

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

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

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. Community Band Commissioned Music

City Administrator Martin introduced Mark Enochs, Rosemount Community Band (RCB). Mr. Martin provided an overview of RCB's request to partner with the city in supporting the efforts to commission a piece of music in honor of John Zschunke, RCB founder and former Rosemount Middle School teacher. Mr. Martin noted the City is determining ways the city can support, i.e. donation, marketing, etc.

Councilmember Theisen questioned if other local businesses had been contacted for donations and Mr. Enochs confirmed RCB has reached out and will continue to request donations from local establishments. Mr. Enochs stated the estimate to have the music commissioned would be approximately \$18,000 and the music would be performed likely next October. Mr. Martin noted the City does have a Joint Powers Agreement with RCB and the City has had prior involvement with supporting the Rosemount Band via marketing, which was around \$5,000.

Mr. Enochs stated there is no specific timeframe that he needs a response by. Mr. Martin will continue to work with Mr. Enochs on a reasonable way to support RCB's efforts and will report back to City Council for final approval. The City Council is supportive in supporting the request.

b. Cannabis Regulatory Decisions

City Administrator Logan Martin presented to the City Council that staff is seeking feedback and recommendations on the regulation of cannabis within Rosemount. Community Development Director Kienberger and Joe Sathe, Kennedy & Graven Attorney, provided a high-level overview of the regulatory options cities have regarding adult-use cannabis.

Currently, the city has a moratorium on the operation of cannabis businesses until January 1, 2025.

The City Council reviewed key policy questions with the understanding that the State Office of Cannabis Management rules are subject to change over the next few months.

The City Council agreed to place a buffer around schools, including Dakota County Technical College. Under state guidelines, the city may prohibit the operation of a cannabis business within 1,000 feet of a school. Staff will work to determine whether 1,000 feet is the appropriate amount.

The City Council does wish to limit the number of retailers to 1 retailer per 12,500 city residents, which would equate to allowing 3 businesses under the current population. The City Council does not wish to adopt buffers between hemp or cannabis businesses as the market will determine where the businesses should be best placed within a distance of one another. The City Council also recommended limiting the hours of operations the same as liquor sale hours to keep consistency. In addition, the City Council advises any temporary cannabis events to follow the same general process as other events that occur throughout the city.

Staff recommended the City handle the registrations for licensing versus the county and the City Council agreed to proceed with the path of the City handling the registrations.

Mr. Sathe also noted that just as the city can regulate the number of businesses within a town, so can the county based on the same population formula. The county could limit the retails and not the cities.

The next steps include staff working with Kennedy and Graven to determine the next steps to enact the recommendations given by the City Council.

## **UPDATES**

### **a. Staff Reports**

#### **Police Department**

Chief Dahlstrom provided an update on recent police events.

#### **Community Development**

Community Development Director Kienberger recapped the recent Port Authority meeting which included Project Falcon being present. Mr. Kienberger noted no application for the project has been received yet, so there is no communication to share with the public at this time. Council Member Freske suggested a reminder to educate residents again on how development occurs and why this project has a code name including the parcel that is under consideration. Staff will confirm the timing of this project going to the Board of Regents to come up with the best plan on how to communicate the project to the public.

Mr. Kienberger also noted potential development opportunities near 145th Street/Highway 55. Staff will continue to work with potential developers to have a better understanding on whether any amendments would need to occur with land use, an understanding of traffic flow and water and energy sources. The City Council also expressed interest in getting different types of businesses on the east side.

At 6:54 p.m. Mayor Weisensel brought forth a motion.

**Motion by Weisensel**

**Motion** to continue the meeting to after the regular council meeting

**Ayes: 5.**

**Nays: None. Motion carried.**

At 7:23 p.m. Mayor Weisensel called the regular work session meeting back to order.

**Public Works**

Public Works Director Egger provided an update of the Connemara Trail roundabout project and discussed the possible closures, including both lanes and singular lane possibilities. Mr. Egger noted, if there was a full closer to complete the roundabout, the project would be completed sooner. Mr. Egger noted, this project would be after the roundabout project at the Rosemount High School on Highway 3.

The City Council would like to know more about differences in timing between a partial and full closure. A public open house will occur on October 9th.

**Administrative Services Department**

City Clerk Fasbender provided an update on the Primary Election and noted the timelines of voting for the November 5th election.

City Administrator Martin provided an update on the salary market study and noted staff will have a meeting tomorrow with the consultant to discuss next steps. Once finalized, staff will present to the City Council for approval.

**Council member Updates**

Council member Freske mentioned the Haunted Trail will take place on October 26th.

Council member Essler mentioned his upcoming meeting with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority. Council member Freske requested more information from MVTA to provide routes from Rosemount to downtown.

**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 Klimpel the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Fasbender  
City Clerk