

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL WORK SESSION WITH ROSEMOUNT PORT AUTHORITY PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 2, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Weisensel called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Freske, Theisen and Klimpel and Commissioner Ober. Councilmember Essler and Commissioner Beaudette 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. Port Authority Development and Project review

Community Development Director Kienberger provided a development and project update for the Port Authority. Noting the most recent residential and commercial development, discussed active alternative urban areawide reviews (AUAR) and potential projects in the near future. Mr. Kienberger also highlighted the work staff is going to undergo in updating the 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

In addition, Mr. Kienberger highlighted the potential city actions/roles that have been identified so far to hold the Expo 2031 in Rosemount on the east side of town, i.e. AUAR or similar environmental review, land use plan amendment ahead of 2050 Comprehensive Plan update, Met Council approval for a MUSA extension, plans and coordination for public infrastructure extension, regional transportation upgrades and public safety planning and resource allocation.

The Port Authority was appreciative of the staff update as growth has been significant over the past year.

b. Consider Expo 2031 opportunity

Members of the Expo 2031 Committee joined the meeting and City Administrator provided an update to the Committee on the discussions that were discussed with Port Authority and City Councilmembers earlier this evening and highlighted several of the concerns the Port Authority has, i.e. fundraising concerns, determining whether this is an event Rosemount residents would want and the impact hosting the Expo will have on City staff.

Wendy Meadley, CEO of Expo 2031, suggested an open house for the community to ensure the residents and Rosemount does want the event to be held in Rosemount. SRF Consulting was also present as they are leading the planning for the event. SRF Consulting noted they would need to begin

an AUAR soon as the entire process will take about one year and stated the land would not be purchased before the AUAR is completed as the landowner is willing to wait for the AUAR process to be completed.

Wendy Meadley also discussed the fundraising capabilities and provided an overview of their legacy model on how they will continue to pursue different types of players for fundraising. She also noted that bringing infrastructure to the proposed site would result in more interested developers once the Expo is over and that would be a positive impact to the finances.

Councilmember Freske requested a breakdown of the overall financials. Wendy stated the current estimated total for the Expo is 1.2 billion which includes everything including road infrastructure, utilities, etc. Wendy noted the possible government grants are very small piece of the financing, and the committee will rely more on private funding as it is a very big deal that the Expo will be in America. Wendy noted the committee is still working on finalizing numbers and will provide those numbers to the Port Authority once finalized as the Expo has grown in scope.

City Administrator Martin requested Wendy finalize the numbers and then hold another meeting to further discuss and determine the next steps for the Expo in Rosemount.

Mayor Weisensel noted the Port Authority needs more information to know how the numbers work and the Port Authority needs to further discuss what the vision is for the community as the Expo could be an economic development towards the east side of town.

Councilmember Theisen questioned whether the Expo would be a good fit for Rosemount especially since there are so many other thoughts for strategic development in that area.

Councilmember Freske agreed with Councilmember Theisen and stated City Council would have a hard time informing our residents of the Expo and noted she is worried about what is being presented versus reality.

Councilmember Klimpel also added she is concerned about the risk factor following the Expo, i.e. empty buildings, debt, etc.

Commissioner Ober was in agreement with Councilmember Klimpel and added she doesn't see the long-term value in having the Expo in Rosemount.

Wendy noted any elements proposed can be taken out of the perspective models should the Port Authority desire that and concluded that having the Expo in Rosemount is the committee's first choice, however they do have backups should Rosemount not work out.

UPDATES

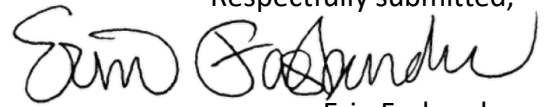
a. Staff Reports

City Administrator Martin highlighted upcoming calendar events, i.e. City Administrator annual evaluation and the Santa Parade.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council and Port Authority at the special work session meeting and upon a motion by Weisensel the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 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" and a long, sweeping underline.

Erin Fasbender

City Clerk