



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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 6:01 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: Assistant to the City Administrator Risi Karim; Community Development Director Jake Reilly; Finance Director Brenda Angelstad; Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett; City Administrator Ben Martig; Library Director Natalie Draper and City Clerk Lynette Peterson.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [25-267](#) Strategic Plan Review of Strategic Priorities, Outcomes, Key Outcome Indicators (KOIs), Targets and Strategic Initiatives.

City Administrator Ben Martig introduced the item introducing Craig Rapp, Strategic Plan Consultant with Rapp Consulting Group.

Council Member Sokup joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Rapp reviewed the 4 strategic priorities to include Improve Financial Strength; Increase Housing Availability; Achieve Infrastructure Sustainability; and Enhance Service Delivery. Rapp summarized desired outcomes; key outcome indicators; targets and strategic initiatives.

Council discussed the current strategic plan making suggestions for amendments and wording to the plan.

Martig, Rapp, Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett, and Community Development Director Jake Reilly answered questions from the Council.

2. [25-268](#) Discussion of Potential Changes to Percent for the Arts Ordinance.

Library Director Natalie Draper introduced the item along with Paula Granquist, Chair from the Arts and Culture Commission. Martha Anderson, Arts and Culture Commission Member, was also present to answer questions. Draper gave background information on

the program. Granquist added additional information. Draper reviewed past years of the 1% for the Arts program. City Administrator Ben Martig added additional information.

Draper reviewed options for discussion for the 1% for the Arts program. Community Development Director Jake Reilly added additional information regarding the ordinance.

The Council discussed goals and changes to the ordinance.

RECESS

Council recessed at 8:17 p.m. Council meeting resumed at 8:23 p.m.

3. [25-269](#)

Discussion of Potential 2026 State Capital Bond Local Project Requests and Preliminary Budget Review and Discussion.

City Administrator Ben Martig introduced the item giving background on the State Capital Bonding local project requests and the process for the requests. Requests are due to the State by June 13. Martig reviewed some possible projects to submit. Approval of the submission will be on the June 3 council meeting.

The Council gave staff direction on projects to submit. Martig answered questions from the Council.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 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