



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00 PM - CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pownell called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Council Member Jessica Peterson White appeared via interactive television technology due to being in Beaver Bay, Minnesota.

Present: 7 - Council Member Brad Ness, Mayor Rhonda Pownell, Council Member Jami Reister, Council Member George Zuccolotto, Council Member Kathleen Holmes, Council Member Davin Sokup, and Council Member Jessica Peterson White

Also present: Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett; Police Chief Mark Elliott, City Administrator Ben Martig, Facilities Manager Jayson Dwelle, City Clerk Lynette Peterson and Deputy City Clerk/Executive Administrative Assistant Sara Hoffman.

LISTENING SESSION

No residents were in attendance to speak at the Listening Session.

RECESS

Council recessed at 6:13 p.m. Council meeting resumed at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 PM - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pownell noted information in Supplemental Agenda Background Memo No. 1.

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Ness, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - C. Ness, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Reister, seconded by Council Member Ness, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - C. Ness, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

1. [24-396](#) Consider Approval of June 4, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Council Member Reister, seconded by Council Member Ness, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

2. [24-397](#) Consider Approval of June 11, 2024 City Council Work Session Minutes.
3. [24-398](#) Consider Approving Disbursements totaling \$1,727,976.32.
Enactment No: M2024-082
4. [24-399](#) Consider Approval of a Temporary Liquor License for Imminent Brewing, LLC for July 18, 2024 at the Friends of Downtown Northfield and Riverwalk Market Fair Third Thursday Block Party.
Enactment No: M2024-083
5. [24-400](#) Consider Approval of a Temporary Liquor License for Imminent Brewing, LLC for July 20, 2024 at the Tour de SAVE event in Sechler Park.
Enactment No: M2024-084
6. [24-401](#) Consider Cannabinoid License for Kwik Trip, Inc. DBA Kwik Trip #385 at 500 Laurel Court.
Enactment No: M2024-085
7. [Ord. 1062](#) Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1062 Amending Section 2-26 of City Code Relating to 2025 and 2026 Mayor and City Council Compensation.
8. [Res. 2024-061](#) Consider Resolution Extension of Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation by and Between Northfield Township and the City of Northfield.
9. [24-402](#) Consideration of Acceptance of the City of Northfield Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2023.
Enactment No: M2024-086
10. [Res. 2024-062](#) Authorizing execution of the 2025 Rice County Toward Zero Deaths Enforcement Grant
11. [Res. 2024-063](#) Consider Resolution approving renewal of Limited Use Permit (LUP) with MnDOT on Trunk Highway 3 for trail south of Cannon River.
12. [Res. 2024-064](#) Consider Resolution of Support for the Approval of National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant Application

13. [24-403](#) Consider Third Amendment to Declaration of Protective Covenants & Easements for Vermillion River Crossings (related to Northfield Hospital & Clinics Farmington Location).

Enactment No: M2024-087

14. [Res. 2024-065](#) Consider Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development PRICE Program

REGULAR AGENDA

15. [Res. 2024-066](#) Review Resolution Approving New Ice Arena Funding Partnership and Architect Contract.

Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett introduced the item giving background information on the design and funding of a new ice arena. City Administrator Ben Martig added additional information regarding Northfield School District support. Glen Switzer, Mayor of Dundas, added information regarding the partnership agreement and support the City of Dundas has committed to. Chris Kennelly, Northfield Hockey Association, spoke regarding the commitment of the Association in raising funds towards a new arena.

Bennett and Martig answered questions from the Council.

Jane Bartho, President of the Northfield Area Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council in support of the new hockey arena.

Noah Engle, 2434 Valley Drive, addressed the Council in support of the new hockey arena.

Maggie Malecha, 27266 Galaxie Avenue, 2022 Graduate of Northfield High School and Ayla Poppe, 2024 Graduate of Northfield High School, addressed the Council in support of the new hockey arena.

Jeff LaPanta, 534 Ford Street, High School Hockey Coach at Northfield High School, addressed the Council in support of the new hockey arena.

Carrie Carroll, 1701 Cannon Valley Drive, Executive Director of Northfield Shares, addressed the Council in support of the new hockey arena.

Don Pavek, 760 Indigo Lane, addressed the Council in support of the new hockey arena.

Mike Schulz, 1301 Lupine Court, addressed the Council in support of the new hockey arena.

Jeff Hasse, 808 Heywood Road, addressed the Council in support of the new hockey arena.

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Reister, to approve Resolution No. 2024-066 Approving New Ice Arena Funding Partnership and Architect Contract. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - C. Ness, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

No: 1 - C. Zuccolotto

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

16. [24-404](#) City Administrator's Update.

City Administrator Ben Martig updated the Council on City events and operations.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

C. Sokup - No report.

C. Holmes - Police Chief Meet and Greet; 3rd Thursday Event for Friends of Downtown Northfield and Riverwalk Market Fair.

C. Zuccolotto - No report.

C. Reister - Northfield Hospital Quality Committee; Age-Friendly Northfield Meeting.

C. Ness - Convention and Visitors Bureau Meeting.

C. Peterson White - No Report.

Mayor Pownell - HRA Housing Meeting; Rice County Housing Summit.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - C. Ness, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White