

AGENDA

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Caceres Aranda, Mayor Sutton
3. DISCUSSION
 - A. 2027 Budget - Discussion
 - B. Sustainability Committee Update
4. STAFF UPDATES
 - A. City Flag Update
 - B. Updates to Public Purpose Expenditure Policy
 - C. HRC Vacancies
5. COUNCIL UPDATES
 - A. Resolution of Recognition — Senator Rest (Greenberg)
 - B. Town Hall Follow Up
 - C. Future Item - Rental Property Discussion
6. ADJOURNMENT



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: June 9, 2026
RE: 2027 Budget - Discussion

Background:

At the May 12th, 2026 City Council Work Session, staff asked the Council come to the June Work Session prepared to discuss priorities for the 2027 budget. Priorities may include service levels in areas, growth or reduction in areas/departments, or solely focused on minimizing levy increases to sustain current models.

Analysis:

As a reminder, the comprehensive budget is made up of a few areas

- Operating Budget — largely made up of general levy
 - Personnel and day to day operations
 - Heavily reliant on Local Government Aid (LGA) and Fiscal Disparities
 - Debt Servicing part of annual budget, includes repayment of bonds and other loans
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - 10 year forecast, approved in December
 - Covers capital from rolling stock to infrastructure to facilities
- Utility rates
 - These funds are directly reinvested in water, storm, and sewer infrastructure
 - Water rate study forth coming - will be discussed in fall with (2027) rate setting in December

As we are starting to get information to piece our 2027 Budget together, staff would like to provide a quick review on the process, and take feedback from Council as a DRAFT 2027 Budget is put together.

Recommendation:

No formal action is being requested

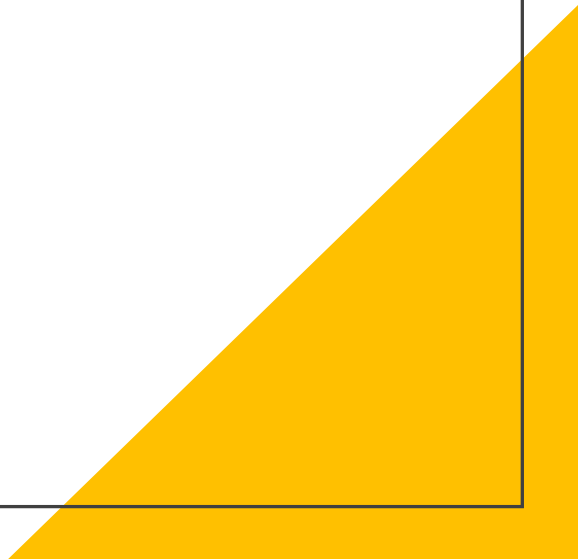
Attachments:

1. Budget intro slides



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2027 Budget
June Discussion



Outside Agencies, Influence

- Opportunities
 - Federal/State Agencies
- Local Jurisdictions
 - County, School District
- Outside revenue
 - LGA, Fiscal Disparities



Operations, Debt Servicing, Future Bonding

- Operations
 - 2027 Salaries/Benefits, day to day...
- Debt Servicing
 - Current and Future Obligations
- Bonding Obligations
 - Current, Future



One-time Requests



New Staff Requests



Facility Improvements

Public Safety

Public Works

Civic Campus

Future Requests, Outlook

- Major Capital Projects
- 10-year Capital Improvement Plan
- Utility Rates, infrastructure





Thank you!



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY:
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: June 9, 2026
RE: Sustainability Committee Update

Background:

At the May 12, 2026 City Council Work Session, staff recommended that Council create formal language to guide the Sustainability Committee.

Analysis:

As the Sustainability Committee is nearing two years of operating, staff supports capturing formal language outlining expectations (DRAFT language attached).

Staff will walk through the item, and with Council support, bring it to a future Council meeting for formal adoption by resolution.

Recommendation:

No formal action is being requested at this time.

Attachments:

1. Sus Comm DRAFT

Membership Qualifications

The Sustainability Committee shall consist of no more than 11 members and include one member from each ward. Youth Committee member(s) may be considered non-voting members. All members must be formally approved by City Council action, and require a four-fifths vote. Members serve without compensation.

Terms

Members shall serve on the committee for no more than two years, with all terms expiring December 31st of even numbered years. A Committee member may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the City Council. Members may not vote on a matter in which the member is directly or indirectly interested.

