

**TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the meeting of the Technology Task Force of the City of Rosemount was called to order on September 14, 2022 at 6:36 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Attendees included Task Force Members: Steve Thoennes, Tim Bornholdt, Jeff Feeder, and Mike Cahn.

Staff present included the following;

- GIS Supervisor Aaron Menza

City Council present included the following;

- Councilmember Jeff Weisensel

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

GIS Supervisor Menza asked to add an agenda item for a discussion on expanding WIFI services to City parks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Steve Thoennes **Second by** Tim Bornholdt

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2022 Technology Task Force meeting.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

4.a Technology Meetups

The task force discussed the idea of holding technology meetups and the need for the meetups to be inclusive to minors and people of all faiths. Councilmember Weisensel suggested that the group should stay in Rosemount and support local businesses. The Task Force decided to table the topic for a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

5.a Questions/Evaluation set for evaluating Technology Task Force projects

Task Force Member Thoennes suggested that Task Force should have an evaluation set prepared to assess the feasibility and suitability of projects being proposed by the Task Force. Councilmember Weisensel states that it is good practice to have such a document. Task Force Member Thoennes offered to send his proposed evaluation set document to the rest of the Task Force for review.

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5.b WIFI in Parks

The Task Force discussed the need and feasibility of installing public WIFI systems at City parks. Task Force Member Thoennes questioned what the WIFI would be used for and if staff or residents would be the common users. He also questioned how much of the population of Rosemount would benefit from such a project. GIS Supervisor Menza suggested that it would be put in place for public use. Task Force Member Bornholdt said that it would be a great option for children using the parks and suggested that it fits in well with the City Council's goal of strengthening the community in Rosemount. Task Force Member Feeder suggested that public WIFI users should be required to read and accept the City's terms for WIFI use. Task Force Member Cahn discussed whether or not the City would have any responsibility for the citizens who use the WIFI. Councilmember Weisensel questioned what the cost of the project would be and if the City could work with private cell phone providers to increase coverage in the City Parks. GIS Supervisor Menza mentioned that the City's Verizon Wireless representative is looking at temporary options for increasing their coverage are during larger events such as Leprechaun Days and the Food Truck Festival. Councilmember Weisensel suggested that the Task Force makes a motion to have City staff further investigate options.

Motion by Tim Bornholdt Second by Mike Cahn

Motion to direct City staff to investigate what gaps exist in cellular data service during large events and to investigate options for creating WIFI networks at City parks.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Task Force discussed the idea of placing cameras around the City to help with police enforcement. Councilmember Weisensel questioned if there are specific areas around the City that should have cameras and whether or not the Police Department has data to help identify those locations. He suggested that the Task Force makes a motion to direct staff to further research the topic

Motion by Tim Bornholdt Second by Mike Cahn

Motion to invite City department leaders to attend future Task Force meetings to discuss technology needs and difficulties.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIS Supervisor Menza provided an update on the electric vehicle charging station installation program. He noted that the program is no longer no-cost and there will be a cost to the City. He said that the details have not been defined yet but should be available soon.

GIS Supervisor Menza mentioned that the City is undergoing a re-write of its zoning code and staff will be working in language that encourages the installation of charging stations in new construction of commercial and residential developments.

Motion by Steve Thoennes **Second by** Tim Bornholdt

Motion to advise city staff to add language to the zoning code which promotes the construction of electric vehicle charging stations in new multi-tenant homes and commercial properties.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Steve Thoennes **Second by** Tim Bornholdt

Motion to adjourn 7:58 pm

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Next Task Force Meeting October 12, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Menza
GIS Supervisor