



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

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: Utilities Manager Justin Wagner, Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett, Community Development Director Scott Wopata, Police Chief Jeff Schroefer, City Administrator Ben Martig and City Clerk Lynette Peterson.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [26-250](#) Review Northfield Community Resource Center Financial Review and Related Leases.

Council Member Peterson White joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Community Development Director Scott Wopata gave background on the item. Wopata's presentation included goals of the NCRC, isolating variables, sustainable financial model and change process.

Wopata answered questions from the Council. Council provided feedback. City Administrator Ben Martig added additional comments.

RECESS

Council recessed at 7:09 p.m. Council meeting resumed at 7:18 p.m.

2. [26-251](#) Review Central Business District Existing Short Term Parking Regulations and Potential Changes.

Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett gave background information on short-term parking regulations and potential changes. Council provided feedback on locations for 20 minute parking in the downtown along with accessible parking. Council indicated support for adding short-term parking on both sides of each street block. In addition, Council indicated a preference for added ADA parking.

City Administrator Ben Martig added additional information.

3. [26-252](#) Discuss Winter Parking Rules and Overnight 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. November 15 to March 15 Winter On-Street Parking Ban.

Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett gave background on winter parking rules and overnight 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. parking from November 15 to March 15 winter on-street parking ban.

Council provided feedback on winter parking and lifting the winter parking ban. Council indicated to provide resolution with college student parking, such as residential parking permits, before lifting the winter parking ban. Police Chief Jeff Schroepfer added additional feedback. Bennett answered questions from the Council.

4. [26-253](#) Discussion of Utility Rates for 2027, 5-Year Utility Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Capital Equipment Plan (CEP) 2027-2031.

Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett introduced the item giving background on the Water Fund, Wastewater Fund, Storm Water Fund and Garbage Fund. Utilities Manager Justin Wagner provided additional information. Council gave input regarding the funds.

EXTEND THE MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member Beumer, seconded by Council Member Peterson White, to extend the meeting until business is complete. 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

- [26-253](#) Discussion of Utility Rates for 2027, 5-Year Utility Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Capital Equipment Plan (CEP) 2027-2031.

The Council provided additional feedback on this item.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Beumer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 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