



## MINUTES

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Caceres Aranda, Sutton

Absent:

Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Chase Peterson-Etem, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk; Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator; Matt Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager

### MICROPHONE CHECK

### OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

### APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 17, 2026, MEETING AGENDA

City Clerk Peterson-Etem noted two additions to the agenda for tonight.

1. Addition of Consent Item 6I, License List.
2. Addition to Other Business Item 11A, Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the March 17, 2026, City Council agenda, as amended.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

- A. Approve City Council Meeting minutes from March 3, 2026
- B. Approve City Council Work Session Meeting minutes from February 10, 2026
- C. Approve City Council Town Hall Meeting minutes from February 23, 2026
- D. Appointment of Commissioner to Bassett Creek Watershed Commission
- E. Authorize City Manager to Execute Organized Labor Agreement
- F. Authorize City Manager to Execute Organized Labor Agreement
- G. MN Human Services Innovation Grant

## H. City Council Review of Body Worn Camera and Automatic License Plate Reader Systems Audit

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### A. SolSmart Gold Award

Sustainability Coordinator Kirtz noted the City received the Gold designation from the SolSmart program and discussed what SolSmart is and why the City was chosen to receive the award.

Mayor Sutton congratulated the Staff on the award.

#### B. 2025 Sustainability Annual Report

Kirtz provided an overview of the 2025 milestones, achievements, and project updates.

Mayor Sutton asked about the installation cost and ongoing operational costs for the charging station. Kirtz stated the installation cost was covered by Xcel Energy, other than minimal Staff time, and the ongoing operational costs are variable, but noted the City pays an annual maintenance fee that she can't recall.

Mayor Sutton asked if the charging station generates more money than the overall cost. Kirtz responded affirmatively.

Member Parisian thanked Kirtz for the presentation and the two-page insert and noted how impressive the 2025 year in review was. She also asked Kirtz to share with the community how they can get involved with the Sustainability Committee. Kirtz stated that the Sustainability Committee is open to the public and meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. She noted they are almost always accepting members, and residents can contact her with a brief statement of interest.

Member Greenberg expressed his appreciation for all the work Kirtz has completed related to grant applications and making the environment better for all.

Member Blackledge recognized the native planting installation at the City Hall, which was also grant-funded.

#### C. 2025 Recreation Annual Report

Recreation Services Manager Bazyk discussed department updates, programs and partnerships, events, ongoing projects, parks master plan utilization, and Sanborn Park updates. He also highlighted program and participant numbers.

Member Parisian highlighted projects that stood out to her, the increase in programming numbers, and upcoming programs. She asked Bazyk if there were any upcoming programs he wanted to highlight or if he wanted to expand on any of the programs she noted. Bazyk further highlighted the ultimate frisbee program and the girls' focused sports grant the City received, and the City's efforts to increase girls' participation in recreational activities.

Member Blackledge commented that the pump track sounds awesome and encouraged residents to look in the Recreation Review for information on all the programs offered.

Bazyk noted that the Parks and Recreation Department is focused on offering different experiences at each park and being intentional in sharing the high-quality programming offered within the City.

Member Greenberg discussed the great services residents are offered through Parks and Recreation and acknowledged the effort of the department.

Member Caceres Aranda voiced his appreciation for the focus on sustainability.

Mayor Sutton thanked Bazyk for his work.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### A. Conditional Retail Cannabis Business Registration for Hold My Beer, MN, LLC, dba Hold my Beer

Sandvik introduced the item and discussed zoning, the license and registration process, and Staff recommendations.

Member Greenberg asked for clarity regarding the name of the business. Sandvik stated the attorney may be able to offer more clarity.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to open the public hearing. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Attorney Tarasek, representing the applicant, stated that he does not know what the name of the business will be, but noted that they do satisfy all zoning requirements.

Member Parisian asked if there will be an opportunity in the future to hear from the applicant on why they are choosing Robbinsdale. Attorney Tarasek stated he would be happy to arrange a meeting and noted the applicants are a husband and wife team.

Andy Stallman, commercial real estate agent for applicant, noted he has worked with the applicant on numerous other occasions and stated they are respectable individuals. Further, he noted that the shop will be classy, clean, and quiet.

Scott Barwell, owner of the property, offered a word of support for the applicant and thanked Robbinsdale for their past partnership.

Mayor Sutton commented on the importance of light pollution.

Andy Stallman, stated the applicant expects approximately 100-200 people per day, noted two potential name options, and described the typical clientele as individuals over the age of 55.

Member Caceres Aranda discussed out-of-state businesses coming in and paving the way, but stated that his hope is for Minnesota to grow in this arena. He stated that he would like to meet the owners.

Member Blackledge stated that he was happy to hear about the positive relationship with Marnas.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to approve the Conditional Retail Cannabis Business Registration for Hold My Beer MN, LLC, dba Hold my Beer. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Second Reading of An Ordinance Relating to Administration and Employee Authority In Immigration Matters

Sandvik discussed the background of the item and the Staff's recommendation.

Member Parisian stated what she believes this Ordinance accomplishes, thanked Residents for their engagement, thanked Staff for their work in creating the Ordinance, and thanked her colleagues for their respectful dialogue and input to reach this point.

Council Member Greenberg initially raised concerns about potential risks to the City. However, as the process unfolded, he became more comfortable. He emphasized that the amendments were not intended to punish or create fear, and credited City Staff with helping build confidence through a consensus-driven approach. Although he began with reservations, he ultimately expressed support and pride in the City's level of community engagement.

Member Caceres Aranda expressed his support for the Ordinance and voiced admiration for the extent of resident engagement.

Member Blackledge echoed sentiments shared by fellow Council Members and thanked Member Parisian for pushing for the additional language.

Mayor Sutton reflected on the fact that other cities that passed similar Ordinances did not prevent earlier issues involving metro surge. He also noted that City Staff had identified potential legal risks and associated costs, which would ultimately fall on taxpayers. This concern weighed heavily on him, particularly recalling residents in December who expressed, with visible emotion, that they felt taxed out of their homes. He added that the Police Chief had already publicly stated that the police department would not enforce federal immigration law, and that no City Ordinance could prevent federal enforcement actions. As a result, the ordinance felt largely performative to him. He then referenced a 2024 municipal consent vote, where residents had overwhelmingly urged the council to vote no, but the council voted yes. He noted that this action has continued to trouble him as a matter of representation. In contrast, he noted that on this ordinance, residents had clearly expressed support. Based on that, he stated he would listen to constituents and vote in favor of the Separation Ordinance.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 26-02, AN ORDINANCE ADDING NEW LANGUAGE TO CHAPTER 3, SECTION 330, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION AND EMPLOYEE AUTHORITY IN IMMIGRATION MATTERS, as amended to include a correction of language in section 330.01 from LGBTQ+ to LGBTQIA2S+. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Caceres Aranda, to approve voucher disbursement requests for the period ending March 17, 2026. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Sandvik noted the City is hiring seasonal employees, noted the start of the annual tree sale and native plant sale, discussed upcoming events, encouraged residents to check out the recreation brochure, and discussed legislative updates.

**COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Member Blackledge encouraged people to say hi to their neighbors and reminded residents of all of the new spring activities starting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Caceres Aranda MOVED, seconded by Parisian to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Signed by:



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Chase Peterson-Em, City Clerk

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Bradley Sutton, Mayor