

AGENDA

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Caceres Aranda, Mayor Sutton
3. DISCUSSION
 - A. Discussion With Robbinsdale School District Superintendent - Dr. Teri Staloch
 - B. Fire Operations Proposal — Rum River
4. STAFF UPDATES
 - A. Popcorn Topics
5. COUNCIL UPDATES
 - A. Budget Item
6. ADJOURNMENT



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: September 8, 2026
RE: Discussion With Robbinsdale School District Superintendent - Dr. Teri Staloch

Background:

At least annually, Dr. Staloch makes time to directly connect with the City Councils the RSD serves.

Analysis:

Council will not be asked to take formal action following Dr. Staloch's updates; rather, thorough conversation is encouraged to discuss questions, comments, or concerns the Council and Mayor might have.

Recommendation:

NA

Attachments:

1. Rdale Ref_Fact_Sheet V3 (1)
2. Bond Referendum Main Presentation - Community Copy - Google Slides



On November 3, Robbinsdale Area Schools' residents will have an opportunity to shape the future of student learning and programming, and the district's financial path for years to come. The Board of Education has approved three bond referendum questions focused on new and improved learning spaces, facility efficiencies, lowering operational costs, and enhanced safety and security. These questions put the needs of our students first, preparing them for success now and in the future.

QUESTION

#1

Building a Predictable Path Forward

With one high school we can have:

- Updated learning environments with expanded career and technical education spaces, and specialized areas for student support services
- Opportunities and experiences our students want, need, and deserve that are consistent with neighboring school districts
- Critical safety and security enhancements including single-user, ADA-accessible restrooms

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- Neighborhood elementary schools designed for flexible and active learning
- Cutting-edge arts and innovation programming
- A regulation competition pool for our athletes
- Lower operational costs and prioritized funding for the classroom



is approximately a \$15/mo increase on a \$340,200 home

QUESTION

#2

Maximizing Value: Extending the Path Forward

CONTINGENT ON
QUESTION 1
PASSING

Across the district we can:

- Create performing arts space at both middle schools
- Eliminate leased facility costs
- Sell unused properties post-completion to reinvest in our schools
- Further reduce operational costs



is approximately a \$2/mo increase on a \$340,200 home

QUESTION

#3

New Elementary School

CONTINGENT ON
QUESTION 1 &
2 PASSING

- New neighborhood elementary school in the City of Robbinsdale
- Determine the best location for district-wide services and programming



is approximately a \$8/mo increase on a \$340,200 home

WHY A REFERENDUM NOW?

Match
Facilities
With Student
Enrollment

Create a More
Stable Future
for Students
& Community

Avoid Deeper
Cuts to Student
Programming
& Opportunities

Stop Spending
Money on
Underutilized
Spaces

Efficient Use
of Facilities
Equals Cost
Savings

WHAT HAPPENS TO EACH BUILDING?

	BUILDING	QUESTION 1	QUESTION 2	QUESTION 3
 HIGH SCHOOLS	Armstrong	Spanish Immersion + Highview + Community Ed	Plymouth Middle School + Highview	No Additional Impact
	Cooper	Single High School	No Additional Impact	No Additional Impact
 MIDDLE SCHOOLS	FAIR School Crystal	Convert to Elementary School	No Additional Impact	No Additional Impact
	Plymouth	Renovate + Pool Expansion	Spanish Immersion + Transition Program	No Additional Impact
	Robbinsdale	Closed	Closed	New Elementary School + Community Ed + Gym
	Sandburg	Renovate + PE Space	Performing Arts Space	No Additional Impact
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Forest	Expand + Arts + Spec Ed	No Additional Impact	No Additional Impact
	Lakeview	Rdale Transitional Program + Education Service Center	No Additional Impact	Repurpose/Close
	Meadow Lake	Expand + Arts + Spec Ed		
	Neill	Repurpose/Close		
	Northport	Expand + Arts + Spec Ed		
	FAIR School Pilgrim Lane	Repurpose/Close		
	SEA/Olson	Expand + PreK + Spec Ed		
	RSI/Sunny Hollow	Repurpose/Close		
 ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS	Zachary Lane	Expand + Arts + Spec Ed		
	New Hope and Crystal Learning Centers	Move Early Learning & Adult Academic Programs to an Empty/Surplus Elementary School		

DID YOU KNOW?

This referendum plan would help reduce ongoing facility costs. If approved, as Question 1 projects are completed, the District would sell unused, surplus properties—reducing the costs of maintaining facilities that are no longer needed and generating proceeds from the sale of those properties.

DETAILED PLANS FOR EACH QUESTION CAN BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT'S REFERENDUM WEBSITE AT [RDALE.REFERENDUMFACTS.ORG](https://rdale.referendumfacts.org)



LEARN MORE, THEN MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE

Referendum Talk 7:00 PM SEPT 9 SEA Elementary School	Referendum Talk & Tour 6:30 PM SEPT 23 Cooper High School	Referendum Talk 6:30 PM OCT 7 Armstrong High School	Referendum Talk 7:00 PM OCT 22 Forest Elementary School	Referendum Talk & Tour 6:30 PM OCT 28 Cooper High School
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EARLY VOTING
begins September 18, 2026



ELECTION DAY
is November 3, 2026



REIMAGINE

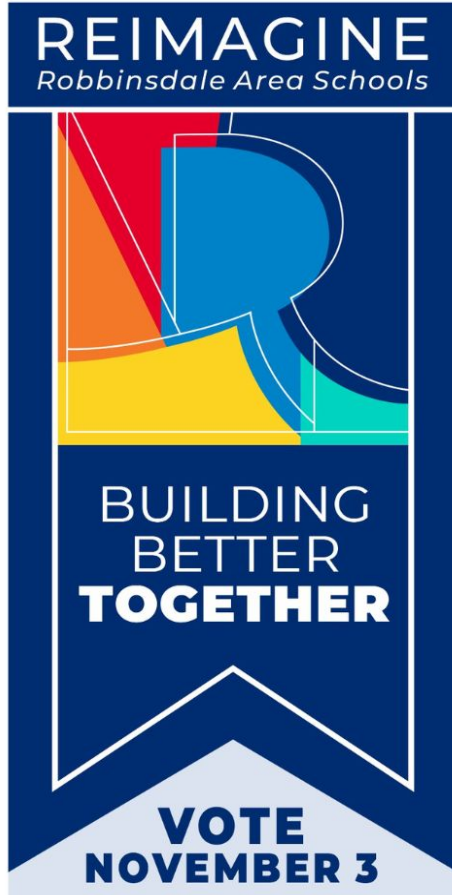
Robbinsdale Area Schools



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TOGETHER

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NOVEMBER 3**





2026 Bond Referendum

Putting Students First: Building a Predictable, Intentional Path Forward

Dr. Teri Staloch
Superintendent





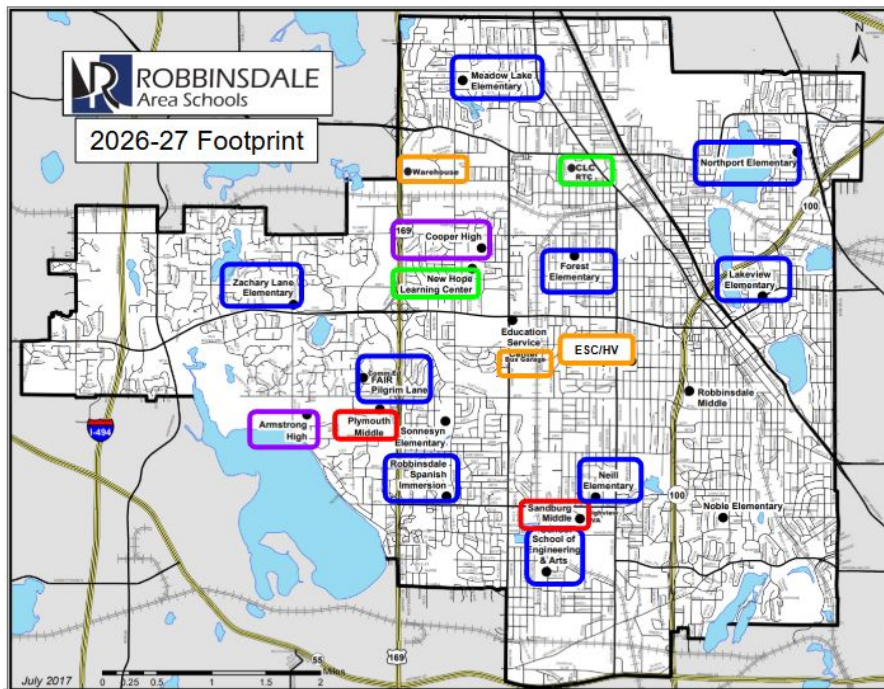
Our mission is to inspire and educate all learners to develop their unique potential and positively contribute to their community.



WE ARE ROBBINSDALE AREA SCHOOLS

Serving the seven communities of:

- Brooklyn Center
- Brooklyn Park
- Crystal
- Golden Valley
- New Hope
- Plymouth
- Robbinsdale



A multilingual and dynamic district with 9,800 students:

92 languages spoken

Students with a wide range of needs and strengths:

26% receive special education services

58% qualify for educational benefits

2% are experiencing homelessness

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WE'VE LEARNED, WE'VE LISTENED, WE HAVE A PLAN

- **We Have Dug Into the Data:** Over the past two years, we've dug into our financial, operational, and academic data.
- **We Have Been Honest:** Not all of the news has been good. We have kept you informed along the way.
- **We Have Listened:** Community feedback has been loud and clear, you want a trusted student-centered path forward.
- **We Have a Plan:** District leadership has crafted a predictable path forward that delivers long-term stability and educational excellence.



THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR CURRENT REALITY

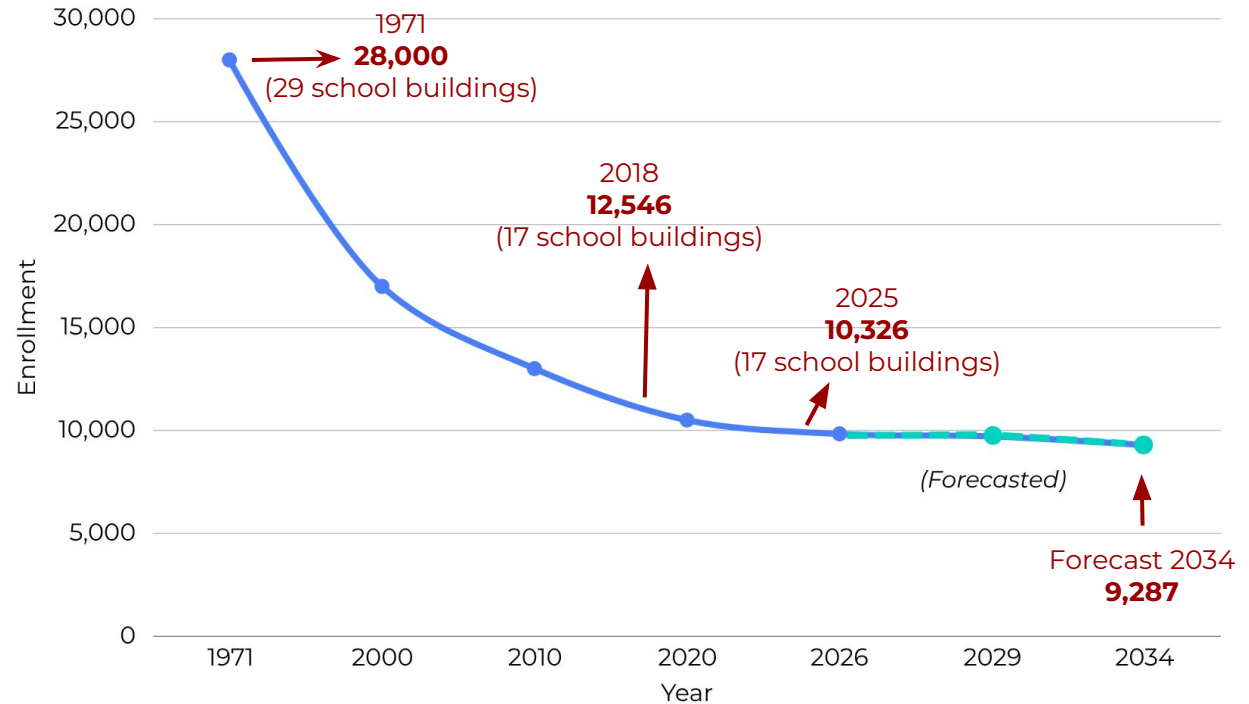
Decisions outside of a long-term plan over many years have created our current reality:

- Statutory Operating Debt (SOD)
- Excess number of buildings
- Inequitable program offerings
- Declining student enrollment
- Low academic achievement
- Nearly 50 years without a bond referendum
- \$140M in LTFM needs
- Reduced \$26M in the past 3 yrs.



HOW DID WE GET HERE?

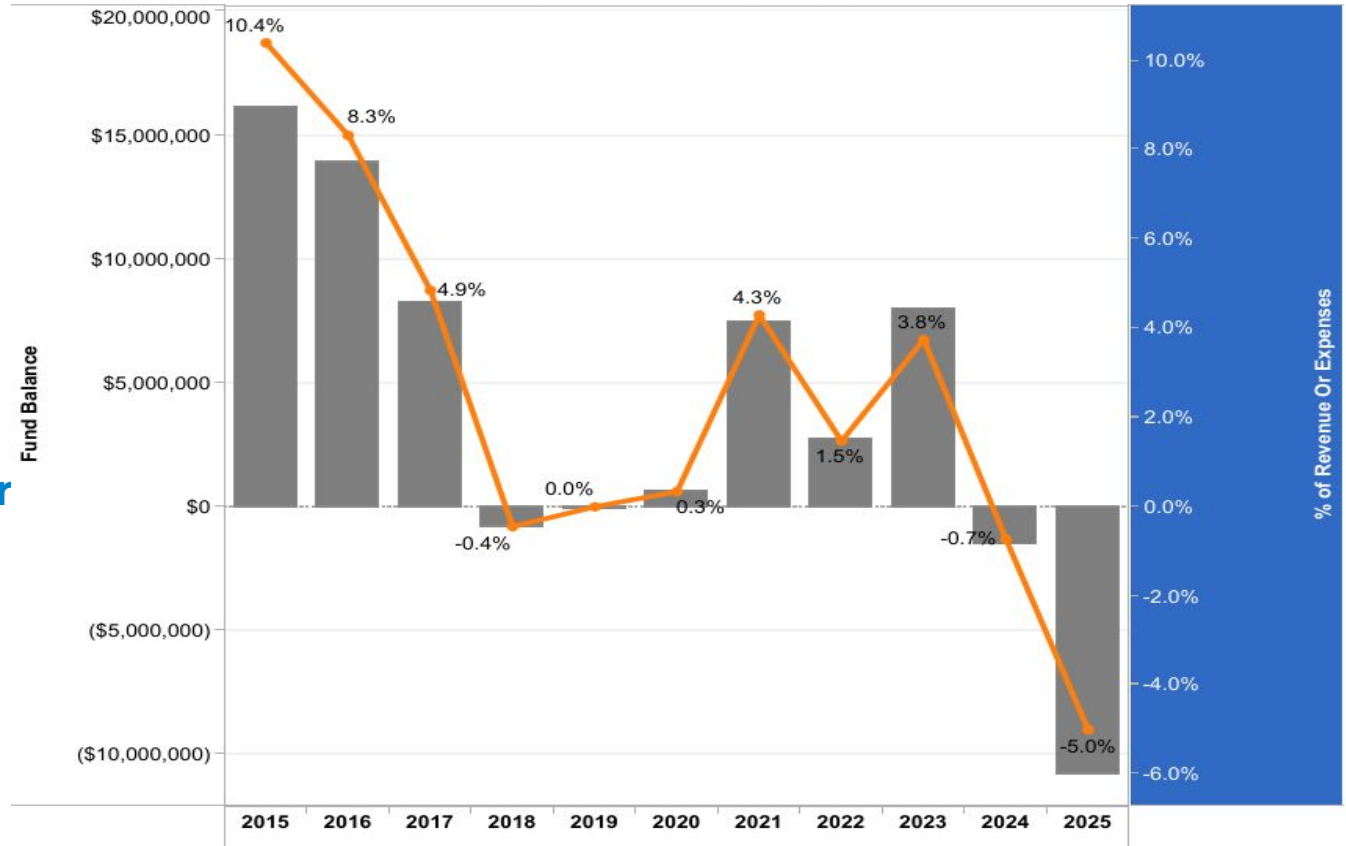
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HOW DID WE GET HERE?

■ Unassigned Fund Balance

■ % of Revenue or Expenses



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THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR CURRENT REALITY

Decisions outside of a long-term plan over many years have created our current reality:

- SOD Budgeting
 - Forced to balance revenue and expenses
 - Forced to account for ongoing rollup costs due to employee contracts and inflationary factors (\$2-3M)
- Reduced \$26M in the past 3 yrs.
 - Buildings
 - Programs
 - Transportation
 - Staffing



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WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO REDUCE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT LOSSES



Continued cuts need to come from one of these buckets.





WE ARE FALLING BEHIND

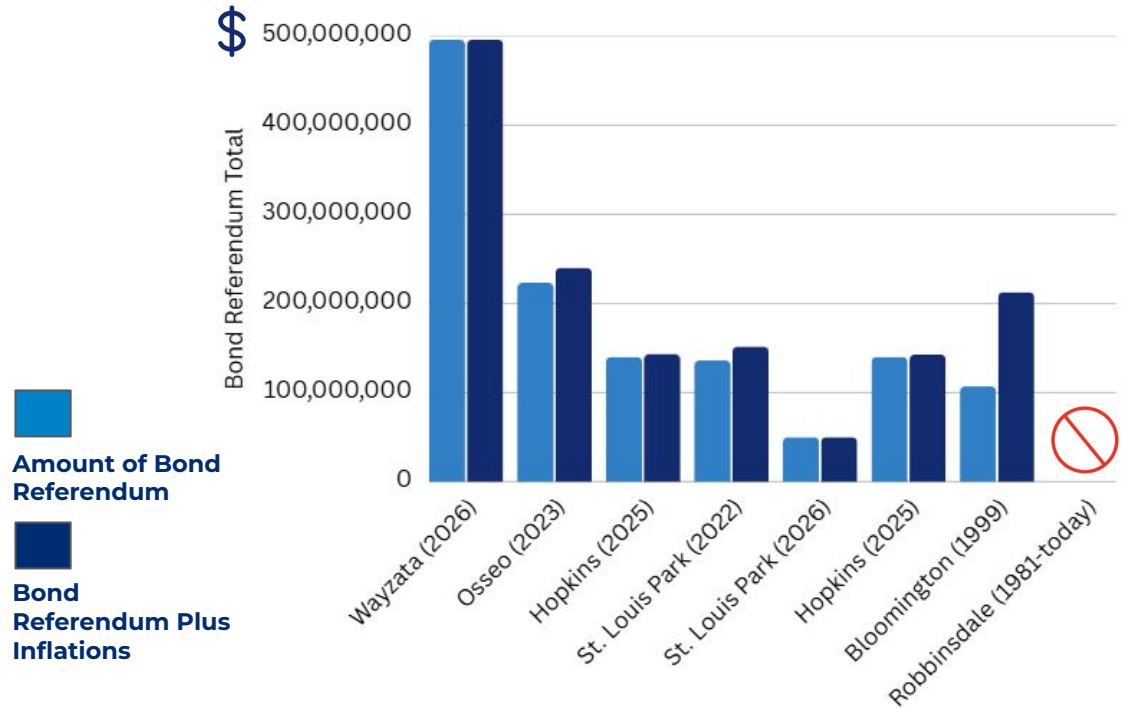
If we stay on our current path, we cannot provide students with the opportunities and experiences they want, need, and deserve.



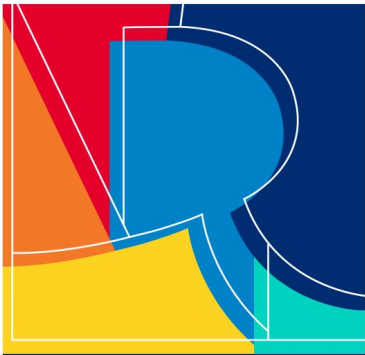
Our Neighbors Have Made Significant Investments in Facilities

LTFM Alone
Cannot Get Us
to Where We
Need to Be

Investments Made By Neighboring Districts



REIMAGINE
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BUILDING TRUST AND A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

***Putting Students First:
Building a Predictable,
Intentional Path Forward***



Building a Predictable Path Forward

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Building a Predictable Path Forward

Across the district we can have:

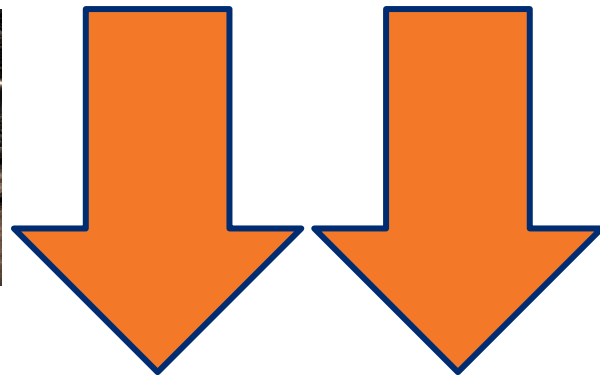
- Schools designed for flexible active learning
- Cutting-edge arts and innovation spaces for programming
- Efficient and equitable neighborhood elementary schools
- A regulation competition pool for our athletes
- Lower operational costs and prioritized funding for classrooms



Maximizing Value - Extending the Path Forward

Across the district we can:

- Create performing arts space at both middle schools
- Guarantees opportunity to eliminate leased facility costs
- Sell unused properties
- Further reduce operational costs



**Further Reduce
Operational Costs**



New Elementary School

- New neighborhood elementary school in the City of Robbinsdale
- Community Education and gym located at the new elementary site
- Determine the best location for district-wide services and programming



INVESTING IN A STRONGER FUTURE

Putting Students First: Building a Predictable, Intentional Path Forward



\$343M

**Approximately
\$15/month increase**



\$17M

**Approximately
\$2/month increase**



\$53M

**Approximately
\$8/month increase**

If approved, the bond referendum would result in the above estimated monthly tax impacts for a home valued at \$340,200

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WHAT IF THE BOND REFERENDUM DOESN'T PASS?

There are only four ways to reduce our budget.



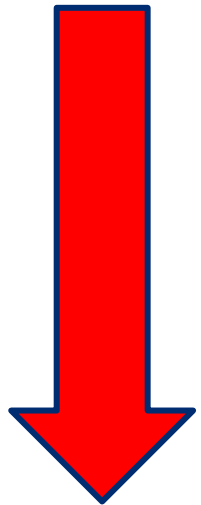
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WITHOUT THE BOND: ALL OPTIONS FOR CUTS ARE ON THE TABLE

REDUCE



Art



Sports



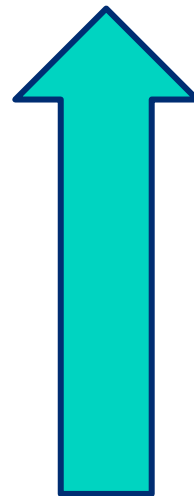
Maximize
building
capacity



Music



Staff



INCREASE



Class Sizes



Walking
Distance to
School

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TRUE OR FALSE - WE WANT TO BE CLEAR

- **TRUE** - We will still need to make cuts as part of SOD.
- **FALSE** - A NO vote means my school will stay open. This plan forward isn't about individual schools, it is about a district-wide intentional plan that keeps student needs at the center.
- **FALSE** - This vote is just about buildings and not students.
- **TRUE** - Our families want what is best for their kids, they have choices. We want to be their school district of choice.



WHAT IS THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT?

- Also on the ballot this November is the Permanent School Fund Constitutional Amendment
- The fund supports public school districts across the state.
- There is **no tax impact** to this amendment, it's only impact is to increase funds to school districts.
- Choosing to skip this vote = a No Vote.
- This is money that will help our schools.





Putting Students First: Building a Predictable, Intentional Path Forward

Strong Schools = Strong Communities



Sept 9
7:00 PM
SEA
Elementary
School
Talk

Sept 23
6:30 PM
Cooper HS
Talk, Tour, &
Live Stream

Oct 7
6:30 PM
Armstrong HS
Talk & Live
Stream

Oct 22
7:00 PM
Forest
Elementary
School
Talk

Oct 28
6:30 PM
Cooper HS
Talk & Tour



 Visit Website

For More Information

Email us at: robbinsdaleareaschools@rdale.org

Website: <https://rdale.referendumfacts.org/>



BOND REFERENDUM LANGUAGE - Question 1

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 281 (Robbinsdale Area Schools) be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in the amount not to exceed \$343M to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including, but not limited to: construction, renovation and expansion of Cooper High School; renovation of Plymouth Middle School including pool improvement; renovation of Sandburg Middle School



BOND REFERENDUM LANGUAGE - Question 1

Including the decommission and repurposing of the pool; construction, renovation, and repurposing of Armstrong High School; expansion, renovation, and/or repurposing of elementary schools; construction of a storage garage for school district vehicles and equipment; and renovation and repurposing of other district sites and facilities to align facility use with enrollment and program needs, including early childhood?



BOND REFERENDUM LANGUAGE - Question 2

Shall the school board of Robbinsdale Area Schools be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$17M to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to: renovation and repurposing the pool area of Sandburg MS and construction thereon of a performing arts space; renovation and repurposing of Plymouth MS to house the Spanish Immersion and other



BOND REFERENDUM LANGUAGE - Question 2

District programs, and the construction of playgrounds at such site; and renovation and repurposing of Armstrong High School to house a middle school with capacity for 1,100 students, and other district-wide programs?



BOND REFERENDUM LANGUAGE - Question 3

Shall the school board of Robbinsdale Area Schools be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$53M to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to: construction of a new four-section neighborhood elementary school at the Robbinsdale MS site; and renovation and repurposing of district sites and facilities for educational programming and district-wide services?



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: September 8, 2026
RE: Fire Operations Proposal — Rum River

Background:

The City of Robbinsdale entered into a professional services contract with Rum River Consultants, to be designated as the City's Building Official about two years ago. Capacity and personnel make the Building Official a difficult position for a City like Robbinsdale to fill - larger cities benefit from needing additional staff, which allows for inspectors to be dedicated to certain areas/trades (plumbing, HVAC, etc...).

Analysis:

With the recent resignation of the City's Fire Marshall, staff has recognized both "gaps and overlaps" in services. Wanting to ensure everything from safety to adherence of building and fire code, while making resources available to our business, multi-unit housing complexes, and public facilities, staff have identified the opportunity to bolster our services with Rum River Consultants.

Representatives from Rum River Consultants will present recommendations on program implementation, and take feedback from Council before next steps.

Recommendation:

No formal action is being requested at this time.

Attachments:

1. Robbinsdale Fire Code presentation - Final version - Google Slides

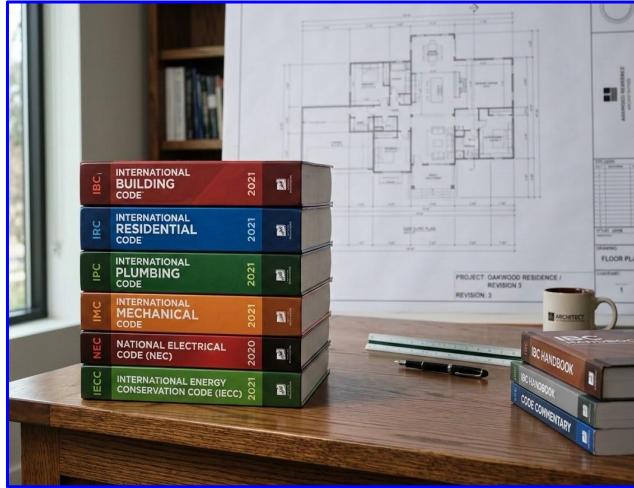
Fire Operational Permits



ROBBINSDALE



Minnesota State Building Code (MSBC)



 Residential Code

 Commercial Code

 Fuel Gas Code

 Mechanical Code

 Fire Code

 Plumbing Code

 Existing Buildings

 Accessibility

 Energy

Building Official

RRC is the designated and delegated municipal authority to oversee construction safety, plan reviews, and structural standards.



Hospitals, Healthcare & Educational Facilities

State-delegated authority for structural and plumbing inspections in complex environments such as medical and educational facilities.



Rum River Consultants...Bridge Builders



First Preventor to First Responder



Foundation

Building permits result in a ***Certificate of Occupancy*** identifying construction type and approved use based on potential hazards.

The Hand-Off

Oversight transitions from **Building Official** to **Fire Code Official** for review of ongoing use and periodic inspections.

Compliance

Fire Operational Permits **Ensures the use** stays consistent with original approvals.

Gaps and Overlaps Were Identified



| Apartments

Visual evidence of compliance gaps and maintenance overlaps within multi-family residential structures.



| Assembly's

Identifying safety critical overlaps and structural gaps in high-traffic assembly areas like playgrounds.

Fire Operational Permit Program Overview

Fire Construction Permits

- Sprinkler
- Alarm
- High-Piled Storage
- Stationary Battery Storage
- Temporary Stages, Canopy or Tents

Fire Operational Permits

- Approved Ongoing Use
- Mobile Food Trucks
- Welding Operations
- Carnival and Fairs
- Temporary Sale Areas



Baseline Currently Supports Building and Fire Code Construction Permits and Inspections. This software will also support Fire Operational Permits.

The Why? Fire Operational Permits

Life Safety

The main purpose is to protect employees, customers, and emergency responders. Fire inspections verify that exits are clear and alarms work.

Fire Prevention

Inspectors often catch problems before they become emergencies—like blocked exits or overloaded electrical panels.

Insurance and Liability

Inspections can help businesses maintain insurability and reduce liability exposure from ignored safety violations.

Code Compliance

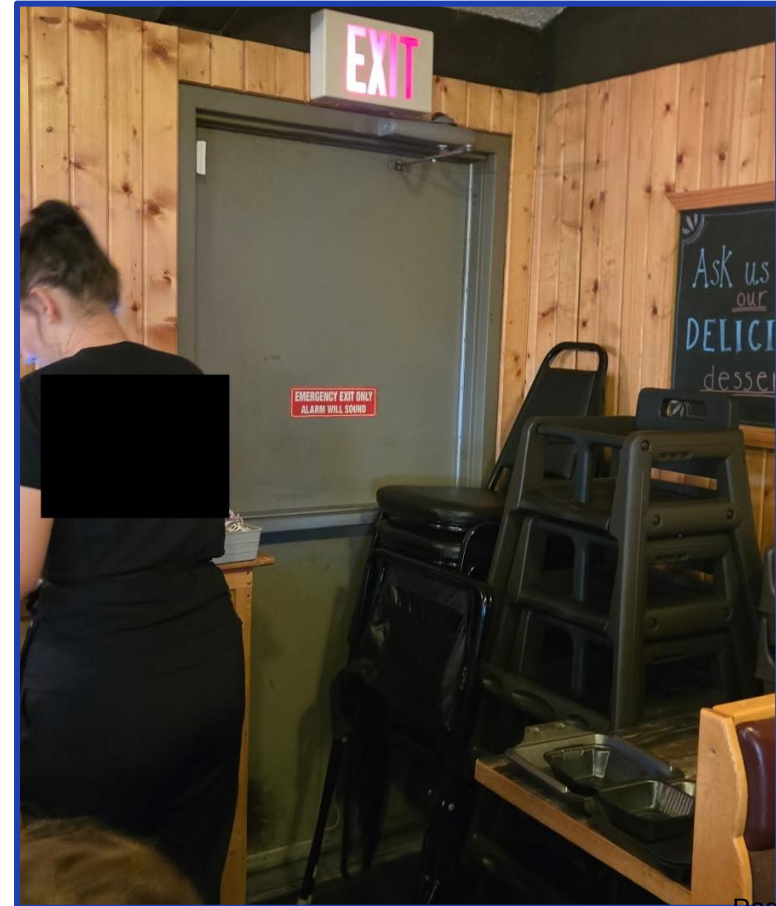
Fire inspections ensure businesses comply with applicable fire codes, building codes, and occupancy requirements.

Protecting Property

A fire can shut a business down permanently. Inspections help reduce the chance of fire and limit damage if one occurs.

Public Confidence

For places like restaurants and retail stores, regular inspections reassure the public that the building is safe to occupy.



Similar to Rental...

Fire Operational Permits Function

Similar to Rental Licenses

The screenshot displays a web interface for managing fire operational permits. At the top, there's a header with the word "RENTAL" and a navigation bar with tabs: "Info", "Inspection Record" (highlighted in blue), "Correspondence", and "Reviews". Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled "Floor 1" and shows "18 units". A grid of 18 green buttons represents individual units, each labeled with an address (e.g., "1 625 1ST AVE NE", "10 625 1ST AVE NE", "11 625 1ST AVE NE", etc.). The last button in the grid is labeled "Main Building". At the bottom of the grid, there's a dashed box containing a "Create New Phase" button. Below the grid, there are two buttons: "Edit" and "Delete".

Recurring Permit

A prerequisite for city licensure, if applicable.

Flexible Duration

Dependent on use and potential hazards identified; typically an annual or biennial permit.

Strategic Focus

Areas of building can be identified separately for specific inspection needs.

MSFC Section 105 Requires Operational Permits



Assemblies

- Churches
- Bars / Restaurants
- Nightclubs
- Theaters



Licensed Facilities

- Liquor
- Tobacco
- Massage



Mercantile

- Grocery Stores
- Gas Stations
- Department Stores



High Risk

- Factories
- High Piled Storage
- Hazardous Materials
- Auto Repair Shops



Other

- Special Events
- Tents / Canopies
- Fireworks
- Food Trucks

Initial Fire Inspection Letter & Checklist

Pre-Inspection Notice

Sent before the inspection to establish initial contact.

Minimize Disruption

Makes the upcoming scheduled inspection significantly less intrusive.

Owner Preparation

Allows the business owner ample time to prepare and review requirements.

Common Violations

Highlights the most frequently documented fire code safety violations.

Cost Awareness

Gives an idea of violations that can be avoided before they become costly.

Clearer Expectations

Establishes clear guidelines and mutual expectations for property owners.

Compliance, Compliance, Compliance!

Education = Voluntary Compliance

Fire Operational Permit Program Benefits

Fire Key Box System



Faster Emergency Access

- No waiting for key holder
- No tools needed
- Keys are with Police & Fire



Reduced Property Damage

- No damaged doors
- No damaged windows
- Both interior & exterior



Improved Safety

- Heavy-duty construction
- Controlled key access
- Department specific system
- Electronic accountability



Access to Critical Areas

- Sprinkler Riser
- Fire Alarm
- Utilities
- Elevator



After-Hours Response

- Staff off site
- People are sleeping
- False alarm



Code Compliance

- Recognized by the fire code
- Approved location
- Maintains secure access

Ensuring Rapid Response

Fire Operational Permit Program Benefits

Fire Key Box System



External Installation

Secure, high-visibility placement on exterior brick for rapid fire department identification and access.



Authorized Use

Designed for master key storage, allowing emergency responders to enter without damaging property.



Key Management

Secure custody of facility keys ensures immediate access to critical areas during after-hours responses.

Fast Contact

Ensures rapid and direct communication with designated parties in any situation.

Damage Prevention

Business and building questions can be resolved immediately before property damage occurs.

Fire Operational Permit Program Benefits

Site / Pre-Plan Review



Fire Hydrant

Gas Utilities

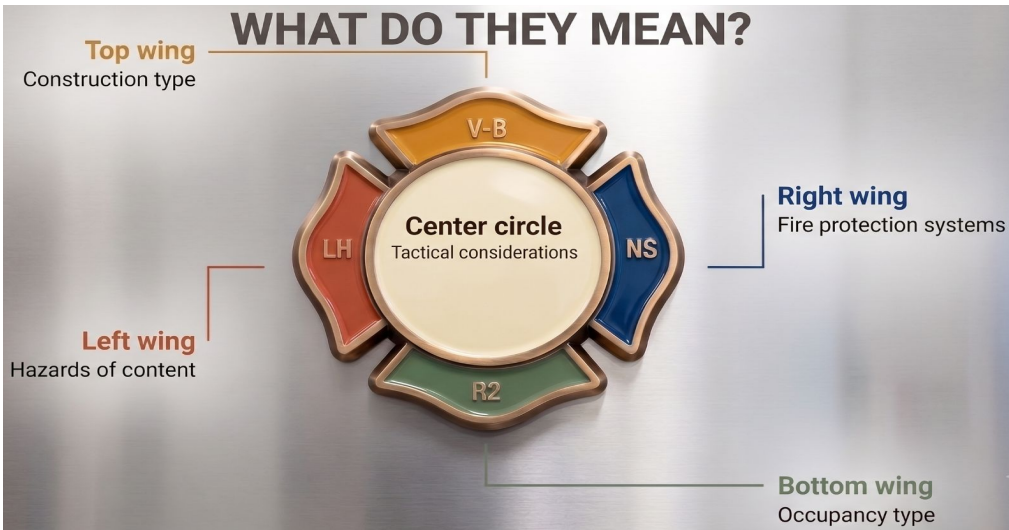
Electric Utilities

Master Key Box (if applicable)

Fire Lane (if applicable)



Building Information Signs



Initial Program Implementation & Management

Communication

Fire Code Official (or designee) provides communication to all affected business owners.

Inspections & Approvals

Coordinate site inspections and manage the full review/approval workflow.

Documentation

Develop site/pre-plan info for files and Building Information Signs. Documents are held in Baseline & Laserfiche.

Licensing Condition

All requirements must be met prior to City/Business License approval as a mandatory condition.

Implementation Schedule: Expected to begin during FY2027 Q1

Fee Structure & Next Steps

Fire Operational Permit Costs

2026 City Council approved Fee Schedule = \$350.00

Permit Fee Includes:

- Initial Site Inspection & a Follow-Up Inspection
- Baseline Application Training
- Additional Reinspections: \$140.00 / hour
(*City bills property owner)

RRC Implementation Costs & Next Steps

RRC one-time implementation cost: \$XXX.00

If City Council supports moving forward with the program:

- RRC & Robbinsdale will draft a new agreement to include administration of the program.
- Staff & RRC will begin implementation of the program which includes inventory of property database and initial letter to property owners.



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: September 8, 2026
RE: Popcorn Topics

Background:

Staff will provide high level updates to Council on current/upcoming items.

Analysis:

Upcoming Schedule

- September 15th - Preliminary (not to exceed) Budget Approval
- October 6th - Public Hearing for Assessment Rolls (Utilities, Admin Penalties, Tree Removals, and Emergency Repairs)
- October 13th — Sustainability Committee, Organizational Study Presentation, Sanborn Park Renaming Proposal
- October 20th - CM out of office

Infrastructure related items with North Memorial — property acquisition, water connection

RFD E7 Update

Recommendation:

Attachments:

None



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APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: September 8, 2026
RE: Budget Item

Background:

Individual Council Members have not requested additional information since the August 12, 2026 Work Session (materials attached).

Analysis:

This item serves as a placeholder, in the case Council has final requests, or questions, comments, or concerns going into the September 15th City Council meeting.

Recommendation:

NA

Attachments:

1. Tax Rate Example 2027vs 2026
2. 8.12.26 DRAFT Budget discussion

City of Robbinsdale

2026 Property Tax Levy Options

Estimated Tax Rate Calculation for 2026

See Table Below for Option Explanations

Exhibit 1

	Compare 2026 Actual to 2027 Option 5 Increase (Decrease)	Actual 2026	<u>Option 1</u> No Change City Levy Full Debt Service 2027	<u>Option 2</u> 4% Increase \$408,713 on 2026 City GF Levy 2027	<u>Option 3</u> 5% Increase \$510,891 on 2026 City GF Levy 2027	<u>Proposed Levy</u> <u>Option 4</u> 6% Increase \$613,070 on 2026 City GF Levy 2027	<u>Option 5</u> 7% Increase \$743,858 on 2026 City GF Levy 2027	<u>Option 6</u> 9% Increase \$956,388 on 2026 City GF Levy 2027
General Fund	743,858	\$10,217,825	\$10,217,825	\$10,626,538	\$10,728,716	\$10,830,895	\$10,961,683	\$11,174,214
Debt service	240,472	1,876,809	2,117,281	2,117,281	2,117,281	2,117,281	2,117,281	2,117,281
Net tax capacity levy	984,330	12,094,634	12,335,106	12,743,819	12,845,997	12,948,176	13,078,964	13,291,494
Certified Levy - City	3,809,937	9,269,027	12,335,106	12,743,819	12,845,997	12,948,176	13,078,964	13,291,494
HRA Levy	(1,009)	339,881	338,872	338,872	338,872	338,872	338,872	338,872
Total Levy	\$3,808,928	\$9,608,908	\$12,673,978	\$13,082,691	\$13,184,869	\$13,287,048	\$13,417,836	\$13,630,366
Net Change	3,808,928							
Percent Levy change from 2026			31.90%	36.15%	37.22%	38.28%	39.64%	41.85%
Fiscal Disparity Increase	-		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Percent Total Levy change from 2026			31.90%	36.15%	37.22%	38.28%	39.64%	41.85%
Net Change after Fiscal Disparities	3,808,928							
Estimated Tax Burden on Average Home		1,781.50	1,890.16	1,950.33	1,968.52	1,986.72	2,010.01	2,047.85
2027 = \$299,200, 2026 = 296,300 Increase = 0.98%)								
Estimated Change in Tax			108.66	168.83	187.02	205.22	228.51	266.35
Estimated Change in Tax Amount per Month			9.06	14.07	15.59	17.10	19.04	22.20
Change in Tax per \$100,000 is approximately =	-							
General Fund Deficit \Use of Reserves			(877,273)	(468,560)	(366,382)	(264,204)	(133,416)	79,115
Estimated City Tax Rate		62.01%	63.71%	65.79%	66.42%	67.05%	67.85%	69.16%

Option 1 = General Fund Tax levy stays the same as 2026, includes all debt service levies.

Option 2 = General Fund tax levy increases by 4% of GF 2026 levy in the amount of \$408,713

Option 3 = General Fund tax levy increases by 5% of GF 2026 levy in the amount of \$510,891

Option 4 = General Fund tax levy increases by 6% of GF 2026 levy in the amount of \$613,070

Option 5= General Fund tax levy increases by 7% of GF 2026 levy in the amount of \$736,705

Option 6= General Fund tax levy increases by 8% of total 2026 levy in the amount of \$841,949

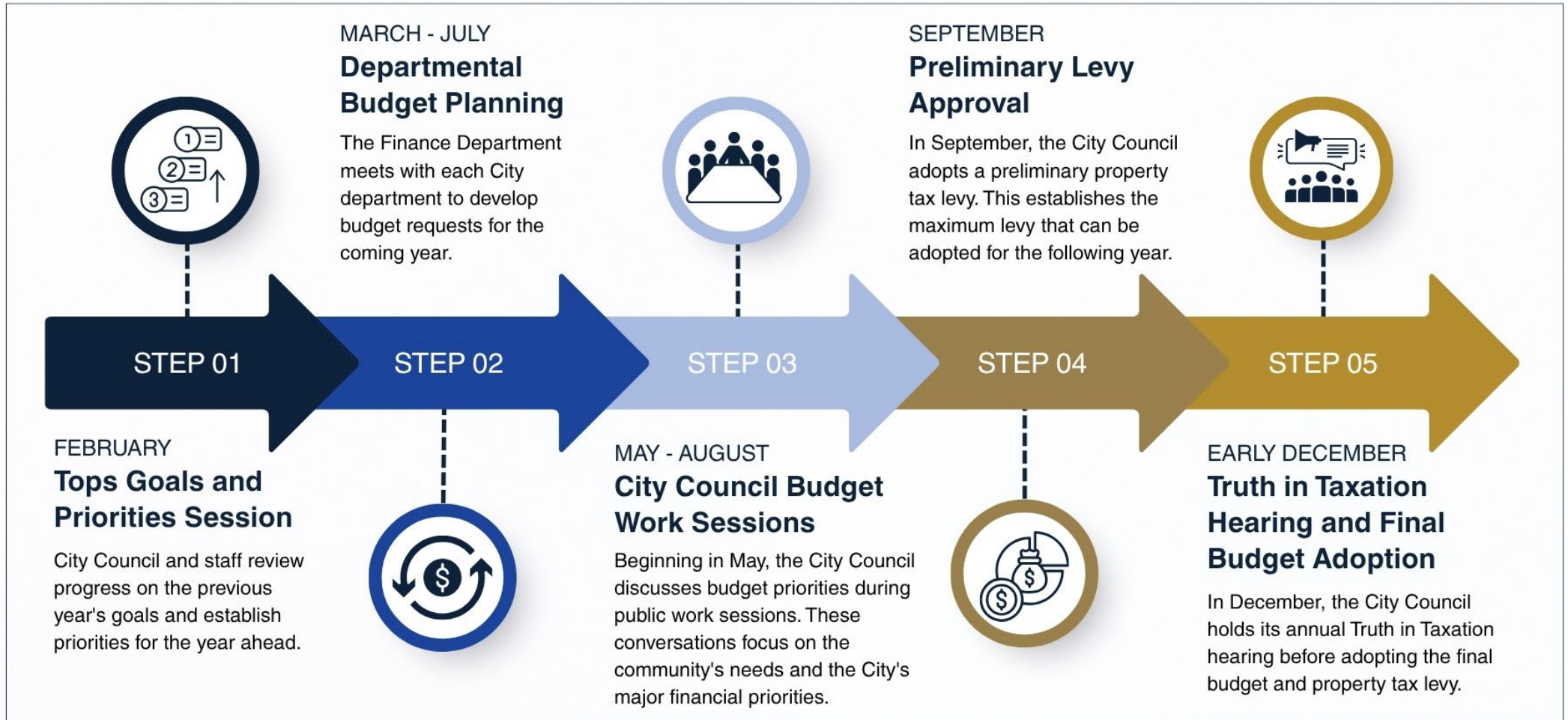


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2027 DRAFT Budget Discussion



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Quick look back...



February – April 2026

Create and adopt Top Goals and Priorities



May

Adopt Budget Calendar
Discuss City contribution to RFDRA,
Staff requested CC Priorities



June

Review General Fund, Capital Improvement Plan (Debt Servicing), Utility Rates
Considered Outside Agencies/influence, and long-term major capital projects through 10-year CIP



July - Council Priorities, timeline

Maintain high levels of service
Reduce the impact on taxpayers while promoting budget stability
Continued focus on infrastructure/long-term capital planning
Focus on the "Needs" vs the "Nice to haves"
Limit eating into reserves
Recognize outside forces
Prioritize public communication, engagement, education

Department Updates



- Administration/Finance
 - Adjustments reflect COLA and insurance, funding conferences and schooling, and general operations
- Community Development
 - Largest change reflects Building Official transition, and personnel reallocation to Engineering
 - 2027 will see changes in Fire Marshall service, continued support of staff growth, and consultant fees for Comprehensive Planning (2050)
- Engineering
 - Forestry contract up for bid, GIS position training increase (new), expecting sustained increases in contractor/leasing agreements, continued staffing model updated over last two years
- Public Safety
 - Fire – RFDRA City contribution, Records Management System updates, Continued training requirements
 - Future needs include (Capital) pedal cutter, EV Fire Suppression, new thermal imager; future request includes Full Time Staff
 - Police – Communications Updates through CAD, sustained operations (no major changes), Adjustment in staffing to remove one Captain position and create Dept/Asst Chief position
- Recreation
 - No major adjustments. Note, changes in 2026 staffing model remain



Special Revenue in different stages

Revenue amount	Timeline	Source	Description
\$5,000.00	March 2024-July 2025	Clean Energy Resource Teams	Subsidized Home Energy Squad visits for Robbinsdale residents and promoted energy efficiency and weatherization resources.
\$10,000.00	July 2024-June 2026	Metropolitan Council	Administered the Water Efficiency Rebate Program, issuing utility bill credits to residents who replace toilets, dishwashers, clothes washers, and showerheads with more efficient models.
\$19,996.60	September 2024-June 2025	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Conducted a geothermal heating and cooling feasibility study for the future Public Works building.
\$66,090.66	November 2024-March 2026	Federal Government	Installed an 80 kW solar array on the rooftop of the Water Treatment Plant in November of 2024, filed for and received the federal tax credit in the spring of 2026.
\$64,678.33	December 2024-September 2025	Minnesota Department of Commerce	Installed a 40 kW solar array on the rooftop of City Hall.
\$45,000.00	June 2025-August 2026	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Installing a Level 3 electric vehicle charger at City Hall for public use.
\$20,000.00	October 2025	Minnesota Department of Commerce	Implemented the SolarAPP+ automated permitting software for residential rooftop solar permits.
\$5,000.00	December 2025-December 2027	Hennepin County	Installed a public drop-off site for organics recycling at the downtown Community Garden, including a concrete pad, fence enclosure, and signage. Also used funding to purchase and distribute countertop pails and compostable bags to program participants.
\$45,000.00	July 2026-June 2027	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Installing two Level 2 electric vehicle charging stations for public use; one at Manor Park, one at Lee Park.
\$49,950.00	July 2026-June 2027	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Hiring a consultant to create a Climate Action Plan for the City of Robbinsdale.
\$21,000.00	July 2026-June 2028	Metropolitan Council	Continuing the Water Efficiency Rebate Program, adding facuets as an eligible appliance and including an equity component with higher rebate amounts for income-qualified residents.
\$3,250,000.00	TBD	State Legislature	Grant toward construction of a New Public Works Building
\$1,000,000.00	TBD	Federal Legislature	Grant toward construction of a New Public Works Building. Seeking to use for Geo-thermal energy elements.
\$2,800,000.00	Oct 2025 to 30 June 2027	MN MPCA	Grant for PFAS Feasibility Study
\$1,500,000.00	now to before April 2029	PFAS Settlement	Settlement funds as part of Class Action for implementation of PFAS Treatment System
\$32,500.00	November 2022- June 2025	MN Department of Natural Resources	Grant for continued treatment & protection of public ash trees. Funding used to purchase insecticide & equipment that will last into 2027
\$50,000.00	June 2025-June 2028	MN Department of Natural Resources	Grant for enhancement & maintenance of native plants in public prairies & raingardens. Funding used for spring burns, mows & summer weed controls.
\$125,000.00	May 2026-June 2027	MN Department of Natural Resources	Grant to be used for public tree pruning in specified opportunity zones beginning in late 2026 to early 2027
\$1,500.00	January 2023 - June 2024	MN Department of Natural Resources	Grant for Aquatic Invasive Species pesticide application or delineation. Delineation completed in 2024 to identify Curly Leaf Pondweed on Lower Twin Lake
\$25,000.00	TBD	Hennepin County	IGNITE grant for solar on the Floc Plant. Still waiting for final word to start construction.
\$150,000.00	August 2024 - current	BWSR	Watershed-Based Implementation Fund (WBIF) grant awarded to Shingle Creek Watershed used for carp removal efforts on Crystal Lake
\$55,000.00	Sept 2026-March 2027	Hennepin County	Grant to Develop Downtown Revitalization Plan
\$50,000.00	July 2026-April 2027	Hennepin County	Grant for "Love Local Downtown Storefront Improvements"
\$178,151.00	April 2026-January 2028	Hennepin County	Environmental Response Remedial Action Plan Grant to Install Vapor Barrier MPCA requires for 4200 West Broadway Redevelopment
\$46,960.00	April 2026-January 2028	Hennepin County	Environmental Response Remedial Action Plan Grant to Install Vapor Barrier MPCA requires for renovation of 4740 N 42nd Ave (Mitchell Building)
\$6,000.00	2024 - 2025	MN Department of Natural Resources	Promote Ice Fishing on Crystal Lake
\$10,000.00	2024-2025	Youth Equipment - Henn County	Free equipment for Girls Fastpitch Softball
\$25,015.00	2024-2025	Hennepin County	Local food purchase assistance - fresh produce to low income households
\$10,000.00	2025	Hennepin County	Youth sporting equipment for girls - equity lens
\$300.00	2025	Women Anglers of MN	Badges and Bobbers
\$1,000.00	2025	Walleye Foundation	Badges and Bobbers
\$5,000.00	2025	Mortenson Foundation	Develop the Robbinsdale Roots program
\$1,500.00	2025	Hennepin County	LGBTQIA+ Up Cycle program with City of Crystal
\$2,500.00	2026	Mortenson Foundation	Robbinsdale Roots Program



Conclusion - Staff Recommendations

- 2026 to 2027 changes
 - Debt Service increase of \$240,472 – largely reflects 2025GO Bonds. *Does not include PFA loan(s)
 - Median Home Value increase 0.98% (\$296,300 to \$299,200)
 - Fiscal Disparities and Local Government Aid assumed to have no change
- Staff recommendation – 6% increase on General Fund Levy
 - Estimated Change for Median Value home - \$205.22/annually or \$17.10/month
 - Results in a General Fund deficit of \$264,204
 - Estimated Tax Rate of 67.05%
 - *2026 Rates:
 - Robbinsdale 62.099%
 - Minneapolis 70.682%
 - Crystal 65.690%
 - New Hope 66.109%
 - Hopkins 67.944%
 - St Anthony 71.940%