



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, March 23, 2020

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Willmus (Remote), Groff (Remote), Etten, Laliberte and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Mark Gaughan were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

City Manager Trudgeon requested removal of Item 9F (Approve Morris Leatherman Company Community Survey Agreement) for separate consideration.

Councilmember Willmus requested removal of Item 9G (Minnesota GreenCorps Host Site Application) for separate consideration.

Laliberte moved, Etten seconded, approval of the agenda as amended.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

Mayor Roe called for public comment by members of the audience on any non-agenda items. No one appeared to speak.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Etten moved, Laliberte seconded, proclaiming April 24, 2020 be named Roseville Arbor Day.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.

b. Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the Fair Housing Month Proclamation.

Laliberte moved, Etten seconded, proclaiming April Fair Housing Month.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.

c. Days of Remembrance Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the Days of Remembrance Proclamation.

Willmus moved, Etten seconded, proclaiming April Days of Remembrance Month.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

a. Approve Morris Leatherman Company Community Survey Agreement

City Manager Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated March 23, 2020. He indicated staff received contact from a resident regarding concern with some of the language in Exhibit C regarding the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and making sure it was in sync with that. The City Attorney has reviewed that and removed some language in there to make sure that there is clarity. A bench handout was provided with revised contract language to that effect.

City Attorney Gaughan explained this is solely pertaining to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and Data Classifications for the information collected during the course of the community survey. He noted that all consultants, when they enter into a contract to perform a governmental function such as this must abide by the Minnesota Government Data Practice Act and must respond appropriately to any request for data under the act.

Mayor Roe asked if someone wants to request public data, does that request go to the city.

City Attorney Gaughan indicated the request would go directly to the consultant.

Etten moved, Willmus seconded, authorize entering into the contract for professional services with Morris Leatherman Company for the 2020 survey.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.

b. Minnesota GreenCorps Host Site Application

At the request of Mayor Roe, City Manager Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated March 23, 2020.

Councilmember Willmus asked because this is an eleven-month period, after that period what is the intent of this position, will the position go away, or is the city looking at continuing this on beyond the eleven-month period.

Public Works Director Marc Culver explained this is considered an internship so at the end of the eleven-month period, that person would be gone unless the city was allowed to make application for another intern through this program. At that point, staff would either decide whether the city wanted to hire an intern to continue that momentum and those efforts or that resource would be lost after that time.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated after the eleven months is done, there would not be anything going forward unless staff brought a request forward to the city Council.

Mayor Roe added this is in association with AmeriCorps and an annual consideration each year.

Councilmember Etten thought the city needed to consider long term whether a permanent position is needed along these lines for the city. He thought long term, the Council and staff needed to look at a permanent position along similar lines.

Willmus moved, Etten seconded, adoption of Resolution No. ?? (Attachment A) entitled "Resolution Approving 2020 Minnesota GreenCorps Host Site Application."

Council Discussion

Councilmember Willmus indicated he was in favor of the motion, thought it made sense, and would be interested in exploring Councilmember Etten's ideas going forward as well. He just wanted some clarification on what was actually before the Council.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.

7. Business Items

- a. Consider the Twin Lakes Station Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) Complete and ready for Public Comment.**

City Planner Thomas Paschke briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated March 23, 2020.

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Councilmember Laliberte thought the information that was provided in the packet was robust and thanked everyone for the work that has gone into it thus far. She stated she looked forward to the public comment period.

Councilmember Groff asked Mr. Paschke to review the drainage off the property and a little bit about the ditch.

Mr. Culver reviewed the drainage plans with the city Council.

Councilmember Groff asked if there were going to be holding tanks on the property.

Mr. Culver indicated that was correct and as with any property that develops in the City of Roseville or any in the Metro area, each Watershed District and the city as well has requirements for storm water mitigation. He explained the city would be looking at an incredible amount of water that would be stored on site for a period of time, which is also beneficial to the city's storm water system going forward.

Councilmember Groff thought it was important to point out that this is an improvement.

Mayor Roe noted in the section on wastewater, there is a statement that the City of Roseville is providing the sanitary sewer service for this development and that the existing system can handle it. He thought it would be nice to have an additional sentence or phrase that states this to show some sort of analysis has been done.

Mr. Culver explained the city's sanitary system is designed for a potential build out of a certain size, but staff does look at the pipes adjacent to the site and the size of the pipes. The flow is not necessarily measured, but an assumed flow is done based on what uses are tying into that pipe.

Councilmember Etten asked if the underground storage tanks for fuel are being removed.

Mr. Culver assumed those tanks would be removed.

Mayor Roe thought there was something in the report about the tanks being removed.

Mr. Paschke reviewed the next steps in the process.

Laliberte moved, Etten seconded, determining the Twin Lakes Station EAW complete and instructing the Planning Division, within 5 business days, to submit

the EAW to the EQB for publication in the *EQB Monitor*, publish a press release in the *Pioneer Press*, and send all affected local, state, and federal agencies a copy of the Twin Lakes Station EAW for their agency review and comment.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.

b. Consider adoption of an ordinance amending Title 10, Zoning, mainly pertaining to height limitations for detached Accessory Dwelling Units

Senior Planner Bryan Lloyd briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated March 23, 2020.

Councilmember Willmus explained one of the concerns he has with this is directly related to height as much of the city's single-family housing stock built over the last decade or so has been primarily two-story homes. He noted there is still a significant portion of the single-family housing stock as ramblers but one of the issues he has with this text amendment process is that there really is no mechanism by which a neighbor of the property could weigh in. He believed there was some discussion at the Planning Commission level to look at a variance process or along those lines, a mechanism with which neighbors might be aware and have some input as to this because in certain situations, this could be a significant change over ones expected use of their property.

Mr. Lloyd noted a detached accessory structure, an accessory dwelling unit that is detached from the principal home, or even a large home addition is a substantial difference on a neighboring property. There is a process in the Zoning Code, and while accessory dwelling units are permitted uses, the city has a permit process unlike some other permitted uses. In that process, the city does notify surrounding home owners to let them know the city has received an application, that it is being reviewed for conformance with the relevant zoning parameters, and inviting the resident to contact staff with any questions or concerns before the permit is actually issued.

Mr. Lloyd explained all the letters he has sent out have generated a small number of responses and the great majority of those responses have all been positive ones. There was only one instance where somebody had what would be categorized as not positive and even that was a constructive piece of information about the drainage patterns in that area and making sure the spring flooding is not exacerbated downstream from there. He noted there is some public notification process built into the permitting of accessory dwelling units although not necessarily as a variance or something like that.

Councilmember Willmus asked what the mechanism would be for a neighbor to challenge something that in essence would now be a permitted use.

Mr. Lloyd indicated these have been permitted uses for the last years, since 2010-2011, and if there is a challenge to staff determination that something conforms to the relevant parameters and therefore intends to issue the permit, that is a standard appeal and would come before the city Council acting as the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Councilmember Willmus noted these have been a permitted use since 2010 but at a significantly different scale than what is being talked about now. What he is concerned about here, is the expansion of scale and size of something that someone could put in their backyard.

Councilmember Etten appreciated those concerns and wanted to reiterate a little bit of concern about the potential for adding thirty feet next to someone in a new way. He asked if the change would only be for when someone is putting an accessory dwelling unit above a garage or is this for all accessory dwelling units.

Mr. Lloyd explained this would be for all accessory structures. He reviewed Table 1004-1 in Attachment C with the Council.

Councilmember Etten indicated another discussion point at the Planning Commission meeting was about the square footage. He wondered if the square footage for the entire building, even if thirty feet tall, still has to be 650 even if it was a two-story structure. Or, would it be 650 square feet per level.

Mr. Lloyd explained the 650 square per feet is just the livable floor area of the accessory dwelling unit.

Councilmember Willmus asked what would prevent someone from putting in a fourteen-foot garage door.

Mr. Lloyd indicated the nine-foot floor to ceiling height of the first floor would prevent that from happening.

Councilmember Willmus noted the city Code does not regulate the interior ceiling height, it regulates the sidewall height of the outside of the structure. So, if someone wanted to get creative with the truss, that person could put a clear space through the center of the building that is significantly higher than nine feet.

Mr. Lloyd indicated that is addressed in the amendment.

Councilmember Groff thought it should be pointed out that the setbacks on this are five feet. If there was a property in the corner of a lot, there could be a building within five feet of two neighbors and the resident could be constructing a thirty-foot structure there if their home was thirty feet high.

Mr. Lloyd referred to Table 1004.1 and indicated it is true that the side yard setback for accessory structures and the principal structure is five feet but the setback requirement for an accessory structure that is a storage building is five feet. The footnote has been in the Zoning Code for years but the marker was absent from the Code and it refers to any building that has a dwelling unit, principal or accessory, requires a thirty-foot setback from the rear property line.

Mayor Roe reiterated that the thirty-foot height limit is limited by the height of the principal structure on the property. He thought the limiting factor is the principal structure in all cases.

Mr. Lloyd agreed for the overall height that is correct and indicated otherwise it is the nine-foot floor to ceiling height that is also a limiting factor.

Councilmember Groff thought it was true of the principal structure on that property, but it would not be for the properties around that. His concern is if there is a new home that is thirty feet high with ramblers close by, it could be quite a change for the neighborhood.

Mayor Roe thought that was one of the reasons staff put in the permitting process as part of initially allowing dwelling units, which was to provide notice to neighbors and the ability to speak on those applications.

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment with no one coming forward.

Mayor Roe asked if there was a desire by the Council to take action on the proposed text amendments.

Councilmember Willmus explained he did not have any concerns with this particular application but asked if the city were to look at a process other than what is before the Council tonight, is there a mechanism to do that, that does not place any extra burden on this applicant.

Mr. Lloyd was not entirely sure what other process Councilmember Willmus was looking for but with respect to this applicant, the action deadline is April 7th so if action were deferred tonight, he believed it would have to be extended through the city's statutory ability to do so for up to another sixty days.

Councilmember Willmus wondered if this was something that could go through a variance process.

Mr. Lloyd indicated that has been talked about in the past but his perspective is what would be the practical difficulty of enforcing the city's standard height lim-

its on any given property. It should apply equally unless the burden is that the house would be over one story in height and only allowed a single-story accessory structure. This is a question that has come up several times over the last several months from people calling in and one of the questions is that variance process.

Councilmember Etten indicated when he drove by this house he did not see where the owner has more than five or ten feet to increase the height of their garage. He wondered how it will practically work on that property.

Mr. Lloyd explained he has not spent a lot of time looking at that question, but he did know what Councilmember Etten meant because it is sort of an unconventionally house shape. He did not know what sort of headroom there is for an accessory dwelling going above the detached garage. He knew the applicants have also been exploring an addition to the principal structure that may have an accessory dwelling unit as part of it instead of a detached garage.

Councilmember Willmus indicated he would like to make a motion to deny this text amendment.

Mayor Roe asked if there needed to be findings in order to deny this.

City Attorney Gaughan did not think there needed to be written findings for text amendments. The city Council has wide discretion with regard to Code amendments because it is not a zoning change.

Councilmember Willmus explained this really is a significant departure of what the city originally put forward with regard to ADU's and one of his concerns is it creates potential variety of uses in the backyards that were never initially intended to have. The original intent of these ADU's was for an additional place for a family member to reside. He saw this as a fairly significant departure from that, which is why he is concerned.

Willmus moved, Laliberte seconded, denial of Ordinance No. ?? (Attachment C) entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Title 10, Zoning, Mainly Pertaining To Height Limitations For Detached Accessory Dwelling Units,"

Council Discussion

Councilmember Willmus thought there was considerable discussion. He did worry about the ability over time to frankly interpret this gable end and ceiling height with potential uses that can occur down the road. He thought it would become fairly difficult for the city to enforce. He would not have so much of a concern if there was a process in place by which neighbors are informed about what is going on and frankly the determination lies more in favor with those said neighbors having the ability to sign off on something.

Councilmember Laliberte appreciated the good discussion and questions. Her concerns going into this were less about interpretation of gable height and that sort of thing and more about the intention of when the city initially added ADU language. There has also been a lot of ongoing discussions with the public about housing and housing options and she thought this was a part of that. She did not think the public, with everything going on now, has the ability to weigh in on this particular discussion and potential so for that reason there needed to be a broader discussion with the community about what this should be and/or build in a process where the adjoining neighbors would have the ability to weigh in on the project.

Councilmember Etten agreed that their original intention for this is certainly different from adding on to the top of the garage. He was leaning towards supporting this motion but at the same time as housing is brought up, one of the best ways to provide a reasonable housing cost would be to allow something like this.

Councilmember Groff indicated he was a little torn on this. He did like the idea of neighbors having the ability to know what is going on in their neighborhood but the city has a housing crunch in the area and part of the Comp. Plan is to add housing, different types of housing, and not be all huge houses either. So, he could see a little bit of both sides to this and would tend to support this a little more if it was not thirty feet tall, maybe even twenty-five feet. But, he was not sure that is reasonable at this point. He also respects the Planning Department's analysis that in ten years, there have not been any requests that have really been at odds with the neighbors and he has not heard a ground swell of people against this. He explained although he was a little torn, he would tend to support having more housing in Roseville.

Councilmember Laliberte clarified that she agreed the city is having lots of conversations about the need for different types of housing and accessory dwelling units was something that was already factored in as being important to the different housing stock the city made available. But, because of the broader conversation, she is saying it would be nice to have other people weighing in on this.

Mayor Roe noted in the existing Code, the setback for a principal structure could be thirty feet tall on the side yard, is five feet. Right now, someone could split a large property and build a house within five feet of the neighboring property that previously had a big gap. That would be allowed in the city Code. He thought generally what is in the proposed language gets to a lot of the concerns about height, especially the notion that the principal structure is the limiting factor. However, if the principal structure is thirty feet as measured in the Code, there would be the ability to build a thirty-foot accessory structure. He was intrigued a little bit about Councilmember Groff's idea of perhaps a lower limit in the sense that accessory structures maybe shouldn't be as tall as the principal structure and maybe the nine foot-ground floor, floor to ceiling, and the limit be kept based on

the principal structure, but perhaps looking at an overall height limit that is not the same thirty foot as the principal structure. He was not sure a change like that would require going back to the Planning Commission for a hearing but that might be an option.

Councilmember Etten indicated his concern with creating a twenty-five-foot height is if the person were trying to match the roof line from a principal structure to the accessory dwelling unit, depending on the pitch of the roof, the structure could end up looking funny.

Councilmember Willmus thought if there was concern about the architectural character of a neighborhood and the city has a number of new single-family homes built over the last ten or so years, there could be a handful of those with a detached accessory use in the backyard. He thought the city would see something rather unique and he did not know if it would be unique in a good way.

Mayor Roe pointed out anything that is an accessory dwelling unit could not be five feet from the rear property line, it would have to be thirty feet. He thought the non-accessory dwelling unit accessory building could still be within five feet and certainly would be able to be up to these height limits and is still a concern.

Councilmember Willmus indicated part of the reason he put forth the motion to deny is that in doing so, the city has the opportunity to bring this back, really revisit it, and work out a process where the burden would in essence be on the applicant to show neighbors, etc. how this is going to benefit not only their own property but doing so would not necessarily remove or take away someone else's enjoyment of their property. That is really the intent of denying this and for him is something worthy of another look.

Mr. Lloyd explained in 2010 when accessory dwelling units were added, those units were conditional uses. A couple of applications were processed and a decision was made at that point to just have a standardized permitted process so someone could come in, meet the standards required through the conditional process, and not have to hold a public hearing for that. One of the other things is the thirty feet does seem alarming but thinking through what the scale of a structure might reasonably be, if there is a nine-foot ground floor height and another nine-foot accessory dwelling on top of that, it is only at eighteen feet and probably on the tall end of what two stories might be. Measuring the height of roofs as the city does, halfway up and not all the way to the ridge, that might still only be adding another six feet, getting to the twenty-four or twenty-five-foot range but where to put that number was the conundrum. He indicated that picking an arbitrary figure in that range is just an arbitrary figure at the end of the day and so is thirty feet but that is relating to something else that is in the zoning code, even if it is not practically going to appear in the community, which is what he was inclined to think.

Councilmember Laliberte indicated she would not be opposed to going back to the conditional process if that is something the Council would like to do because that at least opens a feedback process. The other thing she would envision is that the city could have detached garages that have been there for years and the addition of a thirty-foot height could result in loss of tree canopy. That is not going to be addressed because it is not new development going in on the ground floor.

Mayor Roe indicated the permit process notifies neighbors and provides input from the neighbors. The Council should not be characterizing this as something that does not allow for public input. The other comment he would make about conditional use, is that the city just went through a process with temporary shelters because the conditional use process was burdensome and expensive. He wanted to point that out before the Council starts thinking about going down that road.

Councilmember Willmus explained when making this text amendment, the city is putting the ball in the applicant's court. If the city receives negative comment or concern about an item, the Council would be hard pressed to deny it based upon it being in text of Code. What he is asking for is a process by which neighbors have the ability on an even scale to weigh in and raise objection and concern. Actually, he thought if the Council were to go forward and look at a conditional use for a second story on an ADU, he would be fine with it as it gives folks the opportunity to weigh in and is a more level field for neighbors who might be impacted.

Councilmember Etten asked for staff to outline the cost and process difference between a variance and a conditional use for someone in this type of situation.

Mr. Lloyd indicated as far as application costs, it would be fairly similar. Both involve preparing for one public hearing and the bulk of work that is done in any application is the initial process of reviewing and analyzing it for the public hearing. He was not sure if the conditional use had additional costs built into it for time and effort to prepare.

Mr. Gaughan explained in discussing the process of a variance and conditional use, it is important for the Council to keep in mind that a variance under State Law is only appropriate when there is an undue hardship to making any practical use of the property. When talking about this sort of a project, he could not envision a scenario where someone would be able to jump over that hurdle. He also corrected himself that if this application were to be denied, there would need to be a written denial with findings provided to the applicant and he has been drafting those findings.

Mayor Roe thought if the action is to disapprove the application for the text amendment, the Council and staff do not need to design the alternate process this

evening. He thought it might make sense to look at a limited notice distance and things like that.

City Attorney Gaughan read the findings he drafted for denial, which were added to the motion after Councilmembers Willmus and Laliberte agreed to them.

The motion was restated with the findings as:

Willmus moved, Laliberte seconded, denial of Ordinance No. ?? (Attachment C) entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Title 10, Zoning, Mainly Pertaining To Height Limitations For Detached Accessory Dwelling Units," with the following findings for denial:

- a. The proposed text amendment constitutes a significant departure from the city's original intent behind accessory dwelling use provisions with code.
- b. The Council finds problematic the ability to envision future interpretations of these provisions such as gable height standard and how it is applied to in particular future projects.
- c. The Council finds it problematic there is not a process in place for more robust neighborhood input on particular applications or projects under the proposed code.
- d. More broadly, and in particular the given current events the public has not weighed in on this issue of the over arching proposed text amendments and is an issue that does require more robust public input.
- e. Council has concern over large accessory structures being constructed with only five-foot side setbacks on property lines.
- f. The city may be more supportive of similar text amendments that may provide for a more robust public input process built into particular applications.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.

c. Consider Appointment of City Council Representatives to Visit Roseville Board and the 35W North Gateway Policy Advisory Committee

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated March 23, 2020.

Mayor Roe explained the extension of his term on the Visit Roseville Board does go through August, but the Council could make the appointment immediate if so chosen.

Councilmember Laliberte indicated she is currently the liaison to the Council for several different Boards. She would support someone else having the ability to serve in this capacity and was deferring this to another Councilmember.

Councilmember Groff indicated he would be interested in this position but was more interested in the 35W North Gateway Policy Advisory Committee appointment because that is so affecting the area of the city in which he lives.

Laliberte moved, Etten seconded, to appoint City Councilmember Groff to the Visit Roseville Board for a term to begin in September of 2020 and 35W North Gateway Policy Advisory Committee.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.

8. 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 March 9, 2020 EDA and City Council Meeting Minutes

Etten moved, Laliberte seconded, approval of the March 9, 2020 EDA and City Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.

9. 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 March 23, 2020 and related attachments.

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

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.

a. Approve Payments

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| ACH Payments | \$714,232.83 |
| 95943-96027 | 551,187.85 |
| TOTAL | \$1,265,420.68 |

b. Approval of 1 Temporary Gambling License

c. Approve General Purchases or Sale of Surplus Items Exceeding \$5,000

- d. **Approve Resolution Awarding Contract for 2020 Pathway Improvement Project**
 - e. **Receive City Grant Applications Update**
 - f. **Item removed for separate consideration**
 - g. **Item removed for separate consideration**
- 10. Future Agenda Review, Communications, Reports, and Announcements – Council and City Manager**

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the future agendas of the April 13, 2020 City Council meeting and April 20, 2020 City Council Work Session.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated in regard to COVID-19 staff is continuing to provide city business operations although the facility is closed, staff is still processing building permits and inspections along with life safety issues. Most staff are working remotely but checking voicemail, responding to emails, and responding throughout the day. He noted the city will be reviewing the situation next week as to whether this needs to be extended beyond March 30, 2020.

Mayor Roe indicated there have been robust conversations regarding the licensing center operations during this crisis and he has pointed people to the State, which has a reduced number of stations open for providing driver's license renewals. He thought the State would need to look at extensions to the deadlines for the license renewals. He noted license tabs can be mailed in directly to the State or dropped off at the drop box at city hall. He explained in light of the shortage of toilet paper, people have been using flushable wipes. He stressed for the Public Works Department that nothing but wastewater and toilet paper should ever go in the toilet and sewer system as anything else will potentially cause pipes to clog. He thanked everyone in the community for all that is being done for neighbors and friends and families through this.

Councilmember Willmus stated his experience with the remote meeting was better than he expected it to be and the only difficulty he had was seeing what was being displayed on the elmo. He encouraged his colleagues who had not tried this to give it a try so that in the future should the Council need to do this as a larger group, everyone is familiar with it. He thanked Mr. Trudgeon and CTV for making the accommodation to put this together.

Councilmember Groff thought it was working smoothly, with a little bit being clumsy, but a great option to have. He thanked staff for setting this up and stated it is a good rehearsal.

Mayor Roe stated he would be okay if staff wanted to participate from their office, or their desk, because he did not believe staff needed to be at the table. He noted other cities are encouraging public input during the meetings by having a phone number that could be called to participate, like a giant conference call. He would be curious to see how that would work.

Councilmember Laliberte stated to encourage feedback of more people, a chat could be created so people could upload their thoughts or questions and a pre-identified person in the chamber could read those questions one at a time.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated staff will be looking at the public participation option for the April 13, 2020 Council meeting to see what is possible.

Councilmember Laliberte updated the Council that the Ramsey County League of Local Government meetings have been cancelled at this point.

Mayor Roe updated the Council on the search committee for the NYFS President/CEO.

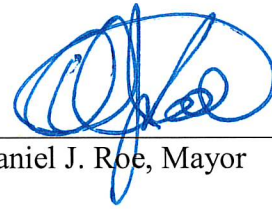
11. Adjourn

Willmus moved, Etten seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 7:42 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Etten, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager