioned whether the applicant had submitted a floor plan indicating the establishment's seating capacity. He explained that his concern related to the City's required percentage of non-alcohol sales, noting that the applicable percentage changes based upon seating capacity. He understood the requirement to be 50 percent non-alcohol sales for establishments with up to 174 seats and 25 percent for establishments with 175 or more seats.

Mr. Trudgeon responded that he did not have the seating capacity available and was uncertain whether the final layout had been established, as remodeling was still underway.

Mr. Hess questioned whether a sketch or floor plan was required for the liquor license application. He reiterated that determining the seating capacity was important because it would establish which sales-percentage requirement applied.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the detailed application requirements were not normally ones he handled directly, and therefore he could not immediately confirm whether the required sketch had been submitted.

With no one else appearing to speak, Mayor Roe closed the public hearing at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Roe directed attention to the concern raised during the hearing. He indicated that, as part of the administrative due diligence following council approval, staff should verify the establishment's seating capacity and ensure that the appropriate liquor-license requirements were satisfied.

Mr. Trudgeon confirmed that staff would do so.

Groff moved, Bauer seconded, approval of the Liquor License(s) for Adventure Park LLC dba Blastoff Play Park.

Councilmember Groff wished the business success but emphasized the importance of completing the City's required alcohol-compliance training so employees understood their responsibilities, particularly regarding service to underage individuals. He expressed the hope that proper training would prevent future compliance issues from having to come before the council.

Councilmember Bauer agreed with those comments.

Councilmember Strahan noted that the property had been vacant for an extended period and expressed hope that the new and different use of the site would be successful and provide long-term economic benefit to the surrounding area.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None.

c. **Receive Presentation from the Roseville Area Community Foundation and Consider Approval of Amended Agreement Regarding Disbursement of Lawful Gambling Proceeds**

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated August 10, 2026.

Ms. Brown White and Mr. Riebe, representing the Roseville Area Community Foundation (RACF), presented information on the Foundation's grantmaking activities and requested approval of an amended agreement governing the disbursement of lawful gambling proceeds.

Councilmember Schroeder asked about the increase in grants and later confirmed that undistributed funds would remain available for future use. She supported directing available resources into the community when appropriate and noted both the benefits and limitations of the Foundation's volunteer structure.

Mr. Riebe attributed the increase in grants to greater outreach to eligible organizations. He also explained that the amended agreement would correct inconsistencies in annual reporting requirements and estimated that the proposed provisions could have allowed approximately $400,000 more to be distributed since 2018.

Ms. Brown White explained that expanded outreach, Meeting the Moment grants, and assistance to Title I schools had increased distributions. She clarified that half of the Foundation's assets were restricted because the existing agreement required 50 percent of city gambling proceeds to be placed in a permanent endowment. She supported establishing regular annual council reports and explained that the Foundation's volunteer capacity could limit how quickly additional funds could be distributed. She also noted that the Foundation may eventually reconsider its $5,000 nonprofit grant limit.

Councilmember Bauer asked why approximately half of the Foundation's assets were donor-restricted and requested that the explanation be placed on the record so residents could understand the Foundation's substantial fund balance.

Councilmember Strahan asked whether a regular annual reporting schedule would be established to ensure the council received yearly updates from the Foundation.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that the amended agreement would reduce the amount of city gambling proceeds deposited into the permanent endowment from 50 percent to 25 percent, making 75 percent available for community grants. The amendment would also clarify that up to 75 percent of assets above the permanent endowment could be distributed, providing greater flexibility while preserving the endowment.

Mayor Roe supported the amendments, noting that the permanent endowment was financially healthy and could continue to grow as more funding became available to the community. He emphasized that the higher distribution authority was optional, not mandatory, and would allow the Foundation to respond to changing community needs without repeatedly amending the agreement. He also suggested that administrative funding could eventually support additional staffing and suggested at some point the Foundation might reconsider its nonprofit grant limit.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Roger Hess, Wagener Place
Mr. Hess asked approximately how much money was currently required to remain in the permanent endowment. After clarification that he was asking about the total size of the restricted endowment rather than the annual contribution, Foundation representatives indicated that it was approximately $1.3 million. He observed that this left approximately $1 million above the permanent endowment and suggested that the City could consider temporarily suspending its 10 percent lawful gambling contribution requirement so the organizations generating the gambling proceeds could retain more of the money.

Mayor Roe responded that the statutory and local framework had been established specifically to direct a portion of lawful gambling proceeds toward broader community needs. While organizations conducting charitable gambling could benefit from retaining the additional amount, he emphasized that many other nonprofit organizations and community needs also benefit from the City's existing system. He questioned whether suspending the contribution would therefore serve the broader interests of Roseville.

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, approving the third amendment agreement with the Roseville Area Community Foundation regarding the distribution of lawful gambling proceeds.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Schroeder supported making more Foundation resources available to community organizations and thanked the Foundation for its work.

Councilmember Groff supported the amendments, noting that the agreement could be revisited if circumstances changed, and thanked the volunteer board for its service to the community.

Mayor Roe noted that the City of Roseville could collect up to 3 percent of lawful gambling proceeds for administrative expenses and viewed its lower collection rate as helping preserve more funding for charitable purposes.

Mr. Trudgeon clarified that the City currently collects only 1 percent of lawful gambling proceeds.

Roll Call
Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None

Recess
Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 7:05 p.m.

d. Equity and Inclusion Commission Joint Council Meeting
Equity and Inclusion Commission Chair Prajwal Vemireddy briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated August 10, 2026.

EIC members at the meeting were: Chair Vemireddy; Commissioners Gabrielle Filip-Crawford, Amanda LaGrange, and Paul Stanley; Nicole Singaram; and Youth Commissioners Gwen Goedken and Sophia Salinas-Ruiz. They introduced themselves to the City Council.

The commission reviewed its accomplishments from the previous year and proposed priorities focused on strategic plan engagement metrics, supporting City departments in community engagement, and increasing direct resident outreach.

Commission members highlighted development of a standardized response template and a three-page quick guide intended to make commission service more accessible and understandable.

Mayor Roe asked how the proposed community survey would be conducted and encouraged the commission first to determine what information it needed and which populations it hoped to reach. He emphasized staying within the commission's established responsibilities and capacity, suggested the Parks Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan as possible opportunities for equity and inclusion review, and reminded members that unfinished strategic-plan work should remain a priority.

Councilmember Strahan strongly supported the quick guide and suggested making it available to prospective commissioners. She encouraged creative outreach to residents who may not participate through traditional methods and suggested examining accessibility and whether City policies or practices could unintentionally affect certain residents differently.

Councilmember Groff praised the quick guide and supported making it available to the public. He encouraged the commission to keep its work plan manageable, work closely with its staff liaison, and keep any community survey concise and focused.

Councilmember Schroeder supported the commission's broader approach to accessibility but expressed caution regarding the proposed survey. She emphasized the need to ensure that questions remain within the Commission's authority and requested that specific questions be appropriately reviewed before residents are asked for input.

Councilmember Bauer encouraged the commission to first analyze the city's existing statistically valid community survey and historical trends before developing additional questions. He also clarified that commissioners may respond individually to residents and express personal viewpoints, as long as they do not present those views as positions of the commission or the City.

Commissioners clarified that they envisioned a shorter survey, developed and analyzed by commissioners, rather than a professionally administered one. They indicated that council feedback would guide further review of the existing city survey, possible outreach approaches, and potential equity and inclusion projects before specific proposals were brought forward.

Mayor Roe thanked the commissioners for their service and participation. No formal council action was required.

e. **Consider a Request to Perform an Abatement for Unresolved Violations of City Code at 2799 Merrill Street**

City Building Official David Englund briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated August 10, 2026.

Councilmember Bauer asked whether the City had previously encountered problems at the property.

Mr. Englund confirmed that it had. An abatement involving vehicles had been approved in 2019, and staff received additional complaints regarding grass and vehicles in 2024. He described the property owner as communicative and generally willing to correct violations once notified but acknowledged that problems had recurred.

Councilmember Strahan asked whether the property owner lived at the residence.

Mr. Englund confirmed that she was a long-term resident.

Councilmember Schroeder asked whether the City had actually carried out the previous abatements or whether the property owner had corrected the violations before City action became necessary.

Mr. Englund explained that the City removed a vehicle from the property in 2019. Since then, the property owner had generally cooperated after receiving notices and corrected concerns reasonably quickly.

Mayor Roe asked whether anyone wished to address the council regarding the abatement. No property owner, representative, or member of the public appeared to address the council.

Bauer moved, Schroeder seconded, directing Community Development staff to abate the public nuisance violations at 2799 Merrill Street N by notifying a towing company to remove the unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicles from the property.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Bauer stated that this is not the first time this property owner has been in violation, and while he appreciates the work done by the owner to get the property in compliance, he felt there already was enough time for the owner to take care of the remaining issues. Councilmember Bauer initially opposed another extension due to the property's history of recurring violations but ultimately supported an additional week. He encouraged staff to respond more quickly if future violations occurred.

Councilmember Schroeder opposed further delay, noting the recurring pattern of corrections occurring only after enforcement had progressed significantly.

Mayor Roe asked whether approval of the abatement would result in more proactive monitoring of the property and whether that process was established in City Code.

Mr. Englund confirmed that staff could conduct monthly inspections and provide earlier notice if conditions deteriorated. He estimated that approximately 80 percent of the required cleanup had been completed and clarified that City policy rather than Code established follow-up inspections.

Councilmember Strahan supported a one-week extension, citing substantial progress already made and the possibility that personal circumstances may affect the property owner, while emphasizing the need for a firm deadline.

Councilmember Strahan made a motion to amend the original motion and provide a stay of enforcement of one week before the abatement was conducted. Groff seconded the motion.

Councilmember Strahan indicated that since the owner has been responsive in the past and the fact that they are 80% done with correcting the violations, we should give grace for them to complete the work. If they don't correct the violations within a week, the abatement would occur.

Councilmember Groff supported the one-week extension because of the recent progress but agreed that the property should remain closely monitored and enforcement should proceed if the remaining violations were not corrected.

Councilmember Bauer indicated that he was comfortable in provide one more week for compliance. He encouraged staff to respond more quickly if future violations occurred.

Mayor Roe asked if Councilmember Bauer would be willing to amend his motion to add the one-week stay of enforcement. Councilmember Bauer indicated that he is willing to do that.

Councilmember Schroeder as seconder of the motion agreed to the one-week stay of enforcement.

Motion (restated with amendment): Bauer moved, Schroeder seconded, directing Community Development staff to abate the public nuisance violations at 2799 Merrill Street N by notifying a towing company to remove the unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicles from the property, and providing a one-week stay of enforcement.

Roll Call (Amended Motion)

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None.

f. **Consider Hotel License for Rose Hospitality LLC, 2401 Prior Ave**

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated August 10, 2026.

Councilmember Bauer asked whether the property's previous condemnation had been formally lifted.

Mr. Englund confirmed that the certificate of occupancy had been restored in June after the required permits and life-safety corrections were completed.

After staff confirmed that the certificate of occupancy had been reinstated, he indicated that his concern had been resolved.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that significant building, fire, and life-safety violations had been corrected and that the new owners had invested substantially in the property and worked closely with City inspectors. He also indicated that the new owners were not associated with the other Roseville hotel referenced during the discussion.

Councilmember Strahan asked about the new owners' involvement with other Roseville hotels and sought confirmation that they were not connected with the property's former ownership.

Mayor Roe asked whether the previous license denial prevented the new owners from obtaining a license. He later emphasized that the situation demonstrated the value of hotel licensing in ensuring safe, clean, and healthy accommodations and expressed hope that future renewals would become routine.

Ms. Tierney confirmed that the prior restriction had expired and, more importantly, did not apply because Rose Hospitality was a new applicant rather than the former ownership.