Meeting Procedures

The Committee shall attempt to hold at least one meeting each month. The Committee shall designate a Chair, and Co-Chair; primary responsibilities of the Chair (or Co-Chair in their absence) is to efficiently run Committee meetings. Committee meetings shall follow meeting rules as adopted by the City Council. Formal actions, including motions and votes must be captured in meeting minutes. Meeting minutes shall be approved by the Committee at the following meeting, and submitted to the City Council to be formally accepted.

At least annually, the Committee shall formally present findings and recommendations to the City Council. Meeting operations shall follow all applicable laws, including Minnesota Open Meeting Law, including, but not limited Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13D.

Meeting Agendas shall include:

- Roll Call
- Consideration of Minutes
- New Business
- Old Business
- Information Only
- Requests for upcoming meetings
- Adjournment

Duties

The Sustainability Committee shall study, investigate, and make recommendations to the City Council on matters that relate to sustainable use and management of environmental resources that may include air, water, energy, land, and ecological resources. The Committee shall act as Sustainability ambassadors to the Robbinsdale community through events and general stewardship. The Committee serves in an advisory capacity.





TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Rachel Leen, Communications Coordinator
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: June 9, 2026
RE: City Flag Update

Background:

In 2024, City staff implemented a refresh of the City’s visual brand standards, including updated logos, official colors, fonts, and templates. The refresh addressed outdated and inconsistently applied graphic standards, low-quality logo files, and the lack of a unified visual identity across City materials. Accessibility considerations were also incorporated to ensure City colors met contrast and readability standards.

Analysis:

When the branding refresh was implemented, staff communicated that updates to City assets would occur over time rather than all at once. Many City assets displaying the logo, such as vehicles and signs, are replaced on varying schedules and are updated to current branding standards when replacement is necessary.

The City flag is one such item. Due to normal wear and exposure to the elements, the City flags flying at City facilities have reached the point where replacement is needed. The current flag features the previous City logo and color palette. Staff have worked with a vendor to develop an updated flag design that incorporates the City's adopted branding standards while maintaining a similar look and feel to the existing flag. Updating the flag design as part of the replacement process allows the City to continue implementing the adopted branding standards without incurring costs associated with replacing assets before the end of their useful life.

Recommendation:

Staff will present the proposed City flag design to the City Council.

Attachments:

None



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: June 9, 2026
RE: Updates to Public Purpose Expenditure Policy

Background:

The City utilizes an "Employee, Commission, Committee, and Volunteer Public Purpose Expenditure Policy", that provides explicit guidelines for a variety of expenses. Things like recognition, the annual staff lunch, and staff clothing have very defined parameters, for good reason.

Analysis:

The policy hasn't been updated since 2014, and with the City Manager's continued advocacy for staff and volunteer recognition, language updates are forthcoming.

Staff will highlight a few examples, with the goal to update the policy at a future City Council meeting.

Recommendation:

No formal action is required.

Attachments:

None



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: June 9, 2026
RE: Resolution of Recognition — Senator Rest (Greenberg)

Background:

The League of Women Voters have requested formal recognition of Sen Rest, who has served as a long-time LWV member as well. Formal letter, below.

Analysis:

Dear Robbinsdale City Council Members and Mayor Sutton,

My name is Jodi Voelker, a Robbinsdale resident and member of the Crystal, New Hope, Robbinsdale, and East Plymouth League of Women Voters.

I am writing to respectfully request that the City of Robbinsdale issue a proclamation recognizing Senator Ann Rest for her more than 40 years of dedicated public service. Senator Rest is a longtime member of the League of Women Voters, and our chapter will be honoring her on July 16, 2026 meeting. We are hopeful that each of the four cities she has represented will join us in recognizing her remarkable contributions through an official proclamation.

Senator Rest was first elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1984, where she served eight terms before being elected to the Minnesota Senate in 2000. In 2002, her colleagues elected her Assistant Majority Leader. Throughout her Senate career, she has held numerous leadership positions, including her appointment as Senate President Pro Tempore in 2013, a position she continues to hold today. Following the 2022 election, Senator Rest announced that her current term would be her last, honoring a commitment she made to her family.

Her district has included the communities of Crystal, Golden Valley, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, and her longtime home of New Hope. She is widely known and respected for her accessibility and frequent listening sessions with constituents.

Senator Rest has made history throughout her legislative career. In 2023, she became the first and only Minnesota legislator to chair the Taxes Committees in both the House and Senate. As Chair of the Senate Taxes Committee, she served as the chief Senate author of the largest tax relief package in Minnesota history. The legislation provided:

- *\$1 billion in tax rebates for Minnesotans*
- *A \$1.24 billion reduction in Social Security taxes*
- *More than \$2 billion for child tax credits and childcare cost relief*

- *Funding to help local governments limit property tax increases*
- *\$300 million to strengthen public safety in communities across Minnesota*

In 2024, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy ranked Minnesota's tax system as the fairest in the nation.

In addition to leading the Taxes Committee, Senator Rest serves as Vice Chair of the Rules and Administration Committee, is a member of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee, and currently chairs the Legislative Audit Commission, a role she has held multiple times during her career.

Senator Rest's colleagues have consistently praised her leadership, integrity, and dedication to public service. Senate Majority Leader Erin Murphy described her as "one of the giants in the Minnesota Legislature," noting her commitment to collaboration, mentorship, and creating a more equitable tax system. Senator John Hoffman likewise recognized her as a trailblazer whose leadership, advocacy, and friendship have left a lasting impact on Minnesota and the people she has served.

A native of Norfolk, Virginia, Senator Rest has called Crystal and New Hope home since 1970. Her daughter, Susan, and family reside in Woodbury.

Given Senator Rest's extraordinary contributions to our community and state, I respectfully ask the City of Robbinsdale to consider issuing a proclamation honoring her decades of distinguished service.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Jodi Voelker

Recommendation:

Provide staff direction on potential next steps.

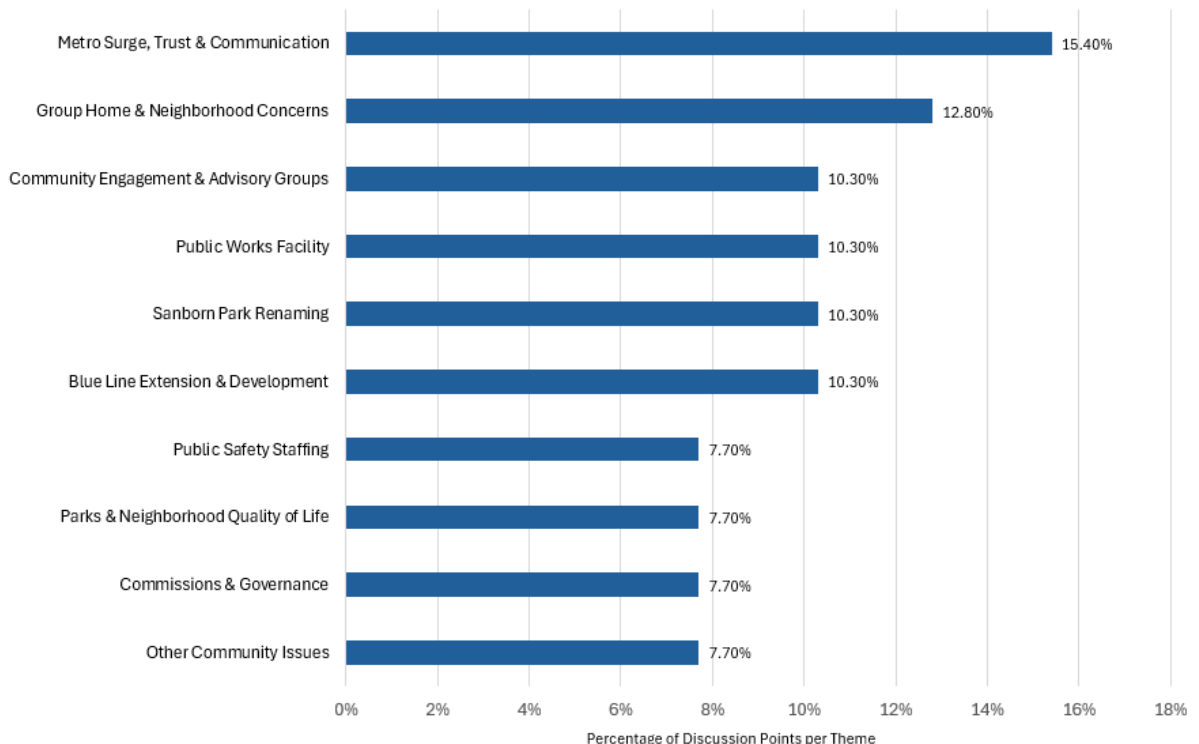
Attachments:

None

Top Themes of May 18, 2026, Town Hall Meeting — using 39 discussion points:

- **Community trust, communication, and Metro Surge impacts** — Residents discussed lingering impacts of Metro Surge, including concerns about trust, transparency, and communication among government, law enforcement, and the community.
- **Congregate care home concerns (3940 46th Ave. N.)** — Residents raised issues related to public safety, property maintenance, noise, and overall quality-of-life impacts.
- **Expanded community engagement opportunities** — Participants supported increased involvement through commissions, advisory groups, community conversations, and programs like Coffee with a Cop.
- **Public safety staffing and support** — Residents asked about police and fire staffing levels and recruitment.
- **Proposed Public Works facility** — Residents requested information on need, costs, and next steps.
- **Sanborn Park renaming process** — Residents discussed survey feedback and naming options.
- **Blue Line Extension and development** — Residents requested updates on the transit project and related redevelopment opportunities.
- **Neighborhood and park quality-of-life concerns** — Residents raised issues including traffic safety, speeding, noise, large gatherings, and parking congestion.
- **City commissions and governance transparency** — Residents asked about commission roles, staff support, and how recommendations inform Council decisions.

Percentage of Topics Discussed - Town Hall (May 18, 2026)



TO: Mayor and City Council
 PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
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 RE: Future Item - Rental Property Discussion

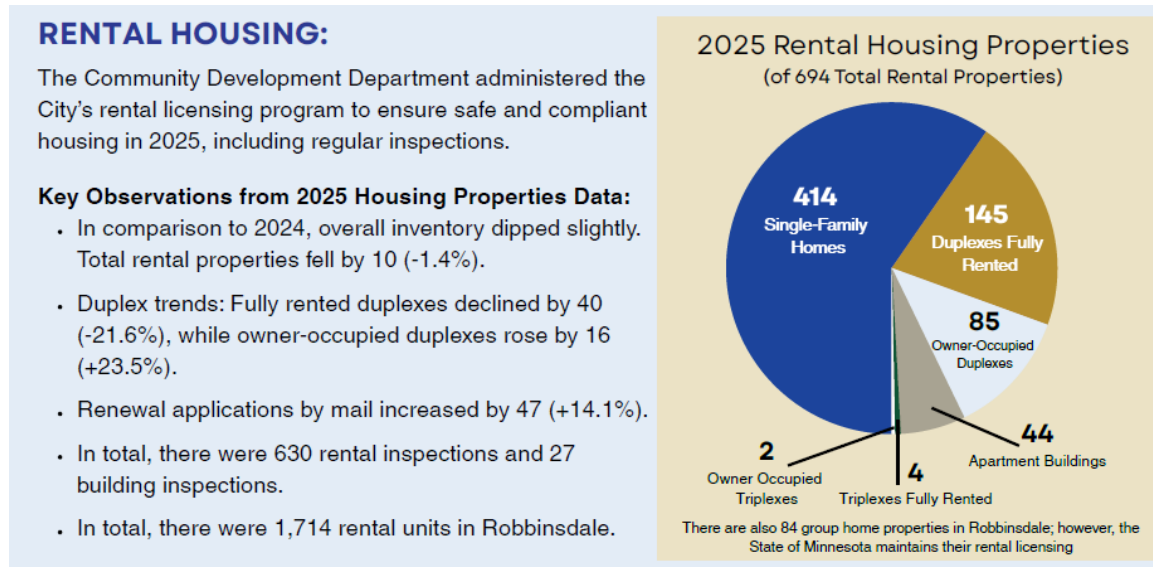
Background:

At the June 2nd, 2026, City Council meeting, following resident testimony, Council requested a future discussion on rental properties.

Analysis:

Some high level considerations - In 2025:

- 694 licensed rental properties (two year licenses, license required by City Code)
 - 1,714 rental units
- 630 rental inspections, 27 building inspections
- Landlord Training required (offered quarterly)



Recommendation:

NA

Attachments:

None