



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, May 22, 2023

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Rachel Tierney were also present. Councilmember Schroeder was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

Groff moved, Etten seconded, approval of the agenda as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes: Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

Mayor Roe called for public comment by members of the audience on any non-agenda items.

Roger Hess, Wagener Place

Mr. Roger Hess, Wagener Place, indicated after looking over the City's inclusion and respect statement and looking at other local ones, it seems like the City is missing three important categories of discrimination. He stated the three are gender identity, home or first language, and physical appearance. He hoped that sometime the Council might have some discussion about adding those to the statement. He explained when he went to the Juneteenth Celebration last year, he found it odd that he could not find there any mention of all the hundreds of thousands of people who fought and died to end slavery and he thought it would be nice to have something, even just mentioning it somewhere. He stated Juneteenth would not have happened if it were not for these people and most were volunteers and in Minnesota, half of the eligible male population went there to fight, even the members of the black community went to fight, one hundred black men went to fight and at the time there were only 259 black people living in Minnesota.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation.

Groff moved, Etten seconded, proclaiming June 2023 LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

Council Comment

Councilmember Groff explained the “T” that stands for Transgender in the proclamation is extremely important this year considering the bullying that is happening to that group of people. As the City has made progress in some groups of people that are represented here, that one is suffering extreme legislation and things to outlaw their very existence. He indicated he was speaking out on their behalf.

Councilmember Strahan mentioned one of the “A” stands for Asexual as well.

Roll Call

Ayes: Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

Nays: None.

b. 2023 Essay and Art Contest Participant – Meghan Seeger

Mayor Roe invited Meghan Seeger to read her poem.

HRIEC Commissioner Richard James introduced Ms. Seeger who submitted a poem to the Essay Contest, the only submission which was picked because the Commission loved the poem. He asked Ms. Seeger to read her poem.

Ms. Seeger came forward and read her poem.

Mayor Roe and the City Council thanked Ms. Seeger for her poem submittal and reading it and thought it was a job well done. He noted the HRIEC did not have to award the only entry just because it was the only one, but the entry was so good that it deserved the award.

Mayor Roe presented Ms. Seeger with a certificate from the City.

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Receive Annual All Departmental Equity Update

Equity and Inclusion Manager Thomas Brooks briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated May 22, 2023.

Police Chief Scheider reviewed the Police Department programs and initiatives including participation in Ramsey County Alternative Response Initiative, addition of Roseville Schools districtwide School Resource Officers and continued events to build trust with Roseville Area High School students. The Police Department has also partnered with People’s Inc. for an additional mental health social worker, working with Ramsey County towards a co-response model on mental health calls

and continued partnership with NYFS for Community Advocate. She also noted that the Police Department added an AmeriCorps intern for the summer to provide additional housing support which is grant funded. She reviewed the programs and initiatives the Police Department has undertaken such as hosting a gun turn-in event and free gun locks as well as the New Hire Family Support Program and art project with Roseville Area Middle School students to promote equity and inclusiveness. The Police Department also has participated annually in the Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force and continued community outreach including Shop with a Cop, holiday toy drive and personal supplies for Roseville Area High School, entered into metro-wide fencing consortium to help deescalate potential violence in the event of an officer involved critical incident, worked on an auto theft prevention grant and Narcan and AED grant funding to support communities most affected by opioid crisis. The Police Department applied and received opioid settlement funds. She reviewed the Police Department policy changes and training of officers, new and old.

Parks and Recreation Director Johnson reviewed the Parks and Recreation programs and activities including renaming Pocahontas Park to Keya Park, entering into an agreement with REACH for Resources and hosted events and programs that highlight diverse cultures.

Public Works Director Freihammer reviewed the Public Works Department programs including snowplow parking pilot program, ADA curb ramp upgrades, recycling, and sustainability.

Community Development Director Gundlach reviewed the Community Development Department items that were worked on during the year including Renter support with Tenant Notification Ordinance, Mapping Prejudice and Just Deeds. She indicated her department has broadened a lot of the housing programs being offered and looking at that with the equity lens in the forefront. She reviewed the EDA programming including First Generation Down Payment Assistance program, Small Business Assistance programs, targeting BIPOC and Choose Roseville program, which concluded at the end of 2022. She highlighted the Rice & Larpenteur Alliance. She also discussed housing including Zoning Code update, securing more missing middle housing types and Public Finance Assistance in support of affordable housing.

