

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL: Hansen, Hanelitz, Hart, Heid, Larson, Lincoln, Lyng, Myrfield, Pendaz-Foster, Myers, Sande
 - A. Roundtable Introductions (15 minutes)
2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
 - A. May 20th, 2026 Meeting Minutes
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Whiz Bang Days Volunteering (10 minutes)
 - B. Draft Sustainability Committee Policies and Procedures (10 minutes)
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. City Council Top Priorities (45 minutes)
 - B. Franchise Fees (45 minutes)
5. INFORMATION ONLY
 - A. Topics for Next Meeting?
6. ADJOURNMENT



TO: Sustainability Committee
PREPARED BY: Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: June 17, 2026
RE: Roundtable Introductions (15 minutes)

Background:

Committee members expressed interest in dedicating time during a meeting to getting to know each other.

Analysis:

Recommendation:

Go around the table, introduce yourselves, and answer the following prompts:

1. What is one activity or hobby you like to do outside of work+volunteering?
2. What motivated you to get involved with the Sustainability Committee?

The prompts are intended to serve as guiding questions but feel free to share anything about yourselves that you think would be relevant to the group.

Attachments:

None

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Hanelitz, Hart, Heid, Larson, Lyng, Myers, Myrfield, Sande, Pendaz-Foster

Absent: Hansen, Lincoln

Staff: Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator; Gwen Casey, Minnesota GreenCorps Member; Tim Sandvik, City Manager

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. April 15th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Sande motioned and Myers seconded to approve the April 15th, 2026 Meeting Minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. City Council 2026 Top Goals and Priorities

Kirtz introduced the City Council's 2026 Top Goals and Priorities, explained the annual goal-setting process, and explained that this document is being shared with all the City's commissions and committees. Sandvik shared a brief recap of the goal-setting process. Staff and the Committee discussed how sustainability can be woven into the annual goals. They discussed the difference between "top priority" and "opportunity goals." Sandvik elaborated upon the "staffing study." Staff and the Committee discussed the feasibility study on Robbinsdale Middle School and potential uses for that site. The Committee discussed ways in which they could help with enhancing the Welcome Packet and add sustainability resources to it. Heid motioned to add the Top Priority Goals to the upcoming agenda for further discussion and Hanelitz seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

B. Volunteer Shirt Policy

Kirtz explained that the volunteer shirts are still in production but should be ready for the Committee's next public engagement appearance. Kirtz passed around the Volunteer Shirt Policy and asked the Committee members to sign the document, thereby acknowledging the policy.

C. Franchise Fees 101 & other updates from City Manager Tim Sandvik

Sandvik shared information about the City's franchise fees and how they are allocated to the City budget. Committee members asked how our rates compare to other cities and Sandvik explained that our rates are competitive. He confirmed that the franchise fee rates are 5% for both gas and electricity. Sandvik explained that the dollars generated from franchise fees are split between street projects and the general fund. He explained that if franchise fees get reallocated to a different budget, then funding for street projects would have to come from elsewhere, by increasing the general levy or increasing other fees for example. Heid stated that there are other cities in the metro that use franchise fees to offer an energy-efficient appliance rebate program for residents. The Committee discussed other projects or recommendations they could focus on that do not involve budget allocations, such as policy recommendations. Hart motioned to include the franchise fee discussion on next meeting's agenda and Sande seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

Sandvik shared that the Committee's recommendation to make updates to the City Code regarding residential solar systems was not supported by staff nor the City Council. The item was discussed at a recent City Council Work Session.

Sandvik shared that the Council is supportive of creating more structure for the Committee by implementing some guidelines. Staff intend to put together a set of recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION ONLY

A. Adopt-a-Park Clean-Up Dates

Kirtz reminded the Committee of their preferred Adopt-a-Park clean up dates at South Halifax Park: Wednesday, July 15th and Wednesday, October 21st.

Kirtz also noted the community-wide trash pick-up happening on Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Hollingsworth Park.

B. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner — July 8th, 2026

Kirtz reminded the Committee of the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, July 8th at 5:30 p.m. at Graeser Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Heid motioned to adjourn the meeting and Myrfield seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

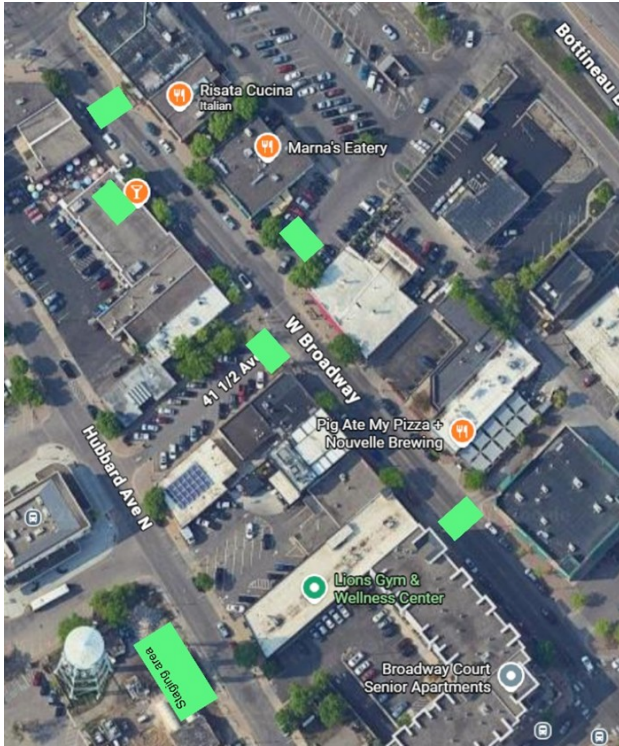
TO: Sustainability Committee
PREPARED BY: Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: June 17, 2026
RE: Whiz Bang Days Volunteering (10 minutes)

Background:

During a community engagement discussion at a recent Sustainability Committee meeting, members expressed interest in helping to sort waste at various events throughout Whiz Bang Days weekend. GreenCorps member Gwen has been working behind the scenes to coordinate this project. We will be renting wire frame sorting containers (like the ones pictured below) from the City of Brooklyn Park. The cities of Brooklyn Park, Golden Valley, and Richfield offer these portable recycling containers for renting at events all year round.

We plan to have 5 staffed sorting stations on West Broadway on the Friday (7/10) and Saturday (7/11) of Whiz Bang. On Friday, we ideally need 3 volunteers to help with the Lion's Club cookout from 11am-2pm. On Saturday, we will have 12 volunteer shifts to cover the second day of the Lion's Cookout as well as restaurant take-out food along West Broadway from 11am to 7pm. Volunteers will be responsible for managing 1–3 sorting stations, removing contamination from bags, and emptying bags into waste bins at the staging area (pictured below).





Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Zero Waste Team

Volunteer to help monitor zero waste sorting stations at Robbinsdale's Whiz Bang Days! We will have 5 sorting stations along W Broadway in downtown Robbinsdale to separate organics, recycling, and trash. Write down your name to sign-up for a shift. Feel free to sign-up for more than one - we ideally want 2 people per shift.

Friday, July 10th					Saturday, July 11th				
Location	Time	First name	Last name	Email	Location	Time	First name	Last name	Email
W Broadway	11am - 2pm				W Broadway	11am - 1pm			

Analysis:

Recommendation:

Attachments:

None

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.



Top Priority Goals

- Coordinate Downtown Programming
 - Examples include moving the Tree Lighting and the Santa Parade downtown to celebrate Small Business Saturday
- Identify a funding strategy for the Public Works Building, including evaluation of options such as a local option sales tax.
- Implement the staffing study and achieve identified outcomes.
- Create programs that strengthen relationships between public safety and the community.
- Advance a Downtown Revitalization Initiative and support community events through hosting and partnership.
- Prepare City resources and tools to respond effectively to development opportunities.
- Promote resident safety and clarity related to federal immigration enforcement through policy, training, public messaging, and accessible multilingual information.
- Host Town Hall meetings to support civic engagement and public dialogue.

Opportunity Goals

- Conduct a feasibility study on the Middle School property for redevelopment.
- Enhance the Welcome Experience packet and related outreach.
- Recognize, embrace, and honor Robbinsdale's history while also embracing new realities.
- Implement strategies and make financial decisions that support accomplishment of the 2026 goals program.





TO: Sustainability Committee
PREPARED BY: Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: June 17, 2026
RE: Franchise Fees (45 minutes)

Background:

At the May Sustainability Committee meeting, the Committee discussed franchise fees and voted to continue the discussion at this month's meeting. Member Heid created a Google Slides presentation to guide the discussion. The slides are available here: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1yXj-QFTisWwmaBnja2ZipU6nAJ3PAIff/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110387643405957101175&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Mr. Heid also requested to share this resource with the group: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/lrcc-mn-1sy26.pdf>

Analysis:

Recommendation:

Attachments:

1. Franchise Fees Presentation - Nick Heid

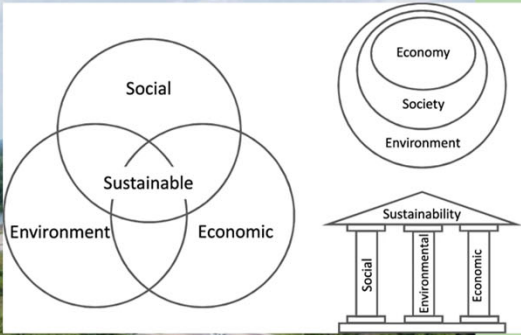
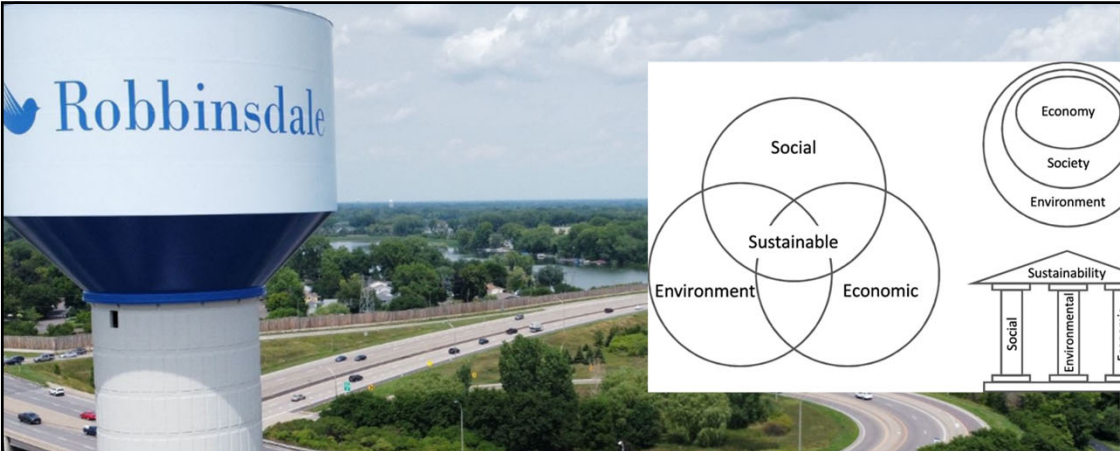


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Robbinsdale Sustainability Committee

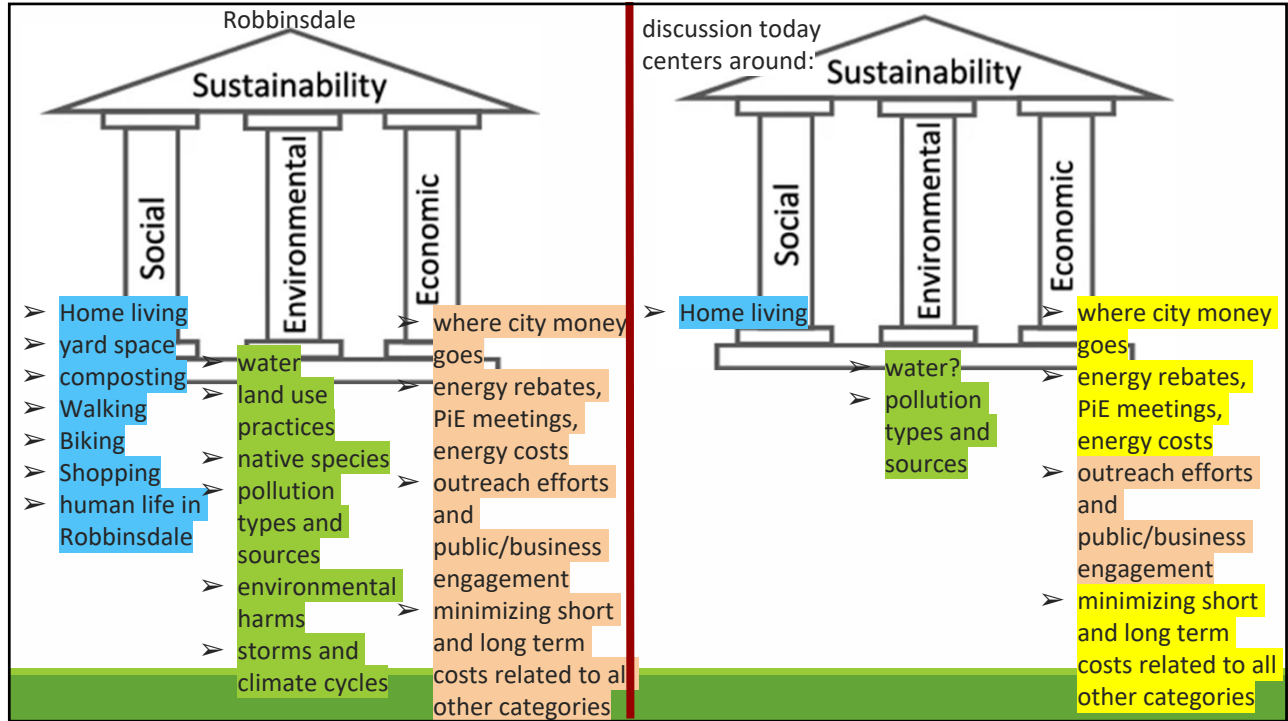
June 17th, 2026

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We are here to deliver ideas and share sound sustainability perspective to our city regarding climate impacts, land use, biology, emissions, environment, economic, and many other sustainability and social issues.

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Franchise fee overview

Public Utility Commission

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      EB[Energy Bill] -- "$$$ +5%" --> U[Utility]
      U -- "$$$" --> C[City]
      C -- "$" --> Out[ ]
  
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- Franchise fees are a unique form of taxation on utility ratepayers sometimes paid as a percentage of total metered energy usage to the utility, which then returns these fees to the city in exchange for using the city property and other public right of way, such as powerless and gas pipelines.
- Franchise fees in Robbinsdale are 5% of the subtotal utility rates, and the average residential-class household uses between 600-1000kwh electricity /per month, this amount varies as rates and usage patterns shift, inc. business class.

Utility rate class impacts the franchise fee rate, residential class rates are ~14 cents per kWh, while commercial and other rates are ~4 cents per kWh, respectively.

These fees vary city to city, utility to utility, and our city government has negotiated our current fee. This action would require our city council to provide a new franchise fee structure and share with utilities. These can be negotiated or demanded, depending on tactics.

Robbinsdale city-wise usage per GreenSteps Cities org:
 Electricity: 72 million kWh
 Methane Gas: 7.5 million therms

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EXAMPLE XCEL BILL -

DESCRIPTION	USAGE TYPE	USAGE
Total Energy	Actual	640 kWh

ELECTRICITY CHARGES		RATE: Residential Service	
DESCRIPTION	USAGE UNITS	RATE	CHARGE
Basic Service Chg			\$6.00
Energy Charge Winter	640 kWh	\$0.113640	\$72.73
Fuel Cost Charge	640 kWh	\$0.025266	\$16.17
Sales True Up	640 kWh	\$0.005700	\$3.65
Affordability Chrg			\$2.12
Resource Adjustment		2.463% my edit	\$7.78
Interim Rate Adj			\$5.62
Subtotal			\$114.07
City fees		5.00%	\$5.70
Transit Improvement Tax		1.25%	\$1.50
Other Special District		0.25%	\$0.30
County Tax		0.15%	\$0.18
State Tax		6.875%	\$8.24
Total			\$129.99

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BILL
 This month the Resource Adjustment has increased due to changes in the Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Rider, which recovers our investments and expenses to add renewable energy systems to our generation resources. The RES Rider portion of the Resource Adjustment is 2.463% of the basic service charge, energy charge, and demand charge on your bill.

Robbinsdale Residential Utility – May 2026
 finding the true residential electricity rate in Robbinsdale

640kWh X \$0.144606 = \$114.07

Total additional fee percentage is +13.525%, 5% of which is the city franchise fee

Robbinsdale currently charges a +5% franchise fee of subtotal bill to Xcel. Second page of Xcel Energy utility bill statement shows this.

worth talking about, maybe another time

.144606 (rate line items) , + 13.525% (fees) = \$0.164163962, true rate is 16.41 cents per kWh

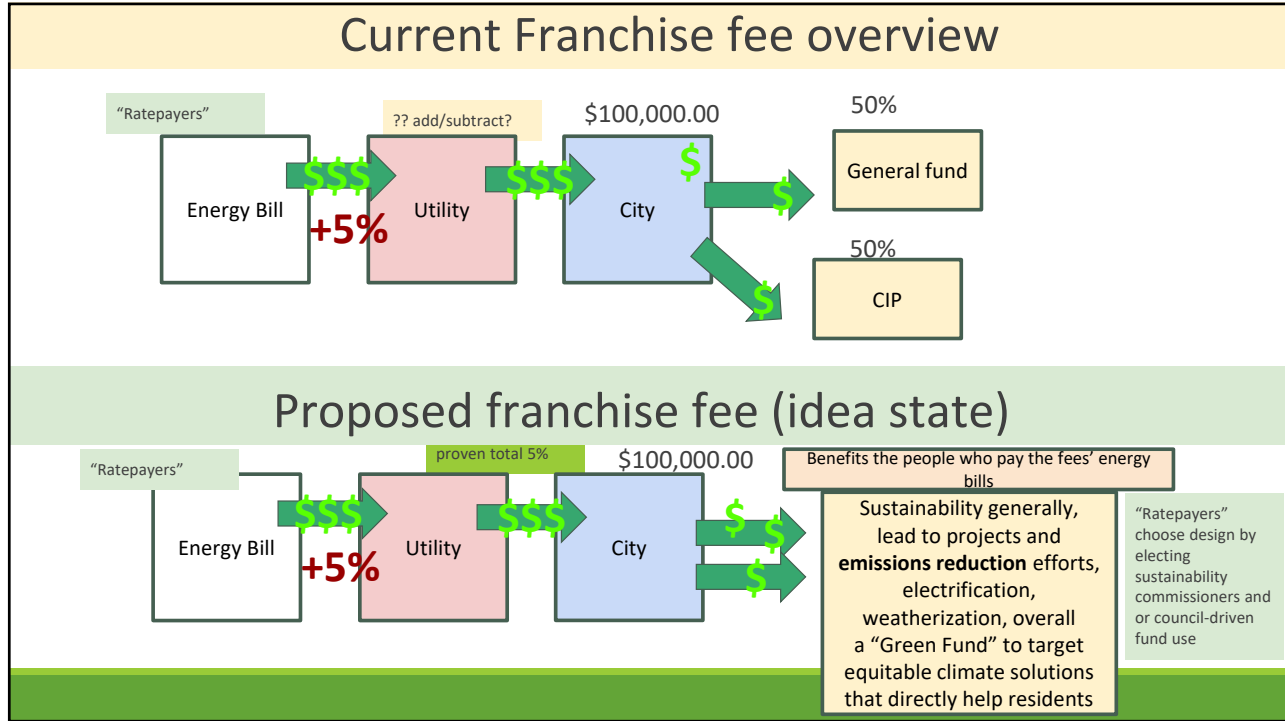
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so, why take this on?

Negotiation a new franchise agreement provides an opportunity to ensure that the city is fairly compensated for use of public rights-of-way and that the services provided by the utilities align with local objectives, such as reducing energy use, climate action, or promoting energy that protects local health and air quality.

I have not seen information about when, who, where, or how franchise fees have currently been negotiated.

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CANARY MEDIA

Source #1

Minnesota cities tap utility fees to help fund local clean energy and climate action

A Twin Cities suburb is among the latest cities looking to use utility franchise fees to help pay for climate and sustainability work, as many look to advance ambitious but underfunded targets.

by Frank Zost | 17 October 2024

ENVIRONMENT

Minneapolis City Council considers raising power bill fees to fund eco-friendly improvements

The city aimed to allocate \$10 million from utility fees for climate spending in 2023, but fell short. Now, the council is considering raising fees to help home and property owners pay for improvements that will lower greenhouse gas emissions.

by Andrew Hazzard | October 20, 2025

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ARTICLE | March 16, 2022

Bringing Cities and Their Utilities into the 21st Century

How Cities Can Renegotiate Franchise Agreements for the Clean Energy Transition

By Bryn Grunwald, Matthew Popkin, and Laurie Stone

ENVIRONMENT

'A step forward': Residents cheer Minneapolis agreement with utilities, but say more work is needed to hit climate goals

Minneapolis is poised to approve new franchise agreements with CenterPoint and Xcel Energy that establish city-specific emission reduction goals.

by Andrew Hazzard | February 6, 2025

MN Cities with franchise agreements: 285 (source 3)

Minneapolis franchise fees are 5.25% for residential customers and 6.75% for commercial accounts

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Source Xcel website, rate book,

Franchise fees also vary by rate class

Residential

Posted rate: \$0.11 or \$0.13 per kWh

True rate closer to ~16 cents/kWh

Franchise: 5%

Commercial - "General service prices"

per kWh \$0.04765
unknown franchise fee gets complicated

• Service at Higher Voltages

The above prices except for the Energy Charge Credit are reduced by the following Voltage Discounts:

	Per kW	Per kWh
Primary	\$0.70	\$0.00137
Transmission Transformed	\$2.35	\$0.00334
Transmission	\$3.35	\$0.00329

Large users (new class)

?
unknown franchise fee

+ add 10% franchise fee?

many other unique classes

?
unknown franchise fee

+ add % where appropriate?

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Source 5, NREL

with funding, we may be able to offer funding assistance that benefits the people who pay franchise fees while also creeping closer to emissions targets:

- **Building energy improvements** such as solar, weatherization, insulation, and efficiency upgrades for homes, rental properties, and businesses, using established equity maps.
- **Add bonus city Rebates or cost-share programs** for energy-efficient appliances, equipment, and building systems that are directly tied to utilities
- **Support and guidance services** to help people understand, access, and combine existing programs, rebates, and incentives
- **Hire more sustainability staff** and add human capacity for projects that support emissions reductions efforts
- **Incentives for new construction** that encourage high-efficiency building design
- **Green business grants** to support local businesses investing in energy efficiency, electrification, or projects that reduce emission
- **Partnerships with nonprofits, neighborhood groups, and other local organizations** to support community-led efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency
- Many more ideas, but 1) must support the original fee payers (residents, businesses, in proportion), 2) reasonably lead to reduced GHG emissions

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Source 6, EPA

- Energy Efficiency (EE)-Require utilities to invest a percentage of the revenues received from the municipal customers in energy efficiency improvements within the municipality. Provide an opportunity for the utility to earn a return on the investment and penalty if the investments are not made. See GHG Emissions cap bullet below.
- Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)-Require utilities to supply a percentage of the electric generation utilized in the municipality from renewable sources. The requirement could follow the RPS required by the state utility commission, if applicable. Specify incentives for meeting the requirement and penalties for not achieving the requirement.
- GHG Emissions Cap-Require utilities to cap and/or reduce the GHG emissions associated with the generation mix provided to the municipal electric customers. Linkage of a penalty for not meeting this requirement with additional investment in EE would be a good way to link this requirement with the EE requirement.
- Decoupling-Incorporating the “decoupling” of electric utility revenues from electricity sales into franchise agreements would be another good incentive for utilities to seek ways to invest in EE and other energy saving technologies. Many progressive utility commissions in such states as California and Massachusetts either have or are preparing to implement decoupling.
- Other-Whenever possible, model franchise agreements should be consistent with any progressive state utility commission policies in the four green technology areas. Where these policies do not exist, the franchise agreements can be more progressive than the commissions and begin to promote these technologies in each of the states.

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National Laboratory of the Rockies study



“Discussion

These results represent the best-case scenarios for renewable deployment associated with franchise agreements. Renewable energy is only one of many objectives that could be negotiated within an electric service provider franchise agreement. A municipality may pursue other objectives, especially if the utility is unsupportive of the city's renewable energy goals. As a result, actual deployment of renewable energy associated with franchise agreements is likely to be lower than modeled here.”

Source 4

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Wait, cities can do what? Achieving city energy goals through franchise agreements

Jeffrey J. Cook  , Bryn Ursula Grunwald, Alison Holm, Alexandra Aznar

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Highlights

- Local governments across 30 states can negotiate electric franchise agreements.
- Electric franchise-driven partnerships can be a powerful policy tool for cities.
- 164 – 911TWh of renewable energy can be deployed via this pathway.
- Future deployment will be dependent on utility and municipal negotiations.

Proposal for sustainability committee

- Review the following questions and provide feedback to council members to proceed with a legislative resolution and pass an ordinance regarding franchise fees).
- Should the city use franchise fee revenue for sustainability initiatives to be directed by the sustainability committee and sustainability staff?
- Should decreases or increases to specific fees be considered, such as a 2% increase to natural gas franchise fees coupled with a 1% decrease to electricity franchise fees in order to reduce overall fees, increase fees, or incentivize specific sustainability initiatives?

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Discussion:

- **Changes both current franchise fee collection and fund usage**
 - **Robbinsdale currently splits total franchise fees collected 50%, 50% shared equally between general funds and capital improvement projects.**
 - **discuss to move the funds to new designated sustainability department, to be used for projects, programs, and other committee-led initiatives**
 - **write language to council that would help them develop further**
 - **impose fees - Xcel, CenterPoint, Water?**

A sustainability committee eventually converting to a commission would also allow future commissions to have elected commissioners have a say in franchise fee fund adjustments and programs

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Consumption issues to consider



Franchise fees are based on consumption. Robbinsdale households and businesses who use more pay a higher total amount on franchise fees, a fair balance. Here are two examples of ratepayers and what they may pay per month:

- Home 1 - 650kwh/ month electricity at \$.15¢/kwh 3% franchise fee would be ~\$2.83/month
- Home 2 - 1000kwh/month at same rate pays \$4.50/month

- All households would pay the same amount compared to last years in franchise fees if we do not change the percentage.
- Low income households are more likely to struggle with utility bills than medium or high income households. Language could be presented to charge franchise fees on only non-energy assistance households (LIHEAP). Robbinsdale sustainability could also help promote government assistance such as energy and weatherization assistance as this process proceeds.
- Solar households do not have high consumption represented on utility bills, and most solar households are higher income. However solar panels benefit the community greatly and may become more affordable if franchise funds are used to provide more renewable projects with franchise fee funds.

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CITY OF HOPKINS
 COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
 ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1199

AN ORDINANCE SETTING A FRANCHISE FEE ON ELECTRIC OPERATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF HOPKINS – NORTHERN STATES POWER D/B/A XCEL ENERGY

The City Council of the City of Hopkins ordains:

Subdivision 1. Purpose. The Hopkins City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the city to impose a franchise fee as authorized in Minnesota Statutes – section 216B.36 on those public utility companies that provide natural gas and electric services within the City of Hopkins.

(a) Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2007-984, a Franchise Agreement between the City of Hopkins and Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, dba Xcel Energy, its successors and assigns, the city has the right to impose a franchise fee on Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, dba Xcel Energy, its successors and assigns, in an amount and fee design as set forth in Section 9 of the Northern States Power Company Franchise and in Subdivision 9 of this Ordinance.

Subdivision 2. Franchise Fee Statement. A franchise fee is hereby imposed on Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, dba Xcel Energy, its successors and assigns, under the electric franchise in accordance with Subdivision 9, commencing with the Xcel Energy's January 2024 billing month.

Subdivision 3. Payment. The said franchise fee shall be payable to the city in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 9 of the Franchise and the terms of this Ordinance.

Subdivision 4. Surcharge. The city recognizes that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission may allow Company to add a surcharge to customer rates to reimburse Company for the cost of the fee.

Subdivision 5. Record Support for Payment. Xcel Energy shall make each payment when due and, if requested by the city, shall provide at the time of each payment, a statement summarizing how the franchise fee payment was determined, including information showing any adjustments to the total surcharge billed in the period for which the payment is being made to account for any uncollectibles, refunds, or error corrections.

Subdivision 6. Enforcement. Any dispute, including enforcement of a default regarding this ordinance will be resolved in accordance with Section 2.5 of the Franchise Agreement.

Subdivision 7. Effective Date of Franchise Fee and Repeal of City Ordinance 2018-1135

The effective date of this ordinance shall be after its publication and ninety (90) days after the sending of written notice enclosing a copy of this adopted Ordinance to Xcel Energy by certified mail. Collection of the fee shall commence as provided above. Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, City Ordinance 2018-1135 shall be repealed and replaced by this Ordinance 2023-1199.

Subdivision 8. Termination of Ordinance
This ordinance and the franchise fee imposed by it shall remain in effect until December 31 2026, at which time they shall terminate and be of no further effect, except that the Company shall remain obligated after that date to pay the City all franchise fees due with respect to any period of time prior to December 31, 2026, and collected after that date

Subdivision 9. Fee Schedule.

Class	Percent (%) of Gross Revenue Per Account
Residential	5.00%
Sm C & I – Non-Dem	4.25%
Sm C & I – Demand	4.25%
Large C & I	4.25%

The term “gross revenues” shall have the same meaning as in Section 9.2 of the Franchise.

Franchise fees are to be collected by the Utility in the amounts set forth in the above schedule and submitted to the city on a quarterly basis as follows: January-March collections due by April 30, April-June collections due by July 31, July-September collections due by October 31, and October-December collections due by January 31.

First Reading:	September 5, 2023
Second Reading:	September 19, 2023
Date of Publication:	September 28, 2023
Date Ordinance Takes Effect:	January 1, 2024

Example language

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Important to note – Xcel energy business would never propose this idea and will not enjoy it (Xcel fights cities on this), it is against their business model which promotes more energy use.

Partners in Energy is a profit-motivated program with the highest emitter in Minnesota, Robbinsdale should formally no longer participate in PiE efforts.

From Energy Action Plan - run by PiE

Community-wide Goal

- Robbinsdale will avoid an additional 30% of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared to business as usual. This will save 119,000 MMBtu community-wide in energy savings and will save the community an estimated \$1.3 million through energy efficiency projects by 2030.

This goal assumes a business as usual (BAU) savings scenarios based on the three-year baseline. The community-wide goal will be measured comparing cumulative greenhouse gas emissions, estimated dollars saved and MMBtu savings equivalencies for electricity and natural gas savings for all sectors between 2023 and 2030 against the estimated BAU value for the same time period. This goal includes current and future Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy efficiency programs and measures the first-year savings data provided by the utilities.

Table 18. Cumulative savings scenarios

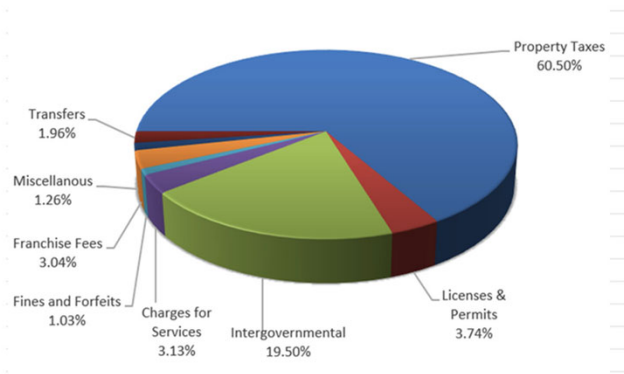
	2030 BAU Scenario	2030 Goal Scenario	2030 Stretch Goal Scenario
Greenhouse Gas Emission Savings (MTCO2e)	6,715	8,530	9,258
Dollar Savings	\$935,337	\$1,303,579	\$1,439,027
MMBtu Savings	91,480	118,877	128,217

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Appendix

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2026 Proposed General Fund Revenue Budget



Franchise fees are a small portion of our revenue, sustainability is very little of our budget

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General Fund Expenditure Highlights

- 2026 Proposal including transfers = \$15,841,846 a 4.64%, or \$702,669 increase from 2025 budget
- Includes allowance for cost of living and other compensation adjustments
- Internal Service Fund charges held constant from prior year levels
- Large capital purchases planned will need to be financed with capital notes, use of reserves and/or deferred

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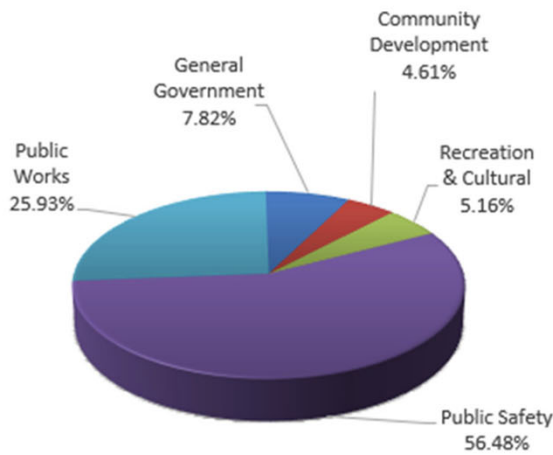
Capital improvement Plan = CIP

Per 2026 Budgetary presentation in December:

- Large capital purchases planned will need to be financed with capital notes, use of reserves and/or deferred.

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2026 Proposed Expenditure By Major Objective



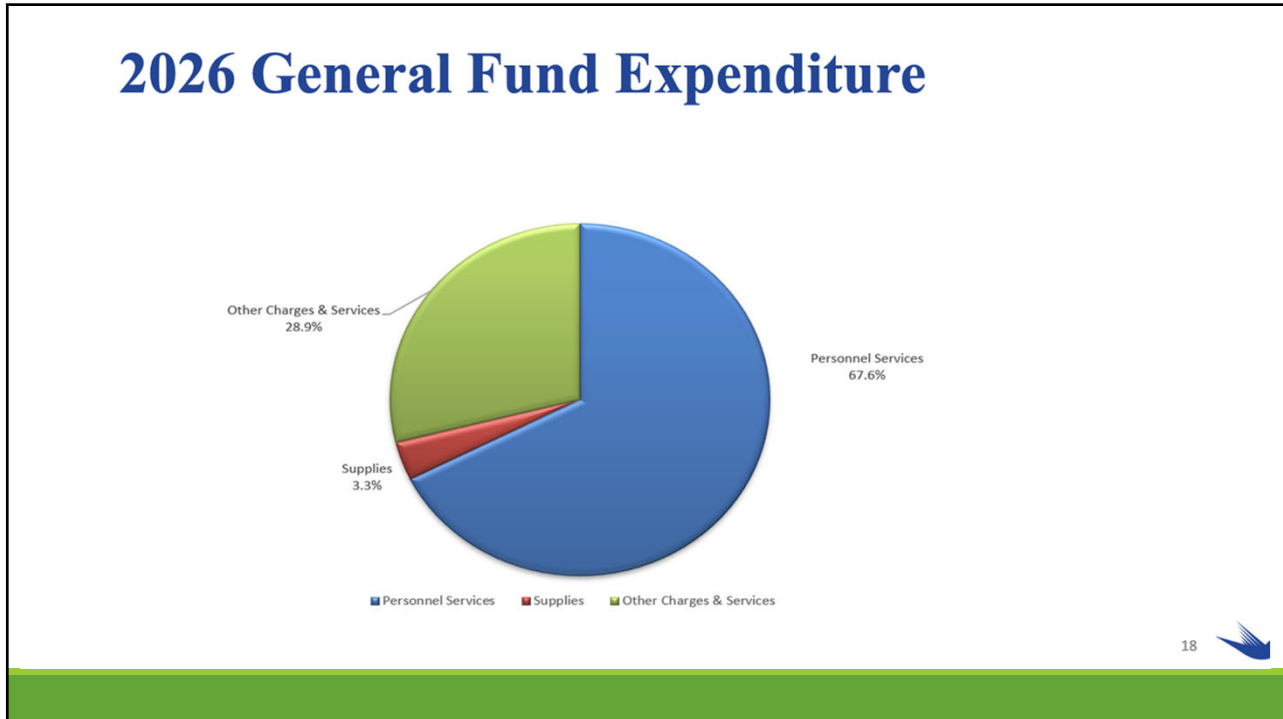
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CITY OF ROBBINSDALE, MINNESOTA
General Fund Summary of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

	2023 ACTIVITY	2024 ACTIVITY	2025 AMENDED BUDGET	2025 PROJECTED ACTIVITY	2026 DEPT REQUESTED BUDGET	2027 DEPT REQUESTED BUDGET
Summary by Department						
City Council	79,078	109,745	188,580	198,166	218,492	225,046
Administration	456,793	627,692	490,128	534,753	440,406	453,617
Legal	58,641	77,498	124,467	84,348	143,268	147,567
Assessing	152,016	128,626	10,715	11,115	10,421	10,734
Finance	391,511	316,852	343,925	284,755	425,760	438,533
Community Development	512,144	575,572	658,119	654,195	730,428	752,346
Police	5,550,537	6,236,578	7,411,855	6,665,311	7,904,738	8,141,883
Fire	1,023,051	1,154,525	1,131,222	1,197,172	1,200,838	1,236,864
Recreation	577,103	701,699	775,538	832,969	817,443	841,966
Engineering	720,339	762,727	1,041,184	977,566	1,081,149	1,113,583
Public Works	2,257,498	2,356,812	2,963,433	2,675,317	3,062,206	3,154,080
Total Expenditures	11,778,711	13,048,326	15,139,166	14,115,007	16,035,149	16,516,219
Other Financing Uses						
Transfers to Other Funds	1,500,000	2,250,000				
Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	13,278,711	15,298,326	15,139,166	14,115,007	16,035,149	16,516,219
Summary by Category						
Personal Services	8,535,082	9,617,059	10,962,076	10,156,856	11,650,486	12,199,106
Supplies	382,346	439,687	598,415	489,130	605,927	624,106
Other Services & Charges	2,861,283	2,991,580	3,547,530	3,453,021	3,559,858	3,666,665
Capital Outlay			31,145	16,000	25,575	26,342
Transfer	1,500,000	2,250,000				
Total Expenditures by Category	13,278,711	15,298,326	15,139,166	14,115,007	15,841,846	16,516,219

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Reminder
From our last council presentation!

Short, Medium, and Long Term Planning - Examples

- Short: 1-3 years
 - Identify sustainability barriers in city code and revise them
 - Increase community participation in sustainability initiatives
 - Utilize gas franchise fee increase to directly fund green projects
- Medium: 4-6 years
 - Study feasibility of municipal power
 - Utilize green fund for weatherization and electrification
- Long: 7+ years
 - Carbon-free citywide power
 - Business and home electrification

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Questions?

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ROBBINSDALE CLEAN-UP DAYS



Dates & Locations

Wednesday 4/22 at 4pm
• South Halifax Park

Thursday 5/21 at 6:30pm
• Hollingsworth Park

Monday 6/22 at 5pm
• Lakeview Terrace Park

Tuesday 7/21 at 5pm
• Hollingsworth Park

Thursday 8/20 at 5pm
• Lakeview Terrace Park

We'll Provide

- Trash bags
- Gloves
- Pick-up tools

What to Bring

- Comfortable clothes
- Sun protection
- Water bottle
- Friends and family!



**ROBBINSDALE
RECREATION**

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Live Music Performances | Fun Sports Activities



**Free
Event!**

Music in the Park Series: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Join us for free live music celebrating our local cultures, paired with a unique sports showcase.

May 28

Lost in Deutschland
& Summer Backyard
Games
Triangle Park

June 18

Intertribal Dance
Troupe &
Racket Sports
Manor Park

July 30

Siengkhan Lao
& Flag Football
Lakeview Terrace
Park

August 27

Somali Museum Dance
Troupe
& Summer Back Yard Game
Lakeview Terrace Park

September 24

Mariachi Jalisco
de Mexico
Kelly Park

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