

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a work session meeting of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 5:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Mayor Weisensel called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Freske, Essler. Councilmember Theisen and Klimpel were 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. Preliminary 2026 Budget discussion

City Administrator Martin provided a recap of the status of the preliminary 2026 budget. Overall a 12.9% preliminary levy increase with 8.9% attributed to City's Operations and 4% attribute to PD PW Campus, which would be approximately a \$131 increase to the median value home. Councilmember Essler suggested rounding up to 5% for the PD PW campus portion.

Mr. Martin discussed several key items in the budget; cost of living, two new fire positions, a placeholder for medical/dental insurance and over \$150,000 in new/recurring software costs. Staff also discussed the requests for items not in the budget; i.e. 1 new FT Police Officer, police captain operational oversight and new GIS analyst to increase capacity.

Chief of Police Dahlstrom provided an overview of the police department's current requests. Councilmembers questioned if the adding of additional officers has lessened overtime? Staff confirmed the rate per hour should continue to go down as the department adds more officers. Currently, the department has 32 officers, and the department is authorized for 35.

Chief Dahlstrom discussed how the police department is meeting the demands of the growing city and the need for additional officers to assist with the growing demands. In addition, Chief Dahlstrom further discussed preparing today for tomorrow's needs, i.e. K-9 programs, Community Service Officer, patrol supervision, using technology, traffic safety, etc.

The current police department ask is for one full-time police officer in July or later. Once that is set, then promote two sergeants to provide operational oversight. Staff discussed there is flexibility with the timing of the hiring of the officer (i.e. hire fall 2026) and the promotions (i.e. promote 2027).

Councilmember Freske suggested to have an officer dedicate time to the new multi-family housing including outreach to the property management staff.

Councilmembers agreed a half year hiring for a police officer is reasonable request and to include this within the budget after staff is able to review the numbers further.

Councilmember Essler noted his priority which is safety within the community and questioned what other areas of the budget staff can have remain flat by creating efficiencies to ensure we are keeping residents safe. Mayor Weisensel stated there are several services that are utilized across most city departments that should be evaluated too. Councilmember Essler and Freske are not in favor of adding the GIS Analyst in this budget but will discuss it in the future.

UPDATES

a. Staff Reports

Community Development

Community Development Director Kienberger discussed the rental housing code inspection program as it has been a struggle for the department for several years. Kennedy & Graven is currently reviewing our housing code and will provide suggestions for best practices and determine what the city is obligated to inspect. Staff will provide recommendations in the coming months.

Police Department

Chief Dahlstrom noted staff is currently reviewing our city code regarding hunting restrictions and will provide an update on the proposed changes soon.

Administrative Services

City Administrator Martin highlighted the upcoming "Sketches of Rosemount" event on Sunday, September 21st.

Councilmembers discussed the new roundabout near the high school and questioned the layout as having one lane has been causing back-ups. Engineering will further review the concerns and report back on the findings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at the work session meeting and upon a motion by Weisensel and a second by Essler the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Fasbender
City Clerk