

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 7, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a work session of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, October 7, 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. Dakota County Transportation Projects Update

Dakota County Commissioner Drose and Hamann-Roland, Dakota County Engineer Erin Laberee and Assistant County Engineer Jake Chapek were present to present Dakota County transportation projects. The projects discussed were County Road 42 and Highway 52, County Road 42 and Biscayne, County Road 46 expansion, County Road 42 and Highway 3 and Diamond Path and County Road 33.

County engineers discussed the timeline of the projects and the approximate cost for several of the projects. Ms. Laberee noted the county is working to obtain grants for several of the projects, specifically for County Road 42 and Highway 52 and County Road 42 and Highway 3, noting that if grants are received, the city's responsibility will be based on the cost after the grants are applied.

The proposed project at County Road 42 and Highway 52 will improve the interchange ramps' traffic flow and safety by adding turn lanes, widening ramps and adding traffic signals. \$2.4M in Transportation Economic Development (TED) Funds were secured for the project.

The proposed project at County Road 42 and Biscayne is currently in preliminary design and is proposed to have new signals and turn lane improvements at Biscayne Avenue and Auburn Avenue, 3/4 access at Business Parkway, 145th Street and a new local street, trails along the corridor and potential overpass near middle school, and feasibility of trails and pedestrian grade separated trail are being reviewed. The construction year will be 2027 with the plan that this will be completed by the time the school opens.

The proposed project at County Road 46 expansion may include expanding from 2 to 4 lanes, addressing safety and operational issues, improving the critical transportation link from I-35 to US 52 and serving the residential, commercial, agricultural, and recreational areas. The cost for this project will be between Dakota County, Rosemount, Coates, Empire and University of Minnesota. The cost of the project is estimated at \$45 million, with the city participation being 7.5%. Dakota County continues to seek external funding and further evaluation if this project would fit within a safety bucket category for

Dakota County. City staff noted the city doesn't have funds budgeted for this project as Rosemount's state aid dollars that Rosemount receives each year are allocated to other projects within Rosemount's streets. City Administrator Martin stated the city shouldn't have the ability to have a say on the county roads and the roads should be designed to operate in the way the county needs. The county explained there are a lot of unknowns yet regarding this project and the county will continue exploring options and try to seek additional funding. Ms. Laberee noted cities can only receive state aid once they reach a population of 5,000.

The proposed project at County Road 42 and Highway 3 is currently set to begin a study in January 2026 to identify if a grade separation on County Road 42 is the best option and the study will consider alternative options for cost and impacts. Dakota County Engineers noted Greenhouse Gas Mitigation may be required under new legislation, which could result in this project costing even more. Staff noted to place the Greenhouse Gas Mitigation as a priority when discussing legislative priorities in the upcoming year as this will have a huge impact on the metro.

The proposed project at Diamond Path/CR 33 will begin a preliminary engineering study in 2026 to identify geometric needs and pedestrian/bike facilities, create design alternatives, recommend a preferred layout and analyze construction and right of way impacts. Currently, there is no trail on this road and Dakota County would recommend including pedestrian and bike needs in the project as it is cheaper to include a trail at that time.

The final project discussed was County Road 42 resurfacing, which will include a mill and overlay, signal replacement at Diamond Path, Signal Upgrades include audible push buttons and count down timers and new ADA curb ramps. County engineers are looking into new technology for signal lights and how to implement battery packs to avoid signal lights going dark when there is an outage.

Councilmember Freske stated that Councilmembers will need to review the draft proposals that the county provided this evening and review what the city can afford based upon the current Dakota County cost share policy in place of 15% being the city's responsibility.

b. **Dakota 911 Update**

Heidi Hieserich, Executive Director of Dakota 911, presented an update on the operations at Dakota 911, technology initiatives and the future landscape at Dakota 911.

Ms. Hieserich noted Dakota 911 is one of Minnesota's most advanced and busiest 911 centers, averaging 300k incoming calls per year and discussed the evolving technology that they continue to use and explore. She also explained the staffing challenges that 911 centers typically have and further explained the options Dakota 911 is using in order to assist with staffing challenges, i.e. part-time positions, off-load emergency activity and artificial intelligence to assist with workflows and functions.

UPDATES

a. **Staff Reports**

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Director Schultz provided the latest status regarding the Rosemount Area Athletic Association (RAAA) storage shed partnership opportunity with the city. Mr. Schultz said RAAA is still in the planning phases and the city plans plan to do a lease agreement with RAAA. Councilmembers agreed RAAA should pay market rate. Councilmember Klimpel noted RAAA has a board meeting on

October 13th which she plans to attend.

Council Updates

Councilmember Essler provided an update on the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) action item that is on the agenda this evening, noting funding continues to be an issue for MVTA. Mayor Weisensel provided a recap of the recent Spectro Alloys tour. Councilmember Freske stated the Halloween Trail Committee is still looking for volunteers for their event on October 25th.

Motion by Weisensel

Motion to adjourn to the regular meeting

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Weisensel called the meeting back to order at 8:05 p.m.

Community Development

Community Development Director Kienberger provided an update regarding the former Speedway site, noting another appraisal is being completed and staff anticipates the appraisal may be higher than anticipated. Staff continues to work on a request for proposals.

Mr. Kienberger also provided a status update on Project Falcon, noting staff and the attorneys continue to work on language in their agreements and Meta continues to work on future expansions as their first building is anticipated to open in April.

Public Works

Public Works Director Egger discussed inquiries he has received regarding paving Dodd Blvd near Wilde Lake Estates. Mr. Egger will continue to research the agreements in place and bring the findings back to City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at the regular council meeting and upon a motion by Weisensel the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Fasbender
City Clerk