



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Work Session

6:00 PM - CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zweifel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- Present:** 6 - Council Member Brad Ness, Council Member Kathleen Holmes, Council Member Davin Sokup, Council Member Jessica Peterson White, Council Member Peter Dahlen, and Mayor Erica Zweifel
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Chad Beumer

Also present: City Administrator Ben Martig, Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett, Utilities Manager Justin Wagner, Police Chief Jeff Schroepfer, Library Director Natalie Draper, and Deputy City Clerk/Executive Administrative Assistant Sara Hoffman.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [26-299](#) Presentation of the City of Northfield Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2025.

Mayor Zweifel introduced Tom Olinger, Governmental Service Partner, from Abdo. Olinger introduced the item. He summarized the 2025 audit results and findings and provided further details on expenses, revenues, fund and debt services. Olinger congratulated the City on once again receiving the Government Finance Officers Association (GDOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (COA).

Councilor Peterson White arrived at 6:02PM.

City Administrator Ben Martig offered additional information.

Olinger answered questions from the Council.

2. [26-300](#) Review and Discussion of 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett introduced the item. Bennett outlined utility rates, discussed upcoming utility projects, and detailed proposed street projects from 2027 to 2031.

City Administrator Ben Martig and Utilities Manager Justin Wagner provided additional

information.

Bennett, Martig, and Wagner answered questions from the Council. Council provided feedback on specific areas as requested by staff.

RECESS

Council recessed at 7:22 p.m. Council meeting resumed at 7:31 p.m.

26-300

Review and Discussion of 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Public Works Director David Bennett discussed park improvements and facility improvements. Library Director Natalie Draper discussed library projects, specifically related to a recent grant they received.

Bennett detailed the facilities fund and discussed \$3 million in state bonding funding received for the Northfield Community Resource Center (NCRC) building.

City Administrator Ben Martig provided additional information.

Bennett, Martig, and Finance Director Brenda Angelstad answered questions from the Council. Council provided feedback on specific areas as requested by staff.

3. 26-301

Review and Discussion of 5-year Capital Equipment Plan (CEP).

Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett detailed fleet vehicle replacements. Police Chief Jeff Schroepfer noted that the Police Department is looking into leasing squad cars.

Bennett and Schroepfer answered questions from the Council.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Sokup, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - C. Ness, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, C. Peterson White, C. Dahlen, and Mayor Zweifel