



City of Northfield

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Northfield, MN 55057
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Meeting Agenda

City Council

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00 PM - CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor: Zweifel

Councilmembers: Beumer, Dahlen, Holmes, Ness, Peterson White, Sokup

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Open Public Comment is intended to receive public comment on matters of City business and/or topics under the jurisdiction of the City Council. Individuals who would like to have a question addressed may write their question on the back of the comment card and an appropriate person will follow up with them at another time. If the topic relates to an item later in the agenda individuals may speak at this time if that is their preference. However, they will be unable to comment again later on the same agenda item.

Individuals who pre-registered may take one opportunity to address the Council for up to two (2) minutes. After all individuals on the sign-up list have spoken, other individuals may speak if time permits. Open Public Comment will conclude by 6:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

1. [26-105](#) Zander Abbott, President & CEO of Northfield Hospital and Clinics Update on Pending Action Related to the Purchase of 1400 Jefferson Road from Allina Health System.

Attachments: [1 - NH+C Announcement and FAQ Innovative Approach to Rural Healthcare Partnersh](#)

2. [26-106](#) Presentation on Youth First Activities

Attachments: [1 - YouthFirst update to Council](#)

3. [26-107](#) New Ice Arena Construction Progress Update.

Attachments: [1 - 20260303_Northfield City Council presentation_RJM_ML](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

The proposed consent agenda is included on the agenda and shown on the screens in the Council Chambers. The purpose of a consent agenda is to allow for routine motions, resolutions, ordinances, and items previously discussed with consensus made, to be passed with one motion. These items are still important and necessary considerations and full background memo and materials have been prepared and are publicly available on the website and in the Council Chambers. City Council Members have had the opportunity to ask questions for clarification of consent agenda items in advance of the meeting and have had the opportunity to request an item be moved to the regular agenda for further discussion.

4. [26-108](#) Consider Approval of February 17, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes.
Attachments: [1 - 02-17-26 City Council Minutes](#)

5. [26-109](#) Consider Approving Disbursements totaling \$2,308,772.07
Attachments: [1 - Disbursements](#)
 [2 - Disbursements](#)

6. [26-110](#) Approve Vehicle for Hire License Renewals.

7. [26-111](#) Approve Refuse License Renewals.
Attachments: [1 - Refuse License List.2026](#)

8. [26-112](#) Consider Approval of Liquor License Renewals.
Attachments: [1 - Liquor License List 2026](#)

9. [26-113](#) Consideration of New Liquor License for El Tequila Northfield Inc. DBA El Tequila at 1010 Highway 3 South.

10. [26-114](#) Consider a motion approving the lower-potency hemp edible retailer application for Northfield Inc. dba Downtown Tobacco, 429 S. Division Street.
Attachments: [1 - City Code Chapter 30 - Cannabis Retail Business Registration](#)

11. [26-115](#) 2025 Fourth Quarter Investment Update
Attachments: [1 - Q4 2025 INVESTMENT REPORT](#)

12. [Res. 2026-026](#) Consider Resolution Accepting Gifts Received by the City of Northfield in 2025.
Attachments: [1 - 2025 Gifts Resolution](#)
 [2 - Exhibit A-Gifts 2025](#)
 [3 - Library - 2025 FInal Gifts, Grants, Scholarships](#)
 [4 - In-kind 2025 for City of Northfield](#)

13. [Res. 2026-027](#) Resolution Proclaiming April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day in Northfield.
- Attachments:** [1 - 2026 Arbor Day Resolution](#)
14. [26-116](#) Consider Approval of MOU with Three Rivers Community
 Action/Hiawathaland Transit related to Transit Services in Northfield.
- Attachments:** [1 - MOU - Northfield 2026 v4 021726](#)
15. [26-117](#) Consider Approval of Contract for NW Area Trunk Sanitary Sewer
 Preliminary Design and Environmental Review.
- Attachments:** [1 - Bolton and Menk NW Area Trunk Sewer Extension Preliminary Design](#)
16. [26-118](#) Consider Approval of Jefferson Parkway Sandstone Street Utility Extension
 Project Change Order No. 4 - Cold Patching Winter 2025.
- Attachments:** [1 - CO 4 - Cold Patching Winter 2025](#)

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

17. [26-119](#) Reports From the Mayor and Council Members.

REGULAR AGENDA

The public will have an opportunity to address the City Council on the following regular agenda items. Individuals who pre-registered may take one opportunity to address the Council for up to two (2) minutes. After all individuals on the sign-up list have spoken, other individuals may speak. Persons must give their name and address and if representing a business must give the name of the business or corporation. If an attorney or consultant is representing a client, the client must be identified for the record.

The intent of the public comment is to receive information from the public. Individuals who would like to have a question addressed may write their question on the back of the comment card and an appropriate person will follow up with them at another time.

18. [Res. 2026-028](#) Consider Amendments to 8.06 Sustainable Building Policy.
- Attachments:** [1 - Resolution Amending 8.06 Sustainable Building Policy](#)
 [2 - 8.06 Sustainable Building Policy Amendment \(Redline\)](#)
 [3 - 8.06 Sustainable Building Policy Amendment \(Clean\)](#)
 [4 - CC SBP Presentation](#)
19. [Res. 2026-029](#) Consider Resolution Supporting County-Wide Trail Plan for Rice County.
- Attachments:** [1 - Res Supporting Rice County Trail Plan](#)
 [2 - RC Rural Parks & Trails Plan V2a](#)
 [3 - RC Rural Parks & Trails Plan V2b](#)
 [3 - RC Rural Parks & Trails Plan V2c](#)

20. [26-120](#) Review and Discuss Local Option Sales Tax - Riverfront Park Projects
 Scoping and Related Topics.

Attachments: [1 - Resolution 2026-015](#)

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

21. [26-121](#) City Administrator's Update.

Attachments: [1 - Upcoming Council Agenda Items \(02-27-26\)](#)

ADJOURN

Note: The City Council may take a five minute break during the meeting. All regular City Council meetings end at 9:00 pm unless a simple (4/7) majority of the City Council vote to extend the time.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you require special services to attend or participate in a public meeting, please call the City's Administration Office at (507) 645-3001 or e-mail Lynette Peterson, City Clerk, at lynette.peterson@northfieldmn.gov. TDD users can call (507) 645-3030. Please call at least 24 hours before the meeting, if possible.