Mr. Vijay Patel and Mr. Hardik Pandit of Rose Hospitality LLC introduced themselves.

Mr. Patel and Mr. Pandit described extensive work completed with City staff to correct code violations and renovate the property. They explained that the hotel would temporarily operate as the Roseville Budget Inn while improvements continued toward Wyndham standards and confirmed that they were not part of the former ownership.

Mr. Jonathan Williams, of Wyndham Hotels, expressed Wyndham's confidence in the new ownership group and viewed the redevelopment as an opportunity to return the troubled property to productive use under experienced hotel operators.

Groff moved, Bauer seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12256 (Attachment 5) entitled, "Resolution Approving the Application for Issuance of a Hotel License for Rose Hospitality LLC doing business as Roseville Budget Inn.", subject to the conditions identified by staff.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff was impressed with the progress and expressed optimism about the property's future.

Councilmember Bauer thanked the owners for investing their time, effort, and capital in the hotel and welcomed their business to Roseville.

Councilmember Schroeder praised the improvements already completed and thanked the applicants for their work to return the hotel to productive use.

Councilmember Strahan thanked the applicants for their commitment to improving the property and providing visitors with a safer, more positive experience.

Mayor Roe emphasized that the improvements demonstrated the value of the City's hotel licensing program and expressed hope that future renewals would become routine and the hotel would benefit both the owners and the community.

Roll Call
Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None

g. Discuss Approach to Capital Improvement Needs at the John Rose MN OVAL
Parks and Recreation Director Johnson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated August 10, 2026.

Councilmember Groff expressed concern about possible mold from recurring water intrusion and emphasized that the roof repairs could no longer be indefinitely delayed.

Mr. Johnson acknowledged that mold testing had not been completed and agreed it should be considered during the detailed roof analysis. He clarified that staff was not requesting immediate authorization for the full project but wanted to develop a more concrete plan based on the roof assessment and financial analysis.

Councilmember Bauer supported addressing the facility needs but requested a comprehensive financial plan identifying priorities, timing, CIP impacts, and future funding implications before committing to major expenditures.

Councilmember Schroeder supported proceeding with the professional roof analysis, noting that continued deferral was not a sustainable strategy.

Mayor Roe cautioned against relying on future state bonding assistance and supported planning under the assumption that the City may need to fund the improvements itself. He also encouraged exploring energy-efficiency funding for LED stadium lighting and requested a clearer multi-year financial analysis of the projects.

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, authorizing proceeding with the specs on the roof project, as requested.

Roll Call
Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None.

8. Council Direction on Councilmember Initiated Agenda Items

9. Approve Minutes
The City Council submitted comments and corrections to the draft minutes prior to tonight's meeting, and those revisions were incorporated into the draft presented in the Council packet.

a. Approve July 13, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes
Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, approval of the July 13, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Roll Call
Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None.

b. Approve July 20, 2026, EDA & City Council Meeting Minutes
Groff moved, Bauer seconded, approval of the July 20, 2026, EDA & City Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Roll Call
Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

Abstain: Schroeder

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 August 10, 2026, and related attachments.

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

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None.

a. **Approve Payments**

ACH Payments	$1,062,682.15
116211-116470	2,178,109.37
TOTAL	**$3,240,791.52**

b. **Approve 1 Temporary Liquor License and 2 Temporary Gambling Permits**
c. **Approve General Purchases or Sale of Surplus Items Exceeding $10,000**
d. **Approve Fiber Lease Agreement with Metro-INET**
e. **Authorize Applying for Grant Funding through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety**
f. **Approve Accepting FY25 Edward Memorial Justice Grant Funds through the U.S. Department of Justice**
g. **Approve the Short-Term Rental License for 2911 Troseth Road**
h. **Approve Youth Commissioner Reappointments**

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

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the August 14, 2026, Special City Council meeting; the August 19, 2026, Special City Council meeting; the August 24, 2026, City Council meeting; the September 2026 City Council meetings; and upcoming events.

12. Adjourn

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 8:59 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Roe.
Nays: None.

Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager