

AGENDA

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The City Council is meeting as a legislative body to conduct the business of the City according to the RULES OF PROCEDURE AND DECORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL. Unless so ordered by the Mayor, citizen participation is limited to the following times and always within the prescribed rules of conduct for public input at meetings.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Public hearings are conducted so that the public affected by a proposal may have input into the decision. During hearings, all affected residents will be given an opportunity to speak pursuant to the RULES OF PROCEDURE AND DECORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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

Any member of the public may speak at this time on any item NOT on the agenda. In consideration for the public attending the meeting for specific items on the agenda, this portion of the meeting will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes. Individuals are requested to limit their comments to four (4) minutes or less. If the majority of the Council determines that additional time on a specific issue is warranted, then discussion on that issue shall be continued under Other Business at the end of the agenda. Before addressing the City Council, members of the public are asked to step up to the microphone, give their name, address and state the subject to be discussed. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any member thereof. No person other than members of the Council and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter into any discussion without permission of the presiding officer.

Your participation, as prescribed by the Council's RULES, is welcomed and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
 2. ROLL CALL: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Caceres Aranda, Mayor Sutton
 3. MICROPHONE CHECK: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Caceres Aranda, Mayor Sutton
 4. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 5. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2026 MEETING AGENDA
 6. CONSENT AGENDA: Pursuant to Council rules, one motion, non- debatable, will approve the recommendation noted. Any member of the Council may ask for an item to be taken from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate action. Such items removed from the Consent Agenda shall be considered immediately following approval of the balance of the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes From February 4, 2026

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- B. Approve City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2026
 - C. Approve Special City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2026
 - D. Hennepin County Grant for Community Gardens
 - E. Recommendation for Charter Commission Reappointment
 - F. Investment Report
 - G. Bond Reimbursement Resolution
 - H. Quarterly Financial Information for General, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer and Solid Waste
 - I. Approval of Licenses
 - J. Approve Purchase of Solar Trail Lights and Poles
 - K. Reappointment of Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner to the Shingle Creek Watershed Commission
 - L. Firefighter Forcible Entry Training Prop
 - M. Hennepin County IGNITE Grant
 - N. Appoint Council Member Greenberg and Council Member Caceres Aranda (alternate) to the Blue Line LRT Coordinator Management Committee (CMC)
7. PRESENTATIONS
- A. None
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
- A. None
9. OLD BUSINESS
- A. None
10. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Consider an Ordinance Adding New Language Relating to Administration and Employee Authority in Immigration Matters
 - B. Authorize City Manager to execute an agreement with Cities for Safe and Stable Communities
11. OTHER BUSINESS
- A. Set February 23, 2026 Special Work Session for Community Town Hall

B. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

13. COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

14. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton (Remote), Caceres Aranda

Absent:

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**

Julie Ralston Aoki, 3615 Abbott Ave. N., provided an overview of items the Human Rights Commission discussed related to immigration enforcement at their most recent meeting, including a separation ordinance, business impact, police involvement, after care, providing resources, and more. She also asked the City Council to hold a town meeting.

Greg Salyers, 3980 Lake Curve, voiced his concern around community members using social media and asked people to be civil towards each other.

Steve Carlyle, 4165 West Broadway, noted how the immigration enforcement currently taking place is affecting small businesses in Robbinsdale and asked how the city could help.

OATH OF OFFICE

A. Oath of Office for Ward 4 Council Member Alejandro Caceres Aranda

City Clerk Peterson-Etem reviewed the background of the appointment.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to adopt Resolution No. 8208, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALEJANDRO CACERES ARANDA AS THE ROBBINSDALE WARD 4 COUNCIL MEMBER. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Member Blackledge swore in Member Alejandro Caceres Aranda.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2026, MEETING AGENDA

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

1. Addition of Consent Item 7J, License List.
2. Addition to Other Business Item 12A, Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to approve the February 4, 2026, City Council agenda, as amended.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Greenberg removed Items D and E for further consideration.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the consent agenda, as revised.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

- A. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2026
- B. Receive PRFC Meeting Minutes from November 25
- C. Accept the meeting minutes from the October 22, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting.
- F. Authorize City Manager to Execute Organized Labor Agreement
- G. Deputy Registrar's Monthly Financial Statements
- H. Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' Monthly Financial Statements
- I. Approval of Credit Card Charges and Payment
- D. Accept Quote for Replacement of Street Sweeper – City Project 8004

Member Greenberg noted he is in support of this Item, along with Item E, but due to the large purchase price, he would like the City Manager to provide more details for the public's benefit. City Manager Sandvik discussed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and noted these specific vehicles have been in CIP for a significant number of years and commented that all City equipment is continually evaluated for trade-in, auction, or to continue usage.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to Accept Quote for Replacement of Street Sweeper – City Project 8004.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

- E. Accept Quote for Replacement of Tandem Dump Truck – City Project 8119

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to Accept Quote for Replacement of Tandem Dump Truck – City Project 8119.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nays: None
The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Black History Month Proclamation

Sandvik introduced the Black History Month Proclamation and highlighted the Staff Luncheon, where Staff will watch a recording of Martin Luther King Jr., and noted other neighboring City events in honor of Black History Month.

Member Parisian thanked the DEI Committee for preparing the Proclamation, noted her support of the Proclamation, and shared that she is committed to learn about the reconstruction period post-Civil War. She also highlighted different events in honor of Black History Month.

Member Greenberg echoed Member Parisian's sentiments.

Member Blackledge echoed Member Parisian's sentiments and commented that Black history is American history that can be celebrated year-round.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Caceres Aranda, to approve the 2026 Black History Month Proclamation.

A roll call was taken:
Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda
Nays: None
The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License w/ Sunday Sales and Restaurant License for Risata Cucina

Sandvik introduced the item and noted the Staff's recommendation for approval.

Member Greenberg commented on the excitement he has heard from residents regarding the restaurant coming to Robbinsdale.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to open the public hearing.

A roll call was taken:
Ayes: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Sutton, Caceres Aranda
Nays: None
The motion carried.

Mayor Sutton opened the public hearing.

Celeste Shaheete, owner of 4180 and 4168 West Broadway, stated she is here to support her tenants who will be opening the restaurant. She noted that she is impressed with their responsiveness and industriousness and believes these attributes will carry over to the benefit of the City of Robbinsdale.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to close the public hearing.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to approve the On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License w/ Sunday Sales and Restaurant License for Risata Cucina.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Consider a Closed Session to Discuss the Purchase of Real Property

Sandvik introduced the statute that allows for the city to enter a closed session.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to move into a Closed Session to Consider a Closed Session to Discuss the Purchase of Real Property.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Member Blackledge MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to move back into Open Session.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Schedule Special Work Session - Top Goals and Priorities Session

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and detailed the history of creating top goals and Council priorities.

Mayor Sutton stated that February 26, 2026, jumps off the page for him.

Member Greenberg stated he can not meet on March 5, 2026.

Member Parisian stated she can meet on any of the dates provided.

Member Caceres Aranda stated he can meet on any of the dates provided.

Member Blackledge stated he could do February 26, 2026.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Blackledge, to approve Scheduling a Special Work Session for Top Goals and Priorities on February 26 at 4:00 p.m.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Greenberg, to approve voucher disbursement requests for the period ending February 4, 2026.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Sandvik welcomed the new Council Member, noted that applications for community garden plots are now open, thanked those who are holding different events in recognition of Black History Month, and highlighted different communications related to immigration and the efforts of Staff to keep residents updated. He also noted that the city joined a plastic-free challenge for February, noted the home energy squad loan program and water efficiency rebates have been renewed, and recognized City Engineer Richard McCoy for receiving the Engineer of the Year Award and voiced his gratitude for his work.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Greenberg expressed his excitement to welcome Council Member Caceres Aranda. He discussed the detrimental effects of metro surge on the community and outlined the steps he is taking to support residents, including urging Mayor Sutton to join the Coalition for Safe and Secure Communities.

Mayor Sutton stated that he reached out to Sandvik earlier today regarding the Coalition for Safe and Secure Communities.

