

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a work session of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount.

Mayor Droste called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with Council members Block, Freske, Essler and Weisensel.

- City Administrator Logan Martin
- Director of Parks & Rec Dan Schultz
- Community Development Director Kim Lindquist
- Planner Anthony Nemcek
- Finance Director Jeff May
- Senior Planner Kyle Klatt

Guests included; Rebecca Kurtz of Ehlers, Inc., Debi McConnell of Medi-CAR Auto Repair, Kara Hildreth, Port Authority Member Cory Ober, Mike Waldo of Ron Clark Construction & Design.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **2.a. Economic Development Projects Discussion**

Community Development Director Lindquist provided a recap of the several development initiatives over the last year that staff has been working on. The intent of this item is to gauge the level of Council's interest and discuss potential timing of these projects.

The first item discussed was the 'Rosemount Mall' site. Ms. Lindquist provided the history and current status of the mall site and also discussed the potential opportunity to redevelop this area. Ms. Lindquist made note that the City is not the negotiator for this project; the developer will be the one negotiating a sale and buying the property. Currently, the project is not sustainable on its own and without the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF), the project will not move forward.

Ms. Kurtz from Ehlers, Inc. provided a high level overview about TIF and how TIF can work for this particular project. The proposed project is a 4-story residential building with the intent to drive projects at commercial sites nearby. Currently the project would need approximately \$4.5 million in assistance for project completion. The city has \$1M available right now from an existing TIF. Other financing items options, beside creation of a new TIF district were discussed including possible grants, Port Authority Funds and other financial tools.

Council members discussed; traffic and space along Highway 3, communicating this project to residents, leftover funds for any other projects that may come about and the purchase option on adjoining property.

Council members agreed that in order for businesses to thrive, the number of residents needs to increase and this project is a great opportunity for the city right now. Staff agreed and will provide talking points to Council members to communicate and respond to any of the public's questions.

The developer, Mike Waldo of Ron Clark Construction & Design, was present to answer questions and discussed possible timelines of the project. The direction provided by Council was to continue to move forward and for Mr. Waldo to continue working with the property owners.

The other initiative under this agenda item will be discussed after the regular council meeting to allow adequate time for discussion.

**COUNCIL UPDATES**

Mayor Droste updated council on the following; recent annual Mayor's conference, Twin Cities MSP Event, Arbor Day, Mayor's water conservation challenge, Memorial Day presentation at the American Legion, appointment of an alternate for Dakota Broadband Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, with a motion from Droste, second by Essler. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53PM to the regular council meeting.

**CALL BACK TO ORDER**

Mayor Droste called the work session back to order at 8:43 p.m.in the Conference Room at City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount.

**STAFF UPDATES**

Council member Freske updated council on the following; Leprechaun Days and booth coverage, coffee with council during the summer will be moved to the parks and to add additional links on the city website regarding new and current developments.

Council member Weisensel updated council on the following; recap of LMC seminar recently attended regarding budgeting and Youth Commission Legacy Event on May 29.

Council member Essler requested Mr. Martin provide additional cost details from the current indoor recreation plans, status of Economic Development position and status of roundtable with current business owners. Council member Essler also discussed his vision of a volunteer association to assist groups throughout town and crosswalks along Connemara Trail.

**2.a. Economic Development Projects Discussion (Continued)**

Ms. Lindquist requested feedback regarding the 'Rosewood Center', specifically the western portion of the site near the intersection of Business Parkway and County Road 42. The potential plan being considered for this area is senior housing and a hotel. Council had further discussion and determined these potential plans would be a good use of this land and staff should continue to move forward with the formal approval process.

**6.a. Police Chief Vacancy**

City Administrator Martin provided an update of the past few months of Police Commander Mike Dahlstrom as Interim Police Chief. Mr. Martin is requesting feedback from council on how council would like to proceed with filing the Chief Position.

Mr. Martin spoke highly of Commander Dahlstrom and shared feedback received over the course of the past several weeks regarding Commander Dahlstrom filling the Police Chief position.

Council was in agreeance that Commander Dahlstrom be promoted to the Police Chief. Commander Dahlstrom will be sworn in at the June 4, 2019 regular council meeting.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned with a motion from Droste, second by Essler. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin Fasbender". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin Fasbender  
City Clerk