



**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive**  
**Monday, April 11, 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**

Mayor Roe acknowledged the shooting that happened in Roseville on April 5<sup>th</sup> and especially expressed appreciation for the bravery and professionalism of all first responders and partnering agencies that were there that evening. He noted Officer Ryan Duxbury was injured in the incident and has been released from the hospital following surgery and is recovering at home. The City hopes he has a speedy recovery. He mentioned that a number of people in the neighborhood and also people passing through certainly experienced a traumatic event that evening and the City hopes the residents and folks can get any help needed to work through this tragic event. He also acknowledged the death of the suspect and family's grief and expressed condolences as well.

**3. Approve Agenda**

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

**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. No one appeared to speak.

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

**a. Recognition of 2021-22 Essay Contest Participants – Vanya Romero and Jackson Arit**

Mayor Roe indicated each year the City of Roseville and the HRIEC prepare and plan an essay contest for area students to enter and this year there were two participants that were each awarded a prize.

Commissioner James of the HRIEC reviewed the background process the Commission took to prepare the Essay Contest.

Mayor Roe recognized the two essay contest participants and invited each one to read their essay.

City Manager Trudgeon presented Vanya Romera with a certificate and award.

Vanya Romera was at the meeting and read her essay.

Jackson Arit attended the meeting remotely, and elected not to read his essay. He was recognized and congratulated by the City Council as well.

Mayor Roe thanked both participants for their submissions.

**6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

**7. Business Items**

**a. Receive Xcel Energy Northeast Metro Natural Gas Project Presentation**

Mayor Roe briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 11, 2022.

Ms. Kirstin Sersland Xcel Energy's Community Relations Manager for Roseville and Mr. David Butler, Project Manager made a presentation to the City Council.

Councilmember Strahan wanted to make sure things are going to be in place to alleviate as many issues around the State Fair as possible.

Mr. Butler indicated Xcel has a contact person that they are working with at the Fair and also with Metro Transit as far as identifying their parking lots being used and how Xcel will try to stay out of the way as much as possible. He thought their schedule allowed them to be out of the way on Hamline as quickly as possible and work on other roads.

Mayor Roe asked if the hours for working on this is typically during the business day or are there evening activities planned.

Mr. Butler indicated there are not any evening hours planned yet. The time when it is a potential is when Xcel starts at Highway 36 because they want to keep that pipe moving as they pull in the long pipe and may take longer than during the day. Xcel also does not plan on working on Saturdays unless weather delays the project.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Sersland and Mr. Butler for coming to the meeting and making their presentation to the City Council.

**b. Consider 2022 Lake Owasso Water Ski Slalom Course Permit Request**

Police Deputy Chief Joe Adams briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 11, 2022.

Councilmember Etten asked where this course sits in the lake.

Mr. Joe Bester, 460 West Horseshoe Drive, explained the location is on the south east corner, close to the railroad track trestle.

### **Public Comment**

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

Etten moved, Willmus seconded, approving Lake Owasso Safe Boating Association's request for a permit from the Ramsey County Sheriff for a water ski course on Lake Owasso for the 2022 season.

### **Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

c. **Hold a Public Hearing and Consider the Proposed "Midland Legacy Estate 4<sup>th</sup> Addition" Minor Plat Subdividing a Residential Outlet into Three Residential Lots**

Senior Planner Bryan Lloyd briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 11, 2022.

Councilmember Strahan asked about the adjacent lot at 2234 Eustis, noting that in the plat it looked like the driveway went across Outlot A. She knew in the past the owner had reached out about accessing their lot and she wanted to make sure that has been resolved.

Mr. Lloyd explained he spoke to the owner of that property to the north. There was a little bit of confusion thinking that these lots had already been subdivided with the recently approved plat and it was talked through. Access was not an issue that was raised. Their driveway comes out on the northern end of the cul-de-sac and goes directly to their property and most of the land that is being subdivided by this request has been a separate residential parcel up until now. There was not originally any conflict that he was aware of in terms of access and certainly none with the current proposal.

Councilmember Strahan thought there had been concern about access and a potential walking path along there. She wanted to make sure that the resident was able to access the public right-of-way through there.

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 minor plat; with no one appearing for or against.

Willmus moved, Etten seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 11902 entitled, "Resolution Approving the Proposed "Midland Legacy Estate 4<sup>th</sup> Addition" Plat (PF22-001)."

### **Council Discussion**

Councilmember Willmus indicated there has been significant conversation in the past about this and there is nothing out of the normal with this item to add.

#### **Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

**d. Joint HRIEC Meeting with the Council**

HRIEC Chair Etienne Djevi briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 11, 2022.

HRIEC members present: Chair Djevi, Commissioners James, Haas, Macomber, Palmquist, Becker, Peju, Sindiga and Youth Commissioner Xie.

The Commission updated the City Council on the 2021 accomplishments and 2022 projects the Commission is working on.

Commissioner James explained the Commission is looking to the City Council for guidance and direction on the future of the Essay Contest and if the Council thinks the HRIEC should continue to work on it or put it aside for now.

Councilmember Willmus knew that when his three kids were working their way through middle school, the essay was integrated into the lesson plans and therefore there was greater participation. He thought the Commission's observation of reaching out and connecting with the instructors at the various middle schools would be a good place to start to see if this is still a good fit with the current lesson plans. He also thought it was important that the entire group have some of those conversations and not just the sub-group.

Chair Djevi indicated the Commission is trying to figure out if the time spent the last few years is worth it to spend this much staff time when there were only two entries or should the Commission pause the Essay Contest for a few years hoping that COVID quits getting out of control and then resume the contest. If the Commission does that, they will run the risk on it not returning and will lose something that has been a part of the Commission for several years.

Councilmember Strahan thought that while students do have a lot going on, the essays have been impactful.

Commissioner Peju explained in addition to the work that has been mentioned, she thought as a Commission they mostly wanted to think about how to best to serve the city. She indicated they are fortunate to have Youth Commissioners Park and Xie on the Commission and it has been more about how best are they recognizing the youth and teachers. This is less about the amount of work the Commission and staff does but more about how it lands and the impact. Is it meaningful and impactful to the students and teachers.

Councilmember Etten appreciated the thoughts brought forward. He thought it has less to do with the Commission's question and more to do with if the teachers and students are surviving. There has been a lot of survival and people on the edge and trying to keep their head above water so an additional assignment, as mentioned, probably is not on the list. He really appreciated that the Commission is thinking this way. For him, there is a learning experience, even for them as leaders. There is a value for them and for people in the community as well as a value for the young people to be able to express and talk about things that are important to them. Thinking about sending a letter to teachers at the different schools, he would encourage the Commission to look at a way to see if the Commission could meet with the teachers rather than sending a letter. If this cannot be a part of the curriculum, then the Commission should reevaluate this.

Mayor Roe explained one of the things he remembers from being on the board of NYFS is that as they look at their programs, one of the lenses they look through is the lens of the person actually receiving the help through their programs. This is not exactly the same but the Commission should consider what the value is to the students who are participating and the only way the Commission is going to find out is to hear it directly from the students, whether it is a represented group, past participants, or more personal connections.

Youth Commissioner Xie agreed with a lot of things brought up and offered a student's perspective to this. She indicated from talking to a few of her teachers, they have all said that students are losing their motivation and since they are only a year out of the serious phase of the pandemic, it remains to be seen whether students gain their motivation back. She knew she lost motivation during the pandemic and is still working on getting that motivation back, which has not been easy. She agreed there is a question of whether it is a meaningful impact. For her, remembering middle school, writing essays was a pretty important part of middle school, which is preparing a person for high school. In high school, a student writes a lot of essays, especially if taking an advanced English course. She was also curious why this essay contest was not part of the curriculum this year. She would be interested in contacting past participants and ask what attracted them to participate in

the essay contest. Because a lot of the Council wanted to hear a student perspective, maybe instead of an essay contest or in addition to an essay contest, they could partner up with some kind of video series where different students are interviewed to talk about what it is like to live in Roseville. If the Council wants to hear the youth perspective, that is a way to get students involved.

Councilmember Groff indicated this topic was worked on a lot while he was on the HRIEC. At the time he was on the Commission, they did meet with the teachers that were involved and tried to meet early in the school year, which helped. He indicated another thing that has changed is that in the beginning this was set up as a State contest, which is no longer done. He thought the key was to talk to the teachers. He did like many of Youth Commissioner Xie's ideas as well. He would like to see this continue but if it is not going to be productive, then he is amenable to something else.

Mayor Roe thought it might make sense to take some time to do a thoughtful process of figuring out what makes sense. The thought of taking a pause for a year might make sense and might help the Commission to reach out and find out if changes needed to be made in the Essay Contest to make it work in today's environment.

Commissioner James thought not just looking at written word but also visual arts is important because not every student is good at writing and this gives an opportunity for another way for the student to express themselves. He thought the idea of using this next year to reach out to teachers and students asking for ideas and options would be good.

Commissioner James reviewed proclamation work with the City Council. The Commission believes that proclamations are an ongoing thing and the Commission is not going to get everything done this year. The Commission will get done as much as possible and every year the Commission will build on the work done in the previous year so it will continue to grow. The Commission is looking at proclamations as not just words but as actions and activities moving forward.

Commissioner Palmquist explained on the Rosefest parade, the Commission is hoping to get Indigenous groups involved and making sure there is also a focus on human rights as well as bringing the community together this year with the spots the Commission has been allotted. The Commission is excited to finally have the parade back and is looking forward to celebrating as a community. She also reviewed the community engagement the Commission is working on.

Commissioner Palmquist indicated there is a new subgroup this year to focus solely on youth engagement and make sure they are in the schools working on different events for youth.

Councilmember Etten thought the community outreach piece was discussed for many years and Chair Djevi wanted to lead on this. When the Council seeks people for a Commission, they look for people with different backgrounds, etc. so that when the Commission gets together, the Commissioners can draw from their own groups and experiences and sources of information to get a two-way channel of engagement. He hoped this comes to more fruition, the Commission feels it is valuable, and that it helps the City in the long run.

Commissioner Becker commented that a big part of the community engagement piece is to get the Commission visual identity figured out quickly. This will help the Commission to get out into the community and mingle as well as help lead and a level of professionalism. She thought this was a big goal for the Commissions.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she contacted Superintendent Loeck and asked if it would be possible to show a short video to teachers at orientation to promote the City of Roseville Human Rights Essay or Visual Creative Arts Project for the next school year and she agreed it would be okay to do so.

Mayor Roe thanked the Commission for all of the work being done on the HRIEC and coming forward to ask questions. He thought everything was moving in the right direction.

**e. Receive Civic Campus Pre-Design Project Update**

Public Works Director Marc Culver briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated April 11, 2022.

Mr. Culver introduced Ms. Susan Morgan and Mr. Bruce Schwartzman from BKV Group and Mr. Andrew Cooper from Oertel Architects and Ms. Mariaha Dean from Eden Resources.

A Civic Campus pre-design project update was provided to the Council by the design team consultants.

Councilmember Etten indicated when looking at the buffer on the west side, it appears there will be a thirty-foot green buffer planned but a sixty-foot section of blacktop between the building and that area. He did not know if that number could shift because sixty feet is a lot of blacktop. He wondered if there was room to give more buffer. He indicated there is also a playground in the northwest corner and he was not sure how anyone would get to it other than the one or two houses that back up to it. He indicated it is nice to have a playground there but it is not accessible to the public right now and will be less accessible once a building and all that blacktop is in there. He thought they needed to think differently about that. He was a fan of separating the entrance with the VFW and the license center, they have very different purposes and the Council wants those to feel appropriate for those buildings and those users. When looking at the larger greenspace between the current City Hall

and the proposed VFW/License Center, to him that would be a good location for a Memorial Park or Veterans Park instead of the little, tiny place where the flag is displayed in the front of the parking lot. He thought the City could have something that is a little more prominent and shows the respect with a gathering space and pavilion.

Councilmember Strahan wondered if the green space would have gathering space or something for people and if there is a possibility of having this as a City Center and the VFW's desire to have that, noting some exterior space where people could enjoy it would be nice.

Councilmember Willmus explained with respect to the entrances, this should be two separate distinct entrances because these are two completely different operations. The primary concern that he has at this point is what can be done along the western boundary of what may be the new maintenance facility and protection or buffering of the existing properties along Griggs. He thought the design team needed to spend a little more time looking at that and things that the City can do to minimize impact there. He thought the City needed to be forthright with the folks living along there that this is going to be different, will not be a park, and there will be activity at night. He thought there might be something that can be looked at that goes beyond green space. One of the big drivers here is how this will impact the residents' property value going forward. If there are things that the City can do to help in that regard, he would like to see what it could be. He thought observation about the change in grade was interesting, coming from a family that has done a lot of commercial and industrial development. In addition, maybe there are some things, timewise, that should be moved up to minimize construction costs.

Mayor Roe concurred with what the Councilmembers suggested. He thought looking at some sort of substantial berm and fencing could make a difference for sound as well as visual impacts. He asked the design team to look at different ways to minimize sound impacts as well as visual impacts.

Mr. Culver indicated staff did hear from the residents and agreed with the Council regarding the location of the playground.

Mr. Schwartzman thanked the Council for their comments and indicated there are a multitude of options the team can look at and present to the Council and the neighborhood. He thought this conversation helped them to realign some of the important factors.

Ms. Dean explained to tie together a couple of the comments, she thought in the same way that the Mayor mentioned the value of three-dimensional renderings. In conversations with residents, there is an awareness that often times diagrams are used in predesigns but simply shapes and colors have their limits. The team needs to go beyond what is just green as a color and what is meant by that and are there



trees and pathways. As they look at the edge, the team has always thought of that as incorporating multiple elements and components such as a berm, fencing, and landscape. It is a reminder that at this point in predesign, it is critical to push the dial forward to be more specific about what is discussed.

Councilmember Strahan believed that the entrances should be separate because these are not compatible with each other.

### **Public Comment**

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment.

#### **Mr. Jim Hartman, Past Commander at the VFW**

Mr. Hartman explained he was past VFW Commander for twelve years. The VFW does agree with the comment about having separate entrances for the VFW and the License Center. He noted the small storage shed the VFW currently has is important for them to keep because it is vital in order for the VFW to run its operation.

#### **Mr. Matt Drwall, 2736 Griggs Street North**

Mr. Drwall indicated he was concerned with water runoff because his place is downhill from this and the fact that there is a little bit of green space between them and this project, they would like to maximize the buffer between that facility and his property. They also do not want something there that will increase the foot traffic in his backyard. The primary concern for him is the impact on their property values due to a maintenance facility being next to them rather than the current park. He thought something needed to be done to address the financial impact on them and his neighbors.

#### **Mr. Ryan McLaughlin 2730 Griggs Street**

Mr. McLaughlin indicated it was great to hear that the Council had some of the same concerns he did regarding property value of the homes and green space. Home value is the number one concern the residents have that live on Griggs Street. He indicated that he did not want a maintenance facility in his backyard. He did not think thirty feet is very far and asked for the City to find a way to increase the buffer area.

No one else wished to address the City Council so Mayor Roe closed public comment.

Mayor Roe indicated the Council feels comments by the public are key to this project. He thought it was valid that the City needs to look at the financial impact this will have on neighboring properties and need to figure some things out. He agreed about the comment on foot traffic in the residents' back yard. He noted by law, the City cannot increase stormwater flow off this property onto adjoining property which is why stormwater is such a concern as a part of the predesign process. He

thought the City would be stepping up creativity in terms of design aspect to make sure that the City follows the rules that other developers have to follow. He thanked the Design Consultants for the update.

**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 March 21, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes**

Groff moved, Willmus seconded, approval of the March 21, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**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 April 11, 2022 and related attachments.

Willmus moved, Groff 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	\$2,513,318.90
102823-102997	600,787.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,114,106.13</b>

**b. Approve a Temporary Gambling Permit, and a Temporary Liquor License**

**c. Approve Resolution No. 11903 Awarding Contract for 2022 Pavement Management Project**

**d. Approve Resolution No. 11904 Awarding Contract for County Road B Water-main Project**

**e. Approve Construction and Maintenance Agreements with Ramsey County for Lexington Pathway Improvements**

**f. Approve Cooperative Agreement with Xcel Energy for County Road B Improvements**

- g. **Adopt Resolution No. 11905 Approving the Final Plat and Access Easement Agreement for Twin Lakes 4<sup>th</sup> Addition (PF21-020)**
- h. **Authorize Staff to Begin Vacation Process for Various Rights-Of-Ways with in the City of Roseville.**
- i. **Approve Professional Services Agreement with Metro-Inet Joint Powers Authority for Administrative, IT, Financial, and Human Resources Services.**
- j. **Receive 2021 Police Forfeiture Accounts Summary**

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

City Manager Trudgeon reviewed the April 18, 2022, and April 25, 2022, City Council meeting agendas.

Councilmember Groff updated the Council on the selection of a new NYFS Executive Director.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she has been accepted on the Board of Metro Cities.

**12. Adjourn**

Etten moved, Willmus seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 8:25 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None.

ATTEST:

  
Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager

  
Daniel J. Roe, Mayor