

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 7, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a work session of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 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. Fire Staffing Update

Citygate Associates, represented by Stewart Gary, presented the final Fire Department Service Evaluation report from their comprehensive staffing study. The presentation highlighted key areas including risk assessment, service demand, response performance, travel time coverage analysis, and overall staffing levels.

Councilmember Theisen inquired about the possible location for a future Fire Station 3. Chief Springer and Adam Kienberger stated that the location has not yet been determined.

The final portion of the presentation addressed the Phasing Plan for the Rosemount Fire Department. Phase 1 has been completed with the addition of three full-time fire personnel. If the city proceeds with Phases 2 and 3, the final Phase 4 would include construction of Fire Station 3 and the addition of 24 full-time fire staff. The Master Plan is intended to help the department keep pace with the city's growth. Recommendations include remodeling Fire Station 1 and Fire Station 2, planning for a future Fire Station 3 to serve eastern residential growth, and adding space for training props.

Councilmember Klimpel requested a copy of layout and planning information from comparable cities for reference.

This item will receive formal consideration and approval at a regular City Council meeting.

UPDATES

a. Staff Reports

Public Works Director Egger stated there have been complaints and concerns regarding parking near Rosemount High School. Mr. Egger stated that because the areas in question are public streets, options for restrictions are limited. Councilmember Freske asked whether there are other parking areas at the

high school that may not be fully utilized. Mr. Egger noted he is considering how the city can collaborate with ISD 196 to address the parking concerns and maintain positive relations with residents.

With the upcoming regular City Council meeting, Councilmember Freske offered a reminder that the meeting time limits will need to be followed. Councilmembers expressed hope for continued communication between residents, city staff, and councilmembers.

Mayor Weisensel adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m., and the Council will reconvene for the work session following the regular City Council meeting upon a motion by Mayor Weisensel and unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Mayor Weisensel called the meeting back to order at 9:48 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

Public Works

Public Works Director Egger discussed the seasonal water use breakdown amongst residential, commercial and government/institutional businesses. Highlighting the high usage by residents during the summer months mostly due to lawn watering. Mr. Egger noted, even during the high usage, the utility system is still surviving. Councilmembers further discussed imposing a moratorium on data centers for one year to further review the actual impact that it may have on the city. Councilmember Essler further noted that not all data centers are the same and it will be important to consider that in the future if the city were to consider another data center. Staff will continue moving forward with implementing a moratorium on data centers at the next regular meeting.

Community Development

Community Development Director Kienberger further discussed the process of what a moratorium for a data center would look like and layout the why on implementing a moratorium. Councilmember Freske suggested to set out the expectations for the moratorium and further elaborating the value of moving forward with a moratorium. Staff reminded the City Council that staff has said no to projects before, as each project goes through a vetting process within each department and there are times when a project will not work well within Rosemount.

Mr. Kienberger also discussed an area on highway 3 north of 140th circle for a rezone within the residential property. Councilmembers were not in favor of high-density zoning at that location. However, staff will continue to explore the options with the developer.

Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation Director Schultz discussed equipment upgrades to the chiller at Rosemount Community Center Arena. The original is about 33 years. Staff will come forward with a plan to replace the chiller which is a \$300,000 project. The project will be funded from the capital improvement plan.

Public Works

Public Works Director Egger provided an update on the gross alpha situation as staff continues to evaluate. Mr. Egger also presented a few initial proposals to resolve the issues. Councilmember Freske questioned if there would be grants available for a water treatment plant? Staff noted there are grants available. However, several cities are going for similar grants, but staff will continue to explore grant opportunities. In addition, staff will continue exploring the best path forward for the current water issues.

Mr. Egger also discussed the current manganese levels and noted the patterns within residential homes and the wells. To pursue a treatment plant just for manganese is not a feasible option. However, staff will explore a program that would provide water filters for parents with newborn children until a solution is determined.

Councilmember Updates

Councilmember Freske highlighted donations received for Leprechaun Days that will be dedicated to public safety.

Councilmember Klimpel requested a future agenda include discussion on the possibility of establishing a 500-foot daycare buffer for cannabis retail locations.

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 11:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Fasbender
City Clerk