



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, April 14, 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: 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: City Administrator Ben Martig and City Clerk Lynette Peterson.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [26-187](#) 2026 Absentee/Early Voting, Primary Election and General Election Update

City Clerk Lynette Peterson presented an update on the 2026 elections, including key election dates, candidate filing, the state primary and general elections, the early/absentee voting process, and proposed absentee and early voting hours. By consensus, Council supported early/absentee voting hours at City Hall of Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Council Member Sokup joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

City Administrator Ben Martig presented on Candidate Informational and Onboarding Meetings. Council provided feedback on the proposed meetings and the information to be made available to candidates.

2. [26-188](#) Review Updated 2027-2028 Budget Calendar, Points of Emphasis and Budget Updates including Progress on 5-Year Financial Planning.

City Administrator Ben Martig presented an update on the budget calendar. He responded to questions from Council, and Council provided input on the proposed budget calendar and timeline.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Beumer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 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