



City of Northfield

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Northfield, MN 55057
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Meeting Agenda

City Council

Tuesday, January 20, 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. [26-043](#) Oath of Office Ceremony for Northfield Police Department Officer Fernando Sanchez-Elloza.

Attachments: [1 - Oath of Office - Police Officer](#)

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.

2. [26-044](#) Consider Approval of January 6, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Attachments: [1 - 01-06-26 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

3. [26-045](#) Consider Approval of January 13, 2026 City Council Work Session Minutes.

Attachments: [1 - 01-13-26 Council Work Session Minutes](#)

4. [26-046](#) Consider Approving Disbursements totaling \$4,024,870.88

Attachments: [1 - Disbursements](#)
 [2 - Disbursements](#)
 [3 - Disbursements](#)

5. [Res. 2026-013](#) Consider Adopting Amended Schedule for 2026 City Council Meetings.

Attachments: [1 - Resolution Setting Amended Council Dates 2026](#)
 [2 - 2026 Amended Council Schedule](#)
 [3 - MN SOS Precinct Caucuses link](#)
 [4 - MN Statute 202A.19 link](#)

6. [26-047](#) Consider Approval of Mayoral Board and Commission Appointments.

7. [26-048](#) Consider Approval of Amended 2025-2027 Annual Service Contract for Northfield Historical Society.

Attachments: [1 - Northfield History Center 2025-2027 Agreement AMENDED V. 2 REDLINE](#)
 [2 - Northfield History Center 2025-2027 Agreement AMENDED V. 2 CLEAN](#)

8. [Res. 2026-014](#) Approve application for premises permit for the Waterford Warriors Snowmobile Club at Applebee's.

Attachments: [1 - Premises permit resolution](#)

9. [26-049](#) Consideration of a Capital Membership Agreement with the City of Lakeville for Use of the FiRST Center Public Safety Training Facility

Attachments: [1 - FiRST Center Contract 120525](#)

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

10. [26-050](#) 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.

11. [26-051](#) Consider Motion Approving the Plans and Specifications for the Dresden Hill Park Playground Improvements and Authorize Bids.

Attachments: [1 - FOR APPROVAL - Dresden Hill Playground Approval Plan.pdf](#)
 [2 - PRESENTATION Dresden Hill Playground Improvement](#)

12. [26-052](#) Consider Approving the Plans and Specifications for the Central Park Playground Improvement Site Improvements and Authorize Bids.

Attachments: [1 - FOR APPROVAL - Central Playground Approval Plan](#)
 [2 - PRESENTATION Northfield Central Park Playground Improvment](#)
 [3 - HPC Resolution 2026-001_COA](#)

13. [Res. 2026-015](#) Consider Resolution Supporting the Authority to Impose a Local Sales Tax to Fund Specific Capital Improvements Providing Regional Benefit, to Establish the Duration of the Tax and the Revenue to be Raised by the Tax, and to Authorize the City to Issue Bonds Supported by the Sales Tax Revenue.

Attachments: [1 - RESOLUTION Requesting Local Sales Tax](#)
 [2 - PRESENTATION Local Option Sales Tax](#)

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

14. [26-053](#) City Administrator's Update.

Attachments: [1 - Rice County Transportation](#)
 [2 - Upcoming Council Agenda Items \(01-16-26\)](#)

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.