Fire Chief Brosnahan updated the City Council on the Fire Department programs and services including healthcare access, transitioning to Advanced Life Support (ALS) first response, assisting RPD Community Action Team with medical assessment and treatment needs of homeless and unsheltered persons, as well as the Multi-Family Licensing program and recruitment efforts by using the cadet program and rejuvenation of the Fire Explorer post. The Fire Department has also done community outreach by going to block parties, Fridays with Firefighters, an annual open house along with community CPR training.

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Assistant City Manager Olson reviewed the Administration Department external community engagement and internal human resources along with external volunteer programs, internal learning and development and internal administration processes. She noted the City website is currently being updated to include diversity and inclusion.

City Manager Trudgeon reviewed the Finance Department update including the License Center updates and grant fund management.

Mayor Roe thanked all of the Department Heads for participating as well as the administration for the update. He was glad the City is looking at things such as people who are hearing impaired, vision impaired and other ability challenges because that is important and often something that gets overlooked in terms of how to serve people.

Councilmember Etten thanked everyone for all of the work and felt amazed at all the work that has been done so far and are setting examples for the rest of the State and region in the work being done.

Councilmember Groff explained a lot of this is in the details and it is the little things that make all the difference. He thought this was really great work and was really proud.

Councilmember Strahan indicated when she sought office three years ago, she did not know that any of these things were happening, and she felt like this was a landslide since that time. She felt the City has moved so far ahead and it is really exciting and an honor to represent all of this work. She wanted to echo in the disability community the phrase “Nothing for us without us”, and she really appreciated how many of the items across the departments have knowingly or unknowingly taken that into consideration and made sure that the people who are deeply impacted are a part of the process of making decisions.

Mayor Roe appreciated everything that is being done in the community and stated he continually hears from people about what is being done and should be done.

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 6:58 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 7:02 p.m.

b. HRIEC Joint Meeting with City Council

Equity and Inclusion Manager Thomas Brooks briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 22, 2023.

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HRIEC Commissioners present were:

Chair Palmquist, Vice-Chair James and Commissioners Becker, Tidball, Hill, Gurung Vomhof and Macomber

Chair Palmquist introduced the HRIEC Commissioners and presented the work the Commission did in 2022 along with the work plan for 2023.

Commissioner Becker updated the City Council on the 2022 Rosefest Parade and invited the American Indian Community to walk with the Commissions. She indicated this year she reached out to the Karen Organization and was not able to connect. She indicated she is still trying to reach out to organizations but will not have another group walking with them.

Chair Palmquist indicated the work continues with the proclamation updates as well as with the display cases. She noted there are two volunteers now to help with display cases. Community Outreach continues to be done in the community and in the schools.

Chair Palmquist indicated 2023 work has started and the Commission is trying to rebrand itself with the motto Affirm, Amplify and Celebrate.

Vice-Chair James updated the City Council on the 2023 work being done on the Essay Contest. He proposed to the City Council that the HRIEC maintain the Essay subgroup and would like to investigate with teachers, students, principals, what is going to work so it is worth the Commission's time to do this. He would like the subgroup to investigate this further and come back to the Council in 2024 to discuss what might work and move forward. He noted the Commission does not want to abandon the whole idea because it is an important way to engage middle school students.

Mayor Roe thought that was talked about at the last joint meeting with the HRIEC and it made a lot of sense. He noted this gives the Commission experience in designing engagement effort and then actually going through it. This will help the Commission to identify stakeholders, work with them, and be a good educational experience for all involved on what works and what does not work. He thought that was a great idea and was supportive.

Councilmember Etten explained that in living in the world of working with young people and watching people not apply to be student members of Commissions and speaking with the Police Chief about people being involved in new things and not, he thought this is a tough time right now to ask people for more and that is part of what the Commission has run into. He also thought this was a fantastic idea to stop, pause, and engage the folks who might be involved in this in the future. He noted the subgroup might consider approaching a school or a couple of teachers in a single

department to see what might come from there rather than trying to identify five schools or organizations and see if the Commission can restart the seed somewhere rather than trying to find a whole new farm field.

Councilmember Strahan agreed it was a great idea to take a pause. She did not know if late elementary school has been considered in the past but there might be a little more bandwidth in the fourth through sixth grade because those students are very passionate about the world. She agreed with Councilmember Etten about finding one school and connecting with a couple of teachers. She indicated she was excited to see what the Commission comes up with.

Councilmember Groff concurred and thought it was a great idea to pause the Essay Contest.

Vice Chair Palmquist indicated Commissioner Tidball created a new format for the Proclamations. She reviewed the changes with the City Council and indicated there is now a look to the future within the proclamation format showing what the action item is.

Commissioner Tidball reviewed the proposed changes to the proclamation format with the City Council. He noted the Commission wants to try to figure out something that can be a fairly uniform format but that is a little more user friendly than the formal one if the City Council thought would work.

Mayor Roe stated that sounded good because he tries to read the proclamations in a way that is meaningful for the audience and sometimes as the reader you get lost in the facts and figures. He thought the Commission was on the right track.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she asked Mr. Trudgeon before the meeting if there was going to be a proclamation for Juneteenth and he said traditionally there has not been one. But she thought, especially given the public comment, that this is important in educating people in the community why Juneteenth is important and there is an event for Juneteenth which is an action item. She thought if it were to be possible to get a proclamation for this holiday, she would like that to occur.

Councilmember Groff read through the sample and hoped it was going to be read at the meeting tonight but then realized it was just the suggested format. A couple of things he liked was regarding bullying and harassment, thought that was well said, and of course the action item appealed to him.

Chair Palmquist explained Rosefest was discussed previously and Commission Becker reached out to a few organizations but did not get the response back that the Commission was hoping for. She indicated the Commission is going to go to other Commission meetings and invite them to participate. She noted an email was sent

out to the Commissions initially and the Parks and Recreation Commission will be joining them.

Commissioner Becker indicated she was trying to think of Rosefest as an opportunity to promote Commission recruitment, especially youth recruitment. She explained there were a lot of younger people at the parade last year, so she was trying to think of providing some type of materials, something fun to let the younger community know there is an opportunity there.

Councilmember Strahan did not know if this was appropriate or not, but if the Commission has two spots for people and there are not enough people, she was not sure if it would be appropriate to invite the Commissioners spouse or children to walk as well.

Councilmember Groff thought it was a good idea to have representation from other Commissions with the HRIEC because people do not know the Commissions the City has and it is an educational opportunity for people watching the parade.

Chair Palmquist reviewed some other outreach opportunities the Commission will be doing in 2023 including being in the schools more and looking to do some student outreach. One of the things the Commission is realizing is the limits on the Youth Commissioner position. She indicated the Commission understands the reasons behind those limits that the Youth Commissioner has to be a resident, but the City is also losing out on a big voice within the community and the Commission is looking to see how it can readjust and maybe change to non-voting or how to reach out to the students to get Youth Commissioners on the Commissions because having none is lacking. She asked for Council feedback. She noted the Commission would like to ask the City Council to reconsider some of the limitations that are on Youth Commissioners as the recruitment continues for all the Commissions.

Councilmember Strahan indicated she would be supportive of allowing students who attend school within Roseville, which does not include everyone within the Roseville Area School District. If the school is within the boundaries of Roseville or the student lives in Roseville, then she would be in favor of that. If someone did not live within the boundaries, if there was a concern about representation that they may be allowed to be on the Commission without voting. She thought that would be a reasonable compromise.

Mayor Roe thanked the Commission for coming to the meeting and presenting the work the Commission has been doing.

8. Council Direction on Councilmember Initiated Agenda Items

9. Approve Minutes

Comments and corrections to draft minutes had been submitted by the City Council prior to tonight's meeting and those revisions were incorporated into the draft presented in the Council packet.

a. Approve April 24, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Strahan moved, Etten seconded, approval of the April 24, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes: Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

Nays: None.

10. Approve Consent Agenda

At the request of Mayor Roe, City Manager Trudgeon briefly reviewed those items being considered under the Consent Agenda; and as detailed in specific Requests for Council Action dated May 22, 2023 and related attachments.

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, approval of the Consent Agenda including claims and payments as presented and detailed.

Roll Call

Ayes: Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

Nays: None.

a. Approve Payments

ACH Payments	\$1,861,884.00
106478-106572	689,404.76
TOTAL	\$2,551,288.76

- b. Approval of 2 Temporary Gambling Permits**
- c. Approve General Purchases and Sale of Surplus Items in Excess of \$10,000**
- d. Approve Professional Services Agreement for Project 24-02, County Road B Reconstruction, Special Benefits Appraisal**
- e. Approve Resolution No. 11981 Approving MnDOT Temporary Permit to Construct – TH 36 Project**
- f. Certify Unpaid Utility and Other Charges to the Property Tax Rolls. Resolution No. 11982**
- g. Approve Resolution No. 11983 Awarding Contract for the Long Lake Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Project**
- h. Approve Ramsey County Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan (CEOP)**
- i. Approve Critical Corridors Grant Agreement for County Road B and Snelling Avenue (TH 51) Pedestrian Traffic Study 23-11. Resolution No. 11984**
- j. Approve an Amendment to City Code Chapter 309: Massage Therapy. Ordinance No. 1633**

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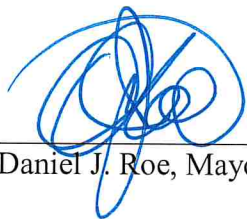
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- k. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding with LELS Local 436 Regarding Compensatory Time**
 - l. **Approve Lexington Plaza Escrow Agreement at 1754 Lexington Avenue**
 - m. **Authorize Mayor & City Manager to Execute Sewer Availability Charge Agreement with BOING US HOLDCO, INC. dba Take 5 Carwash**
 - n. **Reject Bids for South McCarrons Retaining Wall Project 22-22. Resolution No. 11985**
- 11. Future Agenda Review, Communications, Reports, and Announcements – Council and City Manager**
City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the June 5, 2023 City Council meeting, and the June 20, 2023 City Council meeting agendas.
- 12. Adjourn**
Strahan moved, Etten seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Roll Call

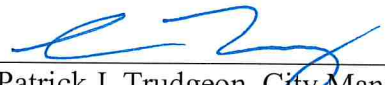
Ayes: Etten, Groff, Strahan, and Roe.

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager

Civil War

Although no battles were fought in Minnesota during the Civil War, the State did play an important role in the overall outcome of the war:

Minnesota, barely three years old at the time of the Civil War, was the first State to respond to President Abraham Lincoln's request for volunteer regiments.

The first group of Minnesota soldiers sent into battle were known as The First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry.

During the four years of the Civil War (1861-1865), Minnesota sent 25,000 men into battle against the Confederate Army. This represented about half of the state's eligible male population.

More than 100 black men from Minnesota enlisted in the Union Army even though the state's total black population was just 259 (including men, women and children).

The First Minnesota regiment played an important role in winning the Battle of Gettysburg by making a heroic charge against Confederate soldiers on the evening of July 2, 1863. Some historians believe their actions turned the tide of this battle, and the war. The First Minnesota charged the Confederates in spite of five to one odds.

The First Minnesota regiment took part in many important battles and campaigns including: Bull Run, the Peninsula Campaign, Antietam and Gettysburg.

(Source: Minnesota State Historical Society)

THE TOWNSHIP OF
GREENE PRAIRIE

WAS SO NAMED TO PERPETUATE IN
GLORIOUS REMEMBRANCE

CHARLES H. GREENE

CORPORAL, I COMPANY THIRD MINNESOTA
VOLUNTEER INFANTRY REGIMENT WHO
WITH TWENTY MEN, SEVERAL CONVALESCENTS
AND A FEW COOKS AND TEAMSTERS ON
THE EVENING OF JULY 13th, 1862 RESISTED
TWO SUCCESSIVE CHARGES BY KENTUCKIANS
AND THREE COMPANIES OF GEORGIA TROOPS
IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE CONFEDERATE GENERAL
FORREST HAD APPEALED TO THE MANHOOD
OF HIS SUPERIOR FORCES AND PERSONALLY
LED A THIRD CHARGE THAT THE HANDFUL OF
COURAGEOUS MINNESOTA TROOPS WERE OVER-
COME. IN THIS THE BATTLE OF MURFREESBORO,
TENNESSEE, CORPORAL GREENE GAVE
HIS LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY.....