



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, February 28, 2022

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Groff, Willmus, Strahan, Etten, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Mark Gaughan were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

City Manager Trudgeon requested removal of Item 10e, Preliminary Plat for Twin Lakes Station because that item is not quite ready for Council consideration.

Etten moved, Groff seconded, approval of the agenda as amended to remove item 10e from the agenda.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

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

Mr. Al Fletcher, speaking on behalf of his daughter Amy Fletcher, who is a resident of 1822 Dale Court. He explained he was speaking on behalf of all parents at ACR Homes where there are 230 parents and guardians and a crisis going on with shortage of staff in group homes throughout the State and in particular, ACR Homes. The crisis in staffing has gotten to the point where homes are having to close because there is not enough staff. ACR is having to close four of its homes and recently gave notice to seventeen families that the families would need to find other locations in March. Speaking about the Coronavirus Relief Act and the American Rescue Plan (CARES) Act monies, Roseville specifically received monies from the CARES Act in the amount of \$2,732,742 in 2020 and from the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$1,928,886 in 2021. He was not going to pretend to tell Roseville how to spend its money but learned from Stillwater that there is still two million dollars left over from their American Rescue Plan money and Stillwater is seeking ways to spend it. The ACR Homes families are hoping that Roseville would likewise be looking for a way to spend some of the money for a very good cause. The ACR Homes families are hoping the City could give the ACR Homes a \$20,000 grant for each of the six homes that operate in Roseville, for a total of \$120,000. He noted ACR Homes is in the Legislature seeking an improvement in the State formulas for wages. Wages are now capped at \$14 to \$15 an hour and the private sector is paying \$17 to \$22 an hour. That is

what ACR Homes cannot compete with and are in the process of seeking changes to those formulas and are moving successfully there but need immediate grants to stave off more closing of homes.

Mayor Roe indicated the Council had preliminary discussion about allocation of those funds (actually, American Rescue Plan Act – or ARPA – funds) at the last City Council meeting and he suggested it might make sense to think about a process for providing those funds to eligible and qualifying non-profits in the community that might be appropriate so when those entities come forward with a need, there would be a process to address them. He suggested staff follow-up sooner rather than later to at least have a conversation on a portion of the topic so the Council might then put together a process by which people with these types of needs in the community can come forward with requests for funding.

Councilmember Strahan added she is a HR Director for a home and this is a Statewide and Nationwide problem that is not necessarily related to specifically an hourly wage, although that does not hurt. She highly encouraged ACR Homes or any other organization to get closely connected to State resources.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Women’s History Month Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the Women’s History Month Proclamation.

Willmus moved, Groff seconded, proclaiming March 2022 as Women’s History Month.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Fire Department Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Response Presentation

Fire Chief Brosnahan briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated February 28, 2022.

Dr. Bjorn Peterson, Regions Hospital EMS, introduced himself.

Mr. David Madison, Senior Operations Manager at Allina Health EMS, introduced himself.

Councilmember Etten thanked the group for the proposal and asked Mr. Madison what other support pieces, such as insurance reimbursement, will help offset the costs for Roseville.

Mr. Madison explained as far as the equipment exchange, which is a typical processes that Allina Health does for all of its first responders, as long as the first responders use the same equipment carried on the ambulance, with Roseville Fire, that is true. Those incidental equipment pieces are exchanged after a call is done with the Allina crews. Regarding any type of insurance payments, the ambulance side only charges if there is an actual transport of a patient. Once in a while there is a scene treatment, such as a diabetic where medications are given, if looking at the CMS Guidelines, which Allina follows for patient billing. That is allowable to be charged as far as insurance is concerned. He did not know what Roseville's plan would be, if doing any type of billing process.

Chief Brosnahan explained as the Fire Department gets the implementation of the advanced life support started, it is not his anticipation right away to start any kind of a billing program. He did not believe it was in the best interest of the Fire Department to start. What he would like to do is to treat the first twelve months as a pilot program to assess the frequency of use of advanced life skills, the burn rate of medications, and items of disposals. At that point, once there is some data available, the benefits can be seen of developing some sort of insurance or billing program.

Councilmember Strahan asked as far as if the Roseville Advanced Life Support Team is able to stabilize someone or resolve the issue, will the life support team still bill for insurance under Allina for that service. He also asked if the person has to be transported, will the person be charged for that stabilization process as well.

