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AGENDA
JUNE 15, 2026

6:00 p.m. Economic Development Authority meeting – Council Chambers

1. **Call to order.**

2. **Approve agenda.**

3. **Minutes.**
   a. EDA meeting minutes of June 1, 2026

4. **Consent item.**
   a. Resolution approving subgrant agreement for Hennepin County cleanup funds for Beltline Station –Ward 1

5. **Public hearings – none.**

6. **Regular business – none.**

7. **Communications and announcements – none.**

8. **Adjournment.**

6:15 p.m. City council meeting – Council Chambers

1. **Call to order.**
   a. Roll call.
   b. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Approve agenda.**

3. **Presentations.**
   a. Proclamation observing World Refugee Day
   b. Proclamation observing Juneteenth
   c. Proclamation observing National Language Access Week
   d. Recognition of donations

4. **Minutes.**
   a. City council meeting minutes of June 1, 2026
   b. Special study session meeting minutes of June 1, 2026

5. **Consent items.**
   a. Resolution accepting donations to the city to support police department's K9 program
   b. Resolution appointing election workers for the August 11, 2026 State Primary election
   c. Approve boards and commissions appointments
   d. Resolution authorizing application for fiscal year 2026 Assistance to Firefighters grant

- **e.** Resolution supporting the City of St. Louis Park as a 2026-2027 Minnesota GreenCorps member host site
- **f.** Resolution authorizing parking restrictions on south side of Oxford Street east of Louisiana Avenue Ward 2
- **g.** Approve first amendment to shared parking agreement at Inglewood Avenue South - Ward 1
- **h.** Resolution authorizing application to the Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation for Transportation Projects

6. **Public hearing.**
   - **a.** Public hearing for new liquor license - Create Restaurants MN LLC dba Hazelwood Food and Drink

7. **Regular business.**
   - **a.** First reading of ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the city code related to temporary liquor licenses

8. **Communications and announcements.**
   - **a.** Potential LAWCON property transfer and purchase of Webster Park - Ward 1
   - **b.** Climate Leadership and Natural Spaces system wrap-up

9. **Adjournment.**

Following city council meeting – Closed Executive Session – Community Room

Closed Executive Session – pursuant to M.S. 13D.05, subd. 3(d)

	Discussion Item
1.	Emergency Management table-top exercise

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Unofficial minutes
EDA meeting
St. Louis Park, Minnesota
June 1, 2026

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1. Call to order.

President Farris called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

a. Roll call

Commissioners present: Daniel Bashore, Jim Engelking, Sue Budd, Nadia Mohamed, Tim Brausen, Paul Baudhuin, President Yolanda Farris

Commissioners absent: none

Staff present: city manager (Ms. Keller), deputy city manager (Ms. Walsh), city attorney (Mr. Mattick), engineering project manager (Mr. Elgaard), engineering director (Ms. Heiser), deputy engineering director (Mr. Sullivan), public works director (Mr. Hall)

2. Approve agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Mohamed, seconded by Commissioner Baudhuin, to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

a. EDA meeting minutes of May 4, 2026

It was moved by Commissioner Budd, seconded by Commissioner Bashore, to approve the EDA meeting minutes of May 4, 2026, as presented.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

4. Consent items.

- **a.** Approve EDA disbursements
- **b.** **EDA Resolution No. 26-14** approving Two Percent Loan Program modifications and agreement with NextStage
- **c.** **EDA Resolution No. 26-15** approving ATD Holdings Notice of Default - Ward 3

It was moved by Commissioner Budd, seconded by Commissioner Brausen, to approve consent items as listed and to waive reading of all resolutions.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

5. Public hearings – none.

6. Regular business – none.

7. Communications and announcements – none.

8. Adjournment.

The EDA meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Melissa Kennedy, city clerk	Yolanda Farris, president

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Executive summary

Title: Resolution approving subgrant agreement for Hennepin County cleanup funds for Beltline station - Ward 1

Recommended action: Motion to adopt EDA resolution approving a subgrant agreement between the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and Beltline Mixed Use LLC, an affiliate of Sherman Associates.

Policy consideration: Does the EDA support the proposed subgrant agreement with the developer that formalizes the respective parties' obligations relative to the Environmental Response Fund (ERF) cleanup grant award?

Summary: Sherman Associates, through its affiliated companies including the developer, is redeveloping a 6.6-acre site at the southeast corner of CSAH 25 and Beltline Boulevard immediately north of the Beltline Boulevard station of the Metro Green Line extension. The development includes 380 housing units (of which 82 are affordable housing), approximately 21,000 square feet of commercial space, and a parking ramp which includes 268 park and ride stalls for Green Line riders.

On Oct. 20, 2025 the EDA authorized an application to Hennepin County for ERF cleanup funds, and authorized future acceptance of grant funds, if received. The EDA was awarded $153,525 of ERF funds for Beltline Station Development in February 2026 and entered into a grant agreement with Hennepin County in June 2026. Per the EDA's grant agreement with Hennepin County, the grant award is to be used for eligible environmental cleanup expenses. The subgrant agreement with the developer formalizes the terms for the distribution of the grant funds.

The EDA's legal counsel drafted the proposed agreement and recommends its approval.

Financial or budget considerations: The ERF grant award is $153,525. Funds will be provided to the developer on a reimbursement basis, after expenses have been incurred by the project, and after the EDA has been reimbursed by Hennepin County for eligible expenses. The EDA serves as the conduit for the grant funds.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to providing a range of quality, affordable and attainable housing options.

Supporting documents: EDA resolution

Prepared by: Dean Porter-Nelson, redevelopment administrator
Reviewed by: Jennifer Monson, planning and economic development manager
Sean Walther, deputy community development director
Tiffany Stephens, interim deputy financial director/financial analyst
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

EDA Resolution No. 26-__

Approving a sub-grant agreement with Beltline Mixed Use LLC for an Environmental Response Fund grant from Hennepin County

Whereas, the St. Louis Park Economic Development Authority (the "authority") and Beltline Mixed Use LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "developer"), have entered into an amended and restated contract for private development, dated May 19, 2025, as amended by the first amendment to contract for private development, dated January 20, 2026 (the "development agreement"), pursuant to which the developer agreed to construct a multi-phase mixed-use development on certain property in the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota (the "city"), including market rate housing, commercial space, and a parking (the "minimum improvements"); and

Whereas, in connection with the minimum improvements, the authority applied for, on behalf of the developer, and secured an Environmental Response Fund grant (Grant No. PR00008202) in an amount not to exceed $153,525 (the "ERF grant") from Hennepin County, Minnesota (the "county"), by its Environment and Energy Department, to finance grant-eligible clean-up activities (the "ERF grant-eligible activities") described in the Environmental Response Fund Grant Agreement (the "grant agreement") between the county and the authority; and

Whereas, the authority intends to distribute proceeds of the ERF grant to the developer to reimburse the developer for expenditures related to the ERF grant-eligible activities; and

Whereas, there has been presented to the board of commissioners of the authority (the "board") a form of a sub-grant agreement (ERF grant) (the "sub-grant agreement") between the authority and the developer, which sets forth the terms under which the authority will disburse proceeds of the ERF grant to the developer, as sub-grantee, for the ERF grant-eligible activities to be completed by the developer thereunder; and

Now therefore be it resolved by the board of commissioners of the St. Louis Park Economic Development Authority as follows:

1. The board approves the sub-grant agreement in substantially the form presented to the board, together with any related documents necessary in connection therewith, including without limitation all documents, exhibits, certifications, or consents, referenced in or attached to the grant agreement or the sub-grant agreement (the "documents").

2. The board hereby authorizes the president and executive director, in their discretion and at such time, if any, as they may deem appropriate, to execute the documents on behalf of the authority, and to carry out, on behalf of the authority, the authority's obligations thereunder when all conditions precedent thereto have been satisfied. The documents shall be in substantially the form on file with the authority and the approval hereby given to the documents includes approval of such additional details therein as may be necessary and appropriate and such modifications thereof, deletions therefrom and additions thereto as may be necessary and appropriate and approved by legal counsel to the authority

and by the officers authorized herein to execute said documents prior to their execution; and said officers are hereby authorized to approve said changes on behalf of the authority. The execution of any instrument by the appropriate officers of the authority herein authorized shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of such document in accordance with the terms hereof. This resolution shall not constitute an offer and the documents shall not be effective until the date of execution thereof as provided herein.

3. Be it further resolved that the authority to approve, execute and deliver future amendments to the sub-grant agreement entered into by the authority is hereby delegated to the president and executive director, subject to the following conditions: (a) the proposed amendments extend deadlines, amend the project budget or scope, or do not materially adversely affect the interests of the authority; and (b) such amendments or consents do not contravene or violate any policy of the authority. The execution of any instrument by the president and executive director shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of such instruments in accordance with the terms hereof.

4. In the event of absence or disability of the officers, any of the documents authorized by this resolution to be executed may be executed without further act or authorization of the board by any duly designated acting official, or by such other officer or officers of the board as, in the opinion of the city attorney, may act in their behalf. Upon execution and delivery of the documents, the officers and employees of the board are hereby authorized and directed to take or cause to be taken such actions as may be necessary on behalf of the board to implement the documents.

5. This resolution shall be effective upon approval.

Reviewed for administration:

Karen Barton, executive director

Adopted by the Economic Development Authority June 15, 2026:

Yolanda Farris, president

Attest:

Melissa Kennedy, secretary

Executive summary

Title: Proclamation observing World Refugee Day

Recommended action: Mayor to read the proclamation.

Policy consideration: None.

Summary: World Refugee Day is observed annually on June 20 and honors those who have been forced to flee their home country, including children. This observance was proclaimed by the United Nations (UN) in 2001 to bring continued worldwide commitment to the promise of safety from conflict and persecution.

According to the UN, there are 117.3 million forcibly displaced people worldwide and 40% of these refugees are children. This means that in our world today, 49 million children are fleeing their home countries because of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations or events that seriously disturb public order.

St. Louis Park observes World Refugee Day as part of our commitment to being a city where everyone feels safe and experiences a strong sense of belonging. We recognize the refugees who have been part of the fabric of our community since its beginning.

Financial or budget considerations: None.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being an inclusive, equitable and vibrant city where everyone feels safe and experiences a strong sense of belonging.

Supporting documents: Resource page
Proclamation

Prepared by: Jocelyn I Hernandez Guitron, racial equity and inclusion specialist
Reviewed by: Pa Dao Yang, racial equity and inclusion director
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Resource Page

In observance of World Refugee Day, the City of St. Louis Park invites you to:

- Learn about refugees and their stories
  - What is a refugee? (or a displaced person)
  - Stories from Minnesota Refugees - MN Dept. of Health
  - Refugee Data Finder - Key Indicators
  - World Refugee Day 2026 | UNHCR US
  - Immigrants and Refugees in Minnesota: Connecting Past and Present | MNopedia

- Understand the challenges faced by refugees
  - Key Impacts of 2025 Immigration Policies Under Executive Orders
  - Minnesota: A Refuge for Refugees · Refugees and Immigrants in Minnesota · Religions in Minnesota
  - How have the Trump administration's policies impacted refugees? | The IRC

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Proclamation Observing "World Refugee Day"

Whereas, Minnesota has a history of refugee resettlement, welcoming forcibly displaced people from around the world. Our state has historically resettled an average of about 2,000 refugees each year over the past 45 years. Minnesota has demonstrated a commitment to making the world a better place through welcoming; and

Whereas, Minnesota is home to 449,000 immigrants, including those who migrate by choice and those who migrate out of necessity; Minnesota has become home to refugees from Somalia, Liberia, Ukraine, Venezuela, Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and more, including ethnic groups such as the Hmong and Karen peoples; and

Whereas, refugees flee their homes, their communities, their ancestral lands; everything they know. They courageously rebuild their lives in their new countries, creating hope and better futures for themselves and those around them; and

Whereas, refugees are innocent children fighting for their future. Refugees are family members, neighbors, colleagues, business owners, doctors, teachers, community leaders and more who contribute to what makes our state and city vibrant and safe; and

Whereas, World Refugee Day is ever more relevant as refugees are criminalized and dehumanized by federal level policies that have caused fear and persecution and have severely limited the numbers of refugees we can welcome and free from violence; and

Whereas, the City of St. Louis Park encourages our community to learn about refugees and do their part to help include everyone and foster respect, dignity and safety. We must all do our part to make St. Louis Park a better place,

Now therefore, let it be known that the mayor and city council of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, observe June 20 as World Refugee Day in our community.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS PARK CORPORATE SEAL HENNEPIN CO., MN

In witness whereof, I set my hand and cause the seal of the City of St. Louis Park to be affixed this 15th day of June 2026.

Nadia Mohamed

Executive summary

Title: Proclamation observing Juneteenth

Recommended action: Mayor to read the proclamation.

Policy consideration: None.

Summary: Juneteenth is a federal holiday recognizing the day when Union General Gordon Granger led some 2,000 Union troops, many of whom were Black, into Galveston Bay, where they announced that the more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in Texas were free by executive decree. The Emancipation Proclamation, signed in 1863, marked freedom from chattel slavery across the United States, yet slavery continued in parts of the country.

Juneteenth celebrates the day freedom reached all parts of the country and has continued to be observed in Black American communities through community gatherings, church events, music, and shared meals. Juneteenth became a federal holiday on June 17, 2021 – the newest federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was signed into law in 1983.

Financial or budget considerations: None.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being an inclusive, equitable and vibrant city where everyone feels safe and experiences a strong sense of belonging.

Supporting documents: Resource page
Proclamation

Prepared by: Jocelyn I Hernandez Guitron, racial equity and inclusion specialist
Reviewed by: Pa Dao Yang, racial equity and inclusion director
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Resource page

In recognition of Juneteenth, the City of St. Louis Park invites you to:

- Learn about the history of Juneteenth
  - Juneteenth - Minnesota Humanities Center (mnhum.org)
  - Juneteenth – Minnesota Historical Society
  - Juneteenth | National Museum of African American History and Culture (si.edu)

- Join St. Louis Park Community Education and Parks & Recreation for a series of Juneteenth events to celebrate freedom, resilience and cultural heritage:
  - Juneteenth Celebration – Westopolis
    - Monday, June 15, 2026: Family Movie Night: "Soul" at the Lenox Community Center, 6 – 7:30 pm
    - Tuesday, June 16, 2026: Black Storytellers Alliance at the St. Louis Park Library, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
    - Wednesday, June 17, 2026: Summer Concert Series Kickoff: SoulFlower at the Veterans' Memorial Amphitheater, 7 – 8:30 pm
    - Thursday, June 18, 2026: Rollin' @ the ROC: Roller skating fun for the whole family at The Recreation Outdoor Center, 5:30 – 8 pm

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Proclamation Observing "Juneteenth 2026"

Whereas, Juneteenth has been observed by Black Americans as the day when word of the Emancipation Proclamation granting freedom from slavery finally reached Galveston Bay, Texas on June 19, 1865 - two years after it was written into law by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863; and

Whereas, Juneteenth marks the beginning of freedom from chattel slavery, opening possibilities for generations of Black people in the United States; and

Whereas, Juneteenth is commemorated as "Freedom Day", celebrating the countless efforts made by abolitionists, both enslaved and free, in the fight for freedom from white slaveowners; and

Whereas, Black Americans continue to make significant contributions to Minnesota's culture, economy, education, health, housing and government; and

Whereas, challenging anti-Black racism and recognizing the ways Black Americans have historically faced legalized discrimination in our country honors the legacy of Juneteenth and contributes to our strategic priority of being an inclusive, equitable and vibrant city; and

Whereas, observing Juneteenth as a city holiday in the City of St. Louis Park is a significant step in understanding the painful legacy of slavery and the history of anti-Black discrimination after slavery was abolished, which continues to have impacts on our society to this day; and

Whereas, the City of St. Louis Park's inaugural Juneteenth observance was celebrated in 2022. The annual celebrations continue and in 2026, the celebration of the Juneteenth Series is in partnership with St. Louis Park Community Education,

Now therefore, let it be known that the mayor and city council of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, hereby observe Juneteenth 2026 in our community.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS PARK CORPORATE SEAL HENNEPIN CO., MN

In witness whereof, I set my hand and cause the seal of the City of St. Louis Park to be affixed this 15th day of June 2026.

Nadia Mohamed, mayor

Executive summary

Title: Proclamation observing National Language Access Week

Recommended action: Mayor to read the proclamation.

Policy consideration: None

Summary: As a government agency, our city has an obligation to provide meaningful access to programs and activities for all, including deaf persons and those with Limited English Proficiency. It is our goal to provide meaningful interaction, build trust and ensure everyone has equitable access to city services. Observing National Language Access week is an opportunity to bring awareness to the services available to all residents and further our efforts to be inclusive regardless of language.

Financial or budget considerations: None

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being an inclusive, equitable and vibrant city where everyone feels safe and experiences a strong sense of belonging.

Supporting documents: Resource page
Proclamation

Prepared by: Jocelyn I Hernandez Guitron, racial equity and inclusion specialist
Reviewed by: Pa Dao Yang, racial equity and inclusion director
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Resource Page

In observance of National Language Access Week, the City of St. Louis Park invites you to:

- Learn about language access
  - Home - National Coalition For Language Access
  - Languages in education | UNESCO
  - Minnesota Department of Education – Language Access Network, Minnesota Statute 123B.32
  - The Evolving Landscape of Language Access (webinar), Welcoming America

- Understand the importance of language access
  - How Minnesota's most common languages reflect a changing state
  - Know Your Rights to Language Access - American Translators Association (ATA)

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Proclamation Observing "National Language Access Week"

Whereas, linguistic diversity is a global reality and is reflected in our state of Minnesota, where the top non-English languages spoken are Spanish, Somali and Hmong; and

Whereas; data from St. Louis Park Public Schools show that the top non-English languages spoken by families include Spanish, Somali, Tibetan, French and Oromo; and

Whereas, St. Louis Park is linguistically diverse and has 49 distinct languages spoken throughout our city; and

Whereas, culture and language are connected, meaning that if we are linguistically diverse then we are also a very culturally diverse community; and

Whereas, Minnesota has always been a land of more than one language, beginning with Anishinaabe and Dakota; the addition of languages brought by settlers like German and Swedish, and the languages that continue to arrive; and

Whereas; our city is made more vibrant by the diverse languages spoken by residents, and we are proactively working to ensure all languages are welcomed; and

Whereas, the City of St. Louis Park is committed to being accessible to all, regardless of language,

Now therefore, let it be known that the mayor and city council of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, observe National Language Access Week beginning June 15, 2026, in our community.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS PARK CORPORATE SEAL HENNEPIN CO., MN

In witness whereof, I set my hand and cause the seal of the City of St. Louis Park to be affixed this 15th day of June 2026.

Nadia M.

Nadia Mohamed

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Meeting: City council
Meeting date: June 15, 2026
Presentation: 3d

Executive summary

Title: Recognition of donations

Recommended action: Mayor announce and express appreciation for the following donations to the city and listed on the consent agenda.

From	Donation	For
American Legion Post 282 through the Community Charities of Minnesota	$4,000	Donation to support the police department with K9 program expenses such as training, equipment, veterinary visits and food

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being a city that delivers reliable services, uses city resources responsibly, operates transparently and builds strong relationships with residents.

Supporting documents: None.

Prepared by: Amanda Scott-Lerdal, deputy city clerk
Reviewed by: Melissa Kennedy, city clerk
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Unofficial minutes
City council meeting
St. Louis Park, Minnesota
June 1, 2026

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1. Call to order.

Mayor Mohamed called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll call.

Council members present: Daniel Bashore, Jim Engelking, Sue Budd, Tim Brausen, Paul Baudhuin, Yolanda Farris, Mayor Nadia Mohamed

Council members absent: none

Staff present: city manager (Ms. Keller), deputy city manager (Ms. Walsh), city attorney (Mr. Mattick), engineering project manager (Mr. Elgaard), public works director (Mr. Hall), engineering director (Ms. Heiser), deputy engineering director (Mr. Sullivan)

2. Approve agenda.

It was moved by Council Member Brausen, seconded by Council Member Farris, to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed 7-0.

3. Presentations.

a. Proclamation observing the United States of America's 250th anniversary

Council Member Brausen read the proclamation recognizing the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

b. Proclamation observing Immigrant Heritage Month

Council Member Baudhuin read the proclamation acknowledging Minnesota's long history as a destination for immigrants. He recognized the contributions immigrants make to the state and city and noted community actions taken during heightened federal immigration enforcement.

Council Member Baudhuin noted the proclamation was read the day after the people of the Twin Cities received the John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage Award, adding that award organizers indicated there were too many deserving leaders in the Twin Cities area to recognize all of them.

Mayor Mohamed stated that she is herself a proud immigrant; she affirmed the ongoing contributions of immigrants to Minnesota's economy, politics and schools.

c. Proclamation observing LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Council Member Bashore read the proclamation recognizing the LGBTQ+ community as an integral part of St. Louis Park's diversity.

Council Member Bashore shared that as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, the city's recognition of Pride Month was personally meaningful and was a direct factor in his decision to make St. Louis Park his home.

Mayor Mohamed noted that being a welcoming and inclusive city has remained a core strategic priority across multiple planning cycles.

4. Minutes.

a. City council meeting minutes of May 18, 2026
b. Special study session meeting minutes of May 18, 2026

It was moved by Council Member Brausen, seconded by Council Member Baudhuin, to approve the city council and special study session meeting minutes of May 18, 2026, as presented.

The motion passed 7-0.

5. Consent items.

a. Approve city disbursements
b. **Resolution No. 26-080** accepting donations to the city to support the Access to Fun scholarship program - first quarter
c. **Resolution No. 26-081** approving 2025 calendar year financial transfers to/out other funds
d. **Resolution No. 26-082** approving presale of 2026 debt issuance
e. **Resolution No. 26-083** electing not to waive the statutory tort limits for liability insurance
f. **Resolution No. 26-084** approving 2026-2028 LELS Local #623 Deputy Police Chief labor agreement
g. Approve temporary seasonal premises amendment for liquor establishment
h. Approve Change Orders No. 1 and 2 for the Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue Improvements Project – Phase 2 (4024-1100) – Ward 4

Council Member Brausen highlighted two items. Regarding item 5h, he noted the city took necessary steps to address groundwater and stormwater issues discovered during construction on Cedar Lake Road and expressed appreciation for approving the change orders needed to complete the work.

Regarding item 5f, Council Member Brausen commended the Human Resources department for successfully negotiating the three-year Deputy Police Chief labor agreement.

Council Member Budd highlighted item 5b, noting that 114 community members made contributions to the Access to Fun scholarship fund in the first quarter. The program allows lower-income and larger families to access city recreation programs at a discounted rate.

It was moved by Council Member Baudhuin, seconded by Council Member Brausen, to approve the consent items as listed; and to waive reading of all resolutions and ordinances.

The motion passed 7-0.

6. Public hearings - none.

7. Regular business.

a. Resolution No. 26-085 approving preliminary layout for Hennepin County Minnetonka Boulevard reconstruction project phase 2 (4028-7000) Wards 1 and 3

Mr. Elgaard, Engineering Project Manager, presented the staff report and introduced Mr. Staebell, Project Engineer for Hennepin County. The presentation addressed community questions raised at the public hearing on May 4, 2026, and outlined staff's recommendation to approve Concept B as the preliminary layout.

Mr. Staebell provided a project overview. The reconstruction covers Minnetonka Boulevard (County Road 5) from Highway 100 to Aquila Avenue; the first full reconstruction of this segment since approximately 1956. The project scope includes roadway surface reconstruction, ADA improvements, pedestrian crossing enhancements, signal replacements, off-street mixed-use trail construction, improved drainage and stormwater treatment and, with city support, water main replacement and utility upgrades. Concept B features one travel lane in each direction mirroring the existing lane configuration, with shared-use trails on both sides.

Mr. Staebell addressed questions received at the public hearing held on May 4, 2026.

Regarding questions about speed limits, he explained that speed limits on county roads require MnDOT commissioner approval following a post-construction speed study, with a minimum of 30 mph; he noted that Phase 1 supported a reduction to 30 mph after construction following the speed study.

Regarding questions on widening the lanes or adding on-street bike lanes, he explained that adding them would require widening the road, which would reduce boulevard green space, limit tree planting opportunities, and potentially increase vehicle speeds. He confirmed that bicycles are permitted to use travel lanes under any design.

With respect to emergency vehicle response, Mr. Staebell stated that city staff worked with fire and police, who expressed no concerns, and that the proposed width matches Cedar Lake Road west of Louisiana.

Addressing traffic impacts on parallel city streets, he confirmed the road remains a two-lane corridor as it is today, with no parking changes, carrying approximately 12,000 vehicles per day,

the proposed design is capable of supporting the existing and proposed future traffic volumes and no impacts to adjacent parallel streets are expected.

Addressing business impacts adjacent to road diet projects, he clarified that this project is not a road diet as no travel lanes are being removed, and that the primary challenge is temporary impacts during construction rather than long term impacts with the final roadway design. He also stated the project team has been in contact with businesses, offering material to help prepare for the upcoming construction, and will continue to coordinate with businesses into construction.

Mr. Elgaard addressed remaining questions from the public hearing held on May 4, 2026.

With respect to questions about e-bikes and micromobility, he acknowledged the community's concerns as valid and noted that e-bikes are permitted on trails per state statute. He confirmed staff will continue monitoring as usage grows. He also noted that compliance issues, such as cyclists using pedestrian paths and pedestrians using cycle tracks, are commonly heard from the community, and that conflicts between pedestrians and mobility devices exist across all design concepts.

Mr. Elgaard addressed a specific question about combining the cycle track and sidewalk from Concept A into a single shared facility separated from the road (referred to as "Concept A Prime"). He explained this would increase the facility width due to MnDOT requirements for tactile delineation strips between bike and pedestrian zones, resulting in approximately $2,800,000 in additional project costs, raising the city cost share to approximately $13,600,000 — about $2,200,000 over the current city CIP. He further noted the wider facility would require two plow passes, potentially double the yearly maintenance cost of Concept B, and could result in more tree removals. If the tactile delineation strips prove problematic for snow removal efforts, the yearly maintenance cost could be similar to the original Concept A.

On signing and striping of the shared-use trail in Concept B, Mr. Elgaard noted this is not standard practice and staff recommended allowing the trail to operate for approximately one year before evaluating the need for additional markings.

On next steps should the council not approve Concept B tonight, that additional work would be required to revise a concept and staff would return again for approval at a later date. He also confirmed that if council did not approve a concept and requested significant changes that the process of reengaging the public for feedback and potential open houses could delay construction to the 2029 season.

Mr. Elgaard presented overhead utility undergrounding costs.

Segment 1, between Highway 100 and Blackstone Avenue, is estimated at $200,000 to underground. Segment 2, between Oregon and Aquila Avenue, is estimated at $5,300,000, due to its regional nature and connection to a substation requiring concrete vaults and encasement. The total undergrounding cost for both segments is approximately $5,500,000, not including private service reconnection costs averaging $9,000 per property; costs the city covered for property owners during Phase 1.

City Requested Special Facilities Surcharge (CRFS) was presented as the funding mechanism. For Segment 1 only, a two-year CRFS would result in a $0.29 monthly increase for residential properties. To underground both segments, a four-year or five-year CRFS option was outlined, with the four-year option carrying a higher monthly rate but lower total cost over the term. Mr. Elgaard noted that staff will return to the council later in 2026 for a final decision on undergrounding; no decision was requested at this meeting.

The total estimated project cost for Concept B is $39,220,000. Hennepin County contributes $26,220,000, including $7,000,000 in federal funding with the remainder from county state aid and metro sales tax funds. The city's cost share is approximately $13,000,000.

The mayor opened the public comment period.

Lynn Carper, 4010 Highwood Road, asked whether the removal of overhead utilities had been considered in the context of the eruv — a continuous boundary used by the Jewish community — and whether undergrounding could disrupt it.

Mr. Elgaard shared that the eruv was addressed during Phase 1, where staff worked with faith leaders to ensure the line was never broken and a suitable alternative was established when poles were removed. Phase 2 is not expected to impact the eruv.

Justin Joplin, 3053 Nevada Avenue South, expressed support for Concept B. He noted that as an e-bike rider traveling at approximately 15 to 16 mph, he recognized the speed differential relative to pedestrians and affirmed that the responsibility to be respectful of others sharing the path falls on faster-traveling users.

The mayor closed the public comment period.

Council Member Brausen asked about the shoulder width for cyclists who prefer to ride on the road. Mr. Staebell responded that the road will have no shoulder; travel lanes will be 11 feet wide plus a gutter pan, totaling 13 feet.

Council Member Baudhuin asked whether the city had received complaints about increased traffic on adjacent residential streets following Phase 1. Staff indicated they were not aware of any such complaints but offered to investigate further.

Council Member Budd asked for clarification on bicycles using travel lanes. Mr. Elgaard confirmed that under Minnesota law, bicycles are permitted to use travel lanes where they do not reasonably obstruct the flow of traffic.

Council Member Budd asked whether the city had authority to set speed limits for e-bikes. Mr. Sullivan shared that e-bike regulation is currently being discussed at the state level, and that the city is monitoring those developments alongside other agencies such as the Three Rivers Park District, preferring a consistent statewide approach over independent local regulation. Council Member Budd stated her support for Concept B, citing positive personal experience with shared-use trails and expressing confidence they can function well.

Council Member Baudhuin expressed appreciation for the staff's work and their responsiveness to public hearing questions but stated disappointment with the level of bicycle infrastructure in the project. He indicated support for Concept B overall but pushed for greater ambition in bike and pedestrian infrastructure citywide, noting that the city's own strategic vision documents include goals around multimodal transportation. He shared that he found the finished Phase 1 trail underwhelming as a cyclist. He questioned why the city would wait a year before considering signage on the shared-use trail, suggesting that wayfinding markings would be a more hospitable and inviting approach from the outset.

Council Member Brausen expressed support for Concept B. He acknowledged Council Member Baudhuin's concerns and noted the difficulty of retrofitting expanded infrastructure into an already built-up city. He commented on compliance issues he has personally observed on Cedar Lake Road and the North Cedar Lake Trail, including cyclists and pedestrians using the wrong facilities, and echoed support for better signage. He stated anticipation for the road reconstruction given the current condition of the pavement.

Council Member Bashore expressed support for Concept B. He noted positive feedback from Ward 1 residents who use the Phase 1 shared-use path and indicated willingness to wait a year post-construction before evaluating signage needs. He addressed concerns about traffic diversion, stating that because no travel lanes are being removed, no significant diversion is expected. He also referenced the city's track record communicating business accessibility during the Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue improvements project as a model for supporting businesses along the corridor during construction. He noted that 1,300 to 1,400 points of community input were collected over the course of this process and encouraged residents to continue participating in future open houses and input opportunities.

Council Member Engelking expressed support for Concept B. He raised concern about increasingly powerful e-bikes used by young riders with limited judgment. He also noted the need for education around cars making right turns across the shared-use path at side street intersections.

Council Member Engelking asked whether stop signs at side streets would be located before or after the trail crossing. Mr. Elgaard confirmed that stop signs would be positioned in front of the trail, meaning vehicles would stop prior to crossing the trail before reaching the Minnetonka Boulevard intersection.

Mayor Mohamed expressed support for Concept B. She acknowledged Council Member Baudhuin's comments on bike infrastructure goals and noted that no single project will achieve those goals on its own, but that each project represents an opportunity to make progress. She encouraged all residents to learn to use new infrastructure as it is built, including the shared-use trails.

It was moved by Council Member Baudhuin, seconded by Council Member Brausen, to approve the resolution approving the preliminary layout for the Hennepin County Minnetonka Boulevard reconstruction project phase 2.

The motion passed 7-0.

8. Communications and announcements – none.

Mayor Mohamed announced the State of the Community event on June 2, 2026, co-presented with City Manager Ms. Keller at the Westwood Nature Center. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with programming beginning at 5:00 p.m. and concluding at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Baudhuin encouraged residents to support businesses in the Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue area, noting that construction has made access difficult and that the community should make an extra effort to patronize small local businesses there throughout the summer.

Council Member Farris invited residents to the St. Louis Park Basketball at the Park program, running every Thursday from June 18 through Aug. 27, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ainsworth Park. The program is sponsored by Missions Inc., the St. Louis Park Police Department and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department. The event series includes food and is open to all.

Council Member Budd reminded parents and guardians that June 21, 2026, is designated “Ask Day” in St. Louis Park — an initiative encouraging adults to ask whether firearms are safely secured before children visit other homes.

Council Member Bashore announced the first St. Louis Park Pride Pop-Up event on June 6, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. at Wolfe Park, featuring picnic activities, games, arts and crafts and a march starting at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Keller announced that the outdoor aquatic park opens June 4, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. The “First Day of Summer” event for kids is June 6, 2026, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the aquatic park with discounted food.

The city's semi-annual cleanup day also takes place June 7, 2026, at the municipal service center, accepting bulky items and electronics from St. Louis Park residents.

Council Member Engelking announced a grand opening ribbon cutting for Razor King, a BIPOC-owned business relocating to St. Louis Park on Excelsior Avenue near Grand, on June 7, 2026, with a ribbon-cutting at 10:00 a.m.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Melissa Kennedy, city clerk Nadia Mohamed, mayor

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Unofficial minutes
Special study session meeting
St. Louis Park, Minnesota
June 1, 2026

The meeting convened at 7:34 p.m.

Council Members present: Daniel Bashore, Jim Engelking, Tim Brausen, Paul Baudhuin, Sue Budd, Yolanda Farris, Mayor Nadia Mohamed

Council Members absent: none

Staff present: city manager (Ms. Keller), deputy city manager (Ms. Walsh), recreation superintendent (Ms. Friederich)

Guest: David Yakes, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission chair

Discussion Item

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission annual meeting with council

Ms. Walsh introduced David Yakes, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC), and invited him to present the commission's work plan.

Mr. Yakes outlined the following areas of PRAC's current and ongoing work:

Environmental Sustainability Commission Coordination: PRAC coordinated with the Environmental Sustainability Commission (ESC) through reciprocal chair visits in spring 2026, replacing the prior year's joint meeting format.

Youth Association President Summit: PRAC held its biannual summit the previous week. A youth commission member raised the topic of mental health among young athletes, which led to a 15-minute presentation by an outside organization on youth mental health for coaches and sports association presidents. Other recurring summit topics included facility access, inclusivity, fundraising challenges and engagement strategies for underrepresented populations.

Council Member Brausen asked whether the summit addressed specific barriers to participation such as cost, language or access. Mr. Yakes confirmed cost was a recurring topic, noting that funding levels varied significantly by sport, with some associations well-resourced and others struggling. He indicated the fall summit typically explores these barriers more deeply.

Council Member Brausen requested feedback from the youth sports presidents on participation and funding levels across sports, noting that information would be useful for future resource allocation decisions. Mr. Yakes agreed to compile that feedback.

Council Member Budd asked whether the youth association presidents represented St. Louis Park specifically or broader regions. Mr. Yakes explained that most organizations were St. Louis

Park-based, with soccer being a combined St. Louis Park and Golden Valley organization. He noted the distinction between school-sanctioned sports and club sports, with some clubs preferring to remain independent for funding reasons.

Council Member Baudhuin asked for clarification on whether the associations involved were traveling or recreational league organizations. Mr. Yakes confirmed both were represented at the summit.

Supporting Vision 4.0: Mr. Yakes noted PRAC supported the Vision 4.0 process and listed it as an ongoing item on the work plan.

Minnehaha Creek Cleanup: PRAC expanded the spring 2026 cleanup to two locations along Minnehaha Creek due to the success of prior efforts. The ESC participated as well. Locations included the area near Creekside Park behind the Municipal Services Center and a second site near Target at the Knollwood Mall. Student volunteers also participated to fulfill service hour requirements.

Webster Park: Mr. Yakes noted ongoing discussion about opportunities related to the portion of Webster Park owned by the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Park Staff Appreciation Breakfast: PRAC held its annual appreciation breakfast for park staff at the ROC in September 2025, noting a good turnout from staff arriving directly from their work sites.

Community Group Connections: PRAC hosted presentations from various community organizations including Westopolis, Bassett Creek Watershed and the Three Rivers Park District. Mr. Yakes noted his personal role on the Metropolitan Council's Parks Open Space Commission and emphasized the importance of regional connectivity for trails and park boundaries.

Commissioner Participation in City Programs: Mr. Yakes encouraged commissioners to participate in city recreation programs such as ROCtoberfest, ShamROC bowling, ice bowling and skating events at the ROC.

Council Member Budd noted she attended the ice skating show at the ROC after hearing about it from the commission and shared that she found it impressive. Mr. Yakes said he had not yet attended but had heard strong reviews.

Council Member Baudhuin expressed appreciation for PRAC's direct engagement with youth sports association presidents, noting those organizations operate independently and can have impacts on youth mental health. He expressed interest in attending a future summit.

Council Member Budd noted that the mental health topic originated with a youth commission member. Mr. Yakes emphasizing the importance of diverse perspectives on commissions and the value of youth voices specifically.

Council Member Bashore asked whether PRAC had discussed adding new items to its February 2025 work plan or sought additional direction from the council. Mr. Yakes acknowledged

several topics were discussed but not formally added, including dog park criteria and park naming and donation guidelines. He indicated the work plan was still evolving and offered to report back on any additions. Council Member Bashore clarified his question was intended to probe whether the commission was seeking more council direction rather than to criticize the existing plan.

Council Member Bashore also raised awareness of a Ward 1 neighborhood group working with Parks and Recreation staff on developing recreational space near the Twin Lakes area and suggested a potential connection with PRAC. Ms. Friederich confirmed the group's contact was Larry Umphrey, parks superintendent.

Council Member Farris raised concerns about 150 to 200 children in her community near Ainsworth Park who lacked connection to parks and recreation programming. She expressed frustration that despite living adjacent to a park, those families had no awareness of or access to city programs and emphasized that transportation and cost were real barriers. She stressed the importance of engaging parents directly rather than only reaching children at school.

Ms. Friederich described the city's Park and Play mobile recreation van, which visits parks across St. Louis Park throughout June, July and August, including Ainsworth Park, at least three times per week. She also described the Access to Fun scholarship program, which covers registration fees for programs and pool passes. She noted two associations at the most recent summit reported increased participation after going directly into schools to recruit.

Council Member Farris acknowledged these efforts but emphasized that pop-up visits were insufficient and that families needed direct outreach in their own communities and in their primary languages. She noted she had lived in St. Louis Park for 13 years without having ever heard of these programs and did not know about them until she joined the city council.

Ms. Walsh acknowledged the concern directly, noting that PRAC, city staff and community members all shared the goal of expanding access. She suggested adding outreach to underrepresented communities as a formal item on PRAC's work plan. Mr. Yakes confirmed the commission would welcome that addition.

Council Member Baudhuin described the high concentration of children living in apartments near Louisiana Court along 28th Street and expressed support for expanding facilities at Ainsworth Park to bring programming directly to that neighborhood, rather than relying on residents to travel to other sites.

Mayor Mohamed echoed the discussion, noting the Access to Fun scholarship program and transportation barriers deserved closer attention. She shared a personal connection to the Louisiana Court neighborhood and recalled learning to swim at the recreation center. She encouraged staff and the commission to pursue creative solutions.

Mr. Yakes added that PRAC had spent significant time at the last two Youth Association President Summits, discussing how to engage underrepresented audiences including the challenge of children not seeing peers or people who look like them in certain sports. He noted

some associations had discussed visiting neighborhoods directly to reduce barriers and build familiarity.

Ms. Walsh confirmed she and Ms. Friederich would connect with Council Member Farris offline to ensure she received information and flyers on the Access to Fun program to distribute to families in her community.

Council Member Brausen thanked Mr. Yakes and all who volunteer to serve on commissions, noting St. Louis Park benefits greatly from engaged community members. He expressed interest in reviewing participation data across the city's more than 1,300 recreation programs to inform future resource decisions. He encouraged PRAC to use the board and commission communication form to reach the council at any time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Melissa Kennedy, city clerk	Nadia Mohamed, mayor

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St. Louis Park
MINNESOTA
Experience LIFE in the Park

Meeting: City council
Meeting date: June 15, 2026
Consent agenda item: 5a

Executive summary

Title: Resolution accepting a donation to the city to support police department's K9 program

Recommended action: Motion to adopt a resolution approving a donation in the amount of $4,000 to the city for police expenses related to the department's K9 program.

Policy consideration: Does the city council want to accept these donations?

Summary: State statute requires the city council's acceptance of donations. This requirement is necessary in order to make sure the city council has knowledge of any restrictions placed on the use of each donation prior to it being expensed.

American Legion Post 282, through the Community Charities of Minnesota, has graciously donated $4,000 for police expenses related to the K9 program. The donated money is to be used for expenses like K9 training, equipment, veterinary visits, and food.

Financial or budget considerations: None.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being a city that delivers reliable services, uses city resources responsibly, operates transparently and builds strong relationships with residents.

Supporting documents: Resolution

Prepared by: Matt Blomsness, lieutenant
Reviewed by: Bryan Kruelle, police chief
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Resolution No. 26-___

Approving acceptance of donations to the City of St. Louis Park

Be it resolved by the city council of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota as follows:

Whereas, the City of St. Louis Park is required by State Statute to authorize acceptance of any donations; and

Whereas, the donation from American Legion POST 282 through the Community Charities of MN is given to the city with the restriction that the funds are used to support the police K9 program.

Now therefore be it resolved by the city council of St. Louis Park that these donations are hereby accepted with thanks and appreciation.

Reviewed for administration

Kim Keller, city manager

Attest:

Melissa Kennedy, city clerk

Adopted by the city council June 15, 2026:

Nadia Mohamed, mayor

Executive summary

Title: Resolution appointing election workers for the August 11, 2026 State Primary election

Recommended action: Motion to adopt resolution appointing election workers for the August 11, 2026 State Primary election.

Policy consideration: None – the city council is required to formally appoint election workers under Minnesota election law and the St. Louis Park Home Rule Charter.

Summary: M.S. 204B.21, Subd. 2 and St. Louis Park Home Rule Charter section 4.03 require the city council to appoint election workers at least 25 days before an election. Election workers are required to meet the qualifications outlined in M.S. 204B.19 The proposed resolution identifies individuals assigned to:

- Staff each of the city's 12 polling places on Election Day.
- Conduct healthcare facility voting at eligible facilities as required by M.S. 203B.11.
- Serve on the absentee ballot board subject to the requirements of M.S. 203B.121.

While state law requires a minimum of two hours of training, many St. Louis Park election workers dedicate four to six hours training to serve in specialized, leadership or pre-election day roles.

The city is immensely grateful for the passionate and dedicated community members who commit to providing fair, transparent and accessible elections services to St. Louis Park voters.

Financial or budget considerations: The 2026 budget includes the funds required to hire and train election workers.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being a city that delivers reliable services, uses city resources responsibly, operates transparently and builds strong relationships with residents.

Supporting documents: Resolution

Prepared by: Marcus Harris-Paul, elections specialist
Reviewed by: Melissa Kennedy, city clerk
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Resolution No. 26-___

Resolution appointing election workers for the 2026 state primary election

Whereas the state primary election will be held on August 11, 2026, at the following precinct locations:

- Ward 1 Precinct 1 - Beth El Synagogue, 5225 Barry St. W.
- Ward 1 Precinct 2 - Wat Thai of Minnesota, 2544 Hwy. 100 S.
- Ward 1 Precinct 3 - St. Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd.
- Ward 2 Precinct 4 - St. Louis Park Recreation Center, 3700 Monterey Dr.
- Ward 2 Precinct 5 - Vista Lutheran Church, 4003 Wooddale Ave. S.
- Ward 2 Precinct 6 - St. Louis Park Municipal Service Center, 7305 Oxford St.
- Ward 3 Precinct 7 - St. Louis Park Senior High School, 6425 33rd St. W.
- Ward 3 Precinct 8 - Aquila Elementary School, 8500 31st St. W.
- Ward 3 Precinct 9 - Lenox Community Center, 6715 Minnetonka Blvd.
- Ward 4 Precinct 10 - St. Louis Park Middle School, 2025 Texas Ave. S.
- Ward 4 Precinct 11 - Park Harbor Church, 1615 Texas Ave. S.
- Ward 4 Precinct 12 - Westwood Hills Nature Center, 8300 Franklin Ave. W.

Whereas as authorized by Minnesota Statute 204B.21, Subd. 2 and St. Louis Park Home Rule Charter section 4.03, election workers for precincts shall be appointed by the governing body of the municipality no later than 25 days before each election,

Now therefore be it resolved by the St. Louis Park City Council that the individuals named in Exhibit A and on file in the office of the city clerk are hereby appointed to serve as election workers, absentee ballot board members, or alternate workers for the 2026 state primary election; and

It is further resolved that as required by Minnesota Statute 203B.121, Sub. 1 and in accordance with Minnesota Statute 204B.21, Subd. 2, the St. Louis Park City Council also appoints all members of the Hennepin County absentee ballot board, under the direction of the Hennepin County Elections Director, to serve as members of the St. Louis Park absentee ballot board; and

Be it further resolved that the city clerk is authorized to make any substitutions or additions as deemed necessary.

Reviewed for administration:

Kim Keller, city manager

Adopted by the city council June 15, 2026:

Nadia Mohamed, mayor

Attest:

Melissa Kennedy, city clerk

Full Name	Precinct
Abraham Sholom Levine	W-3 P-07
Aimee Jackson	W-2 P-04
Alec Roth	W-4 P-11
Alene Walker	W-4 P-10
Alexander James Hintz	W-4 P-12
Alison Madson	W-2 P-04
Amelia Merfeld	W-2 P-05
Amy Kathryn Kaczmarek	W-2 P-06
Andrea Grage	W-2 P-06
Andrea Grage	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Andrea Greene	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Andrew Johnson	W-1 P-01
Angela Fischels	W-4 P-12
Angela Mary Delfiacco	W-1 P-02
Ann R. Matko	W-4 P-12
Anna Skytta-Gurkanlar	W-3 P-07
Anne Casey	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Anne Kertes	W-4 P-11
Anne Kertes	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Anne Monique Vos Rapoport	W-4 P-11
Anthony Arnold	W-3 P-07
Arzella Howard	W-3 P-07
Barb Osfar	W-4 P-10
Barbara Osfar	Absentee Ballot Board
Barbara Person	W-3 P-08
Barbara Ruhl	W-1 P-01
Barbara Wilensky	W-1 P-01
Barry Schwabe	W-1 P-01
Betsy Abramson	W-1 P-01
Bob Dummer	W-3 P-07
Brian Miklos	W-1 P-03
Brittany Salden	W-4 P-12
Callum Leppert	W-1 P-03
Carol Post	W-1 P-03
Carol Post	Absentee Ballot Board
Carol Sandberg	W-2 P-04
Carolyn Hatcher	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Carrie Meyer	W-3 P-08
Catherine Bruns	W-3 P-07
Chaiya Isenberg	W-1 P-01

Charles Weingartner	W-2 P-05
Chelsa Quinn Dominguez	W-1 P-02
Christian Irving	W-1 P-01
Christine Lynne Johnson	W-2 P-06
Claire Warren	W-2 P-06
Clara Bormann	W-1 P-02
Claudia Oxley	W-3 P-07
Craig Recknagel	W-2 P-04
Cynthia Jones-Klausing	W-1 P-02
Dana Uhrig-Fox	W-1 P-01
Davey Feela	W-4 P-10
David Briscoe	W-3 P-09
David Eric Larson	W-2 P-06
David Richards	W-2 P-06
David Rotert	W-3 P-09
Denise Bliss	W-1 P-02
Denise Martineau	W-3 P-09
Dorothy Rand	W-2 P-05
Dorothy Rand	Absentee Ballot Board
Drew Sullivan	W-1 P-02
Duncan Anderson	W-3 P-08
Eitan Grad	Alternate Election Worker
Elianna Thorne	W-1 P-02
Elizabeth Goodrich	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Elizabeth Sullivan	Absentee Ballot Board
Ellen M Lewin	Absentee Ballot Board
Ellen Mary Lewin	W-2 P-04
Ellen Mary Lewin	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Eric Britt	W-3 P-09
Erin Elizabeth Koster	W-2 P-06
Ernest Tursich	W-2 P-06
Farrel Braunstein	W-1 P-03
Gary Berkovitz	W-4 P-12
Gena Howard	W-4 P-12
Gerald Gunderson	W-1 P-03
Hannora Crouse	W-1 P-01
Heidi Hogg	W-4 P-10
Heidi Hogg	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Helene Freint	W-4 P-10
Irwin Schreiner	W-4 P-10
Ishpreet Singh Kohli	W-3 P-08
Jane Ahrens	W-1 P-02
Janet Benson	W-3 P-09

Janice Louise Jones-Klausing	W-1 P-01
Jean Miller	W-3 P-08
Jeanne Stevens	W-1 P-03
Jeanne Stevens	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Jeff Edward Huebner	W-1 P-03
Jeffrey Gershone	W-2 P-06
Jeffrey Jackson	W-4 P-10
Jenna Hyde	W-2 P-05
Jennie Piper-Bichinho	W-3 P-07
Jennifer Ortale	W-2 P-05
Jennifer Zimmerman	W-4 P-10
Jesse John Schingen	W-1 P-02
Jessica Rae Lynn Knighton	W-2 P-04
Jim Brimeyer	W-4 P-11
Jim Engelking	Healthcare Facility Outreach
JoAnn Ridgway	W-3 P-08
Jodie Kalla	W-2 P-05
Jordan Foust-Mahajan	W-2 P-06
Joseph Margolis	W-4 P-10
Joseph Michael Miatech	W-1 P-03
Joy Showalter	W-2 P-05
Juli Christina Bergman	W-3 P-07
Julie Anne Manuel	W-3 P-08
Julie Sweitzer	W-1 P-03
Karen Ann Oelschlaeger	W-2 P-06
Karen Tepley	W-3 P-08
Karne Nelson-Zilka	W-3 P-08
Karyn Patricia Crouse	W-2 P-04
Kathy Gremillion	W-2 P-06
Kathy Grose	W-3 P-09
Kathy Metzker	W-4 P-12
Kay Ellen Drache	W-3 P-09
Kay Peltier	W-4 P-11
Kellie Marie Hultgren	W-3 P-08
Kelly Kathryn McHugh	W-1 P-01
Kelly Munoz Hernandez	W-1 P-03
Kim Curran-Moore	W-3 P-09
Larisa Gehmie	W-2 P-05
Laura Fretland	W-4 P-10
Laura Jensen	W-3 P-09
Lauri Kraft	W-2 P-04
Laurie Schlueter-Hynes	W-1 P-02
Lawrence Charles Grose	W-4 P-11

Lawrence Grose	Absentee Ballot Board
Leah Christine Marie Hollingsworth	W-1 P-01
Leah Lamon	W-4 P-12
LeAnn Sawatzky	W-1 P-02
Linda Marie Laucher	W-3 P-09
Linda Thompson	W-4 P-10
Lindsay Pierre	W-2 P-06
Lisa Murray	W-4 P-12
Lonni Ranallo	W-3 P-07
Loren David Botner	W-2 P-05
Luke Wagoner	W-4 P-11
Lynn Orton	W-4 P-12
Margaret King	W-4 P-11
Margaret Marek	W-1 P-02
Marguerite Krause	W-3 P-08
Marjorie Laskey	W-2 P-04
Mark Ennenga	W-2 P-05
Mark Schwartz	W-1 P-01
Martha Malinski	W-3 P-08
Martha Ruddy	W-1 P-01
Martha Sanville	W-3 P-09
Martin Lee	W-3 P-07
Marvin Mohr	W-1 P-01
Marvin Mohr	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Mary (Molly) Kundinger	W-1 P-03
Mary Brokaw	W-4 P-11
Mary Elizabeth Mahoney	W-2 P-04
Mary Kay Conway	W-4 P-11
Mary Maynard	Absentee Ballot Board
Mary Soucheray	W-4 P-11
Mary Wickersham	Absentee Ballot Board
Matthew Kinney	W-1 P-03
Meg Steuer	W-3 P-07
Meredith Mcdonald	W-2 P-05
Michael LaFond	W-2 P-05
Michele Hu	W-4 P-10
Michelle Pett	W-3 P-09
Molly Kathleen Driscoll	W-3 P-07
Nancy Bartsch	W-3 P-09
Naomi Rockler	W-2 P-06
Nicole Lynn Spagnolo	W-3 P-09
Olivia Meursault Ciesol	W-2 P-04
Patricia Campbell	W-4 P-12

Patricia F. Williams	W-4 P-11
Paul Amla	W-3 P-07
Paula Engelking	W-4 P-11
Peter Ashkenaz	W-3 P-07
Rachel Austin	W-4 P-10
Ramya Kamath	W-3 P-07
Randall Howard Zats	W-3 P-08
Randi Rood	W-2 P-04
Rebecca Uran	W-1 P-03
Rich Thorne	W-4 P-10
Richard Ellis Erickson	W-1 P-03
Richard Picquet	W-1 P-01
Rita Regina Frenzel	W-2 P-06
RJ Twiford	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Robert Estes	W-1 P-03
Robert Powell	W-2 P-05
Robin Schleppenbach	W-4 P-12
Rochelle Lorenz	W-3 P-08
Rogene Bergquist	W-2 P-06
Roger Ruth	W-2 P-04
Ross Penna	W-1 P-02
Ruth Skalman	W-4 P-10
Ryan McLaughlin	W-2 P-04
Samyuktha Ganeshkumar	W-4 P-12
Shawnee Twiet	W-4 P-11
Shawnee Twiet	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Stephanie L Schmidt	W-1 P-02
Sumaya Moalim	W-3 P-07
Susan Ericksen	W-4 P-12
Susanne Mattison	W-3 P-08
Sydney Ward	W-3 P-08
Sylvia Wilson	W-2 P-05
Tamara Grodnick	W-4 P-11
Tamara Grodnick	Absentee Ballot Board
Tamora Hartman	W-4 P-12
Theresa Ruttger	W-1 P-01
Thomas Connell	W-2 P-04
Thomas Hunter Moore	W-3 P-08
Thomas Jokinen	W-4 P-11
Thomas Zessman	W-1 P-02
Tim Lieser	W-3 P-08
Todd Fenton	W-2 P-05
Todd Kalk	W-4 P-10

Tony Englund	W-4 P-11
Torin Steven Klebba	W-1 P-03
Trina Levin	W-1 P-01
Trina Levin	Healthcare Facility Outreach
Varun Pandit	W-2 P-06
Walter David Macewicz	W-3 P-08
Wesley Vernon Hanson	W-4 P-10
William Kenyon	W-1 P-03

Executive summary

Title: Approve boards and commissions appointments

Recommended action: Motion to appoint representatives to the advisory and statutory boards and commissions as listed in Exhibit A.

Policy consideration: Does the city council support the appointment of the representatives to the city's advisory and statutory boards and commissions as listed in Exhibit A?

Summary: The announcement of the appointment process was well received by community members with 71 applications submitted for seats on various commissions and boards. These applications were received for the community technology advisory commission, environment and sustainability commission, human rights commission, planning commission and board of zoning appeals, police advisory commission, park and recreation advisory commission, fire civil service commission and housing authority.

The applicant reviews committees have recommended 36 applicants be appointed to fill 38 regular member and youth member seats on the above-mentioned boards and commissions.

Financial or budget considerations: None at this time

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being a city that delivers reliable services, uses city resources responsibly, operates transparently and builds strong relationships with residents.

Supporting documents: Exhibit A

Prepared by: Pat Coleman, community engagement coordinator
Reviewed by: Cheyenne Brodeen, administrative services director;
Pa Dao Yang, racial equity and inclusion director
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Discussion

Background: Once the application timeframe was closed, staff screened candidates based on established criteria. These criteria included passion for the commission's work, relevant experience and thoroughness of the application. After this initial screening, all applications were forwarded to council members along with interview recommendations. Council members conducted further evaluations to determine which applicants would move forward to the interview stage.

Interview panels consisting of city council members and board and commission representatives were then assembled. Selected applicants were contacted to schedule interviews, which took place on May 11, 14, 21 and 26, 2026. Appointment recommendations from the interview panels are outlined in Exhibit A.

Present considerations: The interview panels reviewed dozens of applicants for the available board and commission openings. After completing the interviews, the panels recommended a group of candidates to fill the 38 regular seats across the city's boards and commissions.

New regular members appointed will serve three-year terms, except when filling in the remainder of an unexpired term. New youth members appointed will serve a one-year term.

Applications for candidates who were not appointed will be kept on file for one year. These individuals are encouraged to stay engaged in the community by participating in city events, volunteer opportunities, or initiatives hosted or sponsored by boards and commissions.

Next steps: New members' terms will take effect on July 1, 2026, and they will complete an orientation with their staff liaison before attending their first meeting.

Exhibit A:

Appointment recommendations listed by name, board or commission and term expiration

Name	Board/Commission	Term Limits
Benjamin Straus	Community Technology Advisory Commission	May 31, 2029
Edward Bulliner	Community Technology Advisory Commission	May 31, 2029
Lindsay Keogh	Community Technology Advisory Commission	May 31, 2029
Asha Murugesan*	Community Technology Advisory Commission	Aug. 31, 2027
Elsa Anderson *	Community Technology Advisory Commission	Aug. 31, 2027
Jose Nieves Soto	Housing Authority	Dec. 31, 2031
Derek Reise	Environment and Sustainability Commission	May 31, 2029
Natalie Wagner	Environment and Sustainability Commission	May 31, 2029
Rebecca Asheim Keller	Environment and Sustainability Commission	May 31, 2029
Rebecca Evan	Environment and Sustainability Commission	May 31, 2027
Avery Kuehl*	Environment and Sustainability Commission	Aug. 31, 2027
Addison Martin*	Environment and Sustainability Commission	Aug. 31, 2027
Bruce Cantor	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	May 31, 2029
David Yakes	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	May 31, 2029
Jay Jaffee	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	May 31, 2028
Nouk Yang	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	May 31, 2029
Rachel Snee	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	May 31, 2029
Stella Schlegelmilch*	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	Aug. 31, 2027
Adrienne Krill*	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	Aug. 31, 2027
Thomas Weber	Planning Commission/Board of zoning appeals	May 31, 2029
Christopher Caton	Planning Commission/Board of zoning appeals	May 31, 2029

Avi Nieves*	Planning Commission/Board of zoning appeals	Aug. 31, 2027
Robert Tift	Fire Civil Service	Dec. 31, 2028
Jackie Kay	Human Rights Commission	May 31, 2029
Lee Conliffe	Human Rights Commission	May 31, 2029
Isabel Anderson	Human Rights Commission	May 31, 2029
Katie Story	Human Rights Commission	May 31, 2027
Brenda C. Morales	Human Rights Commission	May 31, 2029
Akilah Anderson*	Human Rights Commission	Aug. 31, 2027
Tess Culp*	Human Rights Commission	Aug. 31, 2027
Anthony Del Percio	Police Advisory Commission	May 31, 2027
Tommy Hines	Police Advisory Commission	May 31, 2028
Mike Rydberg	Police Advisory Commission	May 31, 2029
Derek Fradenburg	Police Advisory Commission	May 31, 2029
Rachel Nieves	Police Advisory Commission	May 31, 2029
Ranae Brusch	Police Advisory Commission	May 31, 2029

*****youth board/commission member

Executive summary

Title: Resolution authorizing application for fiscal year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters grant

Recommended action: Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the application for and, upon award, acceptance of a fiscal year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters grant.

Policy consideration: Does the city council want to authorize the application for and, upon award, acceptance of a fiscal year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters grant?

Summary: The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program, administered by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides federal funding to fire departments to improve operational readiness, firefighter safety, and emergency response capabilities. Grant funding will be used to purchase and replace firefighter personal protective equipment. The grant application requests $180,000 with a 10% required match.

Financial or budget considerations: Any grant funding received will assist with the project financial feasibility and offset the amount of city financial assistance needed for the project.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being a city that delivers reliable services, uses city resources responsibly, operates transparently and builds strong relationships with residents.

Supporting documents: Resolution

Prepared by: Clancy Ferris, legislative and grants analyst
Reviewed by: Tiffany Stephens, interim deputy finance director/financial analyst
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Resolution No. 26-__

Authorizing application for the Assistance to Firefighters grant and accepting grant funds if awarded

Whereas, the City of St. Louis Park on behalf of its fire department desires to apply for, and upon grant application acceptance, enter into an agreement with FEMA for the FY25 Assistance to Firefighters grant; and

Be it resolved by the city council (the "city council") of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota (the "city") as follows:

1. That the City of St. Louis Park on behalf of its fire department apply for a grant and upon acceptance, enter into a grant agreement with FEMA for the Assistance to Firefighters grant

2. Mayor Nadia Mohamed and City Manager Kim Keller, or successors, are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the city of St. Louis Park and to be the fiscal agent and administer the grant.

Reviewed for administration:

_____
Kim Keller, city manager

Adopted by the city council June 15, 2026:

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Nadia Mohamed, mayor

Attest:

_____
Melissa Kennedy, secretary

Executive summary

Title: Resolution supporting the City of St. Louis Park as a 2026-2027 Minnesota GreenCorps member host site

Recommended action: Motion to adopt the resolution supporting the City of St. Louis Park becoming a 2026-2027 Minnesota GreenCorps Member Host Site.

Policy consideration: Does the council want to support the city's application to be a host site for the 2026-2027 Minnesota GreenCorps program year?

Summary: Minnesota GreenCorps is an environmentally focused AmeriCorps program coordinated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), which places AmeriCorps members with organizations around the state to spend a year of service addressing critical environmental issues, while gaining experience and learning valuable job skills.

Solid waste staff have submitted an application to the MPCA to be Minnesota GreenCorps member host site and have been selected to host a member. The proposed service project is focused on activities that would support waste reduction, reuse, recycling and organics recycling. City staff are working to improve recycling and organics recycling participation in single-family homes, multifamily properties and public spaces, as well as expand our program offerings to increase reuse opportunities. A Minnesota GreenCorps member would provide critical assistance to this effort, particularly through outreach and education to residents and by dedicating time to evaluation of reuse opportunities.

Financial or budget considerations: The MPCA provides GreenCorps members with a stipend and educational award. The remaining expenses that the city would incur are already accounted for in the solid waste budget and include in-kind expenses, $600 for additional training during the member's service period.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being a climate leader that cares for the planet and maintains dynamic parks that connect people and nature.

Supporting documents: Resolution

Prepared by: Addison Tansom, solid waste specialist
Reviewed by: Kala Fisher, public services superintendent/deputy public works director
Jay Hall, public works director
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Resolution No. 26-___

Supporting the City of St. Louis Park becoming a 2026-2027 Minnesota GreenCorps member host site

Whereas, the City of St. Louis Park has applied to host an AmeriCorps member from the Minnesota GreenCorps, a program of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), for the 2026-2027 program year; and

Whereas, the MPCA requires a council resolution in support of the GreenCorps host site application, indicating the city's commitment to host a Minnesota GreenCorps member; and

Whereas, the city is committed to implementing the proposed project as described in the host site application, and in accordance with pre-scoped position description; and

Whereas, the MPCA requires that the city enter into a host site agreement with the MPCA that identifies the terms, conditions, roles and responsibilities; and

Whereas, the proposed Minnesota GreenCorps member position for the city is to include solid waste duties related to solid waste education, multifamily recycling, organics recycling participation and reuse programming,

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of St. Louis Park hereby agrees to enter into and sign a host site agreement with the MPCA to carry out the member activities specified therein and to comply with all of the terms, conditions, and matching provisions of the host site agreement and authorizes and directs the City of St. Louis Park to sign the grant agreement on its behalf.

Reviewed for administration:

Kim Keller, city manager

Adopted by the city council June 15, 2026:

Nadia Mohamed, mayor

Attest:

Melissa Kennedy, city clerk

Executive summary

Title: Resolution authorizing parking restrictions on south side of Oxford Street east of Louisiana Avenue - Ward 2

Recommended action: Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing parking restrictions on the south side of Oxford Street between Louisiana Avenue and Edgewood Avenue.

Policy consideration: Does the city council support the recommended parking restrictions along Oxford Street?

Summary: A business on Oxford Street between Louisiana and Edgewood Avenues expressed concern regarding limited sight lines at their driveway due to on-street parking. Staff conducted a site visit and reviewed their concern with the traffic committee. Following that review, the traffic committee recommended expanding the no-parking areas on either side of driveways from the standard five (5) feet identified in the city code to 30 feet to improve visibility and driveway access.

Staff shared the recommended changes with community members along the corridor and requested feedback. Three comments were received, all expressing a desire for more restrictive measures to prevent truck parking along Oxford Street. A detailed breakdown of the feedback is provided in the discussion section of this report.

Financial or budget considerations: The cost of adding 10 no-parking signs is estimated to be $2,500 and is expected to come from the general operating budget. Similar traffic signs last roughly 10 years in the field.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to providing safe, reliable and well-maintained infrastructure and neighborhoods that connect people and places with an emphasis on walking, biking and transit.

Supporting documents: Discussion
Resolution
Location map

Prepared by: Nicolas Grothey, graduate engineer
Reviewed by: Debra Heiser, engineering director
Jack Sullivan, assistant city engineer
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Discussion

Background: A business on Oxford Street raised concern to city staff regarding limited sightlines when exiting their driveway. Staff visited the location and confirmed that visibility was reduced when large vehicles were parked five (5) feet from the driveway. The issue was then brought to the traffic committee for review. After considering several possible solutions, the committee unanimously agreed that implementing a 30-foot no-parking restriction would best address the sightline concerns.

The attached location map combines the existing parking restrictions and the additional staff-recommended no-parking areas.

In 2025, the city council approved a resolution to increase the no-parking distance around driveways on Raleigh Avenue and 35th Street as part of the 2025 Commercial Street Rehabilitation project, which had experienced similar sightline issues caused by parking. This restriction successfully addressed visibility and access concerns at that location and reinforces staff's current recommendation. Staff will continue to monitor conditions in the area, particularly as the Green Line Extension is anticipated to begin revenue service in 2027.

The Oxford and Louisiana Area Infrastructure Investment project is planned for 2028 and 2029. As part of the full reconstruction project, roadway widths and other geometric features will be evaluated during the design process. Staff will begin engaging adjacent property owners and businesses over the next year. The current proposal to address sightline issues and parking restrictions will be incorporated into, and reevaluated during, the future project's design phase.

Community feedback: Businesses and residents located near the proposed parking restriction changes were notified of the recommendations and given an opportunity to provide feedback. Three comments were received, all expressing a desire for more restrictive measures to prevent truck parking along Oxford Street. Commenters did not believe the traffic committee's recommendation went far enough and preferred that truck parking be prohibited on this block of Oxford Street.

Staff has considered this feedback, however, staff recommends increasing the no-parking distance adjacent to driveways on the south side of Oxford Street because this measure most directly addresses the request to improve driveway sightlines while still allowing flexibility for on-street parking use. Prohibiting truck parking is not recommended at this time, as the adjacent land uses near Louisiana Avenue are zoned as Business Park and truck parking is compatible with the area's intended function.

Next steps: If the recommended changes are approved by the council, the additional no-parking signage will be installed this summer.

Resolution No. 26-___

Authorizing parking restrictions on the south side of Oxford Street between Louisiana Avenue and Edgewood Avenue

Whereas, the traffic committee received a request to implement parking restrictions on the south side of Oxford Street between Louisiana Avenue and Edgewood Avenue to address driveway sightline concerns; and

Whereas, the traffic committee staff have found truck parking along Oxford Street between Louisiana and Edgewood avenues to be consistent with city guidance; and

Whereas, traffic committee conducted a review of driveway sightlines and recommend parking restrictions to increase visibility and access to and from properties,

Now therefore let it be resolved by the city council of the City of St Louis Park, Minnesota that the engineering director is authorized to establish parking restrictions at the following locations:

- "No parking" within 30 feet of driveways along Oxford Street between Louisiana Avenue and Edgewood Avenue.

Reviewed for administration:

Kim Keller, city manager

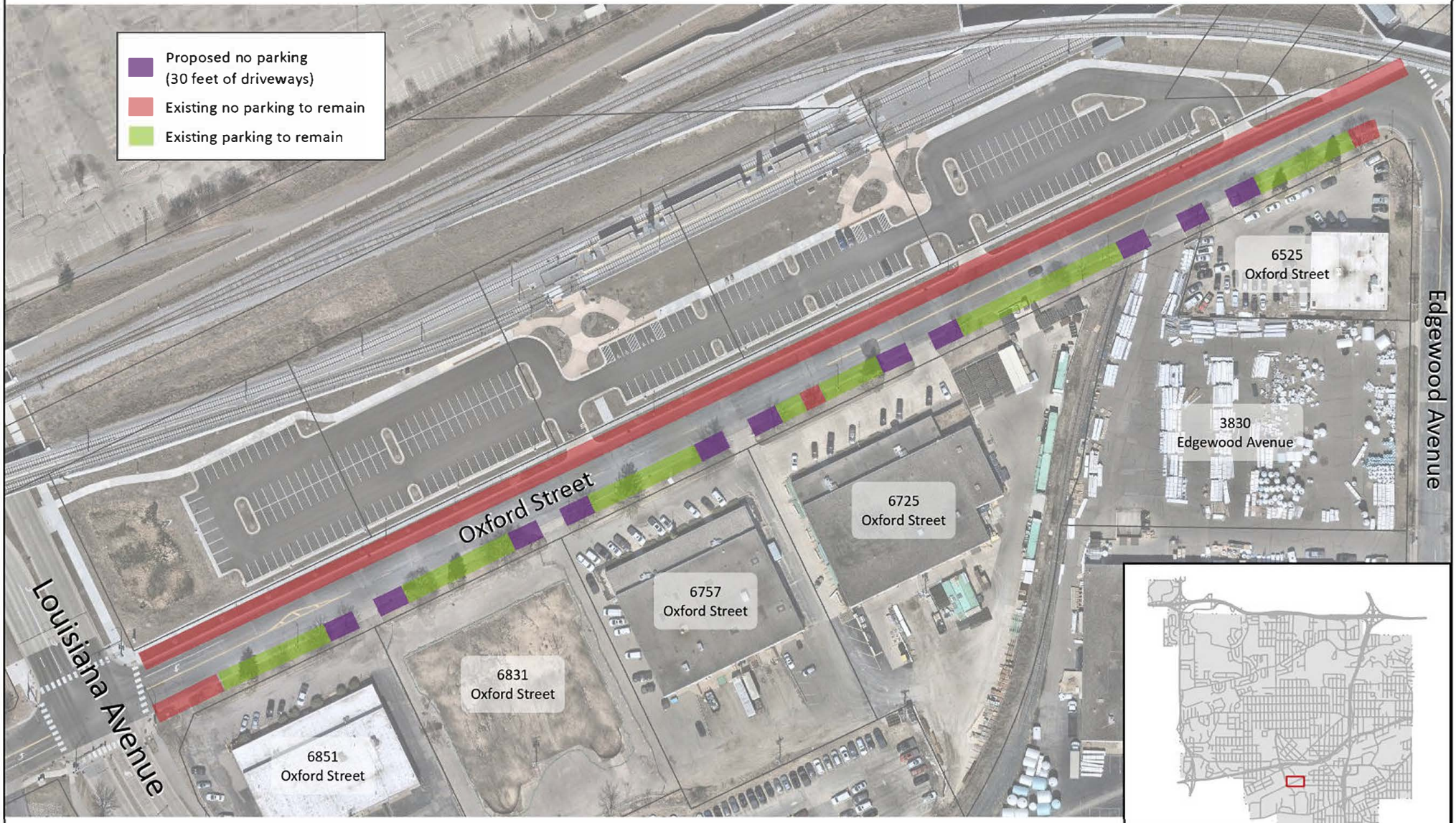
Adopted by the city council June 15, 2026:

Nadia Mohamed, mayor

Attest:

Melissa Kennedy, city clerk

Oxford Street Recommended Parking Restrictions



Date: 4/8/2026

Executive summary

Title: Approve first amendment to shared parking agreement at 2914 Inglewood Avenue South - Ward 1

Recommended action: Motion to approve the first amendment to the shared parking agreement between the City of St. Louis Park and 4200 Minnetonka Commercial Condominium Association and authorize the mayor and city manager to execute the contract.

Policy consideration: None.

Summary: Staff recommends approval of the first amendment to the shared parking agreement between the City of St. Louis Park and the 4200 Minnetonka Commercial Condominium Association to continue shared use of the municipal parking lot at 2914 Inglewood Avenue South.

The original agreement, approved by city council July 10, 2006, allowed the property at 4200 Minnetonka Boulevard to count the public parking spaces toward its minimum parking requirement, given the property owner reconstructed and maintained the parking lot. The arrangement provided a mutually beneficial solution by preserving public parking and reducing the city's maintenance costs and responsibilities. The agreement was extended through all three five-year renewal terms and expired on May 31, 2026.

The city and the association want to extend the term of the shared parking agreement to allow the association’s continued maintenance and non-exclusive use of the municipal parking lot located at 2914 Inglewood Avenue South. The proposed amendment largely maintains the existing terms, with minor revisions to renewal and termination provisions. The agreement would provide an initial five-year term with up to three automatic five-year renewals. The association may terminate the agreement at the end of any five-year term with at least 60 days’ written notice, while the city may terminate the agreement at any time with six months’ written notice.

Financial or budget considerations: None.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being a city that delivers reliable services, uses city resources responsibly, operates transparently and builds strong relationships with residents.

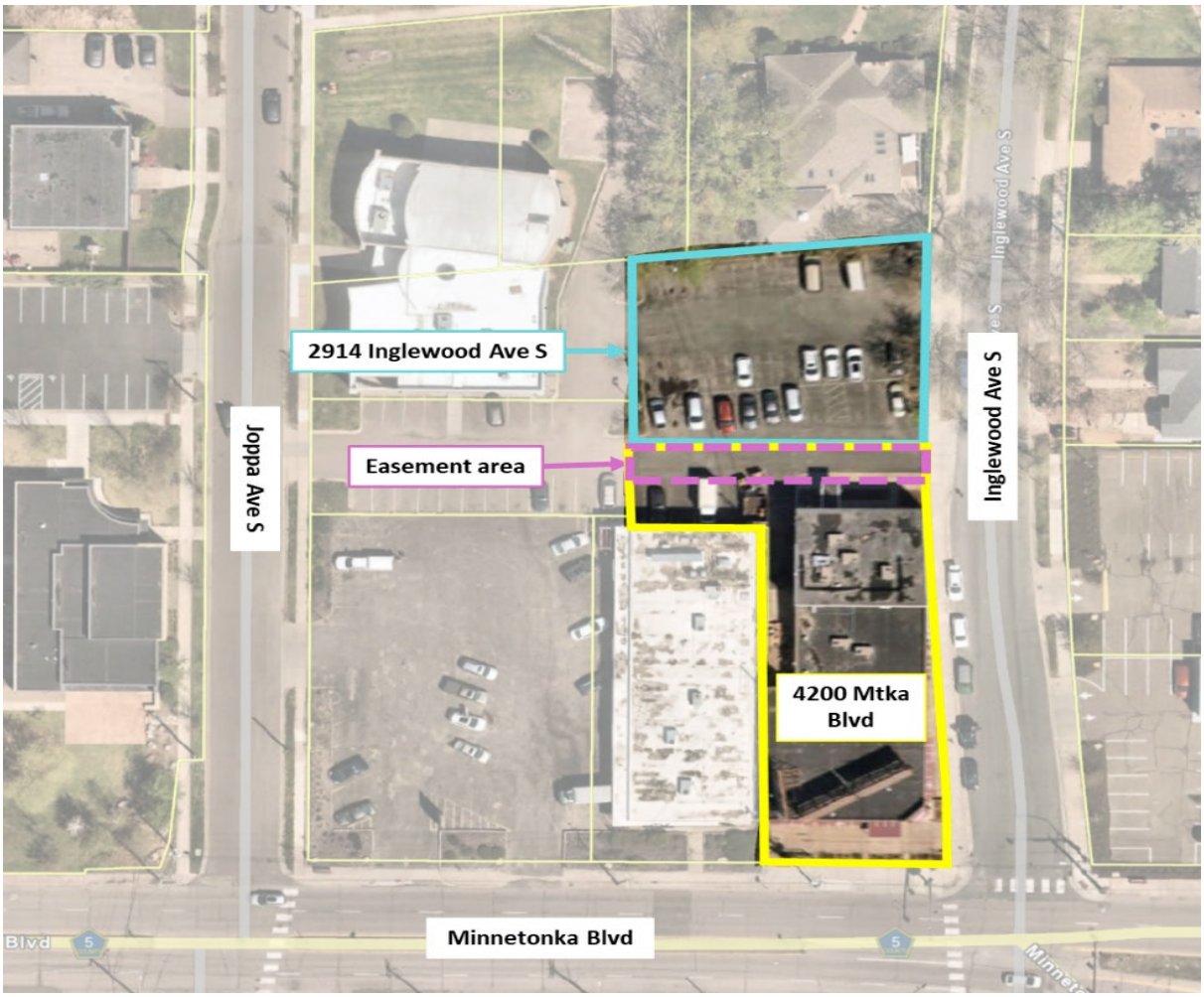
Supporting documents: First amendment to shared parking agreement

Prepared by: Katelyn Champoux, planner
Reviewed by: Sean Walther, deputy community development director
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Discussion

Background: In 2006, the city executed a shared parking agreement with the property owners of 4200 Minnetonka Boulevard to allow use of the municipal parking lot located at 2914 Inglewood Avenue South. The agreement applied to the municipal parking lot property.

The northerly 19 feet of the 4200 Minnetonka Boulevard property is encumbered by an easement for public ingress, egress and parking.



The agreement served as a mutually beneficial solution that helped the new property owners meet the minimum parking requirement and helped the city reconstruct and maintain a deteriorating municipal parking lot. The city found the agreement preferable to the sale of the parking lot property because it guaranteed the availability of public parking into the future. Under the agreement, the property owners of 4200 Minnetonka Boulevard would:

- Reconstruct and maintain the parking lot according to the city maintenance schedule;
- Lease the lot for three, five-year terms;
- Keep the entire lot open for public parking;
- Sign up to 10 spaces for two-hour parking and up to 11 spaces for 30-minute parking; and

- Count the spaces in the municipal lot toward the parking required by the zoning ordinance for the uses at 4200 Minnetonka Boulevard.

In 2009, the property owners of 4200 Minnetonka Boulevard executed a common interest community (CIC) plat separating their property into several condominium units. The owners of the individual units form the 4200 Minnetonka Commercial Condominium Association.

The term of the shared parking agreement expired on May 31, 2026. To date, the owners of 4200 Minnetonka Blvd. have maintained the site impeccably.

Present considerations: The city and the association want to extend the term of the shared parking agreement to allow the continued use of the municipal parking lot located at 2914 Inglewood Avenue South. The association has received approval from a majority of the condominium unit owners to enter into an agreement for this purpose. The extended agreement includes minor amendments to the renewal terms and the early termination clause but is otherwise consistent with the original agreement.

The shared parking agreement would have an initial term of five (5) years and would automatically renew for a total of three (3) successive five-year renewal terms. The association may terminate the agreement at the end of a five-year term by giving the city written notice of its intent to terminate at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the term. The city may terminate the shared parking agreement at any time by giving the association six (6) months' written notice.

Staff recommend the city council approve the first amendment to the shared parking agreement between the City of St. Louis Park and 4200 Minnetonka Commercial Condominium Association, and that the city council authorize the mayor and city manager to execute the contract.

Next steps: If city council passes the recommended motion, the mayor and city manager will execute the contract with the 4200 Commercial Condominium Association.

(Reserved for Recording Data)

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SHARED PARKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF ST. LOUIS PARK AND 4200 MINNETONKA COMMERCIAL CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

THIS AGREEMENT, effective as of _____, 2026, by and between **4200 MINNETONKA COMMERCIAL CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION**, a Minnesota non-profit corporation organized under Chapter 317A of Minnesota Statutes, as amended ("Association") and **CITY OF ST. LOUIS PARK**, a Minnesota municipal corporation ("City").

RECITALS

A. Association is an association of condominium unit owners, established in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 515B.3-101 and that certain Declaration for Common Interest Community No. 1934, 4200 Minnetonka Commercial Condominium ("Declaration), dated December 29, 2010, and filed in the Office of the Hennepin County Registrar of Titles as Document No. T4819094 on December 30, 2010. The Declaration encumbers and relates to certain real property located at 4200 Minnetonka Boulevard, St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota and legally described on Exhibit "A" hereto ("4200 Minnetonka Property").

B. The City is the fee owner of adjoining real property located at 2914 Inglewood Avenue South, St.

Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota and legally described on Exhibit "B" hereto ("City Property").

C. The City Property is benefitted by an easement for public ingress, egress and parking over the northerly 19 feet of the 4200 Minnetonka Property, dated October 4, 1972, and filed in the Office of the Hennepin County Registrar of Titles as Document No. 1050698 on October 30, 1972 ("Easement Area").

D. The City Property and Easement Area are subject to a shared parking agreement, dated June 9, 2006, and filed in the Office of the Hennepin County Registrar of Titles as Document No. 4371867 on March 30, 2007 (the "Shared Parking Agreement"), which grants the 4200 Minnetonka Property the right to park in a lot (the "Parking Lot") located on the City Property and Easement Area.

E. Under Article I, Section F of the Declaration, the Parking Lot constitutes a common element for the 4200 Minnetonka Boulevard common interest community.

F. The term of the Shared Parking Agreement is set to expire on May 31, 2026.

G. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 515B.3-102(a)(9), the Association has authority, subject to approval by a vote of unit owners other than the declarant or its affiliates, to amend easements, leases and licenses over or under common elements, including the Shared Parking Agreement.

H. Association and City desire to extend the term of the Shared Parking Agreement to provide for the continuation of the existing shared parking arrangement, and the Association has received approval from a majority of the unit owners to enter an agreement for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **AMENDMENT TO PARAGRAPH 5.** Paragraph 5 of the Shared Parking Agreement shall be amended to read:

A. Term. Subject to the early termination clause in Paragraph 5B, the Parties agree to extend

the Shared Parking Agreement for an initial term of five (5) years commencing on June 1, 2026 and automatically renewing for a total of three (3) successive five-year renewal terms, unless the Shared Parking Agreement is terminated by the Association (at its option) at the end of the initial term or one of the three successive five-year renewal terms. The option to terminate may be exercised by the Association giving City written notice of the Association's intent to terminate at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the term.

B. City's Early Termination. The City may terminate the Shared Parking Agreement at any time by giving the Association six (6) months written notice of such termination.

2. **EFFECT OF AGREEMENT.** The Shared Parking Agreement shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically amended herein.

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Signature pages follow.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party to this Agreement has caused it to be executed on the date indicated below.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS PARK

Dated:_____, 2026

By:_____
Nadia Mohamed, Mayor

By:_____
Kim Keller, City Manager

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2026, by Nadia Mohamed and Kim Keller, the Mayor and City Manager of the City of St. Louis Park, a Minnesota municipal corporation, on its behalf.

_____
Notary Public

Dated:_____, 2026

ASSOCIATION:
4200 MINNETONKA COMMERCIAL CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
a Minnesota non-profit corporation

By: _____
Brian Pergament
Its President

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2026, by Brian Pergament, the President of 4200 Minnetonka Commercial Condominium Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, on behalf of the non-profit corporation.

_____
Notary Public

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY:
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860 Blue Gentian Road, Suite 290
Eagan, Minnesota 55121
Telephone: (651) 452-5000

EXHIBIT A

Unit Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 101, 102, 103, 104, and 105, CIC No. 1934, 4200 Minnetonka Commercial Condominium, a condominium located in the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota and common elements created by the Declaration for Common Interest Community No. 1934, 4200 Minnetonka Commercial Condominium ("Declaration), dated December 29, 2010, and filed in the Office of the Hennepin County Registrar of Titles as Document No. T4819094 on December 30, 2010.

(Torrens Property)

EXHIBIT B

Lots 5 and 6, Sunset Gables Second Division

Executive summary

Title: Resolution authorizing application to the Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation for Transportation Projects

Recommended action: Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the application for – and, upon award, acceptance of the award – a grant from the Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation for Transportation Projects to support the Oxford and Louisiana Area Infrastructure Investments project.

Policy consideration: Does the city council wish to authorize an application for – and, upon award, acceptance – a grant from the Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation for Transportation Projects to support the Oxford and Louisiana Area Infrastructure Investments project?

Summary: The project includes work on Meadowbrook Road, Oxford Street, Edgewood Avenue, Cambridge Street and Louisiana Avenue. This project reconstructs approximately 1.67 miles of roadway to improve pavement condition, safety and overall performance. Multimodal enhancements include 0.75 miles of new sidewalk, along with modifications to existing sidewalks to improve accessibility and safety. A roundabout at Oxford Street and Louisiana Avenue will improve traffic flow and reduce conflict points. These funds would supplement the $250,000 received via the Fiscal Year 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) process.

Financial or budget considerations: Any grant funding received will assist with the project financial feasibility and offset the amount of city financial assistance needed for the project. In addition to the $250,000 federal funds, the city has also applied for a BUILD grant to assist with the costs of this project.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to providing safe, reliable and well-maintained infrastructure and neighborhoods that connect people and places with an emphasis on walking, biking and transit.

Supporting documents: Resolution

Prepared by: Clancy Ferris, legislative & grants analyst
Reviewed by: Debra Heiser, engineering director;
Tiffany Stephens, interim deputy finance director/financial analyst
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Resolution No. 26-___

Authorizing application to the Met Council Regional Solicitation for Transportation Projects

Whereas, the City of St. Louis Park on behalf of its engineering department desires to apply for, and upon grant application acceptance, enter into an agreement with the Met Council to support the Oxford and Louisiana Area Infrastructure Investments project,

Therefore be it resolved by the city council (the "city council") of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota (the "city") as follows:

1. That the City of St. Louis Park on behalf of its engineering department apply for a grant and upon acceptance, enter into a grant agreement with the Met Council for the Regional Solicitation for Transportation Projects.

2. Mayor Nadia Mohamed and City Manager Kim Keller, or successors, are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the city of St. Louis Park and to be the fiscal agent and administer the grant.

Reviewed for administration:

_____
Kim Keller, city manager

Adopted by the city council June 15, 2026:

_____
Nadia Mohamed, mayor

Attest:

_____
Melissa Kennedy, secretary

St. Louis Park
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Meeting: City council
Meeting date: June 15, 2026
Public hearing: 6a

Executive summary

Title: Public hearing for new liquor license - Create Restaurants MN LLC dba Hazelwood Food and Drink

Recommended action:

- Mayor to open public hearing, take public testimony, and close public hearing.
- Motion to approve application from Create Restaurants MN LLC dba Hazelwood Food and Drink for an on-sale intoxicating liquor license with Sunday sales.

Policy consideration: Does the applicant meet the requirements for issuance of an on-sale intoxicating liquor license with Sunday sales?

Summary: The city received an application from Create Restaurants MN LLC dba Hazelwood Food and Drink for an on-sale intoxicating liquor license with Sunday sales for the premises located at 4450 Excelsior Boulevard, Suite #120. The business is currently open and operating as Hazelwood Food and Drink. The current licensee, Excelsior Blvd. LLC, will retain and operate the business until the sale to Create Restaurants MN LLC is finalized. Hazelwood Food and Drink in St. Louis Park is one of six restaurants acquired by sale to Create Restaurants MN LLC.

The premises consist of approximately 5,503 square feet indoors with an indoor seating capacity of 205. An additional 940 square feet of outdoor space has a seating capacity of 50. The LLC managers for Create Restaurants MN LLC are Shunsuke Maki and Hitoshi Ono. Currently on staff with Hazelwood Food and Drink, and continuing their work under new ownership, are Felipe Navarro (director of operations) and Scott Cronin (designated store manager). The application meets the requirements of the zoning and building divisions.

The police department conducted a background investigation, and nothing was discovered that would warrant denial of the license. The application and police report are on file in the city clerk's office. The required notice of the public hearing was published June 4, 2026. If approved, the license will not be issued until all requirements have been met with the city, Hennepin County and the State Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division. Prior to certification of the license to the state, the applicant is required to provide a fully executed lease to the city for the premises at 4450 Excelsior Boulevard, Suite #120

Financial or budget considerations: Fees for this applicant include $500 for the police background investigation and $5,966.67 for the on-sale intoxicating liquor license fee, prorated to the effective license date of July 1, 2026.

Strategic priority consideration: Not applicable.

Supporting documents: None.

Prepared by: Amanda Scott-Lerdal, deputy city clerk
Reviewed by: Melissa Kennedy, city clerk
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Executive summary

Title: First reading of ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the city code related to temporary liquor licenses

Recommended action: Motion to approve first reading of ordinance amending city code chapter 3 and schedule second reading on July 6, 2026.

Policy consideration: Does the city council want to amend the city code to allow temporary liquor licenses to be issued to brewers and microdistillers as allowed by Minnesota state statute 340A.404 subdivision 10(c)?

Summary: Minnesota statute 340A.404 subdivision 10(c) allows the governing body of a municipality to issue temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses to brewers who manufacture fewer than 3,500 barrels of malt liquor in a year or to a microdistillery for social events sponsored by the brewer or microdistiller within the community.

City code regulations related to liquor licensing can be more restrictive, but not less restrictive, than state law. Chapter 3 of St. Louis Park's city code currently allows temporary intoxicating liquor licenses to be issued to clubs, charitable, religious or nonprofit organizations. Microdistillers and/or brewers are currently not eligible to apply for a temporary license.

There are three breweries and two microdistilleries located in St. Louis Park. Their current liquor license allows them to serve and sell the alcohol they manufacture. Representatives of all five establishments submitted a request that the city consider amending chapter 3 of the city code regarding temporary liquor licenses to align with state statute. The amendment would allow these businesses to obtain temporary liquor licenses, subject to the requirements in state law, to host social events on their licensed premises and serve/sell alcohol during the event that is not manufactured by the brewery or microdistillery.

City staff, the city attorney and the State Board of Gambling and Alcohol Enforcement agree the city code can be amended to allow temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses to be issued to brewers and microdistillers. Should the city council approve the amendment, existing temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license limitations, fees and processes would apply for these applicants as well.

Financial or budget considerations: Applicants are subject to fees as annually set in Appendix A. The fee for each day of a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license is $100, payable to the city to offset administrative costs.

Strategic priority consideration: Not applicable.

Supporting documents: Discussion, draft ordinance

Prepared by: Amanda Scott-Lerdal, deputy city clerk
Reviewed by: Melissa Kennedy, city clerk
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Discussion

Background: Minnesota statute 340A.404 subdivision 10(c) allows the governing body of a municipality to issue temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses to brewers who manufacture fewer than 3,500 barrels of malt liquor in a year or to a microdistillery for social events sponsored by the brewer or microdistiller within the community.

City code regarding liquor licensing can be more restrictive, but not less restrictive, than state statute. Chapter 3 of St. Louis Park's city code currently allows temporary intoxicating liquor licenses to be issued to clubs, charitable, religious or nonprofit organizations. Microdistillers and/or brewers are not currently eligible to apply for temporary licenses and are limited to serving and selling the alcohol manufactured onsite unless they contract with a licensed caterer to serve other types of alcohol at events hosted on their premises.

Present considerations: The city clerk's office consulted with the city attorney. Their analysis is that the city may amend its code regarding temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses to allow brewers and microdistillers to apply for and obtain this license type, subject to the requirements of state law.

Should the council consider such a code amendment, the city attorney noted that the state's restrictions for this license type would also apply:

- License may authorize on-sale of intoxicating liquor for not more than four consecutive days and the city may issue no more than 12 days' worth of temporary licenses to any one entity;
- License may authorize on-sales on premises other than premises the licensee owns or permanently occupies;
- License may allow licensee to contract for intoxicating liquor catering services with the holder of a full-year city on-sale intoxicating liquor license;
- License is subject to additional terms and license fee imposed by the city;
- All other laws/ordinances governing sale of intoxicating liquor apply;
- License must first be approved by the commissioner of public safety.

Future and legal considerations include staff's responsibility to be aware of any future updates to applicable state laws related to temporary liquor licenses. The city clerk's office will continue the current practice of collaboration with related departments to monitor alcohol compliance, event safety and planning.

Applicants are subject to fees as annually set in Appendix A. The fee for each day for a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license is $100, payable to the city to offset administrative costs.

Next steps: If council approves first reading, the second reading is scheduled for July 6, 2026, with a planned effective date of July 31, 2026.

Draft Ordinance No. ___-26

Amending St. Louis Park City Code chapter 3, section 57(h) related to temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license

The city council of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota does ordain:

Section 1. St. Louis Park City Code chapter 3, section 3-57(h) is amended as follows by deleting strikethrough language and adding underlined language:

St. Louis Park City Code Section 3-57. Types of licenses.
The following types of licenses shall be issued under this division:

h. Temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license. Temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses, with the approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety, may be issued to organizations, political committees, microdistillers and brewers authorized under Minnesota State Statute 340A.404 subdivision 10(a) and (c)~~clubs, charitable, religious, or other nonprofit organizations which have been in existence for at least three years, or to a state-registered political committee, in connection with a social event within the city sponsored by the licensee~~. No license shall be for longer than four consecutive days, and the city shall issue no more than 12 days' worth of temporary licenses to any one organization, political committee, microdistiller or brewer in one calendar year. The license may provide that the licensee may contract for intoxicating liquor catering services with the holder of a full year on-sale intoxicating liquor license issued by any municipality. The license may authorize on-sales on premises other than premises the licensee owns or permanently occupies. Licenses issued under this subsection are subject to all laws and ordinances governing the sale of intoxicating liquor, except that mandatory liability provisions in M.S. § 340A.409 do not apply, and those other laws and ordinances which, by their nature, are not applicable. Brewers and microdistillers are subject to M.S. § 340A.409, subdivisions 1 through 3a.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen days after its passage and publication.

First Reading	June 15, 2026
Second Reading	July 6, 2026
Publication	July 16, 2026
Effective date	**July 31, 2026**

Reviewed for administration:

By: _____
Kim Keller, city manager

Attest:

_____
Melissa Kennedy, city clerk

Adopted by the city council _____, 2026.

By: _____
Nadia Mohamed, mayor

Approved as to form and execution:

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Soren M. Mattick, city attorney

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Executive summary

Title: Potential LAWCON property transfer and purchase of Webster Park – Ward 1

Recommended action: Staff recommends pursuing the transfer of LAWCON restrictions from approximately .25 acre of Westwood Hills Nature Center to 3.41 acres of an expanded Webster Park.

Policy consideration: Does council want staff to pursue the transfer of LAWCON restrictions?

Summary: Staff seeks council direction on an opportunity to transfer a portion of the federal LAWCON restrictions currently associated with property on the far eastern corner of Westwood Hills Nature Center to land the city intends to acquire from MnDOT for the future expansion of Webster Park.

If approved, the transfer would release approximately .25 acre of property from LAWCON restrictions while maintaining the required level of protected park land. This would provide the city with greater long-term flexibility on land that is potentially buildable, while preserving the overall public recreation benefits required by the program and adding over three additional acres of protected land to the city.

Pursuing this opportunity is time-sensitive because LAWCON restrictions cannot be transferred to land already owned by the city. The transfer process would need to occur in coordination with the planned acquisition of the Webster Park expansion property. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the concept on June 1, 2026, and unanimously supported pursuing the opportunity.

Moving forward would require significant due diligence, including appraisals, environmental and cultural resource reviews, coordination with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and National Park Service (NPS) and work associated with acquiring the Webster Park property from MnDOT. Staff is seeking policy direction from the city council on whether to continue pursuing the transfer before investing additional staff time and Park Improvement Fund resources. Formal council approvals would be required at multiple points throughout the process.

Financial or budget considerations: The cost of grant transfer and purchase of Webster Park will be funded by the Park Improvement Fund.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being a city that delivers reliable services, uses city resources responsibly, operates transparently and builds strong relationships with residents.

Supporting documents: Site locations map

Prepared by: Cindy Walsh, deputy city manager
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Discussion

Background: In the 1970's and 1980's, the National Park Service (NPS) gave grants to municipalities to purchase park property. These Land and Water Conservation Fund grants, called LAWCON grants, provide federal funding to help communities acquire, develop and improve public parks, trails, open spaces and other outdoor recreation facilities. The program is intended to expand access to outdoor recreation and protect recreational resources for future generations.

While LAWCON funding can significantly reduce local project costs, it comes with important long-term obligations. Properties acquired or improved with LAWCON funds must remain dedicated to public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity. Any future change in use, sale or conversion of the property requires approval from the federal government and typically requires replacement land of equal value and recreational benefit.

With the proper permissions, LAWCON grant restrictions can be transferred to another property, if that property is deemed park land and not currently owned by the city.

In past decades, the city obtained LAWCON grants at three different locations. One of these properties, acquired in 1979, is located on the far eastern corner of Westwood Hills Nature Center. This area does not have public access, is fenced off from the rest of the park, and serves largely as storage space. Two vacant single-family residences are also located on the property. Staff has worked to determine potential uses for these residences, exploring such possibilities as Parks and Recreation classrooms or other programming, spaces for staff training, and serving as additions to our public housing portfolio. In exploring all of these potential uses, staff determined that significant investment would need to be made to bring the houses up to code. Access issues also create complications in envisioning this area as a public destination point. In addition to code compliance issues, the LAWCON restrictions would not allow us to convert the houses to public housing. Ultimately, the buildings will likely need to be removed so they do not become a nuisance and liability.

Present considerations: Minnesota DNR administers the LAWCON program for NPS and city staff have been talking with the DNR about the possibility of transferring LAWCON grant restrictions from .25 acre of this portion of Westwood Hills land to property that the city is planning to purchase from MnDOT to expand Webster Park. Grant restrictions call for equal property value transfer. Given the high value of the property covered by LAWCON restrictions, .25 acre is valued equivalent to the underlying property value of the 3.41 acres of land that the city plans to purchase from MnDOT for Webster Park expansion. Therefore, if the transfer occurs, the restrictions would still be in place for the remaining 138+ acres and just the .25 acre would be released. Releasing this .25 acre from LAWCON restrictions would allow the city have future flexibility on potentially buildable lots while expanding the amount of protected land in the city. Sale proceeds from the buildable lots from the .25 acre could be dedicated to funding the 3.41 acre acquisition from MnDOT.

The DNR has given the city initial approval to continue discussions regarding a transfer. Ultimately, the NPS would need to authorize the transfer. The DNR would sponsor our request which would then need to be granted by NPS.

Continuing to pursue this transfer would require extensive staff work and some investment from the Park Improvement Fund. Before moving forward further, staff are looking for direction from council on whether to pursue this opportunity.

A high-level summary describing the type of work that would need to be completed includes independent appraisals, as well as environmental and cultural resource reviews.

This is in addition to the work needed to purchase property from MnDOT which will include a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with MnDOT, title work and a subsequent condemnation action to acquire the underlying fee title from the original owners (MnDOT has an easement on this property).

Timing of the transfer
There are important timing considerations with this opportunity. The city cannot transfer the LAWCON grant restrictions to property that we currently own. Now that initial approval from the DNR was received, there is a window of time for the city to execute on this opportunity prior to purchasing the property for Webster Park.

Park & Recreation Board feedback
Staff presented this potential topic to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission on June 1, 2026. The commission was supportive and passed a motion unanimously to support pursuing the transfer opportunity.

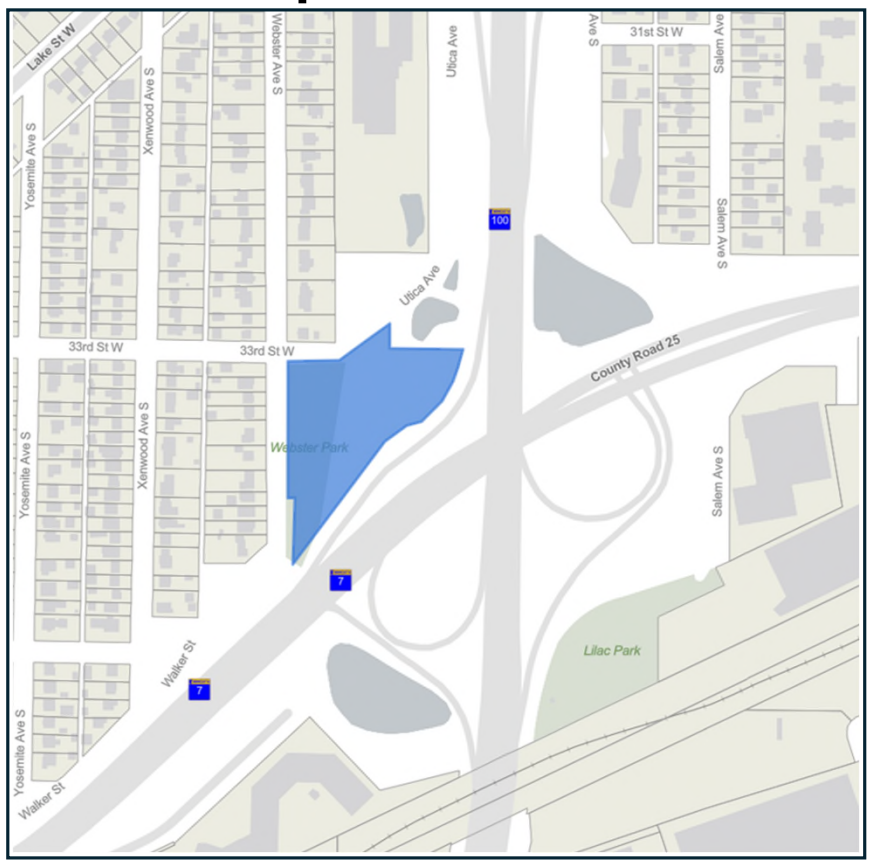
Next steps: Now that city staff have determined that the opportunity exists to transfer LAWCON restrictions to new land, the question to before council is whether the body wants to pursue transferring LAWCON regulations from .25 acre of land to 3.41 acres of land we are acquiring.

If council would like a presentation on this issue from staff, it would be scheduled for summer 2026. If council is comfortable moving forward with due diligence based on this June 15, 2026 report, staff will continue to work through the process and provide updates to council at important milestones.

Ultimately, formal council authorization will be required for this project at multiple points in the process. Given the amount of effort involved, staff is seeking clarity from council on whether there is policy support for pursuing this transfer before investing additional time and resources.

Separate from the LAWCON decision, staff will continue to pursue acquisition of the 3.41 acres from MnDOT to expand Webster Park as was presented to the city council in a written report on February 27, 2023.

Site Locations Map



Site locations shaded in blue are approximate boundaries. The map scales are also approximately the same for comparison.

Executive summary

Title: Climate Leadership and Natural Spaces system wrap-up

Recommended action: None.

Policy consideration: The purpose of this report is to summarize the outcomes of the recent discussions within the Climate Leadership and Natural Spaces system study sessions.

Summary: On June 8, 2026, the council completed readings and a discussion focused on advancing the city's strategic priority related to climate leadership and natural spaces. These reports were led by staff in multiple departments, spanning across public works, parks and recreation, engineering and community development.

The study session system began on May 18, 2026. Since then, staff have provided the council with information on topics related to climate leadership and natural spaces. This report serves as a summary of all the reports and discussion and includes the council direction provided.

Financial or budget considerations: Funds are budgeted in the operating budget, the capital improvement plan (CIP) and the Climate Investment Fund (CIF) for climate leadership and natural spaces projects, as these projects are led by staff in numerous departments. Any additional funds needed to implement the topics discussed during this system will be brought forward to the council as a part of the 2027 budget discussions.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being a climate leader that cares for the planet and maintains dynamic parks that connect people and nature.

Supporting documents: Discussion

Prepared by: Emily Ziring, sustainability manager
Reviewed by: Sean Walther, deputy community development director
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager

Discussion

Background: This system included study sessions covering a range of topics relating to both climate leadership and natural spaces. Reports on these topics were considered by the city council, and where appropriate, direction on future expectations and outcomes was provided to staff for implementation.

A summary of the topics and outcomes covered in this system follows:

Report: Climate Leadership and Natural Spaces system kick-off
Date: May 18, 2026

> **Overview:** Council received a written report about climate leadership in St. Louis Park, including an overview of the staff whose work focuses on energy and environmental issues, the Climate Action Plan and the Climate Investment Fund. The topics proposed for study throughout the system included current programs and offered opportunities, identified by both council and staff, for expansion or adjustment where applicable.
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> *Outcomes:* No questions or comments were received.

Report: Solid waste program update
Date: May 18, 2026

> **Overview:** Council received a written report detailing solid waste programs in St. Louis Park. Planning for the next residential collection contracts for garbage, recycling, organics recycling and yard waste is underway as current contracts will end Dec. 3, 2028. Educational initiatives to increase participation in organics and recycling programs, as well as reuse and recycling collection events available to residents, were outlined in the report. Active enforcement of the city's Zero Waste Packaging Ordinance has been successful, and staff are shifting focus to develop a similar compliance program for multifamily recycling ordinance requirements. Staff will return to council in 2027 to discuss potential program changes to include in the 2028 – 2033 residential collection contracts.
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> *Outcomes:* No questions or comments were received.

Report: Construction & demolition waste reduction
Date: May 18, 2026

> **Overview:** Council received a written report about the multiple impacts of construction & demolition waste and the need to reduce this waste stream through policy and programs. Staff convened a Demolition Waste Reduction Work Group in 2026 to brainstorm policies, programs and projects to address this need. Recommendations from the work group may go to council for consideration in 2027 depending on whether they need council approval.
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> *Outcomes:* No questions or comments were received.

Report: Update on the Climate Action Plan amendment
Date: May 18, 2026

Overview: Council received a written report explaining the rationale behind the need to update the 2018 Climate Action Plan, as well as recommendations for the structure and roll-out of the future update from the environment and sustainability commission work group that advised staff on the update. Reasons to amend the plan include climate wins at the state and city level, changes to technology, incorporation of equity considerations, ability to track strategies with data, and a need to operationalize the existing plan. A timeline of next steps was included for council's awareness.

Outcomes: No questions or comments were received.

Report: Climate action annual report
Date: May 18, 2026

Overview: Sustainability staff provided an annual report on the division's climate action incentive programs, including historic and projected program participation data. The report also included a summary of sustainability grants applied for and received, as well as direct pay reimbursements received from the federal government in lieu of tax credits.

Outcomes: No questions or comments were received.

Discussion: Environment and Sustainability Commission (ESC) annual meeting with council
Date: June 8, 2026

Overview: The environment and sustainability commission chair presented an overview of the commission's 2025 workplan and a preview of the commission's 2026 work plan and responded to council questions.

Outcomes: Council members expressed appreciation for the commission's work and took turns proposing ideas for the two 2026 workplan items (one research project and feedback on a council policy) that the commission is awaiting council direction on. Staff will review the list of ideas and bring the most viable to the commission for incorporation into the workplan. Once the commission approves the amended workplan, it will go to council for approval. Any future ideas generated by council will be brought to the commission for consideration and approval.

Report: Rainwater Rewards program overview
Date: June 8, 2026

Overview: Staff provided a written report outlining the Rainwater Rewards program, which offers financial assistance to residents completing stormwater management projects on their property. To qualify, projects must capture pollutants in runoff, enhance water storage, protect native flora and fauna, or support groundwater health.

The program represents a cost-effective, resident-driven approach to improving stormwater infrastructure and advancing the city's sustainability goals.

Outcomes: No questions or comments were received.

Report: Environmental impacts of drive-throughs
Date: June 8, 2026

Overview: Staff provided a written report to respond to a 2025 council request for staff to study the impacts of drive-throughs on the environment. Drive-throughs can negatively affect greenhouse gas emissions, local air quality and walkability. However, they can also improve access for people with limited mobility, support businesses and generate tax revenue from previously underutilized land. Zoning code already limits where drive-throughs may be built and proposed zoning code changes would further restrict them. In areas where drive-throughs are allowed, the zoning code includes multiple regulations that directly mitigate common concerns related to vehicle emissions, traffic impacts and pedestrian safety. Staff will monitor trends in drive-through usage and will return to council if there is a desire for policy amendments.

Outcomes: Council Member Brausen shared his appreciation for the information and stated that further restricting drive-throughs is not a policy idea he plans to pursue further at this time.

Report: Emerald ash borer update
Date: June 8, 2026

Overview: Staff provided a written update report on the emerald ash borer infestation. This included a history of the emerald ash borer (EAB) in St. Louis Park, the city's response to the infestation and the current outlook. The peak infestation in St. Louis Park appears to have passed; the next phase of EAB response is continued treatment and protection of remaining mature ash trees, continued planting, and an increased emphasis on maintaining the new cohort of trees that have been planted during this epidemic response.

Outcomes: No questions or comments were received.

Report: Annual Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program
Date: June 8, 2026

Overview: Staff provided a written report intended to provide the council with a summary of activities undertaken by the city in 2025 to meet the city's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) requirements.

Outcomes: Council Member Budd requested information about participation in the Community-Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP). Staff report that in 2025 and again in 2026, six volunteers monitored five lakes (Bass Lake, Cobblecrest Lake, South Oak Pond,

Twin Lake, and Westwood Lake in 2025; and Bass Lake, Cobblecrest Lake, South Oak Pond, Lamplighter Pond, and Westwood Lake in 2026). Additional lakes are available for CAMP monitoring volunteers and staff welcome additional participation when the window opens each spring.

Executive summary

Title: Emergency Management table-top exercise

Recommended action: Consultants Bob McNaney and Greg Hayes will facilitate a discussion with the city council, staff and attorney regarding elected officials' role in citywide or local emergencies. During the exercise, staff from the departments of police, fire, communications and administrative services will assist as it concerns city facilities, systems, procedures, services and infrastructures related to management of emergencies.

Policy consideration: Not applicable.

Summary: The city council and city staff will participate in a tabletop exercise related to emergency management. The meeting will be closed pursuant to MN Statute Section 13D.05 Subd. 3(d). *The information will be sent to the city council under separate cover.*

In accordance with Minnesota open meeting law, this meeting will be audio-recorded. The law states:

"Meetings may be closed to receive security briefings and reports, to discuss issues related to security systems, to discuss emergency response procedures and to discuss security deficiencies in or recommendations regarding public services, infrastructure and facilities, if disclosure of the information discussed would pose a danger to public safety or compromise security procedures or responses. Financial issues related to security matters must be discussed and all related financial decisions must be made at an open meeting. Before closing a meeting under this paragraph, the public body, in describing the subject to be discussed, must refer to the facilities, systems, procedures, services, or infrastructures to be considered during the closed meeting. A closed meeting must be tape recorded at the expense of the governing body, and the recording must be preserved for at least four years."

Financial or budget considerations: None.

Strategic priority consideration: Not applicable.

Supporting documents: *The information will be sent to the city council under separate cover.*

Prepared by: Peter Hanlin, fire chief
Approved by: Kim Keller, city manager