



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Caceres Aranda
Absent: Sutton
Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Chase Peterson-Etem, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

MICROPHONE CHECK

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

Joe Whales, Robbins Landing, thanked his community and people showing up for the food distribution event held at Robbins Landing this past weekend.

Sofi Villena, 3730 West Broadway, also noted the Robbins Landing food distribution event and thanked people for showing up to help. She mentioned additional food distribution events and noted they are also looking for volunteers.

Greg Salyers, 3980 Lake Curve, stated he was also at the Robbins Landing event, and he appreciated the community coming together.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 21, 2026, MEETING AGENDA

City Clerk Peterson-Etem noted the addition of Other Business Item 11A, Voucher Disbursement Request.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the July 21, 2026, City Council agenda, as amended. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve City Council Meeting minutes from July 7, 2026
- B. Investment Report
- C. Approval of Licenses
- D. Accept Quote for Sidewalk Replacement –Project 39926

PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation from Hennepin County Commissioner Lunde

Hennepin County Commissioner Lunde presented his team's information and discussed the Blue Line extension, HCMC, housing and economic support, and public safety and safe communities.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge expressed gratitude for the presentation and how well the graphics were created.

Member Caceres Aranda asked about coordination with the interagency council related to homelessness. Lunde stated he is not positive, but will get back to Member Caceres Aranda.

Member Parisian commented on how compelling the light rail presentation was and asked Lunde for a call to action as Council Members. Lunde discussed dialogue with the governor's office regarding funding and the interpretation of the law.

Member Greenberg thanked Lunde for his work and asked about park-and-ride possibilities. Lunde stated that if the light rail comes to fruition, the Robbinsdale Municipal government will have opportunities.

Member Greenberg asked about funding for North Memorial given the funding for HCMC. Lunde noted that the funding provided to HCMC was a stopgap and discussed rural hospitals, continuum of care, and hospital transfers.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge asked about themes Lunde heard when talking to Robbinsdale residents. Lunde discussed upcoming difficulties he foresees for nonprofits.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge thanked Lunde for his availability and always being willing to talk.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Resolution for Proposed North Memorial – Sanford Health Merger

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and detailed the history of creating the Resolution.

Member Caceres Aranda noted appreciation for the Council and community dialogue that occurred throughout this process and noted that continued funding is heavily reliant upon the legislature.

Member Parisian thanked North Memorial for their communication and noted her support for the Resolution.

Member Greenberg voiced appreciation for the engagement from the North Memorial and Sanford Health teams. He also expressed the need for the merger and concern over continued funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge expressed support for the Resolution.

North Memorial Health Chief Strategy Officer Gunnerud voiced appreciation for the collaboration since coming to Council and noted he views this as a starting point. He also discussed the need for continued public funding.

Member Caceres Aranda MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to adopt Resolution No. 8232, A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SANFORD HEALTH AND NORTH MEMORIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT TO OPERATE AS A SINGLE NONPROFIT HEALTH SYSTEM. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Caceres Aranda, to approve voucher disbursement requests for the period ending July 21, 2026. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Peterson-Etem noted early voting options and stated the Council meeting on August 4 would be moved to August 3 due to National Night Out.

Sandvik thanked everyone who made Whizbang Days a success, shared opportunities for residents to engage in City budget discussions, provided a system communication update, and noted upcoming events.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Greenberg invited residents to participate in the informal meetings he's been holding with a Staff member, himself, and one other Council member.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge encouraged residents to participate in National Night Out and to check in with neighbors.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Signed by:

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Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk

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Raymond Blackledge, Mayor Pro Tem