Mr. Madison explained the patient would be charged the normal base rates for transportation.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she was curious about the response to the article regarding the shortage of people in this field and the ability to meet calls. She asked how Mr. Madison sees that impacting the ability to actually transport people. She saw that as a good thing for Roseville to have this service but there will still need to be a next step if the life support team cannot bring people to the facilities.

Mr. Madison explained EMS Nationwide is a challenge these days along with Police Department and Fire Department recruiting. Allina is doing okay at this point and could always use more EMS employees but the fact of the matter is that Allina relies on its mutual aid partners just like their mutual aid partners are relying on Allina.

Councilmember Groff wondered what types of treatments this would include.

Chief Brosnahan reviewed procedures and medications being proposed for the Advanced Life Support First Response service.

Councilmember Willmus asked if the City did move forward with this what did Chief Brosnahan forecast for the annual cost for providing these services, what did he perceive as required for incentive pay, and how long did he see that incentive pay carrying forward.

Chief Brosnahan believed the costs would be between seventy-five and eight-five thousand dollars a year and the vast majority of that would be related to an incentive pay. This would have to be done under negotiations with the Union but the Union has been great to work with as well as the stewards to the City so he thought it would land somewhere in the eight to ten percent incentive pay, which lines up well and very similar with the Fire Fighter/Fire Inspector position. That would be approximately seven to eight thousand dollars per paramedic on staff right now. Those numbers could increase as more paramedics are added. There is a line-item budget for all of the medication and other equipment purchases already and he did not see that number increasing significantly.

Public Comment

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

Etten moved, Willmus seconded, granting approval to initiate and implement the Roseville Fire Department ALS first response program.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Etten thanked Chief Brosnahan for bringing this item forward and thought this was something the people in the community would appreciate and it would save some lives, which is an important step for the City to take.

Councilmember Willmus concurred and appreciated the team being forthright with respect to transportation, billing, that aspect of things. He indicated this approach made a lot of sense to him.

Councilmember Groff mentioned the Council did get many emails from residents in support.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

b. Public Hearing to Consider the Approval of a Transfer of a 3.2% Off Sale Liquor License to Cub Stores Holdings, LLC dba Cub Foods Located at 2100 Snelling Ave

City Manager Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated February 28, 2022.

Mayor Roe reviewed public hearing protocol and opened and closed the public hearing at approximately 6:36 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input on the above-referenced transfer of a 3.2% Off Sale Liquor License to Cub Stores Holdings, LLC at 2100 Snelling Ave; with no one appearing for or against.

Groff moved, Willmus seconded, approve the transfer of the 3.2% Off-Sale Liquor License to Cub Stores Holdings, LLC dba Cub Foods.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

- c. Public Hearing to Consider Adopting Resolution Approving the Vacation of Right of Way Related to the Midland Legacy Estate 3rd Addition Final Plat**
City Engineer Freihammer briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated February 28, 2022.

Councilmember Strahan indicated what she hears from residents repeatedly is the concern that people get into that space. She asked what the plan is to increase signage at Cleveland to prevent people from getting that far.

Mr. Freihammer reviewed the signage, explaining there are two no outlet signs as well as additional no outlet signs before getting to the actual dead end. He explained in 2024, the City plans on reconstructing the rest of County Road B from Eustis Street to Cleveland as a part of that project and have already looked at some design features at Cleveland Avenue to make it look more residential and narrow the road to make it more difficult for a semitruck to take a right off the 35W ramp. Signage can also be enhanced more as well.

Councilmember Groff described the concerns he heard from two camps; some people are saying there is not traffic from semi-trucks going down the road much anymore as it has been reduced. From other people, he has heard there is a lot of traffic. He personally has not seen that much and he lives in that area but he wondered if staff has done any studies or any way for the Council to know the amount of traffic, as far as semitrucks on that stretch of County Road B.

Mr. Freihammer explained the City does not have any empirical or very good data but there have been a lot of comments from the public over the years. He indicated he has never noticed semi-truck traffic on County Road B in that area but has heard about it so it does happen but he feels it has been less traffic as the years have gone by.

Mayor Roe reviewed public hearing protocol and opened the public hearing at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Public Comment

Ms. Jessica Lundin, Corner of Fairways and County Road B

Ms. Lundin indicated she was not at the meeting to try to change anyone's mind because the decision seems to be made and there is a multi-million-dollar development in the process down the street that relies on this cul-de-sac being taken out. But as a resident of the neighborhood who is home all day, just this morning at 9:00 a.m., she watched a semi have to do a turn around. She knew there were signs and probably less semi traffic and maybe just the timing of taking out this cul-de-sac is not right if redesigning of the rest of County Road B is not complete. She indicated there is a need for it because the semi truck drivers think they can get to 280 from this road. She indicated her family is frustrated and feels like this is a waste of time. She did not agree with approving this.

With no one else appearing to speak, Mayor Roe closed the public hearing at approximately 6:48 p.m.

Council Discussion

Mayor Roe wondered if, as part of the project to redo County Road B, there could be some consideration, at that last point where somebody could turn before the no outlet area, for further design aspects of that intersection to really change the continuity of the road going forward.

Mr. Freihammer stated staff could look into that and there could be some geometric options to make it look a little different for the last five hundred or thousand feet of roadway.

Mr. Trudgeon read the publication notification and indicated staff received a written comment in opposition from Mr. Tim Lundin at 2151 Fairways Lane who was opposed to the vacation.

Willmus moved, Etten seconded, approval of adoption of Resolution No. 11885 entitled, "Resolution Approving the Vacation of Excess Right Of Way of County Road B and Eustis Street, Former MNDOT Right Of Way Parcel 303E, Ramsey County, Minnesota."

Council Discussion

Councilmember Willmus explained he respected the conversation that has gone on over the last few years with respect to development of this parcel and as that process has worked through, there have been significant changes over time in terms of alignment, project density, as well as other changes. Frankly, a part of him looks at this as something a little bit different. The City is looking at rebuilding County

Road B in a couple of years and if this was not to be vacated at this time, he did not know what specific purpose this right-of-way would hold for the City going forward, noting that standard could be applied here as well. That is why he would support vacating this particular area of Eustis and County Road B.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

d. Consider Accelerated Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Program

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Matt Johnson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated February 28, 2022.

Councilmember Groff thanked Mr. Johnson for the presentation and asked if species will be added to the list.

Mr. Johnson indicated that is a possibility and it would be to replace the maple trees. The plan is to work with their vendor, Tree Trust, and to divide the planting plan each season. There would be conversations about that.

Councilmember Strahan noted many residents responded favorably to this plan as a whole but she felt residents wanted more assurance that the City is going to look for native replacements. She wondered if there was some way the City could give some reassurance to this. She also asked if there will be any impact to the neighborhood around Rosebrook Park for the storage in the off season.

Mr. Johnson explained the vast majority of the plantings will be natives coming from the existing list. He has extreme confidence in the Tree Trust, who is working with the DNR and the University of Minnesota, on getting the correct plantings for the area as the climate changes. He indicated regarding Rosebrook Park, he certainly would not promise no impact. The City selected that parking lot because it essentially only serves the soccer fields there. Staff does not anticipate it will impact the ordinary use of the parks but wants to make sure it is safe and slightly. That would be a good location and part of the reason it was chosen. He indicated the neighborhood will notice it is there and there will be questions about it. He did not believe this would be an undue burden on the neighborhood.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment.

Mr. Steve Fester, 701 Skillman

Mr. Fester indicated he sent in his comments to the Council about the native species and was glad to hear it was only about five percent of all of the trees, which is a

pretty low percentage. Another point, he was hoping to see only Minnesota native trees to be used as an alternative and to clarify that, he meant North American trees. He would not like to see any non-North American native species used. He knew in the documents there was London Plain Tree and Ginkgo, which are crossbred with Asian species or all Asian species of tree. He noted those do not have nearly the benefits that their native trees have to insects, birds, and wildlife. He thought the overall plan looked great and was glad to see the City take action.

Mayor Roe closed public comment for Council discussion.

Mayor Roe indicated he was glad that Mr. Fester mentioned the non-native species outside of North America. One thing he thought was also important, in terms of native versus non-native, is how invasive a species is when it is not native to the area. He stated that would be something to pay close attention to as well so non-native species do not take over an area.

Mr. Johnson indicated none of the species on the list are viewed as invasive in any way.

Etten moved, Groff seconded, approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Tree Trust.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Etten explained he appreciated all of the work on this item and the way staff addressed all the concerns of the residents. He indicated one of his concerns was ensuring that the CIP for the park system continues and the City is not taking money away from other needs in the system to do this as well as the amount of how many non-Minnesota Native trees will be a part of this program. He appreciated staff looking into all of the possible issues.

Councilmember Groff thanked Mr. Johnson for the thorough report and all of the work done on this report. He really liked the part that the City could have volunteers included.

Councilmember Strahan asked if the Finance Commission has reviewed this final project proposal.

Mr. Johnson indicated the Finance Commission did not review the final proposal but did look at the preliminary iterations of this proposal.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Willmus moved, Strahan seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 11886, directing the Community Development Tree Replacement Funds be used for part of the financing of the program.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Willmus commended staff for breaking down silos and visibly coming forward with a proposal utilizing those dollars for something that will accomplish goals within both areas of the Parks and Recreation and Community Development Departments.

Mayor Roe pointed out that volunteering for the planting is an opportunity to look at equity also in terms of reaching out to communities that are diverse and may be a great source of volunteers for that work as well as the tree sale and the positive aspect of that.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

8. Council Direction on Councilmember Initiated Agenda Items

9. 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 January 31, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

Etten moved, Groff seconded, approval of the January 31, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Corrections:

Mayor Roe indicated he made several changes to the minutes which he gave to City staff.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None.

10. 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 February 28, 2022 and related attachments.

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

Roll Call

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

a. Approve Payments

ACH Payments	\$1,491,485.15
102501-102637	875,285.02
TOTAL	\$2,366,770.17

- b. Approve 1 Temporary Liquor License, 1 Gambling Permit, and 1 Consumption & Display Renewal**
- c. Accept 2022 Pathways to Policing Grant**
- d. Adopt Resolution No. 11887, Approving an Interim Use Renewal Pursuant to §1009.03 of the City Code to Permit Park-and-Ride Facilities at Nine Locations during the 12-Day Minnesota State Fair (PF21-019)**
- e. Item Removed from Agenda**
- f. Adopt Resolution No. 11889, Approving a Drive-Through as a Conditional Use for Bank of American, 1761 County Road C (PF21-020)**
- g. Adopt Resolution No. 11890, Approving a Drive-Through as a Conditional Use for BFI Real Estate Holdings, LLC, on Behalf of Border Foods (Taco Bell), at 1741 County Road C (PF21-020)**
- h. Approve July 4th Fireworks Display Agreement**
- i. Authorize Mayor and City Manager to Execute First Amendment to Standard Agreement for Professional Services with HKGi Regarding the Second Phase of the Zoning Code Update Project**
- j. Adopt Resolution No. 11891, Prohibiting Parking on Long Lake Road and West Snelling Service Drive**

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

City Manager Trudgeon reviewed the future agenda items for the March City Council meetings. He noted the March 14, 2022 EDA meeting has been cancelled due to no agenda items. He also indicated there will be Commission interviews taking place on March 9, 2022 with a possibility of a second meeting if needed.

Assistant City Manager Olson reviewed with the City Council the interview details and noted the Council will be getting an email with the details. She noted the interviews will be held at Cedarholm Community Building on March 9, 2022 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Willmus suggested Mr. Trudgeon reach out to each Councilmember on the Pet License conversation if there is not a desire on the majority of the Council to change up or potentially eliminate. He did not know if it was necessary to have a discussion on it.

Mr. Trudgeon noted the City has the Sales Tax Bill scheduled for a public hearing on March 9, 2022.

Councilmember Strahan reviewed with the Council redistricting outcomes.

Councilmember Groff reviewed with the Council Northeast Youth and Family Services director search.

Mayor Roe explained NineNorth is also looking for a new executive director and that process is ongoing.

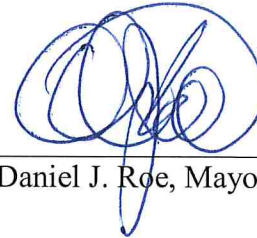
12. Adjourn

Willmus moved, Strahan seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 7:42 p.m.

Roll Call

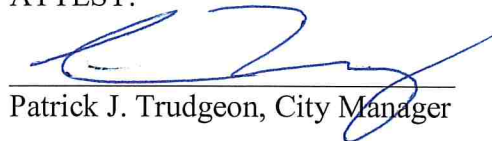
Ayes: Groff, Willmus, Strahan, Etten, and Roe.

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager