

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 3, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a work session of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 5:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Mayor Weisensel called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Essler, Theisen and Klimpel. Councilmember Freske arrived at 5:28 p.m.

Planning Commission members present; Kenninger, Herbert, Whitman and Thiagarajan.

a. FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:

The Council may choose to reconvene the work session after the adjournment of the regular meeting if the business of the work session is unable to be completed in the allotted time.

DISCUSSION

a. Zoning Code Update Discussion

HKGi presented and discussed the status of the zoning code update project in response to the previous joint work session meeting. The topics discussed this evening were; district standards vs. use specific standards, signage, general development standards, code reorganization and next steps.

HKGi highlighted the goal of the code updates are to simplify code language, update zoning districts to reflect the adopted Comprehensive Plan, clean up standards and to comply with state and federal requirements. The updates made from the previous work session include; Low Density Residential Districts updates - Incorporate different setbacks between current R-1 and R-1A districts into new R-1 district, Don't allow two-unit dwellings in R-1 district and ensure that mixed-use areas are predominately commercial; don't allow too much residential.

In addition, HKGi will include all dimensional standards in tables, making it easier for staff to accurately and quickly respond to questions regarding the standards.

The Planning Commissioners and Council were comfortable with making the following updates regarding dynamic signage; decreasing the display time to 30 seconds and to regulate the color to a maximum of 2 colors but the colors must be chosen to where the content is readable.

HKGi will include tables for parking requirements again to make it easier for staff to determine the parking requirements for specific uses. HKGi also noted electric vehicle requirements are currently being discussed at the state level and HKGi will monitor any requirements. Staff proposes to recommend electric-vehicle charging stations during the development review process.

The next steps of the code update include completing the full draft and presenting it to the Planning Commission prior to their public hearing, as the entire Planning Commission has not had the opportunity to share their input on the proposed updates. The meeting is likely to take place towards the beginning of 2024.

Motion by Mayor Weisensel **Second by** Council Member Klimpel

Motion to recess the work session at 6:37 p.m. to after the regular meeting

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

b. Discuss Police Department Future Needs

Mayor Weisensel called the meeting back to order with Councilmembers Freske, Essler, Theisen and Klimpel at 8:40 p.m.

Chief Dahlstrom discussed the future needs of the Police Department, highlighting Rosemount in comparison to other cities, the current and projected demands of the Police Department and the increased needs over the years in relation to the state average based on population. The main concerns regarding the current status of the Police Department are the minimums the state recommends for the number of officers per resident, which has not increased since the 90's and, based on the current number of full-time officers, there is a challenge to prevent burn-out, high performance and around the clock supervision in the event someone is out, an emergency occurs involving several officers, etc.

Rosemount Police Department has gone from attending 36 events in 2018 to 155 events in 2022. Chief Dahlstrom noted some of the events are contractual services, however several do not including Leprechaun Days. Councilmember Freske recommended Chief Dahlstrom provide an estimated cost of Police Department services during Leprechaun Days and to present that number to the Leprechaun Days Committee.

The City Council will have a special work session on October 17th to discuss the future needs of the Fire Department. Following that meeting, the Council would like to further discuss the projections of both departments and have the projections clearly mapped out for the next several years.

UPDATES

a. Project Updates

Staff discussed status of upcoming projects and ribbon cuttings.

b. Staff Reports

Mayor Weisensel discussed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at the regular council meeting and upon a motion by Weisensel and a second by Essler the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Fasbender", written in a cursive style.

Erin Fasbender
City Clerk