



**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive**  
**Monday, April 12, 2021**

*Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13.D.021, City Council members, City Staff, and members of the public participated in this meeting electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

**1. Roll Call**

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:20 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Willmus, Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Mark Gaughan were also present.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approve Agenda**

Councilmember Etten requested removal of Consent Agenda Item 9H (Approve Issuance of Multifamily Rental Licenses, Previously Revoked at 195 Larpenteur Ave., 1720 Marion St. and 1745 Marion St.) for separate consideration.

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

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Willmus, Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

**Nays:** None.

Mayor Roe remarked regarding the Brooklyn Center incident and expressed the City's grief and concern over the tragic killing of Daunte Wright at the hands of a Police Officer on April 11, 2021. The City wished comfort and peace to everyone impacted by his traumatic death, most especially his family and friends. He indicated this killing underscores the need both to continue the City's ongoing dialogues about policing and race that the City is continuing to have and more broadly in the area and nation as a whole but also the need for the community and public safety professionals themselves to hold those entrusted with the privilege to use deadly force to the absolute highest standards of training, conduct, and accountability.

**4. Public Comment**

Mayor Roe called for public comment by members of the audience on any non-agenda items. No one appeared to speak.

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

**a. Receive Update from Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce.**

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Mr. John Connelly updated the City Council on the Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce activities.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Connelly for the update and express his appreciation for all that the Chamber of Commerce does in the community. Mayor Roe asked if Mr. Connelly could share information about business staffing as businesses are starting to reopen.

Mr. Connelly reviewed the difficulty of businesses hiring during re-openings, especially in the hospitality business and the Chamber is trying to help these businesses work on staffing concerns and issues.

**b. Receive Presentation from Dana Healy, Executive Director of NineNorth.**

Ms. Dana Healy, Executive Director of NineNorth gave a presentation on the City of Roseville 2020 Look Back.

Councilmember Etten expressed his appreciation to NineNorth covering music events in the Mounds View school system. He looked forward to further collaboration in getting these types of events out to the community.

Ms. Healy indicated NineNorth is looking forward to that partnership and getting that content out to the community.

Councilmember Groff thanked Mr. Healy and thought this service was more important now as a way to grow the community and get the word out in a different format.

Mayor Roe asked if the Compass program or the podcasts were being broadcast on the cable channels as well besides the City's Channel 16 to get that content out to the community.

Ms. Healy explained all of the content that is created goes onto the cable channels as well. She noted NineNorth tries to contextualize as much as it can across as many platforms as possible.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Healy for the presentation and all of the work NineNorth does for all of the nine communities.

**6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

**a. Approve Issuance of Multifamily Rental Licenses, Previously Revoked at 195 Larpenteur Ave., 1720 Marion St. and 1745 Marion St. (Resolution No. 11805)**

At the request of Councilmember Etten, City Manager Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 12, 2021.

Inspector Sam Baker, Assistant Fire Chief David Brosnahan, and Building Official Dave Englund were at the meeting to answer questions.

Councilmember Etten indicated he asked that this item be removed from the consent agenda for separation consideration because he had the opportunity last week to go through these buildings with the Community Action Team from the Police Department and had not been through in the last three to four years. He noted that certainly some things are significantly better but there are also a number of issues that hang there. He spoke with Mr. Englund about the progress and how some of the items are on the edge of progress but some might be slipping backwards so he asked staff to give a little more robust review so the Council knows where this is really at in the progress.

Assistant Chief Brosnahan updated the Council on the building progress since November 2019. He indicated the work that has been done has been amazing with the improvements made. He explained there was great focus on the safety and security of the buildings.

Inspector Baker indicated that he and Mr. Englund have been doing the physical inspection of the buildings and many previous issues have been fixed and resolved. He stated there have not been astronomical changes to the units and buildings but these are old buildings built in the sixties so many still show the wear and tear, which is to be expected.

Mayor Roe asked Councilmember Etten if there were specific buildings that had already received their licenses or are up for renewal when thinking about his observations.

Councilmember Etten indicated the team went in every single building and did not discuss them beyond two of them. Specifically, 1745 Marion St. was the first building he went in and one of the things he discovered was that there were a number of unlocked doors and rooms to the boilers and unoccupied units where residents were concerned about safety because people sneak in the building and use those rooms. That is the piece he looked at and wanted to make sure the City continues to stay after these issues and hold them accountable in order to keep the residents safe and the place secure.

