



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting; Prior to the Work Session

6:00 PM - CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING 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

Council Member Peterson White appeared remote via interactive technology.

Also present: City Administrator Ben Martig, City Clerk Lynette Peterson, Finance Director Brenda Angelstad, Budget Analyst Jordan Hansen, Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett, Assistant City Administrator Risi Karim, IT Manager Kurt Wolf, Library Director Natalie Draper and Police Chief Jeff Schroepfer.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

David DeLong addressed the Council regarding the procedure for public hearings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Sokup, to approve the agenda. 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

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

No reports.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [Ord. 1095](#) Consider Ordinance 1095 Amending Section 4.1 of the Northfield City Charter (Second Reading).

City Administrator Ben Martig addressed David DeLong clarifying the intent of his response to his public comment questions.

Martig gave background on the second reading of the Charter amendment summarizing

the amendment.

David DeLong addressed the Council regarding the charter amendment.

A motion was made by Council Member Sokup, seconded by Council Member Dahlen, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1095 Amending Chapter Four of the Northfield City Charter. 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

2. [26-376](#)

Consider Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 1095 Amending Section 4.1 of the Northfield City Charter.

City Administrator Ben Martig provided background information regarding the purpose of summary publications.

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Beumer, to approve summary publication of Ordinance No. 1095 Amending Northfield City Code, Section 4.1 of the City Charter. 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

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

No report.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Beumer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 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