

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
MAY 2, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a work session of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 5:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers 2875 145th Street West.

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

City Administrator requested to move the meeting Fire Relief discussion before the Electric Vehicle Charging Station.

DISCUSSION

b. Fire Relief Discussion

Representatives from the Relief Association provided staff with updated financial projections and recommended an \$800 increase in the retirement benefit from \$8,600 to \$9,400 per year of service. The updated financial projections indicate that the Relief Fund will be 146% percent funded after accounting for the proposed increase.

Staff provided councilmembers with surrounding cities' scales and the standings show Rosemount is competitive but not at the top. Staff noted increased tiers reflects an opportunity for the Relief Association to more directly apply the earnings from its market performance back to its membership. This is also a key component of the Fire Department's ability to recruit and retain our paid-per-call team of firefighters.

Councilmembers suggested staff review annual hourly rate increases and requested additional information on what are key components that retain firefighters to better understand the needs of the department.

Staff will bring forth a final proposal for council action as any changes would be effective July 1st.

a. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Updates

GIS Supervisor, Aaron Menza, brought forth recommendations from the Technology Task Force and the Environment and Sustainability Commission that the City pursues the installation of publicly-available electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at parks and facilities around the city.

Several vendors were explored and ultimately Zef Energy was the recommended company to pursue.

Council recommended choosing diverse locations and locations that regional users will be going to. Also discussed, Central Park & the Minnesota Valley Transit lots are too near one another for both locations to have a hook up. Council discussed that a year round park that is plowed during the winter would be a

great alternative, i.e. Bloomfield or Jaycee Park. Councilmembers agreed the Rosemount Community Center was a good location.

Councilmembers also questioned the payback on the stations and how frequently they would need to be replaced.

c. Police Department/Public Works Campus - Bond Scenarios

Baker Tilly was present to discuss the funding and bonding process for the Police Department/Public Works Campus project. Mr. Green of Baker Tilly further discussed and answered questions regarding the bonding structure. The 2023 Bond Sale Timeline is: Police Department and Public Works Facility, Akron Ave S and 2023 Street Projects and Life Time Facility.

Per statute, a municipality may adopt a capital improvement plan. The plan must cover at least a five-year period beginning with the date of its adoption. The plan must set forth the estimated schedule, timing, and details of specific capital improvements by year, together with the estimated cost, the need for the improvement, and sources of revenue to pay for the improvement.

The presentation noted bond sources and uses, estimated debt service and repayment plan, annual levy impact on the average home, and the bond issue timeline.

Per Mr. Green, the market is operating as it should and Baker Tilly will continue to monitor it and if the market adjusts to unfavorable, the City has the ability to reject any bids. Baker Tilly will continue to evaluate the structure of the sale to determine when interest payments are due. For the Public Works and Police Department Facility, the bond sale is set to take place on July 11, 2023 with a closing on July 27, 2023. Baker Tilly be present at the Council Meeting to further discuss the bond status.

UPDATES

a. Project Updates

Community Development Updates

Community Development Director Kienberger recapped the recent planning commission meeting. Council questioned whether North 20 Brewery would continue moving forward with their request to council. Staff indicated they have not heard back from the applicants to date. Council was in agreement on wanting the business to succeed and assumes with the current hours, the brewery would be unable to do so. Staff noted a traffic study for Bacardi Avenue is currently underway.

Motion by Weisensel

Motion to adjourn and reconvene after regular meeting.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weisensel called the meeting back to order at 7:36 p.m.

Public Works Update

Public Works Director Egger discussed the status of the proposed ordinance update for septic systems inspections and utility connection timing as staff would like to have a policy established prior to the start of the project. Staff discussed the proposed benefits for the neighborhood; i.e. pay back period

spread over 15 years versus 10, capping the assessment costs, compliance inspections every 3 years until the property is connected to municipal services.

Staff connected with Dakota County for additional inspection records and was able to update the initial status map slightly. Staff will put together a letter and information further explaining the status and next steps. The final numbers have not been calculated yet as bids are not opened until May 3. Staff will present the information to be sent to the neighborhood to Council first before mailing it out to residents.

Administration Updates

City Administrator Martin discussed the plans for organizational change in response to the Assistant City Administrator retiring this August. The proposed plan will create a HR Manager Position with the shift of the Finance Director to an Administrative Services Director that will oversee administration along with finance. The change will also create a communication specialist position that will fall under the Communication Engagement Manager.

The job descriptions are currently being worked on and will be brought for council approval at an upcoming meeting.

Community Development Project Updates

Community Development Director Kienberger stated Project Bigfoot is planning to move forward with a closing in July.

Finance Department Updates

I.T. has started sending phishing emails as a training opportunity for employees.

Oracle is moving forward and plans to go live January 1, 2024.

b. Upcoming Council Events

Council member Essler recapped the recent Minnesota Valley Transit meeting; i.e. revenue pre/post covid.

Council member Freske informed all Dakota Broadband will end July 1st.

Mayor Weisensel questioned the status of Council Out & About in May, Arbor Day success and recapped his quarterly meeting with Flint Hills.

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 Klimpel the meeting was at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Fasbender".

Erin Fasbender City Clerk