

Emergency Special City Council Meeting Minutes City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive Monday, June 1, 2020

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 special meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Willmus, Laliberte, Groff, Etten, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Mark Gaughan were also present.

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approve Agenda
- 4. Public Comment

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

- 5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications
- 6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda
- 7. Business Items
 - A. Consideration to approve a Proclamation, and two Resolutions declaring a local emergency in the City of Roseville.

City Manager Pat Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated June 1, 2020.

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment.

Eric Schwartz -1972 Prior Avenue asked the council a series of questions including if the city council will condemn the actions of the Minneapolis Police Department, will they stand against the continued use of excessive force, and will the City Council request the Roseville Police Department support the protesters.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Schwartz for his comments.

Etten moved, Laliberte seconded, adoption of the Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency, Resolution No. 11709 entitled, "A Resolution to Extend Period of Local Emergency, and Resolution No. 11710 entitled "A Resolution to Make Expenditures during a Local Emergency."

Council Discussion

Councilmember Etten thanked staff for moving this forward.

Councilmember Laliberte concurred.

Roll Call

Ayes: Etten, Willmus, Laliberte, Groff, and Roe.

Nays: None.

Mayor Roe mentioned a number of residents have reported threatening flyers, and damage to their yard signs. Mayor Roe wanted to assure the community that the police department is taking this very seriously. Mayor Roe encouraged all incidents be reported using the city's online reporting tool.

At the request of Councilmember Willmus, Police Chief Mathwig indicated the police department was made aware of this over the weekend. Mathwig encouraged residents to report anything suspicious in their neighborhood to the police.

Mayor Roe encouraged affected residents to check with their neighbors to see if they may have video footage.

Councilmember Etten read the City's statement regarding George Floyd's death in its entirety:

As Roseville and other Minnesota communities continue to grieve the tragic and unnecessary death of George Floyd, the City of Roseville stands with those who desire to express their pain and demand reform and justice through peaceful protest. We know George Floyd's death exposes deep pain and anger experienced by many in our community over racism and its many negative effects on all of us. Roseville strives to be welcoming and safe to all and acknowledge that we must continue to diligently and deliberately work towards that goal. Our Police Department operates under a framework of community policing that works to build positive interactions with our community, creates open two-way dialogue with marginalized members of our community, and follows best practices such as de-escalation training for our police officers to prevent emotional and physical harm. We pledge to continue that approach to policing, seek new ways to hear from those who feel unheard, and make real changes to strengthen our community into the future.

City Manager Trudgeon confirmed the statement is currently on the front page of the city's website.

- 8. Approve Minutes
- 9. Approve Consent Agenda
- 10. Future Agenda Review, Communications, Reports, and Announcements Council and City Manager
- 11. Adjourn

Etten moved, Groff seconded, adjournment of the special meeting at approximately 3:17 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Etten, Willmus, Laliberte, Groff, and Roe.

Nays: None.

Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager