

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Weisensel **Second by** Klimpel

Motion to agenda approved

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- a. Special Event Update - Food Truck Fest

Parks & Recreation Schultz provided an overview of the upcoming Food Truck Fest event at Central Park on September 20th.

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Essler **Second by** Freske

Motion to approve consent agenda

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- a. Bill Listings
- b. Minutes of the September 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. Minutes of the September 2, 2025 Work Session Proceedings
- d. Halloween Service Agreement 2025
- e. Liquor License Amendment - OMNI Orchard LLC
- f. Donation Acceptance from Scott Chiropractic

- g. Donation Acceptance from Kwik Trip for Police K9
- h. Accept Improvements & Authorize Final Payment - Aspen Ave.
- i. Accept Bids & Award Contract - Sanitary Sewer Lift No. 13
- j. Approve Trunk Area Assessment Agreement
- k. Approve Development Agreement for Aspen Fields

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Pedestrian Crossing Enhancement Guidance & Review Process

Public Works Director Egger provided a recap regarding the citywide pedestrian crossing study that began in September 2024, with the ultimate goal of developing a formalized review process and policy for guiding the City in determining the most appropriate locations at which to install crossing enhancements, and the most appropriate enhancements to make for each given context.

SRF Consulting, Chris Brown, presented the final refinements that have been made to the policy guidance documents, discussed the process, provided documentation of the process' background and its conclusions for future public educational and informational outreach.

Councilmember Freske thanked staff and Mr. Brown for the information, however expressed concern relying on data only and staff should explore different option for solutions as part of the decision-making process.

Councilmember Klimpel suggested there must be discretionary components to consider prior to deciding on some of those intersections on this list. Councilmember Klimpel also noted Rosemount has an active bicycling population and to find a way to have bicycles and pedestrians co-exist. Public Works Director Egger noted staff relies on cell phone data for bicycle counts which is updated every 6 months as a way to ensure we have the latest counts as Rosemount continues to grow.

Mayor Weisensel questioned about much each location would cost and how many projects a year residents could see? Public Works Director Egger noted staff will have to prioritize the locations due to budgetary constraints and staff time and noted the final decisions will go back to City Council for approval as part of the program.

Councilmember Essler stated he feels more comfortable relying on the data and the experts to determine the priorities with the understanding that diversions can occur.

Mayor Weisensel suggested using the newsletter to communicate public safety for pedestrian and bicycle safety.

b. Establish Preliminary 2026 Budget, Levy, and CIP

City Administrator Martin presented the preliminary 2026 budget, levy and CIP and the establishment of the "ceiling" for the levy amount. Mr. Martin presented the headlines for the budget; record construction \$253 million, city's tax capacity 11.69%, major public safety investments to respond in growing community.

Mr. Martin provided an overview of the preliminary 2026 Budget which shows an increase of 9.86% (\$1,991,723) to the Operating Budget, which results in an 8.2% increase (\$2,011,633) in the property tax levy. The City's recent debt issuance for the PD PW Campus project results in a 5% levy increase, making the cumulative levy increase 13.20%. The impact of this levy increase on a median valued home is projected to be \$85 per year (for City's operations) and \$50 per year (for PD PW Campus). Mr. Martin highlighted each department's top budget increases.

The truth and taxation hearing will be held on December 2 at 7 p.m. and evaluation notices will be submitted by the county soon.

Councilmember Freske noted her support of the proposed budget but suggested the police department increase to include additional points of where the \$600,000 comes from for transparency purposes.

Councilmember Essler noted the bulk of the increase of the budget comes from salaries and requested to show that as part of the increase going forward as it is a large portion of the budget.

Motion by Essler Second by Klimpel

Motion to Staff recommends the City Council adopt a motion setting the Preliminary 2026 General Fund Operating Budget, the Preliminary 2026 CIP Budgets, the Preliminary 2026 Insurance Budget, the Preliminary 2026 Port Authority Operating Levy, and the Preliminary 2026 Levy and Budget hearing date required by the City of Rosemount.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. City Staff Updates

City Administrator Martin highlighted an upcoming event on Sunday, "Sketches of Rosemount". The city received a grant to host the event at The Steeple Center.

Councilmember Freske noted the Halloween Trail Committee is accepting vendor applications for the Haunted Trail and interested vendors can apply online.

b. Upcoming Community Calendar

Mayor Weisensel reviewed the calendar of events and upcoming meetings.

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 Essler the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 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" and last name "Fasbender" clearly distinguishable.

Erin Fasbender
City Clerk