



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2026**

Mayor Sanoica called the Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Boucher, Reyez, Koehler

Absent: Vinezeano

With 6 present and 1 absent. Mayor Sanoica declared that a quorum was present.

Members of the audience were reminded that the proceedings are recorded for current and future broadcast.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Rob Sabo, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Glen Cole, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Finance Director Molly Talkington, Police Chief Tony Peluso, Fire Chief Pete Sutter, Director Public Works Aaron Grosskopf, Chief Information Officer Waseem Khan, Human Services Director Dr. Natalia Nieves, and City Attorney Melissa Wolf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Sanoica asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Alderperson O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Boucher. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

Mayor Sanoica asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2026 City Council Meeting. Alderperson Reyez made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson McHale. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sanoica asked for a moment of silence for the loss of life when William Capozzielli was fatally struck by a vehicle on Algonquin Road near the intersection of Meadowbrook Industrial Court on February 4, 2026.

She urged Council to adopt a vision zero approach to City planning policy and achieve the ambitious goal of zero traffic related fatalities in the City. The City Engineer has prepared a memorandum in the agenda packet that describes the City's plans for this intersection to improve pedestrian safety. Specifically, Meadowbrook's single lane approach and lack of signalization lead to a peak period left turn delays and queues that can extend onto Meadowbrook affecting drivers. The planned realignment, intersection widening and a dedicated right-turn lane are appropriate near-term measures that should improve visibility, reduce turning delays and enhance truck turning movements. These improvements are expected to mitigate many of the operational issues associated with the Driven Car Wash and reduce the frequency and length of queues on Meadowbrook.

The City Engineer separately reviewed any potential impacts to the special use on the agenda for the proposed religious institution at 5550 Meadowbrook Industrial Court is anticipated to generate concentrated, short-duration departure queues during weekend service departure times. Because these activities occur during off-peak hours for adjacent businesses, significant adverse impacts to the broader network are not anticipated. Localized queuing that primarily affects the church's attendees is likely. The proposed intersection improvements should help mitigate these issues.

As the Council considers this item on the agenda, she encouraged the Council to ask any follow up questions to City Staff

WARD REPORTS

Aldersperson Boucher reminded parents and students that there are residents living in the neighborhood behind Rolling Meadows High School. The bus exit lane is not designed or safe for cars to use as an entry or exit point for the school. She urged everyone to use caution when waiting for students, noting that driveways are being blocked and people are standing in areas where it is not permitted. She asked the community to be mindful of the neighbors who live there and rely on access to the area behind the high school.

Aldersperson Koehler noted that, as Chair of the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee, he is proud of the continued recognition the City of Rolling Meadows has received for its sustainability achievements. He highlighted a recent article in the American Planning Association titled "*What Happens to EVs When Washington Backs Out? Ask Rolling Meadows,*" which showcases the City's leadership in this area. He added that Rolling Meadows continues to be acknowledged as a sustainability leader through multiple honors, including recognition from the Mayor's Metropolitan Caucus, Commonwealth Edison and the SolSmart Gold designation through the Energy Ready program.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES

Mayor Sanoica read the rules of procedures for addressing the City Council.

Chris P., Liza M. and Colleen S., residents, spoke in opposition of the special use permit for 180 Chicago Church located at 5550 Meadowbrook Industrial Court.

PENDING

A) Ordinance No. 26-04 – Amend the City Code Regarding the Dissolution of the Economic Development Committee of the City of Rolling Meadows (2nd Reading)

Mayor Sanoica read the title into record and asked for a motion to adoption this Ordinance. Aldersperson Budmats made the motion and was seconded by Aldersperson O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Boucher, Reyez, Koehler
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Vinezeano

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance was adopted.

ORDINANCES

B) Ordinance No. 26-00 – Approve Special Use Permit for a Religious Institution (5550 Meadowbrook Industrial Court – 180 Chicago Church) (1st Reading)

Mayor Sanoica read the title into the record and asked for a motion to consider the Ordinance for 1st reading. Alderperson Budmats made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O’Brien.

Alderperson Boucher noted that the downtown campus includes a Day Star Academy and asked whether there are any plans to establish a similar academy at this location, as it would change the building’s use. ACM/CDD Cole explained that such a change would require an amendment to the special use permit. Alderperson Boucher also requested clarification on whether there are any long-term plans to operate a daycare at this site.

Alderperson Boucher made a motion to open the floor and was seconded by Alderperson O’Brien. A voice vote approved opening the floor for Council to ask petitioner questions.

Karl Clauson, petitioner, stated that they are not affiliated with Day Star Academy and have no plans to open a similar facility in Rolling Meadows.

Alderperson Budmats made a motion to close the floor and was seconded by Alderperson McHale. A voice vote approved closing the floor.

Alderperson Budmats noted that the ordinance requires two readings for approval and encouraged residents to contact their representatives to ensure their voices are fully heard on the matter.

Alderperson O’Brien stated that it appears the HOA and the church are working to set up a meeting to talk through their differences and hopefully that conversation will take place before the second reading.

Alderperson Koehler stated that he saw a report regarding traffic congestion and would like to look at that report again because of the fatality so we can eliminate that from the discussion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Budmats, O’Brien, Reyez, Koehler, McHale
NAYS: Boucher
ABSENT: Vinezeano

With 5 in favor and 1 opposed. This Ordinance moved forward for 2nd reading.

NEW BUSINESS

C) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT FOR February 10, 2026

Mayor Sanoica asked for a motion to approve the February 10, 2026 Warrant. Alderperson McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O’Brien.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: O’Brien, Boucher, Reyez, Koehler, McHale, Budmats
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Vinezeano

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Warrant was approved.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

The Consent Resolutions consisted of five (5) items, items D thru H. Mayor Sanoica asked if any Alderperson wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions. No items were removed.

Mayor Sanoica declared it in order for one motion to consider the five (5) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Alderperson O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Boucher. Mayor Sanoica read the titles into the record.

- D) Resolution No. 26-R-19 – Update the Current City of Rolling Meadows Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)**
- E) Resolution No. 26-R-20 – Approve and Publish the 2026 Zoning Map**
- F) Resolution No. 26-R-21 – Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Second Amendment to the City of Rolling Meadows City Manager Employment Agreement with Rob Sabo**
- G) Resolution No. 26-R-22 – Authorize a One-Year Extension of the Contract with Crystal Maintenance Plus, Corp. for Janitorial Services at Select City Buildings in the Amount of \$56,100.00**
- H) Resolution No. 26-R-23 – Award a Contract for Professional Engineering Services for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer System Programs for RJN Group in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$110,500.00**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Boucher, Reyez, Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Vinezeano

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Resolutions were adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS

Mayor's Appointments: None

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

City Manager Rob Sabo announced the following:

- 1) For all Rolling Meadows veterans, past or present: to commemorate America's 250th birthday, the City will feature Hometown Heroes custom street banners, that will be displayed along Kirchoff Road from May to October at no cost to the veteran. Businesses, families or individuals can proudly sponsor a veteran banner. Visit www.cityrm.org for details or contact Communications/Events Coordinator Lori Ciezak at 847-870-9005.

- 2) At the February 17, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, a presentation will be given on the results of the TIF eligibility studies for two (2) proposed TIF districts – one in the area of Orchard and Algonquin Road and the other in the area of Algonquin Road and Keystone Court. As required under the Illinois TIF Act, eligibility studies have been conducted for both proposed TIF districts and the presentation of the findings are part of the statutorily required steps to establish a TIF district. The eligibility study reports can be found on the City’s website at www.cityrm.org and are available to the public for review. Residents with questions on the eligibility study reports can contact the City Manager’s office at 847-394-8500.

- 3) In 2023 the City Council adopted the City’s current Sustainability Plan which sets forth numerous and impactful notable sustainability goals and objectives. One of the focal areas of the Sustainability Plan focuses on renewable energy. We are excited to share that the City of Rolling Meadows has been awarded the SolSmart Gold designation from the Energy Ready program for taking local actions that will reduce costs and expand opportunities for our residents and businesses to use solar energy within our community. We’re proud to be recognized as a national leader in encouraging a clean energy future. Energy Ready is led by ICMA - International City/County Management Association and Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) and has provided free technical assistance to more than 600 cities, towns, and regional organizations that have achieved SolSmart designation for their solar energy leadership. Visit <https://solsmart.org/> for additional information. Congratulations to everyone for this achievement!

**2&3) February 17, 2026 Committee of the Whole Draft Agenda
February 10, 2026 City Council Draft Agenda**

Mayor Sanoica announced that the draft agendas are in the packet and if Council has any questions regarding the agendas to contact City Manager Rob Sabo.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sanoica asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Boucher made the motion and it was seconded by Alderperson O’Brien. A voice vote approved adjournment.

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

February 10, 2026 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on February 24, 2026.

Judy Brose

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