Councilmember Groff asked how far along the buildings regarding the previous safety issues.

Inspector Baker explained Core Living immediately fixed many of the health, safety, and security issues once they were pointed out to them on all twelve properties.

Assistant Chief Brosnahan asked Councilmember Etten if the issues he mentioned should be brought forward to Core Living.

Councilmember Etten indicated he would like staff to work together on those issues and he thought it would be best to go to Core Living with them as well.

Councilmember Strahan asked if the Council is able to take Councilmember Etten's concerns into consideration and push off approval of these items until some of these concerns are addressed.

Mayor Roe thought the question was whether this met the requirements for reinstatement and what would be in place going forward to deal with the ongoing or the follow-up piece of it.

Assistant Chief Brosnahan explained as far as the inspection piece goes, the buildings passed. As far as a licensing process for a multi-family building, those buildings passed. However, staff can develop a plan to assist with the follow up process to assure that not only the initial inspection, but after the inspection takes place, they are still keeping with the expectations the City has for them.

### **Public Comment**

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment.

#### **Ms. Alyssa Carnahan, Regional Manager for Core Living**

Ms. Carnahan explained Core Living has also added security that goes around the building for 8 to 10 hours, starting in the early evening until the morning. Core Living has improved exterior lighting as well. These are some other added security measures taken to improve security for residents.

Etten moved, Willmus seconded, to reinstate the Multifamily Rental Licenses at 195 Larpenteur Ave., 1720 Marion St., and 1745 Marion St.

### **Council Discussion**

Councilmember Etten explained his point in bringing this up is to ensure that these buildings continue on the path they are on. He indicated things are obviously better and he could see that when he went through them, but the buildings are not there yet, and he wanted to make sure that the City stays after this and keeps checking up on them.

Councilmember Willmus thanked Councilmember Etten for bringing the item forward because these are always very challenging things to deal with, especially with a site that is this large. He thought that overall, the City has to look at the progress

that is being made but it was certainly valid that the City does not see a slide back in some of the areas of concern.

Councilmember Strahan asked if it would be appropriate to add some language around Assistant Chief Brosnahan's suggestions in the Resolution with this process.

Mayor Roe believed their actions by motion are to reinstate. He was not sure if there was a specific set of conditions as a part of that.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated this is a motion to approve the issuance of these licenses. He would defer to the City Attorney if any additional conditions outside of that license granting can be added at this point.

City Attorney Gaughan explained the Council laid out specific conditions upon which reinstatement could be achieved and he would be reticent to place additional conditions upon the applicant. If staff believes that the applicant has satisfied their obligations to reach the threshold for reinstatement, it would not be proper to shift the field goal post at this time and place additional conditions upon reinstatement.

Mayor Roe suggested a follow up motion or a consensus of Council to provide some direction to staff with relation to follow-up of these licensed properties.

#### **Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Willmus, Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

**Nays:** None.

Mayor Roe asked staff if they have good sense of what the Council is looking for or would staff prefer the Council to memorialize that more specifically with a motion for more specific direction.

Assistant Chief Brosnahan thought staff had a good understanding and can take it from there.

### **7. Business Items**

**a. Public Hearing to Consider a Modification to Development District No. 1 and to Approve Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plans to Assist with the Establishment of TIF District No. 23 – Brittany Marion Apartments**

Housing and Economic Development Program Director Jeanne Kelsey briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 12, 2021.

Mayor Roe reviewed public hearing protocol and opened and closed the public hearing at approximately 7:37 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input on the

above-referenced TIF Increment Financing plan approval; with no one appearing for or against.

Etten moved, Groff seconded, adoption of Resolution No.11800 entitled, “Resolution Approving Tax Increment Financing Plan for Tax Increment Financing District No. 23 (Brittany Marion Apartments) and a Modification to the Development Program for Development District No. 1.”

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Willmus, Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

**Nays:** None.

**b. Public Hearing to Approve/Deny an On-Sale Wine and 3.2% Liquor License for Gamezenter, Inc. dba Fantasy Flight Games Center located at 1975 County Road B2.**

Assistant City Manager Rebecca Olsen briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 12, 2021.

Mr. Michael Hurley, Gamezenter, Inc. was at the meeting for questions

Mayor Roe reviewed public hearing protocol and opened and closed the public hearing at approximately 7:42 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input on the above-referenced On-Sale Wine and 3.2% Liquor License; with no one appearing for or against.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, approval of Gamezenter, Inc.’s Request for an On-Sale Wine and 3.2% Liquor License, Pending a Successful Background Investigation, and Receipt of Payment.

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Willmus, Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

**Nays:** None.

**c. Public Hearing to Consider Approval of Request for a Noise Variance for the Galtier Lift Station Improvement Project.**

Public Works Director Marc Culver introduced Assistant City Engineer Stephanie Smith who briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 12, 2021.

Mayor Roe reviewed public hearing protocol and opened and closed the public hearing at approximately 7:48 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input on the above-referenced Noise Variance for the Galtier Lift Station Improvement Project; with no one appearing for or against.

Etten moved, Groff seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 11801 entitled, "Resolution Requesting a Variance From City Code Section 405.03, Hourly Restriction on Certain Operations For the Galtier Lift Station Improvements, Project Number 20-11."

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Willmus, Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

**Nays:** None.

**d. Public Hearing to Consider a Resolution Approving the Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easements Dedicated in the Plat of Midland Legacy Estate.**

City Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 12, 2021.

Mayor Roe reviewed public hearing protocol and opened and closed the public hearing at approximately 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input on the above-referenced Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easements dedicated in the plat of Midland Legacy Estate; with no one appearing for or against.

Willmus moved, Groff seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 11802 entitled, "Resolution Approving the Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easements as Dedicated in the Plat of Midland Legacy Estate."

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Willmus, Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

**Nays:** None.

**e. Interview Police Civil Service, Finance and Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Applicants.**

The Council interviewed candidates for the Finance Commission and Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission, approximately 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**f. Receive Civic Campus Master Plan Update**

Public Works Director Marc Culver briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 12, 2021.

Ms. Susan Morgan, BKV Group was at the meeting to answer questions.

Councilmember Strahan indicated this is her first time seeing these ideas as a Councilmember. She explained an eighty square foot office space was concerning and did not seem correct that it would be a typical size. She thought many people get by in an office smaller than that. She saw on page 135 of the document and heard from residents the desire to have a community center going forward and that has

been something she has heard about for the full eighteen years that she has lived in Roseville. She noted there is not any place a community center would go on this particular design. All the things being suggested right now are not feasible, but she wanted to make sure it was part of this moving forward. She was also disappointed in the number of flat surface parking spots. She thought there could be a way to make tiered parking or a way to maximize that space. If the City is planning on using the banquet space as a wedding space, there is no place to take photos or water features or pretty spaces. She noted the VFW wanted a space that is part of the skating center and wondered why it is not closer or attached to that space in order to utilize the connection between them. Finally, there was talk about the dance center and a need for this recreational space and again, better to do that than a community center and it would link this with the VFW and skating center for a one-stop shop. She did not like Plan C where the maintenance center was the main focus. She felt there needed to be thought into what the City is hoping to attract because people are looking for pretty and practical and affordable. She thought there were a lot of things that could be done differently moving forward and in phases.

Councilmember Etten indicated he would like staff to place an office space discussion on their agenda to evaluate this so if someone comes back to this in a couple of years, there is a plan. He wanted to also make sure things are tied together as much as possible. One of the things he noted about some of these projects is that these offer green space in the center of the campus, which he appreciated, and could be a good piece to soften the City campus and make it more welcoming. But in doing that, they remove what is fairly new office space used by Public Works. He did not know if they could cut the addition to City Hall in half by keeping that portion of that building.

Mr. Culver thought that was a valid point. It is not a huge administration area in the existing facility but there is something. There is a lunchroom that is actually used pretty frequently for evening meetings as well as some locker rooms. All of those things could easily be repurposed. He thought the question was how long they keep the older buildings and how long can they be repurposed.

Councilmember Etten indicated he appreciated that some of the designs make note of Memorial Park and he thought it would be an important piece to consider how they retain that recognition somewhere in this City Hall campus area for the veterans.

Councilmember Willmus thought as this process got started, the main focus was really looking at the storage needs and equipment needs for Public Works. This was the lens he was looking at and evaluating these needs. He very much appreciated Mr. Culver coming forward with Concept C and it certainly does not make much sense when things are shown laid out and what that disruption would look



like with traffic patterns, etc. He could understand that perspective from the neighborhood to the north. He found himself in agreement with Concept A, A1 and A2 that staff came forward with. He thought that helped attain some efficiencies that staff does not have right now with operations. He also wondered why some of the older facilities cannot be kept. He thought it got difficult to continually try to re-purpose them over time because the functionality declines over time by doing that. He would agree with staff's recommendations that were brought forward. He also echoed Councilmember Etten's comments with respect to Memorial Park as something important to the City.

Councilmember Groff agreed with Councilmember Strahan's idea of having a community center, but he did not think there was space right now for that. The main reason this project was undertaken, was for the Public Works maintenance building issues. He thought staff had come up with some good ideas and possibilities and thought Concept A-1 made the most sense partly because it can be phased in easier, and the City would be able to do parts of it at a time. The part on City Hall could be delayed if needed. He also asked about the idea of the VFW being attached to the skating center.

Mr. Culver indicated this was discussed with the VFW and there are some concerns with parking. There is a lot of demand for parking at the skating center and at the OVAL. He thought trying to put the VFW there would create some issues with parking conflicts.

Staff discussed parking on the proposed site plans with the Council.

Mayor Roe thought these planning proposals intentionally left a lot of planning details to be filled in. He understood and appreciated the office size, in ten years, will be completely different when the City gets around to building it. The other piece is that the City's parking standards might change in that timeframe as well. He noted in Concept A-1, one option might be to orient the new parking for the VFW and license center in a north/south orientation and free up some green space in the middle. He thanked staff for the update.

Willmus moved, Groff seconded, a motion to extend the meeting to 10:15 p.m.

Councilmember Etten offered a friendly amendment to the motion to skip Item 7g (Receive Update on COVID-19 and Impact on City Operations) as well as Item 10 (Future Agenda Review, Communications, Reports, and Announcements – Council and City Manager).

Councilmember Willmus and Councilmember Groff accepted the friendly amendment.

**Roll Call (Motion as Amended)**

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**Ayes:** Willmus, Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

**Nays:** None.

**g. Receive Update on COVID-19 and Impact on City Operations**

(Did not discuss this item due to time)

**8. Approve Minutes**

*Comments and corrections to draft minutes had been submitted by the City Council prior to tonight's meeting and those revisions were incorporated into the draft presented in the Council packet.*

**a. Approve March 22, 2021 EDA and City Council Meeting Minutes**

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, approval of the March 22, 2021 EDA and City Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Willmus, Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

**Nays:** None.

**9. Approve Consent Agenda**

At the request of Mayor Roe, City Manager Trudgeon briefly reviewed those items being considered under the Consent Agenda; and as detailed in specific Requests for Council Action dated April 12, 2021 and related attachments.

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

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Willmus, Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

**Nays:** None.

**a. Approve Payments**

ACH Payments	\$593,654.24
99456-99611	1,187,812.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,781,466.24</b>

**b. Approve a Temporary Gambling Permit, a Temporary Consumption and Display Permit, a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License, and Massage Therapy Establishment License**

**c. Approve Resolution No. 11803 Awarding Contract for 2021 Pavement Management Project**

**d. Approve Amendment to City Code Chapter 314.05 Establishing a Tree Replacement Fee (Ordinance No. 1600)**

**e. Approve St. Paul Joint Powers Agreement for Traffic Signal Services**

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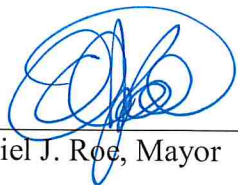
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- f. **Adopt Resolution No. 11804 Authorizing a Portion of 2501 Fairview Avenue (Fairview Fire Station) to be Transferred to the Roseville Economic Development Authority.**
  - g. **Approve the 2022 Budget Process Calendar**
  - h. **Removed for separate consideration.**
10. **Future Agenda Review, Communications, Reports, and Announcements – Council and City Manager**  
(Did not discuss this item due to time)
11. **Adjourn**  
Willmus moved, Groff seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 10:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Willmus, Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

**Nays:** None.

  
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Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager