

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 3, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a work session meeting of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 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.

Motion by Weisensel

Motion to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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. Dakota East Technology Park Tract development

Mayor Weisensel announced no public comment will be received at this meeting. The first item is a presentation only and no action will be taken.

Community Development Kienberger introduced the Tract team; Kristin D., Brad S., Trent M., Brian M. The Tract team highlighted where they are at in the process (comprehensive plan amendment) with their interest in the eastern side of Rosemount for a future technology campus. The proposed site was chosen for several factors; power infrastructure present, set back and burm opportunity, strong workforce, etc.

The Tract Team noted they have had community meetings and discussions with nearby residents and discussed the comprehensive plan amendment, full review of their preliminary plan and the opportunity of the investment to the community. The Tract team did note they would like to hold an additional meeting as residents had concerns regarding sound, lighting and flooding. The neighborhood meeting at Omni Winery was with approximately 20 residents and was a brief meeting due to the location and activity taking place at Omni Winery. Councilmembers suggested additional broader neighborhood meetings take place that the entire City is included in, as this decision will be important to the entire community.

Mayor Weisensel questioned whether the power supplier Greater Resource Energy (GRE) is comfortable providing the needs of the project and Tract confirmed discussions have been held with GRE and which

GRE noted they have long-term sustainability goals and are comfortable providing the needs.

Councilmember Klimpel voiced her concerns regarding the comprehensive plan updates and is not comfortable making any decisions any time soon as she doesn't want to give up the opportunity for additional commercial use in that area.

Councilmember Essler noted everytime the City Council considers a rezone there is concern for the community. In this proposal, Tract is proposing to take a very large commercial property off the market and Essler feels that will be challenging to consider.

Councilmember Theisen questioned the status of their Farmington proposal. Tract noted they made a number of adjustments to their proposal based on feedback from the staff and public.

Community Development Director Kienberger provided a recap from the planning commission memo which noted the breakdown of the acreage. Tract suggested the possibility of downsizing the technology campus to dedicate to additional commercial. This would still allow a technology campus and still aid in bringing in infrastructure for commercial use.

Mayor Weisensel questioned the concerns regarding data centers specifically in Virginia. Tract noted the data centers in Virginia are an older generation and Tract is working towards better models that are designed more thoughtfully as technology as evolved since then.

Councilmember Essler appreciates the investment that Tract has done so far and understands the need for Tract to have direction on how they should proceed. Councilmember Essler is concerned regarding the current location and the land use perspective noting this is a different land situation than Meta was.

Councilmember Freske stated this is not her vision for the east side of Rosemount and noted there are benefits of bringing infrastructure to the area, but doesn't believe that will outweigh the cons.

Councilmembers agreed Tract needs to have active engagement with the community, noting residents have the right to hear all the information as some of the information could change people's mind, i.e. infrastructure brought to the area.

Mr. Kienberger discussed the timeline for the City Council to make a decision based on state statute. The City Council can extend the current amendment application if necessary. Staff will work with Tract to determine the next steps.

b. RAAA Storage Needs

City Administrator Martin introduced members of Rosemount Area Athletic Association (RAAA) to discuss opportunities to assist with storage needs. Parks and Recreation Director Schultz noted the board would like to centralize their storage to one location that will be a good long term fit for them. They currently have equipment storage in several locations including old UMore building sites and people's homes. RAAA Football is having challenges with access to their equipment and also having to store their equipment in the old basement locker rooms at Rosemount Middle School. RAAA anticipates they need approximately an area that is approximately 5,000 square feet.

RAAA noted they have been utilizing the same shed for at least 35 years, but have grown 25% as far as registration counts. The board have asked for assistance from the City of Rosemount to participate in

the construction and ownership of the building as RAAA is not in the business of owning a facility. Staff anticipate the cost to be between 425k-525k for a storage facility only.

Councilmember Freske expressed concern with Rosemount tax payers paying for a RAAA facility and questioned if there is a way to have a facility charge added? Councilmember Klimpel suggested a user fee or a possible fundraising project to assist with the cost of the facility. Staff will meet with RAAA and evaluate the sites as RAAA will soon lose space for football storage at the middle school.

Councilmembers are in support of assisting. However, additional review and decisions need to be thought through regarding the location and funding. Staff will review the Park Masterplan to determine if a RAAA future storage could fit into the plan and bring it back to City Council at a later date.

UPDATES

a. Staff Reports

Parks and Recreation Updates:

Parks and Recreation Director Schultz provided the latest high-level numbers (22 million for one sheet) regarding the City getting an ice rink. Staff will continue to analyze the numbers and explore financial options to bring back to the City Council at a later date. Schultz noted the City of Farmington and City of Egan are not interested in building a facility, but are interested in contracting hours.

A second update, Mr. Schultz provided is regarding the National Guard remodel project noting the current fire alarm system is not operational at the facility. Staff will obtain further information from the National Guard and explore options and update the City Council at a future date.

Mayor Weisensel adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. and will reconvene following the regular meeting.

City Council reconvened after their regular meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Fire Department Updates:

Chief Springer shared proposals for a Fire Department staffing study. Chief Springer will have further discussions with Citygate Associates on the proposed cost and bring it back to City Council for final approval. City Council is supportive of considering Citygate to complete a Fire staffing study.

Public Works Updates:

Public Works Director Egger communicated with City Council the discussion staff has been having regarding irrigation enforcement, i.e. communication overload to the public over the next month and then start ticketing with an initial warning.

Administrative Department Updates:

City Clerk Fasbender provided the latest cannabis updates from the state and suggested including Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) as a school which would prohibit retail sales 1,000 feet within DCTC. City Council is supportive of including DCTC as many high school students attend DCTC. Staff will amend the ordinance at a future City Council meeting.

City Clerk Fasbender also highlighted upcoming calendar events; i.e. employee picnic, police banquet, Patriots in the Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at the work session meeting and upon a motion by Weisensel the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Fasbender". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erin" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Fasbender".

Erin Fasbender
City Clerk