

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
JULY 1, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, July 1, 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.

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. Pedestrian Crossing Study Presentation

Public Works Director Egger provided a recap on the pedestrian crossing study. Chris Brown of SRF Consulting Group, presented the latest updates including: final steps of the study, data analysis and funding. Staff suggest going forward we take a proactive approach versus reactive approach by first determining and addressing the highest need locations.

Mr. Brown suggested identifying and prioritizing these locations every 3-5 years, especially in a growing city. Staff recommends building a capital improvement plan to fund the program and to start with a top 30 as the first phase. Staff will discuss with the Council each year the recommended locations to address. Mr. Egger noted projects such as the new elementary and middle school have already been discussed.

Councilmembers were comfortable with this process and noted this is a great starting point. Councilmembers also requested staff review alternative solutions for some crossings for a potential cost savings, as the current recommended solution is over one hundred thousand dollars for one location.

b. Indoor Ice

Parks & Recreation Director Schultz presented schematics of an indoor ice facility. Rosemount Area Hockey Association (RAHA) members were present as well. Mr. Schultz noted, no location has been determined yet but confirmed we will need approximately 7.5 acres.

The costs for everything is approximately 38 million for two sheets, based on numbers that have been out there in the industry. This number is based on it being built in 2026. For a phased approach, one sheet is approximately 22.7 million and at a later date for a phase 2 add-on it would be approximately 16 million. Staff further discussed the financial options to build this facility; i.e. bond, referendum, potential partners, possible donations.

Councilmember Theisen stated it would be helpful to understand the economic impact a facility like this would bring. Staff will prepare findings from other cities and show the Council at a later date.

Councilmember Freske would like to see who the city could work with for possible sponsors or individuals to assist with funding the project. In addition, Councilmember Freske requested an agreement with RAHA be in place stating the number of tournaments that must take place in Rosemount to bring in the economics.

Staff will continue to gather information and provide to the Council at a later date.

Motion by Weisensel

Motion to reconvene after the regular meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

c. 2025 Goals Mid-Year Check In

Mayor Weisensel made a motion to reconvene the work session meeting back at 7:38 p.m.

City Administrator Martin highlighted the goals and initiatives for 2025-2026 and checked in on the status within each department. City Councilmembers thanked staff for another great year.

d. Preliminary 2026 Budget discussion

City Administrator Martin presented the first high-level review of the 2026 budget and, in August, staff will dive more into the numbers. Mr. Martin highlighted key items in the budget; new full time Police Officer, promotion to Police Captain, new GIS Analyst, Fire Marshal, Fire Administrative Specialist position and a placeholder for medical and dental insurance.

Councilmembers requested that any safety fund dollars should go towards the Fire Department and they are comfortable with an overall gradual increase to the budget. Councilmember Freske questioned the use of Artificial Intelligence before the City continues to add bodies and any new revenues should be used for capital projects due to the growth of the City.

Councilmember Essler suggested based on the taxable value being added to the city, staff shouldn't be comparing our increase to other cities and we should be living with the means of our growth.

Staff will continue to review the budget and will provide a closer look at the August work session.

UPDATES

a. Staff Reports

Parks and Recreation Director Schultz provided an update of upcoming events; Grill Your Ace and Leprechaun Days.

Community Development Director Kienberger stated the Speedway demolition is set for July 14th.

City Clerk discussed upcoming events including Leprechaun Days.

Mayor Weisesel provided a recap of the League of MN Cities annual conference in Duluth.

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 Theisen the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Fasbender". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Erin Fasbender
City Clerk