



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00 PM - CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zweifel called the meeting to order at 6:02 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: Police Chief Jeff Schroepfer, Facilities Manager Jayson Dwelle, Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett, City Administrator Ben Martig and City Clerk Lynette Peterson.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Anne Gothmann, 913 Heywood Road, addressed the Council regarding public drinking water and in support of water treatment plant option 4.

Natalie Madow, 1901 Lincoln Street S., addressed the Council regarding drinking water in Northfield in support of the water treatment plant.

Melissa Eblen-Zayas, 1509 Cannon Valley Drive, addressed the Council in support of building the water treatment plant.

Randolph Jennings, 900 Union Street, addressed the Council regarding budget planning for 2026-2027.

Lily Tharp, 910 2nd Street W., addressed the Council in support of building the water treatment plant.

Howard White, 762 Sibley Drive, addressed the Council regarding federal funding.

Sheryl Kasper, 1208 Superior Drive, addressed the Council opposed to the water treatment plant.

Scott Schiesser, 1108 Winona Street, addressed the Council regarding safe drinking water in Northfield and soft water.

Lei Yang, 731 Sibley Drive, addressed the Council in support of the water treatment plant.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Beumer, to approve the agenda. 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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Sokup, to approve the Consent Agenda. 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

1. [25-087](#) Consider Approval of February 4, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.
2. [25-088](#) Consider Approval of February 11, 2025 City Council Work Session Minutes.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

3. [25-089](#) Consider Approving Disbursements totaling \$2,167,583.86
Enactment No: M2025-019
4. [Res. 2025-020](#) Consider Resolution Approving Updated Annexation Policy 1.11.
5. [Res. 2025-021](#) Resolution of Support for the Approval of Minnesota Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects to Support Community Revitalization, Connectedness and Equity by Promoting Education, Work and Health Grant Application
6. [Res. 2025-022](#) Consideration of Approval of Certified Local Government Grant from State Historic Preservation Office for an Updated Preservation Plan
7. [25-090](#) Consider Approving Application for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Grant for Stormwater Resilience.
Enactment No: M2025-020
8. [25-091](#) Consideration of a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement with KT Real Estate Holdings LLC.
Enactment No: M2025-021
9. [25-092](#) Consideration of a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement with Schmidt Homes, Inc., Armstrong Business Condos Association, and Born To Run Enterprises, Inc.
Enactment No: M2025-022

10. [25-093](#) Consideration of a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement with DIVOCSG 17 LLC.
Enactment No: M2025-023
11. [25-094](#) Consideration of a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement with MN CSG 2019-77 LLC.
Enactment No: M2025-024
12. [Res. 2025-023](#) Consider Resolution Accepting Public Improvements and Approving Final Payment for the 2024 TH 246 East Side Trail Project (STRT2024-A79).
13. [Res. 2025-024](#) Consider Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Order Advertisement for Bids for the 2025 Reclamation and Overlay Project (STRT2025-A80).

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

14. [25-095](#) Reports From the Mayor and Council Members.

Councilor Ness - NAFRS budget forecast, Age-Friendly Northfield Meeting, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting.

Councilor Peterson White - Mayor's Youth Council Brunch, Three Rivers Hiawathaland Transit Meeting.

Councilor Sokup - Mayor's Youth Council Brunch, HRA Meeting.

Councilor Holmes - Public Finance Workshop by Ehlers.

Councilor Dahlen - Finance Committee Meeting next week.

Councilor Beumer - Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Brunch.

Mayor Zweifel - Mayor's Youth Council Brunch, Mayor's Youth and All Boards/Commission Meeting, EQC Work Plan.

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

15. [25-096](#) City Administrator's Update.

City Administrator Ben Martig gave an update on the water treatment plant options and issues resulting from federal executive orders.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Sokup, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 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