



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Work Session; After Housing & Redevelopment Authority Work Session

6:00 PM - CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zweifel called the meeting to order at 7:54 p.m.

Present: 5 - Council Member Davin Sokup, Council Member Jessica Peterson White, Council Member Chad Beumer, Council Member Peter Dahlen, and Mayor Erica Zweifel

Absent: 2 - Council Member Brad Ness, and Council Member Kathleen Holmes

Also present: Sustainability Coordinator Sara Pabich, Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett, City Administrator Ben Martig, Horticulturist Shelley Evanson, and City Clerk Lynette Peterson.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [26-127](#) Discussion on Tree Related Policies and Information.

Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett introduced Horticulturist Shelley Evanson. Evanson presented an update on the Emerald Ash Borer, tree maintenance and replacement policy, Land Development Code requirements and general updates on the tree canopy in Northfield.

Evanson and Bennett answered questions from the Council. City Administrator Ben Martig added additional information. Council Members commented on the tree maintenance and replacement policies.

2. [26-128](#) Review 2027-2028 Budget Calendar and Points of Emphasis.

City Administrator Ben Martig presented on the Budget and Tax Levy timeline and points of emphasis for the 2027-2028 budget process.

EXTEND THE MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member Beumer, seconded by Council Member Sokup, to extend the meeting until business is complete. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - C. Sokup, C. Peterson White, C. Beumer, C. Dahlen, and Mayor Zweifel

- [26-128](#) Review 2027-2028 Budget Calendar and Points of Emphasis.

Council Members continued discussions regarding the 2027-2028 budget. Council Members commented on the process noting they would like to see public information and engagement moved earlier on the timeline, possibly as soon as July.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Beumer, seconded by Council Member Sokup, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - C. Sokup, C. Peterson White, C. Beumer, C. Dahlen, and Mayor Zweifel