Member Blackledge reflected on his visit to the Capitol and discussions surrounding constitutional rights. He spoke about how important it is to stand up for what is right and emphasized the importance of kindness within the community.

Member Parisian thanked fellow Council Members for their remarks. She noted she has been thinking a lot lately about something Member Blackledge often says, to say hello to your neighbor, and shared that she feels encouraged by the community. She acknowledged the murder of Alex Pretti and extended her condolences. She reminded everyone to take care of their mental health. She thanked Julie and the HRC for their presentation and their requests. She asked the Staff to schedule a discussion on an aftercare policy. She expressed how impressed she was with the Richfield action plan, inspired by City feedback, and suggested presenting ideas and feedback gathered at the town hall in an executive summary with prioritized action items for Robbinsdale. She noted this could be done separately from the goals and priorities session. She also thanked the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce for the luncheon, highlighting women-owned business Coco Flake with Valentine's Day approaching. She concluded by congratulating Council Member Caceres Aranda.

Member Caceres Aranda thanked the Council and Staff for the warm welcome. He emphasized the importance of saying hello to your neighbor, noted the strong caucus turnout, and shared his excitement for the work ahead.

Mayor Sutton expressed his enthusiasm about having Council Member Caceres Aranda on board and noted how impressed the Council was with his interview. He thanked the HRC team and Julie for their work, reflected on the importance of supporting Robbinsdale businesses, and encouraged residents to be kind to one another and engage in meaningful conversations.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Chase Peterson-Em, City Clerk

Bradley Sutton, Mayor

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Member Greenberg, Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge, Member Parisian, Mayor Sutton

Absent: None

Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Heather Rand, Community Development Director; Richard McCoy, City Engineer/Public Works Director; John Elder, Police Captain; Rachel Leen, Communications Coordinator

DISCUSSION

A. Consider Separation Ordinance

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge started the conversation by thanking community members for attending and acknowledged that this is an emotional topic. He stated that Council is here to listen and that community safety remains a top priority.

Sandvik provided an introduction and shared context that Minneapolis has adopted several iterations of a separation ordinance. Since the packet was published, the City of Minneapolis has officially adopted the ordinance. He noted it is not a one-to-one model for Robbinsdale, but provides ideas and language that Council could draw from. Sandvik walked through the document and the areas it covers, including access to City property, public safety reporting, complaints and discipline, subpoenas or legal obligations, certifications for crime victims, no impact on private rights, and other provisions.

Sandvik noted that Council has received significant resident feedback regarding City operations in relation to federal enforcement. Communications from the City remain fluid and are frequently updated. Legal advice has been obtained and remains private.

Member Parisian shared deep concern about ICE activity in Robbinsdale and surrounding communities, noting the killing of Renee Nicole Good and the detention of U.S. citizens. She stated that Council's collective goal is to keep residents safe and that a separation ordinance is a clear, tangible action within the City's authority. She highlighted regulating access to City-owned property and increasing transparency in reporting in the ordinance. She clarified that the ordinance would not regulate federal agents, but would regulate how City resources may be used by federal agencies, which responds directly to questions about whether RPD assists ICE. She noted that the ordinance would clarify that the City does not engage in those activities, while remaining compliant with state and federal law and honoring judicial warrants.

Member Greenberg shared that he has been speaking with community members and acknowledged that the situation is unprecedented, frightening, and infuriating. He stated that he is supportive of moving forward with a separation ordinance, while also having concerns he would like to discuss with staff and the community. He expressed openness to listening and acknowledged that City actions may not solve every problem.

Mayor Sutton emphasized that his top priority is resident safety and that he does not want to inflame outrage or embolden actions that could lead to harm, particularly given recent severe responses. He expressed concern about potential backlash to a separation ordinance but noted that ICE activity has already occurred in the City.

He expressed support for signing a separation ordinance that reflects what the City can realistically control.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge acknowledged the pain felt by the community and stated that this is an opportunity for Council to help people feel heard and safe. He reiterated that safety is the top concern and encouraged residents to educate themselves on safety, know their rights, and support one another. He stated that RPD has not assisted ICE in immigration enforcement and will not do so. He expressed support for the separation ordinance as a positive step forward.

Mayor Sutton noted that the Human Rights Commission (HRC) has organized a listening session for the following evening and thanked them for their efforts. Julie Ralston-Aoki, chair of the HRC, suggested hearing resident stories before reviewing the ordinance, as those stories could inform how it is viewed. Ralston-Aoki also questioned what threshold would require local law enforcement to intervene and referenced the detention incident at Hy-Vee.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge opened the floor to discussion, and various community members shared stories and comments on the proposed separation ordinance:

- A community member identified herself as a relative of the detainee at Hy-Vee and stated that the RPD statement did not reflect what occurred. She expressed confusion about how community members can feel safe calling law enforcement.
- Another community member thanked attendees for sharing their stories and stated that ICE tactics are creating fear and trauma rather than safety. She shared that students and families in the community are afraid to attend school. She described a friend being detained by ICE and stated that silence allows harm to continue. She urged those in power to hold ICE accountable and change laws to protect families.
- Another community member spoke in strong support of a separation ordinance. She shared positive experiences with RPD and RFD and stated she feels safe with local responders but unsafe during ICE interactions. She recounted a frightening incident where ICE vehicles followed her home. She emphasized that a separation ordinance would help maintain community trust in RPD.
- A resident noted that the ordinance could be a starting point but should be part of a broader set of future actions.
- A resident expressed support for adopting a separation ordinance, describing recent events as horrific. He noted strong community rapport with RPD and encouraged continued separation from immigration enforcement.

Council then discussed the ordinance, beginning with section 19.10, Purpose and Policy Statement. Member Greenberg asked how the ordinance differs from current practice, given that ICE does not inform the City of its actions. Sandvik stated that existing federal law and RPD policy already limit involvement, and this ordinance would codify those practices in City Code. Elder stated that RPD has no authority to enforce federal immigration law and expressed concern that residents may be afraid to call 911. He shared that ICE has requested use of City property for staging, which RPD has denied. Council agreed on the language of section 19.10.

Member Greenberg asked whether the ordinance would provide authority to remove ICE from City property. Sandvik referenced Minneapolis' experience with public park parking lots and noted ongoing challenges with enforcement in public spaces. A resident asked about restricting masks in public parking lots, and staff noted concerns about unintended impacts on religious or medical face coverings.

A resident asked about police surveillance and body camera footage during ICE interactions. Elder explained that officers may respond to calls without knowing ICE is involved and that body camera data is retained. He stated that footage is generally not releasable except in limited circumstances, but individuals captured on video may request copies, sometimes for a fee.

Council discussed section 19.20, General City Services. Member Parisian asked about license plate recognition data and federal access. Elder stated that RPD would not share data with federal agencies. Flock cameras were discussed, with Elder clarifying that the data is controlled by RPD and only captures public roadways.

Council discussed section 19.25 and agreed to make no changes. Council discussed section 19.30 and made minor wording changes.

Council discussed section 19.40, Public Safety Reporting. Member Greenberg asked about recourse if officers witness illegal actions by federal agents. Elder explained that officers may escalate concerns through DHS channels and reiterated that RPD would intervene in cases of harm, regardless of the agency involved. He emphasized that officers often lack full context during these encounters.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge asked about warrants. Elder stated that ICE does not need to present warrants during public arrests but must have a judicial warrant to enter a home. Member Parisian asked whether RPD could help residents verify warrants. Elder stated that officers are not trained in federal warrant types but can verify identity. Sandvik reiterated that the City cannot provide legal advice but shares resources. Mayor Sutton asked about training officers on federal warrants, and Sandvik noted capacity concerns.

Member Parisian asked about RPD communications and community education. Elder shared that Know Your Rights resources are posted online and that a potential event is being discussed.

A resident asked whether officers could announce that they are observing and recording ICE activity. Council, staff, and community members discussed the role of police as observers and whether further internal discussion is needed.

Council approved draft sections 19.50, 19.60, 19.70, 19.80, and 19.90. Sandvik summarized that he will incorporate minor edits and return with a revised version, noting logistical and capacity concerns and potential litigation risk.

A resident asked whether the ordinance would have changed the outcome of the Hy-Vee incident. Elder stated that the situation could be a learning opportunity and emphasized RPD's willingness to improve and be accountable.

Member Parisian shared that she has multilingual Know Your Rights cards as a personal resource if anyone needs cards. She thanked residents, staff, Council, and RPD for their efforts and asked whether Council would support a unified statement at the next meeting to reassure the community. Council and staff discussed options for public comment and statements at the next Council meeting.

B. Hennepin County Planning Grant Opportunity Focused on Downtown Vitality

Rand introduced a potential opportunity to secure planning funds from Hennepin County through a competitive grant application opening in February. She provided background that a downtown station area plan was finalized in 2023, and Rand suggested revisiting the plan through a public process to continue downtown revitalization. She proposed using a task force model that could include City Council Members, Planning Commissioners, and downtown business and property owners. Potential funded work could include a parking strategy and survey, leveraging downtown properties to highest and best use, and aligning downtown

investments with the Capital Improvement Plan.

Rand discussed the concept with Bolton & Menk, a well-established planning consultant that has previously worked with the City. The estimated cost is approximately \$50,000, with Hennepin County potentially funding up to half. The City would need to provide a local match, and Rand asked whether Council is interested in pursuing the grant. She emphasized the importance of advancing this work to maintain a viable downtown, especially with the potential light rail extension.

Member Parisian stated that a parking survey would be helpful, particularly as additional development proposals come forward.

A resident asked whether Robin Center and other shopping centers would be included. He expressed interest in seeing downtown energy extend to shopping areas. Rand stated that those areas could be included in future planning efforts and welcomed Council input on scope.

A resident raised concerns about the cost of a parking study, noting that the City appears to have ample parking. Member Greenberg stated his understanding that downtown parking is currently insufficient. Rand responded that availability varies by time of day and explained that a district parking study evaluates more than supply, including efficiency, location, and alternatives such as structured parking. Staff and Council discussed parking sustainability and efficient land use. Staff and Council also discussed involving youth in the planning process and creating spaces that appeal to them.

Member Greenberg noted a proposed parking lot associated with the Blue Line project and asked whether the study could explore alternative options. He expressed concern that a park-and-ride in the center of downtown conflicts with planning best practices and supported further discussion. Sandvik cautioned that the Blue Line project office may not be easily influenced by an independent study.

Rand summarized that Council supports pursuing the grant. She will seek additional details on funding amounts, scope, and timelines and return to Council with information on potential matching funds. Member Greenberg suggested engaging community groups to help raise matching funds. Sandvik supported involving downtown businesses and the Chamber, noting that while the City budgets for this type of work, creative funding approaches are encouraged.

STAFF UPDATES

A. Staff Updates

Ward 4 Vacancy: Sandvik shared that the applications for the Ward 4 vacancy have been opened and City Hall has received several inquiries. A special work session is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m. to conduct interviews. Per the City Charter, the appointment must be made at the first meeting in February. Council will receive application materials to review in advance, along with high-level interview questions.

Council Roles and Responsibilities: Sandvik reminded Council to notify staff of any groups they wish to engage in. Council expressed support for Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge continuing in the role. Sandvik explained that staff will recommend that Council appoint two members to the NWSCC. Sandvik recommended appointing Bill Blonigan as the CCX representative and moving himself to a NWSCC board position as well by appointing Rachel Leen to the CCX Board. He noted that the CCX Board meets quarterly and is primarily composed of staff, largely from communications roles, with many cities also having Council representation.

Local Sales Tax: Sandvik explained that advancing the local sales tax option requires multiple steps, beginning with a resolution expressing interest to the Legislature. Up to three dozen cities may apply due to the two-year moratorium, with outcomes uncertain given the political and election-year context. Member Greenberg

expressed strong support. Sandvik clarified this resolution is a preliminary step, not implementation.

PFAS Treatment: McCoy shared that a consultant report on PFAS treatment will be presented to Council, funded by a \$2.8 million grant. Sandvik asked whether additional materials could be prepared. Mayor Sutton requested an overview of all options and the rationale for the recommended approach. Member Greenberg asked for typical cost comparisons. McCoy noted the consultant was selected through an extensive process. Mayor Sutton emphasized the importance of distinguishing required spending from optional spending in and highlighting that the funding is state-provided in presentation materials.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Mayor Sutton shared that he recently spoke with business owners at Travail and Marna's and noted that businesses and residents are struggling. He stated that the impacts of federal enforcement operations extend to employment, dining, and livelihoods, and that local businesses would appreciate support, acknowledgment, and continued conversation during this time.

Member Parisian stated she plans to attend the Human Rights Commission special session the following evening. Member Greenberg and Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge also expressed interest. Sandvik noted that a quorum notice can be posted.

Member Greenberg thanked everyone for the discussion and shared that he has been reaching out to other representatives for mutual support. Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge echoed these remarks, stating he will continue to stay informed and prepared for community conversations. He also thanked City staff for the quick turnaround on meeting materials.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge adjourned the meeting at 10:17 PM.

Rachel Leen, Communications Coordinator

Raymond Blackledge, Mayor Pro Tem

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Blackledge, Greenberg, Parisian, Mayor Sutton

Absent: None

Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Chase Peterson-Etem, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

DISCUSSION

A. City Council Ward 4 Vacancy Interviews

The Council interviewed all eight candidates who submitted an application and letter of interest to fill the Ward 4 City Council seat.

After the interviews, the Council deliberated and agreed to appoint Alejandro Caceres Aranda at the February 4, 2026, City Council meeting.

STAFF UPDATES

None.

COUNCIL UPDATES

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk

Brad Sutton, Mayor



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Hennepin County Grant for Community Gardens

Background:

Since 2022 Hennepin County has awarded Robbinsdale with grant dollars to support the Community Garden program. These grants were through the Step to It Challenge, a program that was sunsetted in 2024. Even though the Step to It Challenge is no longer around the grant dollars from Hennepin County are still available.

Analysis:

For 2026 Hennepin County has offered Robbinsdale Recreation \$10,000 in grant dollars. This will be used to build 10 more garden plots to be installed at the Lake Drive Community Garden and help pay for the installation of a permanent water source at the Lake Drive location.

Recommendation:

Accept and thank Hennepin County for grant dollars and their continued support in promoting healthy living options and programs in our community.

Attachments:

None



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Chase Peterson-Etem, Assistant City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Recommendation for Charter Commission Reappointment

Background:

The Charter Commission is comprised of 15 eligible resident voters who are appointed at-large by the Chief Judge of Hennepin County, after a recommendation is made by the City Council. Members are not paid, but serve as volunteers. There are no term limits; however, their terms need to be renewed every four years.

Analysis:

Kelly Groehler, who's term expires in February, has requested reappointment to the Charter Commission. She has been a member of the Commission for several years as well as serving in other capacities for the city. She has provided positive input on charter amendments and is being recommended for reappointment.

Recommendation:

Motion to waive the reading and adopt a resolution recommending the reappointment of Kelly Groehler to the Robbinsdale Charter Commission.

Attachments:

1. Groehler Reappointment Resolution

Member _____ moved and Member _____ seconded a motion that the following resolution be read and adopted this 17th day of February 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT REAPPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED VOTER OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE TO THE ROBBINSDALE CHARTER COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 410.05, Subdivision 2, empowers the Chief Judge of the Hennepin County District Court to fill vacancies in the Robbinsdale Charter Commission; and

WHEREAS, the term of Kelly Groehler expires on February 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Groehler has indicated a desire to continue to serve on the Charter Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to recommend that this qualified voter of the City of Robbinsdale be appointed to the Charter Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Robbinsdale that Kelly Groehler is hereby recommended to the Chief Judge of the Hennepin County District Court for appointment to the Robbinsdale Charter Commission.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

Brad Sutton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Diaa Tahoun, Finance Director
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Investment Report

Background:

Attached is the investment portfolio information for the quarter ending December 31, 2025, prepared by the Finance Department. The report includes quarterly cash position amounts for 2025, as well as a future economic outlook.

