



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, May 4, 2026

6:00 PM

2nd Floor Training Room

Closed Meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(a) - Review of Performance of City Administrator.

6:00 PM - CITY COUNCIL CLOSED MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zweifel called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. noting the agenda item for this meeting is the evaluation of the performance of Ben Martig, City Administrator, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, Subdivision 3(a).

This special meeting will be closed because the City Council will be evaluating the performance of an individual subject to the City's authority - Ben Martig, City Administrator. Mr. Martig has received notice of this meeting. Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, Subdivision 3(a) provides that any portion of a meeting may be closed for this reason, unless the individual who is the subject of the meeting requests that it be open. In this case, Mr. Martig did not make such a request that the meeting be open.

Only the officials and consultants of the City who reasonably require access to this data may be in attendance at any portion of the closed meeting for this agenda item.

Present: 7 - Council Member Brad Ness, Council Member Kathleen Holmes, Council Member Davin Sokup, Council Member Jessica Peterson White, Council Member Chad Beumer, Council Member Peter Dahlen, and Mayor Erica Zweifel

Also present at portions of the meeting were David Assaf, Assistant City Attorney with Flaherty and Hood, and City Administrator Ben Martig.

REGULAR AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Sokup, to close the meeting at 6:06 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - C. Ness, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, C. Peterson White, C. Beumer, C. Dahlen, and Mayor Zweifel

1. [26-232](#) Northfield City Council is Conducting a Closed Meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(a) related to the Evaluation of the Performance of Ben Martig, City Administrator.

The meeting was opened at 7:51 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Peterson White, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - C. Ness, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, C. Peterson White, C. Beumer, C. Dahlen, and Mayor Zweifel