

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a work session of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, March 2, at 5:00 pm at Rosemount City Hall, Council Chambers, 2874 145<sup>th</sup> Street West.

Mayor Droste called the meeting to order with Councilmember Weisensel, Block, Essler and Freske.

Staff present included City Administrator Martin, Community Development Director Lindquist, Chief of Police Dahlstrom, City Engineer/Public Works Director Erickson and Parks & Recreation Director Schultz.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **2.a. Liquor License Reimbursement**

Staff proposed an additional 3-month reimbursement to all on-sale liquor license holders and Councilmembers approved the additional 3 months. The reimbursements will be distributed the end of March. The total amount of liquor reimbursements to date would then be \$24,202.50.

### **2.b. Indoor Rec Center**

City Administrator Martin discussed the latest progress made on the indoor rec center. Several discussions are still taking place with possible private & public sector partners and negotiation for land. The location is still aimed for the northeast corner of Akron Avenue and County Road 42.

A contract could be ready for review in the next 30 days and would go to council for approval. Councilmembers suggested staff negotiate what is best for Rosemount residents i.e. discount passes, day passes, etc., discuss the terms if the center were to close, and discuss the possibility of yearly payments versus lump sum.

Councilmember Freske also clarified that the project would add no additional taxes to residents as some of the funds could be used from the SKB Environmental Rosemount Trust Fund.

Other items discussed included; the City is operating as the developer and the city would lease the land to an end user, the City's costs to construct roadways (assessments) utility area charges, building permits etc. could be considered as part of the overall City contribution, the center would be an indoor & outdoor facility, and the project cost for the city would be an estimated \$21 million.

The next steps for staff are to develop a communication plan to deliver the latest update to residents regarding the project and negotiate a contract given the direction provided by council this evening.

## **UPDATES**

### **3.a. Community Development Project Updates**

Community Development Director Lindquist presented the Israelson Property request about shifting the hotel site to the west, adjacent to the railroad tracks and moving a memory care facility in the location of the approved hotel. Staff does not have a formal recommendation about whether the Council should support shifting the hotel location and permitting the memory care project.

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Council stated the location is challenging, however diversity of housing is needed. Councilmember Essler stated it is better to do the memory care facility than not. Councilmember Weisensel and Block stated if a memory care unit is there it is not as likely to expand more commercial in that area. Staff stated commercial may still expand as visitors visit the facility, they would be likely to make stops at nearby businesses. Overall, Council expressed openness to seeing a potential application submitted and was interested in having some of the area develop. There is strong interest in having the hotel develop as soon as possible.

**Sweet Harvest Location Update**

A user is potentially interested in purchasing the building to outfit vans for commercial users.

**Business Luncheon Update**

Invitations along with the Mayor's video will be sent out this week, there were approximately 80 participants.

**City Administrator Updates**

City Administrator Martin showcased the communication pamphlet to be distributed to residents. The pamphlet will highlight Rosemount and several key items that drive residents to Rosemount. Councilmember Essler suggested to remove some of the detail from the bottom of the page from the public as there is a lot of detail in that area.

Mr. Martin also noted the Council's Goals will be brought for approval in April.

**Councilmember Updates**

Councilmember Weisensel shared there are free virtual seminars starting March 8<sup>th</sup> from NLC and noted the Youth Commission did a great job with the Flint Hills Complex recommendation.

Councilmember Freske provided the latest details regarding Leprechaun Days and noted volunteers are still needed.

Councilmember Block explained the latest conversations taking place with the MVTA and Met Council.

Mayor Droste discussed several legislative updates regarding housing costs and interest rates.

Councilmembers also discussed whether to have flowers on main street and other locations throughout the city. Councilmembers agreed flowers should still be placed throughout the city. Staff requested if councilmembers have thoughts on other areas to bring those ideas forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon a motion by Droste, second by Weisensel the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Erin Fasbender  
City Clerk