

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 5, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Rosemount City Council was held on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 5:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Mayor Weisensel called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Freske, Theisen and Klimpel. Councilmember Essler was absent.

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. Metropolitan Council Update

Metropolitan Council Member, Sue Vento, was unable to attend due to a meeting conflict. Ms. Vento will look to attend a council meeting in the future.

b. Preliminary Discussion of 2025 Budget

City Administrator Martin discussed the preliminary status of the 2025 budget as the City Council will set the “ceiling” of the levy at the 2nd meeting in September, with an ability to reduce the levy between September and final authorization in December. The preliminary 2025 Budget shows an increase of 11.46% (\$2,111,620) to the Operating Budget, which results in an 10.01% increase (\$1,566,112) in the property tax levy. The City’s recent debt issuance for the PD PW Campus project results in a 4.5% levy increase, making the cumulative levy increase 11.9%. The impact of this levy increase on a median valued home is projected to be \$48 per year (City’s General Fund) and \$50 per year (PD PW Campus).

Councilmembers agreed they would like the increase to be in single digits, however Mr. Martin noted most of the increase is due to union contracts and health insurance, however staff will continue to find ways to work towards single digits. Mr. Martin also noted the cost of Public Works and Police Department (\$50/year) is still factored in as well as the major changes for the Fire Department.

Councilmember Freske questioned whether the code enforcement contract was necessary for 2025. Staff will explore other options as well as get a better idea of an exact amount.

Mayor Weisensel requested a comparison of how similar cities are set up in terms of staffing.

Councilmembers also questioned whether the Port Authority downtown study was necessary for 2025.

Community Development Director Kienberger noted doing the downtown study in 2025 will be a good way to maximize CDBG dollars and will assist in the preparation for updating our Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Weisensel also questioned if there are other ways for the city to generate revenue?

City Administrator Martin noted staff will continue to leave room in the budget in the event the City receives high numbers for health insurance as we won't receive those numbers until this fall. Staff will continue working on refining the budget and will bring back to City Council for any updates.

UPDATES

a. Staff Reports

City Administrator Martin provided an update regarding the Jay Simons Neighborhood Street Improvement Project, noting the area should be fully paved into the coming weeks. The Expo 2031 has delayed any action until February allowing more time for staff to determine any next steps.

Community Development Kienberger provided an update on upcoming planning commission items.

Parks & Recreation Director Schultz noted he has upcoming meetings with Farmington to discuss ice sheets and will report back with findings. Mr. Schultz also met with Rosemount Area Athletics Association this afternoon and asked about a partnership with the city to update the outdoor track at the middle school. Mr. Schultz will gather more details and report back to City Council regarding what a partnership would look like.

Administrative Services Director Malecha provided update that JD Edwards should be implemented by the end of the year for the Finance and Human Resources team.

US 52/TH 55/CSAH 42 Corridor & Jurisdictional Study

Public Works Director, Nick Egger, was out this evening and City Administrator Martin highlighted the US 52/TH 55/CSAH 42 study that has currently kicked off. The study is being led by MNDot and is very preliminary at this point. There will be listening continuing this fall and staff will continue to keep City Council updated on the status of the study.

Draft Policy - Irrigation Efficiency Grant Program

City Administrator Martin provided an overview of the Water Efficiency Grant put on by the Met Council. Prior to this current cycle, the Vermillion River Watershed provided the administrative and technical effort to oversee irrigation system audits. However, the VRW is discontinuing their participation on that front. Therefore, in order to perpetuate the program, the city will have to take up the efforts of administering a similar program. To that end, staff has developed a draft policy for facilitating what we are calling the Irrigation Efficiency Grant Program.

City Council has no concerns regarding implementing a policy for the program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at the regular council meeting and upon a motion by Weisensel the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Erin Fasbender
City Clerk