

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 3, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a work session meeting of the Rosemount City Council was held on Monday, August 3, 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. Preliminary 2027 Budget discussion

City Administrator Martin provided a budget update noting: the county has provided citywide Preliminary Tax Capacity data (8.34% increase), staff requests are being considered and added into the budget including wages and benefits with no new positions included at this time, and the September work session will be a full discussion.

The draft 2027 budget shows a 10.24% increase to the operating budget and the operating budget results in a 9.4% increase to the tax levy. The debt issuance for the Police Department and Public Works Campus project resulted in a 4.5% debt levy increase. Projected to increase city taxes on the median-valued home by \$78 and debt issuance increases by \$50.

Councilmember Freske questioned how many employees would have a step increase? Administrative Services Director Malecha stated all employees receive a cost-of-living increase and staff will provide the number of employees who are involved in step increases.

Councilmember Essler questioned whether staff had reviewed looking into a private broker to be self-insured. Staff has not and will meet with our insurance broker next week to further discuss and report back to Council any options.

Mr. Martin discussed requested items not in the budget; 1 new full-time rental property coordinator/inspector and 1 new full-time sustainability specialist to be added on July 1st. Councilmembers believe both additions would be beneficial, and staff will discuss further at the September work session.

Councilmember Essler asked the history of the increases and stated this would be a good data point to better understand and be able to communicate the levy versus tax capacity.

Mr. Martin stated staff is on track to set the ceiling in September and will ask Council to consider raising the ceiling higher than normal as staff is uncertain if the city will be awarded the SAFER Grant for the additional firefighters. Additional discussions will take place this September to determine the next steps.

b. Review Status of Fire Station 2 Remodel Project

Chief Springer showcased the remodel expansion for Fire Station 2.

Staff is still determining the brick color and pricing out the options for staining it. Councilmember Essler suggested to attempt to keep the exterior looking like the Public Works and Police Campus being they are so close to one another. Mayor Weisensel suggested a lighter color for the day room cabinets.

The budget continues to get more accurate, and staff will continue moving forward and sharing updates periodically.

UPDATES

a. Staff Reports

Community Development

Community Development Director Kienberger discussed the next steps of the data center moratorium, noting staff has reached out to several vendors regarding doing a noise study at the current Metadata center prior to it being operational to have a baseline. Mayor Weisensel also suggested a study to be completed on the lights.

Staff will further discuss with the vendor the scope and price of the noise study.

Mr. Kienberger also noted the window is closing for proposals for the 2050 Comprehensive Plan. Staff will review and hold interviews and make recommendations for consultants later.

Fire Department

Chief Springer provided an update regarding the church fire, noting the investigative piece is done, now the Church will decide the next steps.

Parks and Recreation Department

Parks and Recreation Director Schultz provided a park project status noting in September staff will have drawings, schematics and have a better understanding of the status of the projects.

Administration

Mr. Martin noted a future communication plan will be developed to communicate the work that will be completed around town. Staff will roll this out in the next week or so.

Public Works

Public Works Director Egger noted the roundabout project at Akron Avenue and Connemara Trail is on track to be completed soon.

Councilmember Updates

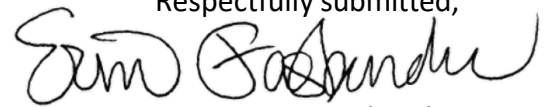
Mayor Weisensel congratulated staff and volunteers on another successful Leprechaun Days.

Councilmembers briefly discussed the parking stall issues at the High School. Mr. Martin noted, staff met with the school district recently and additional conversations need to take place to determine a solution. However, staff is hopeful after construction season, that some of the parking issues will be resolved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at the work session meeting and upon a motion by Weisensel the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Fasbender", written in a cursive style.

Erin Fasbender
City Clerk