



**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, September 21, 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 meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Mark Gaughan were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

Willmus moved, Etten seconded, approval of the agenda as presented.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

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

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Interview Applicants for Police Civil Service Commission Vacancy

The Council interviewed candidates for the Police Civil Service Commission, approximately 7:03 p.m. to 7:29 p.m. and 8:05 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

b. Adopt a Preliminary 2021 Tax Levy & Budget, and the 2021 Preliminary EDA Tax Levy

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon summarized the request to Adopt a Preliminary 2021 Tax Levy & Budget as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated September 21, 2020.

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Councilmember Etten asked a question regarding the additional money for the Police Department. He would be interested in showing how the positions could impact changing crime rates, or resolving criminal cases or connecting the community in new ways to impact things before there are crimes. He indicated he was fully supportive at this time but would like feedback in the next month or two regarding this.

Mr. Trudgeon explained he and Chief Scheider have already had several discussions in regard to this and the conversation is still evolving. Both parties want to make sure the investment is impactful, makes a difference, and something that can be followed and tracked. The department does not want to hire three police officers and just put them out onto the streets, both the Police Department and the City want to be intentional on this because it is a substantial investment.

Councilmember Willmus stated over the course of the last year or two, one thing he heard on a regular basis from his constituents regarding policing is a broader concern about public safety. He thought it was a wise choice to look at this investment in public safety and he commended the Police Department and Mr. Trudgeon for looking at the best ways to utilize these dollars.

Councilmember Groff explained one of the things he and Chief Scheider talked about was the hiring process and one of the opportunities here is to broaden the perspective of the Police Department. He would like to have that added into the discussions as this moves forward.

Councilmember Laliberte stated she was glad the City is looking at this and that the recommendation came from the Finance Commission. She appreciated what the City Manager put forth to the Council initially but also wanted to recognize what has been put forth to the community in the past and make sure the City follows through on those commitments in some way. She wanted to make sure it is being done in the best way possible and with a team that is able to affect the changes the Council is looking for. She agreed that in the community, people are looking to have a comfort level and feeling of public safety. Those who have been affected want to hear back in a quicker timeline and with information that leaves them satisfied. She thought the case clearance rate was important as well. She thanked all of the residents that provided feedback in this process.

Mayor Roe noted that as a result of the conversations that have been had, certainly among the City Manager and Police Department staff as well as some other public counsel, a conclusion might be reached that \$276,000 is not the right number and could be less than three employees or it could be three or two different employees or perhaps one, depending on what exactly the analysis tells them. One of the things that has been on his mind in terms of the recent experience with a rise in certain types of crimes, such as theft from vehicles, burglaries, and other types of theft, one of the things touched on by Councilmember Laliberte is the

ability for people to feel like they are being responded to and there is a timely feedback process. If that involves something along the lines of a victim's advocate or something like that which is a helpful connection between officers, investigators, and those members of the public that have been victimized by crime, it might be something to look at or ideas along those lines. He did not want to limit the city necessarily to just officers.

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment with no one indicating a desire to speak.

Willmus moved, Etten seconded, adoption of Resolution No.11741 entitled, "Resolution Submitting the Preliminary Property Tax Levy on Real Estate to the Ramsey County Auditor for the Fiscal Year of 2021 , inclusive of the Finance Commission's recommended \$276,000 for police personnel"

Council Discussion

Councilmember Willmus appreciated the background information provided by the City Manager and looked forward to seeing how this conversation progresses.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Willmus moved, Laliberte seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 11742 entitled, "Resolution Directing the County Auditor to Adjust the Approved Tax Levy for 2021 Bonded Debt."

Mayor Roe noted that this resolution is not impacted by the inclusion of additional police funding in the overall levy by the council's action on the previous resolution.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

Willmus moved, Groff seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 11743 entitled, "Resolution Adopting the Preliminary 2021 Annual Budget for the City of Roseville, inclusive of the Finance Commission's recommended \$276,000 for police personnel."

Council Discussion

Councilmember Willmus noted the resolution should read 2021 and not 2020.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte, and Roe.
Nays: None.

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon summarized the request to Adopt the 2021 Preliminary EDA Tax Levy as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated September 21, 2020.

Mayor Roe believed, even with the change made at the August EDA discussion, this actually would be a decrease to the levy amount for the EDA for 2020-2021.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that was correct.

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment with no one coming forward.

Etten moved, Groff seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 11744 entitled, "Resolution Approving a Special Property Tax Levy, for the Benefit of the Roseville Economic Development Authority, on Real Estate to the Ramsey County Auditor for the Fiscal Year of 2021."

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte, and Roe.
Nays: None.

c. 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 September 21, 2020.

Ms. Susan Morgan, BKV Group, provided a presentation of the Civic Campus Master Plan.

Councilmember Etten asked if staff is thinking about offering space in the new building to the north or expanding garage space in the current city hall building.

Mr. Culver indicated those are the two options in the current Master Plan and something that would have to be figured out once a concept is chosen.

Councilmember Etten appreciated the outreach to the apartments to the north and wondered if there are any other predominant languages, other than English, and any role the City would have in helping to provide someone who can translate.

Mr. Culver indicated he did ask the management company that specific question and the company did not think there was any highly represented specific language but he would ask if there was something the City should be aware of.

Councilmember Willmus thanked staff for the presentation. He would like to challenge staff to look at the proposals from a functionality perspective and score them to see if the City does not have something that rises to the surface. He would be interested in that perspective.

Councilmember Groff echoed Councilmember Willmus' comments because when looking through the different plans, he could see things he thought were great, but he wanted to know from staff how this is going to function for them. He also thought it was important to keep the spaces flexible.

Councilmember Laliberte agreed with several things, noting this has really evolved. She thought the input from staff about what logistically and practically would perform best on a day-in and day-out situation would be very helpful. She was also looking at the differences in how green space is treated and was struck by option E and A, as there is the ability to have a gathering space rather than a green fringe around the city campus. She noted it was important to think about how the City can welcome and engage with people in the new campus plan.

Mayor Roe asked if the costing would be more concept specific in the final report or still remain general across all of the concepts.

Mr. Culver indicated staff will break down, as much as possible, the costs per concept but a lot of the costs, particularly building costs, are approximately the same from concept to concept with the exception of where the concept uses a portion of the existing facilities.

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment with no one coming forward.

Mayor Roe thanked staff and Ms. Morgan for the presentation.

d. Consider Co-Hosting Discussion Series on Race with Community Partners

Assistant City Manager Rebecca Olson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated September 21, 2020.

Councilmember Laliberte explained she has participated in events where the Theater Of Public Policy was participating and it was a great experience. She just hesitated because when this is going to be three partners, those forty spots are going to be very hard to come by. She noted she was very supportive of anything where anyone in the community can engage but she was concerned about anything that will limit opportunities for Roseville residents.

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Ms. Olson indicated that was a concern that the HRIEC had as well as staff. She thought it would be worth a conversation between the staff liaison and herself regarding if there could be multiple sessions held.

Mayor Roe indicated he also had thought about partnering with CTV because if it is something that is educational to the community, a good way to get it out there even if twenty-five to forty people from the community can participate, is videotaped or to broadcast live. That would be an opportunity to get it in front of a lot more people.

Councilmember Willmus asked if this is something the HRIEC is just beginning to take a first touch at.

Ms. Olson explained the HRIEC did look at this, voted, and made a motion recommending the City Council participate in this.

Councilmember Willmus explained he would like to see more details worked out logistically as to how this would all work. He thought this was preliminary without a lot of details about it or functionality how this will work.

Mayor Roe stated the nice potential of this is that it is a starting point to get some experience. Then in the next round, the HRIEC might be able to have an earlier involvement in the planning. He indicated this is a starting point that could be built on.

Councilmember Etten agreed with Mayor Roe and did not feel this needed to be rushed. He did like the subject of topics and the idea of working with other communities and the library on ideas and topics.

Councilmember Groff agreed about the topics and that the topics were timely and very important. He thought the City of Roseville needed to address those topics and the sooner the better.

Ms. Olson asked for more feedback from Council: if Shoreview and the library decide to move forward with this, it is anticipated to potentially do the first session in October with the Theater of Public Policy. She wondered if that moves forward, is the Council interested in potentially partnering on the other items, other discussions, if this is something that the City is not able to pull together before October.

Commissioner Groff indicated he was not aware the City was under that much pressure, and with that in mind, he thought the City should move forward with it and he would support this.

Councilmember Laliberte asked if the limitations of the first session came up with the HRIEC. She asked if Ms. Olson was able to get information from Shoreview on how they envision that going forward and if each partner would get an allocation or would it be first-come first-serve. She also asked if Shoreview is looking to engage the Commission members specifically versus the community. She thought the City should be offering things that are broadly available.

Ms. Olson explained it was her understanding Shoreview is looking to get approval from their city council and if that moves forward, those specific details will probably be more of a conversation to work out the specific details. Shoreview has done all of the planning on this and the information she has is information she was given. However, if this is something that the Council is interested in moving forward or pursuing, she is happy to reach out and gather very specific details of logistics for the upcoming one.

Councilmember Etten indicated he was not sure how that all adds up for the City. He worried about the October session being shoved in with the election season ending and whether that will change the ability of the session to be useful for people and create great dialogue.

Councilmember Groff agreed and thought that was a short timeline to get the word out and make sure people are aware of it. He thought more detail was needed and maybe look at it after the first of the year when things slow down.

Mayor Roe agreed that the timing in relation to the rest of the things going on in the world is a factor as well. He also wondered if this is something that would just impact those twenty to forty people.

Mr. Trudgeon noted the City could respond that it is very interested in this partnership but cannot commit to the first one because of the short notice. He thought it was worthwhile to participate in these.

The Council concurred.

e. Consider Adoption of a Resolution Electing to Participate in the Local Housing Incentives Account Program Under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act

Housing and Economic Development Program Manager Jeanne Kelsey briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated September 21, 2020.

Willmus moved, Etten seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 11745 entitled, "Resolution Electing to Participate in the Local Housing Incentives Account Program under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act."

Roll Call

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

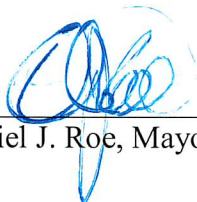
Nays: None

- 8. Approve Minutes**
- 9. Approve Consent Agenda**
- 10. Future Agenda Review, Communications, Reports, and Announcements – Council and City Manager**
City Manager Trudgeon reviewed the September 28, 2020 and October 12, 2020 City Council meetings and the October 12, 2020 City Council Worksession.
- 11. Adjourn**
Willmus moved, Groff seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 9:25 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager