

# City of Northfield

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# Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

6:00 PM

**Council Chambers** 

# 6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Provancha called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: 7 - Chair Michael Provancha, Commissioner Daniel Jones, Commissioner Janet

Petri, Commissioner George Kinney, Commissioner Susannah Shmurak, Vice

Chair Rob Hanson and Commissioner Ava Podracky

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bruce Anderson

Also present: Risi Karim, Assistant to the City Administrator; Matt Bailey, Meeting Associate; Davin Sokup, Non-Voting Ex Officio Member; Alex Halverson, Youth Representative (Non-Voting)

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Petri, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Provancha, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Shmurak, Vice Chair Hanson and Commissioner Podracky

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. <u>25-563</u> September 17, 20205 EQC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Petri, to approve the September 17, 2025 EQC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Provancha, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Shmurak, Vice Chair Hanson and Commissioner Podracky

# **PRESENTATIONS**

**2.** 25-564 Tree Canopy of Northfield

Assistant to the City Administrator Risi Karim introduced Shelley Evanson, Horticulturalist for the City of Northfield, who delivered a presentation on the tree canopy of Northfield. Evanson responded to questions and comments from the EQC.

## **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

# **BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

No board and commissioner reports were received.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

- **3.** <u>25-565</u> 2025 Work Plan Updates
  - Zero Waste Plan Implementation: This initiative has been completed.
  - Community Engagement Campaign: Energy Efficiency, HVAC Contractor and Homeowner Education: Training for HVAC contractors will be held Wednesday, October 22, from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. at the Northfield Public Library, Bunday Room, 210 Washington Street. Outreach to area contractors to sign up continues. Additional public education programs are scheduled for October and November.
  - Native Planting Ordinance: Tree Planting and Vegetation: Commissioner Jones continues to work on his report.
  - Water Quality & Conservation: Commissioner Shmurak reported on tabling that the subcommittee did last week and suggested a longitudinal study of water use in the City. Commissioner Kinney spoke on the measurement of contaminant levels in the City water supply.
  - Research Level 3 Charger Use and Need: This initiative has been completed.

### **STAFF UPDATES**

**4.** <u>25-566</u> Staff Update.

Assistant to the City Administrator Risi Karim provided updates from City staff. Karim responded to questions and comments from the EQC.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Kinney, seconded by Commissioner Shmurak, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - Chair Provancha, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Kinney, Commissioner Shmurak, Vice Chair Hanson and Commissioner Podracky