



# City of Northfield

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## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

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Tuesday, March 2, 2021

6:00 PM

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### 6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Pownell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.*

**Present:** 7 - Council Member Clarice Grabau, Council Member Suzie Nakasian, Council Member Brad Ness, Council Member Jessica Peterson White, Mayor Rhonda Pownell, Council Member Jami Reister, and Council Member George Zuccolotto

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Mayor Pownell noted additional information included in Supplemental Agenda Background Memorandums No. 1, 2 and 3.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Nakasian, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, and C. Zuccolotto

1. [21-126](#) Information on How to Provide Public Input and Watch the Meeting During the Pandemic.

### PRESENTATIONS

2. [21-127](#) Presentation of Northfield Hospital and Clinics City Council Update on Strategic Plan.

*City Administrator Martig introduced the item. Steve Underdahl, CEO of Northfield Hospitals and Clinics, presented information related to their strategic plan including their mission and vision. Mr. Underdahl answered questions from the Council.*

3. [21-128](#) Presentation of Defeat of Jesse James Days Committee.

*City Administrator Martig introduced the item. Lisa Peterson, Galen Malecha, Rebecca Peterson and Tim Freeland from the Defeat of Jesse James Days Committee presented the history of the festival and gave an update on the festival and organizations they impact. The Committee answered questions from the Council.*

### CONSENT AGENDA

*City Administrator Martig introduced the consent agenda.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Peterson White, seconded by Council Member Ness, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, and C. Zuccolotto

4. [21-129](#) Consider Approval of February 16, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes.
5. [Ord. 1022](#) Consideration of Ordinance Amendment 1% for the Arts for Capital Projects.
6. [Res. 2021-019](#) Consider Resolution Accepting Public Improvements and Approving Final Payment for the 2018 Spring Creek Bridge L2765 Replacement Project (STRT2018-A39).
7. [Res. 2021-020](#) Consider resolution regarding Xcel Energy Integrated Resource Plan.
8. [21-139](#) Consider Resolution Approving City/Hospital Governance "Playbook."  
Enactment No: M2021-025
9. [21-130](#) Consider Approval of Liquor License Renewals.  
Enactment No: M2021-026
10. [21-131](#) Consider Approving Disbursements totaling \$1,043,996.74  
Enactment No: M2021-027
11. [Res. 2021-022](#) Consider Resolution Approving a Budget Amendment to Waive Renewal Liquor License Fees for 2021 for On-Sale Intoxicating, On-Sale Wine/3.2% Malt Liquor, Club, Taproom, Cocktail Room, Sunday and Off-Sale 3.2 Licenses, Renewal Background Check Fees and Rice County Certification Fees.
12. [21-132](#) Consider Community Event In-Kind Grant Support.  
Enactment No: M2021-028
13. [21-133](#) Consider Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 1022 Amendment 1% for the Arts.  
Enactment No: M2021-029

## OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

*None.*

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTION

14. [21-134](#) Public Hearing for Public Input on Police Body Worn Camera Program and Equipment Purchase.

*eComments were received for this item.*

*Mayor Pownell declared the Public Hearing open at 7:16 p.m.*

*Police Chief Elliott introduced the item and presented an overview of the Police Body Worn Camera Program. Adrienne Falcon, 708 Winona Street, questioned the use of body cameras during traffic stops and expressed support for the purchase of cameras. Chief Elliott answered questions from the Council.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Peterson White, to close the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, and C. Zuccolotto

- 15. [21-135](#)** Consideration of Authorization of Police Body Worn Camera Program and Equipment Purchase.

*Police Chief Elliott introduced the item. The Council commented on the item and Elliott answered questions from the Council.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Nakasian to move forward with authorization of Police Body Worn Camera and Equipment Purchase. Council Member Nakasian withdrew the motion. A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Peterson White to approve Alternative Option A to approve purchase of body worn camera system and implementation. Council Member Ness amended the motion to approve the purchase of police body worn camera system and implementation within the budget adopted by the City Council of \$125,000. After discussion of the cost of purchase, Council Member Ness withdrew the motion until more solid purchase price numbers are received.**

Enactment No: M2021-030

## Recess

*Council recessed at 7:56 p.m. Council meeting resumed at 8:01 p.m.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

- 16. [21-136](#)** Consider Approval of Design Agreement for Public Infrastructure with Bluffview First Addition.

*City Engineer/Public Works Director Bennett and Community Development Director Baker gave an overview of the project. Bennett and Baker answered questions from the Council.*

Enactment No: M2021-031

**A motion was made by Council Member Grabau, seconded by Council Member Peterson White, to extend the meeting to finish the current Item 16 - Consider Approval of Design Agreement for Public Infrastructure with Bluffview First Addition and Item 17 - Res. 2021-023 Consider Resolution of Support for the Clean Cars Minnesota Rulemaking. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, and C. Zuccolotto

Enactment No: M2021-031

**A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Mayor Pownell, to approve the design agreement for public infrastructure with Bluffview First Addition. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, and C. Zuccolotto

Enactment No: M2021-031

17. [Res. 2021-023](#) Consider resolution of support for the Clean Cars Minnesota rulemaking.

*Program Coordinator Beth Kallestad introduced the item and presented an overview of the Clean Cars Minnesota ruling. Kallestad answered questions from the Council.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Nakasian, seconded by Council Member Peterson White, to approve Resolution No. 2021-023 Resolution of Support for MPCA Clean Cars Rulemaking. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Peterson White, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, and C. Zuccolotto

**No:** 1 - C. Ness

18. [21-137](#) Presentation of Strategic Plan (2018-2020) Report.

*Due to time constraints, this item was not addressed at this meeting.*

## ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

19. [21-138](#) City Administrator's Update.

*City Administrator Martig gave an update on City operations and developments.*

## REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

*Due to time constraints, no reports were given.*

## ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Nakasian, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, and C. Zuccolotto