Analysis:

This summarized information reflects activity by category that has occurred to date throughout the quarter.

Recommendation:

Approve a motion to acknowledge the Investment Report for the quarter ended December 2025.

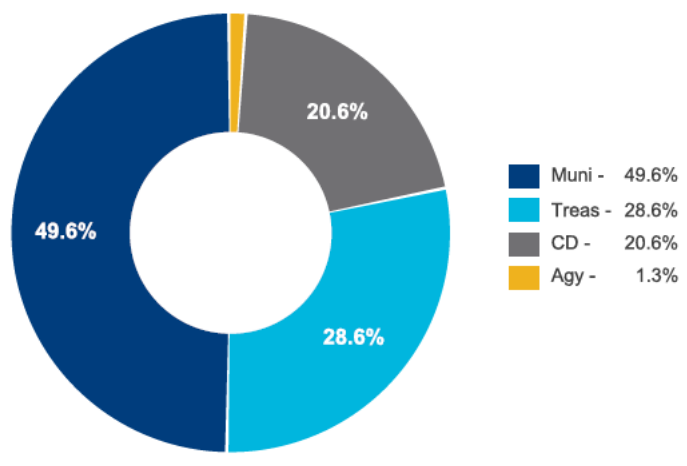
Attachments:

1. Q4 2025

Totals & Averages @ Market	
Summary Totals	
Original Face	\$55,629,000
Current Face (Par)	\$55,629,000
Market Principal	\$53,722,248
Accrued Interest	\$455,696
Cash & Cash Alternatives	\$3,874,083
Fixed Income Funds	\$0
Equity Balance	\$0
Total Portfolio Value	\$58,052,027
Next 12mo Cpn Cash Flow	\$1,199,387
Generic Annual Cpn Cash Flow	\$1,272,919
Weighted Averages	
Coupon*	2.288%
Maturity**	1.90 yrs
Duration	1.81
Yield to Worst	3.693%
Yield to Maturity	3.693%
Market Price*	96.572
Tax Lots Holdings Included	163 of 167
<small>*Par-Wtd, all else Mkt-Wtd.</small>	
<small>**Avg life used for principal paydowns, and perpetual securities are assigned a 40 year maturity.</small>	

State Board of Investment (SBI) Par \$100,000
 State Board of Investment (SBI) Market Value \$134,755

Asset Class



Note

An unrealized loss is a decrease in the value of an investment that an investor holds. A gain or loss becomes realized when the investment is actually sold. Our investments are not intended to be sold, but instead held to maturity. The unrealized loss is a function of rising interest rates.

Economic Outlook

Manufacturing Activity Surges in January

The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) reported last week that its ISM Manufacturing Index, based on surveys of business executives, jumped to 52.6% in January from 48.9% in the prior month. This was highest reading for the index since August of 2022 and was the first time in 12 months it exceeded the 50% threshold that distinguishes expansion of business activity from contraction. Meanwhile, the services sector remained in expansionary mode, as the ISM Services Index registered 53.8% for the month, which matched December's reading and was the 19th consecutive 50%+ monthly reading.

Yield Curve Steepening Continues

The slope of the U.S. yield curve steepened to its widest level in four years last week when the excess yield on the 10-year Treasury bond versus the 2-year bond reached 0.73 percentage points. The spread has risen steadily since mid-2023 when it was negative because of short-term bond yields exceeding those of longer-term issues. Over this period, the 2-year Treasury yield has declined by approximately 1.5 percentage points in conjunction with the Federal Reserve's move to cut interest rates, but the yield on 10-year Treasury bonds has instead risen, which some observers attribute to rising U.S. government debt loads and lesser demand for U.S. Treasuries.

Wild Week for Bitcoin

Bitcoin came under renewed pressure last week, experiencing sharp declines and extreme volatility. After falling more than 13% over the first three days of the week, the cryptocurrency plunged another 12% on Thursday alone, finishing at \$63,795.00. A 10% rebound on Friday to \$70,580.00 eased its weekly loss to 16%, its steepest one-week decline since 2022. Some pundits attributed the selloff to weak liquidity and waning institutional demand. After last week's losses, Bitcoin is now off a staggering 44% from its recent highs in October 2025 and has erased all the gains it made after the U.S. presidential election in November 2024.

Federal Reserve Holds Rates Steady to Start Year

Federal Reserve governors voted last week to hold the central bank's policy interest rate, the federal funds rate, unchanged at a target range of 3.50% - 3.75%. The decision to stand pat came after three consecutive quarter-point rate cuts over the last four months of 2025. In an accompanying policy statement, Fed officials said they see still inflation as somewhat elevated yet also noted that the job market has shown signs of stabilization; as a result, they removed language referencing rising downside risks to employment.

U.S. Dollar Weakness Continues

Despite a sharp bounce on Friday, the U.S. dollar declined again last week, as the ICE U.S. Dollar Index, which tracks the value of the greenback versus a basket of other currencies, fell a half-percentage point. This followed a 1.8% decline in the prior week and left the index at its lowest level in almost four years. The dollar has lost more than 10% of its value since 2025 began on various concerns, including tariffs and rising U.S. debt levels. While a weaker dollar raises prices on imports into the U.S., it is advantageous for U.S. exporters as their products become cheaper to foreign buyers.



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Diaan Tahoun, Finance Director
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Bond Reimbursement Resolution

Background:

The 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the 2026 Budget included various street construction, utility projects, and various capital equipment that were planned to be financed in part through the issuance of General Obligation Street, Utility Improvement Bonds, and Equipment Certificates.

Analysis:

The CIP document included a source of financing for the projects and equipment to be from bonds. As part of the bond issuance process, it is recommended that the City adopt the attached reimbursement resolution for the improvement project. The resolution sets forth the City's desire to reimburse itself for the listed projects for any costs incurred beginning 60 days prior to the resolution. This resolution in no way provides the authority for the issuance of bonds. The bonds planned to be issued will be brought before the City Council for approval at a later date.

Recommendation:

By motion, waive the reading and order the adoption of the resolution declaring the official intent of the City of Robbinsdale to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the City (shown as Exhibit 1).

Attachments:

1. Bond Resolution

Member _____ moved and Member _____ seconded a motion that the following resolution be read and adopted this 17th day of February 2026.

RESOLUTION NO.

**DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE
CITY OF ROBBINSDALE TO REIMBURSE
CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS
OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY**

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has issued Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") providing that proceeds of tax-exempt bonds used to reimburse prior expenditures will not be deemed spent unless certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the City of Robbinsdale, Minnesota (the "City") expects to incur certain expenditures that may be financed temporarily from sources other than bonds, and reimbursed from the proceeds of a tax-exempt bond; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined to make this declaration of official intent (the "Declaration") to reimburse certain costs from proceeds of bonds in accordance with the Reimbursement Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City proposes to undertake the purchase of various equipment for the public works department (including a Water Truck, Dump Truck, and Engine Driven Loader Mounted Snow Blower) and equipment for the fire department (including Sanborn Park playground equipment and) (the "Equipment"). The City further proposes to undertake the construction of various street and utility projects (the "2026 Street and Utility Projects").

2. The City reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures made for certain costs of the Equipment from the proceeds of bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$2,000,000. The City reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures made for certain costs of the 2026 Street and Utility Projects from the proceeds of bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$5,000,000. All reimbursed expenditures will be capital expenditures, costs of issuance of the bonds, or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Reimbursement Regulations.

3. This Declaration has been made not later than sixty (60) days after payment of any original expenditure to be subject to a reimbursement allocation with respect to the proceeds of bonds, except for the following expenditures: (a) costs of issuance of bonds; (b) costs in an amount not in excess of \$100,000 or five percent (5%) of the proceeds of an issue; or (c) "preliminary expenditures" up to an amount not in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate issue price of the issue or issues that finance or are reasonably expected by the City to finance the project for which the preliminary expenditures were incurred. The term "preliminary expenditures" includes architectural, engineering, surveying, bond issuance, and similar costs that are incurred prior to commencement of acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of a project, other than land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction.

4. This Declaration is an expression of the reasonable expectations of the City based on the facts and circumstances known to the City as of the date hereof. The anticipated original expenditures for the Equipment and the 2026 Street and Utility Projects and the principal amount of the bonds described in paragraph 2 are consistent with the City's budgetary and financial circumstances. No sources other than proceeds of bonds to be issued by the City are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside pursuant to the City's budget or financial policies to pay such expenditures.

5. This Declaration is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent for purposes of the Reimbursement Regulations.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

Brad Sutton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk
(seal)



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Daaa Tahoun, Finance Director
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Quarterly Financial Information for General, Water, Sanitary Sewer,
Storm Sewer and Solid Waste

Background:

Attached is quarterly financial information for the General, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer and Solid Waste Funds for the quarter ending December 2025 prepared by the finance department. The report includes a budget and quarterly amount for 2025.

Analysis:

This is summarized information and reflects transactions that have occurred to date throughout the quarter. Many of the General Fund revenues are received in lump payments at various times during the years and many expenses are seasonal.

Recommendation:

Approve a motion to acknowledge the financial reports for the quarter ending December 2025.

Attachments:

1. Quarterly Financial information Dec 2025

City of Robbinsdale
General Fund
For Period Ending December 31, 2025
(Unaudited)

	4th Quarter 2025	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget	Under (Over) Budget	Percent Received / Expended
Revenues					
Taxes	4,516,194	9,452,011	\$ 9,504,954	\$ 52,943	99.4%
Business Licenses	\$ 2,575	\$ 89,365	121,000	31,635	73.9%
Non-Business Licenses & Permits	179,158	499,497	429,459	(70,038)	116.3%
Intergovernmental & Grants	1,986,629	3,562,456	2,932,766	(629,690)	121.5%
General Government Fees	145,799	365,423	318,420	(47,003)	114.8%
Public Safety Fees	9,302	26,416	21,000	(5,416)	125.8%
Recreation Fees	33,791	161,101	120,394	(40,707)	133.8%
Fines & Forfeitures	5,847	140,557	195,000	54,443	72.1%
Franchise Fees	229,720	505,500	520,000	14,500	97.2%
Interest Income			156,560	156,560	
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,938	212,824	16,500	(196,324)	1289.8%
Contributions From Other Funds			300,000	300,000	
Total Revenues	\$ 7,117,953	\$ 15,015,150	\$ 14,636,053	\$ (379,097)	102.6%
Expenditures					
City Council	\$ 24,996	\$ 188,021	\$ 188,580	\$ 559	99.7%
Legal Services	24,330	76,473	124,467	47,994	61.4%
Administrative Services	200,114	540,879	490,128	(50,751)	110.4%
Assessing	2,178	11,092	10,715	(377)	103.5%
Financial Services	122,316	304,327	343,925	39,598	88.5%
Community Development	193,688	657,537	658,119	582	99.9%
Police Services	2,128,259	6,865,999	7,411,855	545,856	92.6%
Fire Services	501,580	1,219,256	1,131,222	(88,034)	107.8%
Recreation & Parks	196,140	801,466	775,538	(25,928)	103.3%
Engineering Services	385,581	1,007,359	1,041,184	33,825	96.8%
Public Works	674,372	2,515,253	2,963,434	448,181	84.9%
Human Services					
Transfer to Other Funds					
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,453,554	\$ 14,187,662	\$ 15,139,167	\$ 951,505	93.7%
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		\$ 827,488	\$ (503,114)	\$ 1,330,602	

City of Robbinsdale
Water Utility Fund
For Period Ending December 31, 2025
(Unaudited)

	4th Quarter 2025	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget	Under (Over) Budget	Percent Received / Expended
Water Utility Operations					
Revenues/Other Cash Inflow					
Water Charges	\$ 1,502,646	\$ 4,798,030	\$ 4,738,934	\$ (59,096)	101.2%
Intergovernmental - Grants	960,208	1,051,709	6,002,500	4,950,791	17.5%
Interest Income	9,037	20,641	135,000	114,359	15.3%
Bond Proceeds		935,000	3,904,610	2,969,610	23.9%
Other Revenue		2,927	44,500	41,573	6.6%
Total Revenues	\$ 2,471,891	\$ 6,808,307	\$ 14,825,544	\$ 8,017,237	45.9%
Expenses/Other Cash Outflow					
Personal Service	\$ 171,777	\$ 574,989	\$ 435,645	\$ (139,344)	132.0%
Supplies	117,683	403,355	562,647	159,292	71.7%
Other Services & Charges	321,765	1,074,996	1,083,026	8,030	99.3%
Depreciation	309,000	1,236,000	1,236,000		100.0%
Capital Improvements	16,537	217,550	10,173,210	9,955,660	2.1%
Bond Principal		2,399,697	2,192,771	(206,926)	109.4%
Bond Interest		572,026	823,821	251,795	69.4%
Fiscal Agent Fees	11	420	610	190	68.9%
Debt Issuance cost		18,759	20,000	1,241	93.8%
Operating Transfers Out			65,000	65,000	
Total Expenses	\$ 936,773	\$ 6,497,792	\$ 16,592,730	\$ 10,094,938	39.2%
		Increase (Decrease)			
Year-to-date Revenue less Expenses		<u>\$ 310,515</u>			

City of Robbinsdale
Sanitary Sewer Fund
For Period Ending December 31, 2025
(Unaudited)

	4th Quarter 2025	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget	Under (Over) Budget	Percent Received / Expended
Sanitary Sewer Operations					
<u>Revenues/Other Cash Inflow</u>					
Sanitary Sewer Charges	\$ 1,022,438	\$ 3,184,607	\$ 3,315,403	\$ 130,796	96.1%
Interest Income	368	4,463	57,500	53,037	7.8%
Bond Proceeds			743,800	743,800	
Other Revenue		2,927	5,000	2,073	58.5%
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 1,022,806</u>	<u>\$ 3,191,997</u>	<u>\$ 4,121,703</u>	<u>\$ 130,796</u>	<u>77.4%</u>
<u>Expenses/Other Cash Outflow</u>					
Personal Service	\$ 48,768	\$ 170,083	\$ 235,606	\$ 65,523	72.2%
Supplies	28,924	49,899	49,664	(235)	100.5%
Other Charges & Services	394,000	1,543,322	1,597,835	54,513	96.6%
Depreciation	66,306	265,225	265,225		100.0%
Capital Improvements	34,508	39,536	1,020,800	981,264	3.9%
Bond Principal Pymts		245,000	215,000	(30,000)	114.0%
Bond Interest		61,150	49,150	(12,000)	124.4%
Fiscal Agent Fees/Other Interest	4,837	5,141	668	(4,473)	769.6%
Debt Issuance Cost		59		(59)	#DIV/0!
Operating Transfers Out			16,000	16,000	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 577,343</u>	<u>\$ 2,379,415</u>	<u>\$ 3,449,948</u>	<u>\$ 1,070,533</u>	<u>69.0%</u>
		<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>			
Year-to-date Revenue less Expenses		<u>\$ 812,582</u>			

City of Robbinsdale
Storm Sewer Fund
For Period Ending December 31, 2025
(Unaudited)

	<u>4th Quarter 2025</u>	<u>Year to Date Actual</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Under (Over) Budget</u>	<u>Percent Received / Expended</u>
Storm Sewer Operations					
<u>Revenues/Other Cash Inflow</u>					
Storm Sewer Charges	\$ 690,573	\$ 2,136,983	\$ 2,071,001	\$ (65,982)	103.2%
Interest Income	25,128	28,200	60,000	31,800	47.0%
Bond Proceeds		2,905,000	4,352,100	1,447,100	66.7%
Other Revenue/ State Aid	492	1,358		(1,358)	
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 716,193</u>	<u>\$ 5,071,541</u>	<u>\$ 6,483,101</u>	<u>\$ 1,411,560</u>	<u>78.2%</u>
<u>Expenses/Other Cash Outflow</u>					
Personal Service	\$ 58,715	\$ 172,378	\$ 195,143	\$ 22,765	88.3%
Supplies	3,122	50,642	162,656	112,014	31.1%
Other Charges & Services	100,818	483,507	556,441	72,934	86.9%
Depreciation	100,000	400,000	400,000		100.0%
Capital Improvements	1,362,069	1,373,122	4,579,600	3,206,478	30.0%
Bond Principal Pymts		415,000	415,000		100.0%
Bond Interest		97,147	97,147		100.0%
Fiscal Agent Fees	17	496		(496)	
Debt Issuance Cost	161	57,964		(57,964)	
Operating Transfers out			25,000	25,000	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 1,624,902</u>	<u>\$ 3,050,256</u>	<u>\$ 6,430,987</u>	<u>\$ 3,380,731</u>	<u>47.4%</u>
		<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>			
Year-to-date Revenue less Expenses		<u>\$ 2,021,285</u>			

City of Robbinsdale
Solid Waste Fund
For Period Ending December 31, 2025
(Unaudited)

	<u>4th Quarter 2025</u>	<u>Year to Date Actual</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Under (Over) Budget</u>	<u>Percent Received / Expended</u>
Solid Waste Operations					
<u>Revenues/Other Cash Inflow</u>					
Solid Waste Charges	\$ 910,721	\$ 2,727,447	\$ 2,446,860	\$ (280,587)	111.5%
County Grant Revenue	41,674	72,964	66,000	(6,964)	110.6%
Interest Income			79,000	79,000	
Other Revenue	1,100	3,650	3,000	(650)	121.7%
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 953,495</u>	<u>\$ 2,804,061</u>	<u>\$ 2,594,860</u>	<u>\$ (209,201)</u>	<u>108.1%</u>
<u>Expenses/Other Cash Outflow</u>					
Personal Service		\$	\$	\$	
Supplies					
Other Charges & Services	\$ 502,323	2,122,502	2,206,989	84,487	96.2%
Transfer to Other Funds			200,000	200,000	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 502,323</u>	<u>\$ 2,122,502</u>	<u>\$ 2,406,989</u>	<u>\$ 284,487</u>	<u>88.2%</u>
		<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>			
Year-to-date Revenue less Expenses		<u>\$ 681,559</u>			



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Chase Peterson-Etem, Assistant City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Approval of Licenses

Background:

As required by City Code, contractor and business licenses issued in the City of Robbinsdale must be approved by the City Council. Attached is a list of applicants requesting a license or license renewal to operate within the City. All appropriate fees have been paid and certificates of insurance and bonds, if required, have been filed with the City Clerk.

Analysis:

Not applicable.

Recommendation:

By motion, approve issuance of licenses dated 2/17/2026.

Attachments:

1. Licenses

LICENSE APPROVAL LIST

2/17/26

BUSINESS

TYPE

FEE

Papa John's

Convenience Foods

\$100

Contractor Licenses for City Council

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>
KOTA TREE	Tree Removal	\$75.00	26-0102
CENTRAL MN TREE SERVICE	Tree Removal	\$75.00	26-0098
MATT'S TREE SERVICE	Tree Removal	\$75.00	26-0125
RAINBOW TREE CARE	Tree Removal	\$75.00	26-0095
VALLEY-RICH COMPANY	WATER/SEWER	\$75.00	11027



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Richard McCoy, City Engineer/Public Works Director
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Approve Purchase of Solar Trail Lights and Poles

Background:

Part of the approved 2026 Capital Works budget relates to the ongoing installation of solar powered trail lights in the City. These trail lights which are standalone and off grid, provide improved amenity for users of the trails. The lights also contribute to the City’s goal of reducing carbon emissions as part of its operations.

The City’s Sustainability Coordinator and Parks Supervisor have researched several trail lighting options that are powered solely by solar and/or wind for new installations along the trail in Lee Park and to replace and enhance lighting in Hollingsworth Park.

Analysis:

After reviewing photometrics, it has been determined that eight (8) lights will be required in both locations for a total of sixteen (16) lights and poles.

The fixture selected is a First Light Technologies (FLT) with a solar RSL side mount. The fixture will have a Type 2 light spread to maximize the lighting along the path of the trails. The lights will be mounted on 20 foot tall aluminium poles.

Staff has obtained pricing through Voss Lighting Design. The lights and poles are part of an Omnia Partners contract 02-83 (similar to a State Contract). The total price received for the lights and poles is \$38,041.00 for each park for a gross total of \$76,082.00.

Funding has been provided in the 2026 Capital budget for trail lighting with \$50,000 available in the Lee Park Trail Lighting project (#299) and \$60,000 available in City Park Trail Lighting project (#2005).

Staff recommend approving the purchase of sixteen (16) lights and 20 foot tall poles from Voss Lighting Design of Arden Hills, Minnesota for the total amount of \$76,082.00 with the Finance Director and City Manager preparing a Purchase Order.

Recommendation:

The Finance Director and City Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order to Voss Lighting Design of Arden Hills, Minnesota for the total amount of \$76,082.00 the purchase of sixteen (16) First Light Technologies (FLT) lights with a solar RSL side mount and poles in accordance with the quote dated January 26th, 2026.

Attachments:

None



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Richard McCoy, City Engineer/Public Works Director
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Reappointment of Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner to the Shingle Creek Watershed Commission

Background:

The City of Robbinsdale’s representatives on the Shingle Creek Watershed Commission are appointed by resolution and serve for a three-year term. Representatives can be reappointed. The current Shingle Creek Commissioner is Wayne Sicora and Alternate Commissioner is Wendy Scherer.

Both Mr. Sicora’s and Ms Scherer's terms for the Shingle Creek Watershed Commissions ended at the end of January 2026.

The City regularly has public announcements to recruit for the Commissioner and/or alternate Commissioner for the two Watersheds within the City, but few if any applicants apply. Watershed Commission meetings are held during the day, and this is a barrier for some people to become a representative.

Staff has spoken to both Mr. Sicora and Ms Scherer who have indicated their willingness to continue serving on the Commission. Staff is pleased with the representation both residents have provided on behalf of the City and recommend that both be re-appointed as Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner for Shingle Creek Watershed for terms concluding January 31st 2029.

Two resolutions have been provided, one to re-appoint Mr. Sicora as the Robbinsdale Commissioner for Shingle Creek Watershed and the second to re-appoint Ms. Scherer as the Robbinsdale Alternate Commissioner for Shingle Creek Watershed.

Analysis:

Recommendation:

By motion, waive the reading and order the adoption of the attached resolution approving the re-appointment of Wayne Sicora as Commissioner to Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission for a term concluding January 31st, 2029.

Further, by motion, waive the reading and order the adoption of the attached resolution approving the re-appointment of Wendy Scherer as Alternate Commissioner to Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission for a term concluding January 31st, 2029.

Attachments:

1. Resolution - Re-appointment to Shingle Creek Commission - Wayne Sicora
2. Resolution - Re-appointment to Shingle Creek Commission - Wendy Scherer

Member _____ moved and Member _____ seconded a motion that the following resolution be read and adopted this 17th day of February, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE SICORA
AS COMMISSIONER TO THE SHINGLE CREEK WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM
CONCLUDING JANUARY 31st, 2029

WHEREAS, the City of Robbinsdale is partially located in the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commissions Area and is required under state law to manage its storm water runoff; and

WHEREAS, the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commissions have been organized under Minnesota Statutes to manage the storm waters of cities whose boundaries fall within the water management area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Robbinsdale has adopted a Joint Powers Agreement joining the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commissions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Robbinsdale to approve the re-appointment of Wayne Sicora as Commissioner to the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission for the term concluding January 31st, 2029.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

Brad Sutton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chase Peterson-Item, City Clerk

Member _____ moved and Member _____ seconded a motion that the following resolution be read and adopted this 17th day of February, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF WENDY SCHERER
AS ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER TO THE SHINGLE CREEK WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM
CONCLUDING JANUARY 31st, 2029

WHEREAS, the City of Robbinsdale is partially located in the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commissions Area and is required under state law to manage its storm water runoff; and

WHEREAS, the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commissions have been organized under Minnesota Statutes to manage the storm waters of cities whose boundaries fall within the water management area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Robbinsdale has adopted a Joint Powers Agreement joining the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commissions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Robbinsdale to approve the re-appointment of Wendy Scherer as Alternate Commissioner to the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission for the term concluding January 31st, 2029.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

Brad Sutton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Guy Dorholt, Fire Chief
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Firefighter Forcible Entry Training Prop

Background:

Forcible entry is a core, high-risk fireground skill that must be practiced regularly to maintain proficiency and firefighter safety. At present, our department relies on two less-than-ideal methods to deliver this training:

1. Hiring an outside instructor for departmental forcible entry training at a cost of approximately \$1,500 per session, conducted twice annually.
2. Borrowing a forcible entry prop from a neighboring department for academy instruction.

Unfortunately, both the hired prop and the borrowed prop are significantly worn, provide substandard training experiences, and—most importantly—have become legitimate safety concerns due to their condition and design limitations. These issues limit realism, reduce instructional effectiveness, and increase the risk of injury during training evolutions.

Analysis:

The purpose of this proposal is to evaluate two leading forcible entry (FE) door training systems — the GEN3 Forcible Entry Door from East Coast Rescue Solutions and the Multi-Force “Blue Door” System from Firehouse Innovations — and determine which provides the greatest long-term training value, realism, durability, and adaptability for our department.

Systems Overview:

ECRS GEN3 Forcible Entry Door

The ECRS GEN3 is a purpose-built, multi-discipline forcible entry simulator designed to replicate both residential and commercial door challenges. It is engineered not just for basic inward and outward forcing, but also for modern security obstacles and tool integration that firefighters increasingly encounter.

- Inward and outward swinging door configurations
- Multiple lock positions with adjustable resistance levels
- Adjustable door gap to simulate realistic set conditions
- Integrated drop-bar prop capability for commercial-style security
- Training for carriage bolt removal and hardware defeat
- Built-in compatibility for rotary saw (K12) plunge-cut training
- Replaceable wear components (door sleeve and jamb sections)
- Mounting provisions to integrate with wall panels for restricted-space evolutions

Firehouse Innovations Multi-Force “Blue Door”

The Firehouse Innovations “Blue Door” is a durable, well-known forcible entry prop focused primarily on conventional hand-tool operations. It is widely used for teaching foundational skills and offers multiple door swing configurations.

- Inward and outward door forcing
- Left-hand and right-hand swing setups
- Wood and metal jamb training options
- Designed for repeated use with Halligan bars, axes, and mauls
- Compatible with hydraulic forcible entry tools
- Quick assembly and breakdown for transport

Training Value Comparison:

<u>Category</u>	<u>ECRS GEN3</u>	<u>Blue Door</u>
Basic Forcible Entry	Excellent	Excellent
Progressive Difficulty	Multiple integrated options	Primarily resistance-based
Commercial Security Features	Built-in drop bar capability	Not a core integrated feature
Saw Integration	Designed for saw training	Not a primary design function
Hardware Defeat	Supported	Limited focus
Restricted Space Evolutions	Wall-mount integration possible	Primarily free-standing
Component Replacement for Wear	Replaceable sleeves and jambs	Less modular wear design

Long-Term Training Impact:

Modern Fireground Relevance

Today’s firefighters increasingly face fortified commercial doors, drop bars, reinforced hardware, and security modifications. The ECRS GEN3 directly addresses these challenges in a repeatable, controlled environment.

Training Progression and Skill Development

The GEN3 allows instructors to scale difficulty by adjusting lock resistance, door gap, and hardware obstacles.

Durability and Maintenance

The ECRS GEN3’s replaceable wear components reduce long-term cost and downtime.

Training Environment Flexibility

The GEN3 can be integrated into wall panels and confined spaces, allowing realistic approach limitations.

Financial Justification

Currently, the department spends approximately \$3,000 annually on forcible entry scenarios (\$1,500 x 2). Over a four-year period, training expenses on this scenario alone are equivalent to the one-time cost of purchasing this piece of equipment, without accounting for inflation or rising instructor fees. As a bonus, this piece of equipment also qualifies for MBFTE reimbursement dollars via the State reimbursement fund. The department intends to submit for reimbursement at the appropriate time. Life span of this training prop is approximately 10-12 years.

Recommendation:

Both the ECRS GEN3 and the Firehouse Innovations “Blue Door” are quality training systems that will improve forcible entry performance. However, the ECRS GEN3 provides broader, more modern, and more adaptable training capabilities in a single platform.

For these reasons, the ECRS GEN3 is the recommended purchase to maximize long-term training value, realism, and operational readiness.

The following quoted prices reflect total project cost, including shipping. Official vendor quotes are attached separately to this proposal.

<u>Training Prop Total Quoted Cost</u> (shipping Incl)	
ECRS GEN3 Forcible Entry Door	\$11,150
Firehouse Innovations Multi-Force “Blue Door”	\$11,330

Attachments:

- 1. East Coast Rescue Quote
- 2. Firehouse Innovations Quote

Date	Estimate #
12/8/2025	7533

Name / Address
Robbinsdale Fire Station 4101 Hubbard Ave N Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Ship To
Robbinsdale Fire Station 4101 Hubbard Ave N Robbinsdale, MN 55422

P.O. No.	Terms	Due Date	Rep
		12/8/2025	CM

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
East Coast Rescue Solutions Forcible Entry Door Simulator. Door Features: GEN 3 DOOR Inward and outward swinging forces Drop Bar Forcible Entry Cutting or Spiking of Carriage Bolts Plunge Cutting with K12 Drop bar brackets are removable and can mount directly to the steel door Full Door Stop 65" Three Locks for varying degrees of difficulty 2x2 and 1x2 wood block used for resistance Replaceable Door Sleeve and Jamb for added longevity Fixed bracket to mount walls for restricted space FE Can be disassembled for easy transport. Optional dolly system for easy transport is available Adjustable door gap - outward swing All In-One Prop Receivers Professionally powder coated Two year warranty Includes Operational Guide and Videos	1	7,200.00	7,200.00
Drop Ship Prop to 55422 Includes Liftgate service	1	755.00	755.00

Contact us with any questions. Chris Minichiello- owner 917-886-579. chris.ecrs@gmail.com	Total
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<p>East Coast Rescue Solutions All-In One Props. **OPTIONAL**</p> <p>These props give you the advantage of having all your forcible entry needs on one simulator. With the All-In One props you get our hinge pulling/cutting, rebar cutting station, padlock cutting Prop and the Thru-the-Lock prop that mount right on to our Forcible Entry Door. These props allow you to vary the height of each teaching station so your firefighters can hone their skills with real world applications.</p> <p>Prop Includes: 2 - Hinge Pulling/Cutting Stations - 1 - Rebar Cutting/Burning Stations - 1 - Padlock Cutting Prop with Shackle Bending Jig - Included 1 - Lock Pulling Station (Thru-the-Lock) - Commercial Mortise - (no consumables with milled lock cylinder)</p> <p>No additional shipping if ordered with the ECRS Forcible Entry Door. Props can be purchased at later date as the mounts are included on every ECRS Door.</p>	1	2,300.00	2,300.00
<p>East Coast Rescue Solutions Door Dolly System ***OPTIONAL***</p> <p>The ECRS Door Dolly System allows you to easily lift and move your Forcible Entry Door Prop. Dolly rated for 1500 pounds.</p> <p>Does not include tax if applicable. A 3% fee for Credit Card payments will be added</p>	1	895.00	895.00
		0.00	0.00
<p>Contact us with any questions. Chris Minichiello- owner 917-886-579. chris.ecrs@gmail.com</p>			<p>Total \$11,150.00</p>

Firehouse Innovations LI

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 Bayport, NY 11705
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 Firehouseli@aol.com
 www.firehouseinnovations.com



Price Quote

ADDRESS	SHIP TO	PRICE QUOTE	6503
Darren Olson	Darren Olson	DATE	12/04/2025
Robbinsdale Fire Department	Robbinsdale Fire Department	EXPIRATION	02/04/2026
Minneapolis, MN 55422	Minneapolis, MN 55422	DATE	

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	Forcible Entry Door	Multi-Force Door (The Blue Door)- train your members using every technique which applies to inward-opening doors, outward-opening doors, left-hand and right-hand swinging door, with metal or wood jambs. We have TWO swinging doors. Having both left and right-hand swinging doors gives the firefighter tremendous advantage in being able to practice the different ways that the gapping technique and spiking techniques are applied depending on the swing of the door.	1	6,990.00	6,990.00
	Active Panel Crush Door Simulator	Easily attaches to any door in minutes. The door lock pocket is adjustable for an easy fit. Includes Drop Bar Attachment.	1	1,980.00	1,980.00
	Cutting station	comes attached to Multi-Force Door when ordered together, unless otherwise specified.	1	350.00	350.00
	Wheel System	Attachable & removable wheel system that allows your door to be mobile!	1	795.00	795.00

Contact Firehouse Innovations LI to pay. Checks can be mailed as payment to the above address as well. Please note any credit card transaction will have an additional charge of 3.5%. Doors can also be picked up at our facility. (Ronkonkoma, NY 11779).	SUBTOTAL	10,115.00
	SHIPPING	1,215.00
	TOTAL	\$11,330.00

Inquire about our Training Classes!

*Shipping rate includes handling.

†Liftgate service and scheduled delivery is included.

If you would like to discuss further as to why your department should go with OUR Forcible Entry Door, please feel free to call Gianni directly at 516-462-0355



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Kayla Kirtz, Sustainability Coordinator
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Hennepin County IGNITE Grant

Background:

Hennepin County is soliciting proposals for the Investing in Green Neighborhoods through Innovation, Transformation, and Emissions Reductions (IGNITE) program. The IGNITE program is designed to provide funding to municipal partners and not-for-profit organizations within Hennepin County to support entities in implementing tangible projects that directly reduce or prevent GHG emissions within their communities, contributing to countywide climate targets. A total of \$50,000 is available for all IGNITE projects, with a maximum funding limit of \$25,000 per proposal, making this a competitive grant round. Examples of eligible projects may include implementing energy efficiency upgrades, supporting the planning, design, or installation of renewable energy systems, or sustainable transportation projects.

Analysis:

City staff are interested in applying for a Hennepin County IGNITE grant to fund the installation of a rooftop solar array on the Flocculation Treatment Plant at Crystal Lake. This project aligns with the City Council's overarching sustainability priorities, and would also contribute to the Robbinsdale Energy Action Plan's emissions reduction goals. Staff have sought a solar proposal from TruNorth Solar, the contracted installer for the array on the roof of City Hall, and found that a 5.16 kW system (12 total panels) can be installed on the roof of the Flocc Plant. This system would offset 14% of the park's energy consumption. The total cost for this project would be \$24,757.56 which could be fully covered by a grant if awarded the full grant amount. A solar array on the Flocc Plant would save the City approximately \$13,000 over the lifetime of the array.

Recommendation:

Motion to authorize staff to submit an application to the Hennepin County IGNITE program.

Attachments:

None



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Appoint Council Member Greenberg and Council Member Caceres Aranda (alternate) to the Blue Line LRT Coordinator Management Committee (CMC)

Background:

The METRO Green Line Extension Corridor Management Committee (CMC) advises the Metropolitan Council on design and construction issues. The committee holds its quarterly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.

Analysis:

The City of Robbinsdale is allowed a seat and an alternate on the CMC (2025 saw Mayor Sutton serve as the appointee and Council Member Wager serve as the alternate). 2026 has moved to quarterly meetings (3/12, 6/11, 9/10, and 12/10 are scheduled dates, at 1:30pm). Staff is requesting confirmation of appointments at an upcoming Council Meeting.

Recommendation:

By motion, appoint Council Member Greenberg and Council Member Caceres Aranda (alternate) to the CMC.

Attachments:

None



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Consider an Ordinance Adding New Language Relating to Administration and Employee Authority in Immigration Matters

Background:

On January 13th, 2026, the City Council considered language for a Separation Ordinance during the Council Work Session. Language from an existing Minneapolis Ordinance was used to guide conversation, along with input from community members. While it was acknowledged that language specific to Minneapolis may not apply, word for word, Council ultimately asked the City Manager to create a DRAFT Ordinance for discussion at the February 10th Work Session.

Analysis:

At the February 10th, 2026 Council Work Session, staff discussed proposed language, as well as highlight some current City functions. The City Council was provided privileged information from the City Attorney prior to the meeting, who also attended to provide clarity. At the Work Session, Council Member Parisian provided amendments - and ultimately Council gave direction to staff to bring an Ordinance forward for a first reading.

What are other cities doing?

- Golden Valley - Recently passed a "Stewardship of City Resources" ordinance.
- Richfield - Recently passed an emergency ordinance limiting the use of city-owned resources.
- While a majority of suburban cities have not passed an ordinance, many have issued statements and approved resolutions signaling much of the captured language.
- Minneapolis and St Paul have more robust language, but are also different in a number of capacities.
- Chicago - The Mayor recently issued an executive order (ICE On Notice), directing CPD to document misconduct and pursue prosecution of federal agents.

What is the City doing in tandem, beyond considering an ordinance

Communication has been key. To start, Robbinsdale Police Department continues to message what the department does, and does not do. In general, local and state officers do not have authority to interfere with or stop a federal agent who is performing lawful federal duties, including immigration enforcement. Under the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution, federal law and federal officers acting within the scope of their authority take precedence, and interference with those duties can expose a local officer to legal liability.

With that, federal agents are not above the law. A local officer could take action only in very limited circumstances, such as if the officer has probable cause that the federal agent is

committing a clear criminal offense that is outside the scope of the agent’s official duties (for example, a non-duty-related assault or impaired driving). Disagreement over the legality of an immigration detention alone would not be sufficient grounds to intervene.

If a local officer believes an ICE agent is acting unlawfully as part of their official duties, the appropriate response would generally be to document the conduct and report it through the chain of command for review by prosecutors or other oversight authorities, rather than taking on-scene enforcement action. In summary, local officers cannot stop or detain ICE agents simply because they believe an immigration action is improper, but may act if a clear, independent crime is observed that falls outside federal authority.

It should also be noted that the City is intentionally seeking additional feedback, not limited to, but including an upcoming Town Hall.

While City services and resources may be limited, we continue to share out information/other organizations, including:

- Resources for individuals, including Adult Representation, Immigration Law Center of MN, Immigration Defense Project, Immigration Legal Resource Center, MN Department of Human Services, and the National Immigrant Justice Center
- Resources for Businesses, including Elevate Hennepin (including funding and other opportunities through area foundations), Employer Guides through the National Immigrant Law Center, and Community Resources for Immigrant Families and Latino Businesses

Updates and Observations of DRAFT Ordinance

- Staff have made general grammatical updates, and language updates for consistency.
- Upon review, there is additional risk relating to some language requested by the council. That requested language is as follows (Section 3 - P4):
 - *Except as required by law, City employees, representatives, and contractors shall not collect, maintain, disclose, or share information regarding an individual's immigration or citizenship status for the purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration laws. No City employee, representative, or contractor shall voluntarily provide personal information, records, or data to any federal agency or official for civil immigration enforcement purposes unless required by law, court order or judicial warrant.* This language likely increases the City’s risk of lawsuit by the federal government, particularly the limitations on disclosing, sharing, or voluntarily providing. 8 USC 1373(a) provides “a ... local government entity or official may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.” 8 USC 1644 has effectively the same language.
 - These statutes are of questionable legality, having been found unconstitutional by the 3rd Circuit. Ocean Cnty. Bd. of Commissioners v. Att’y Gen. of State of New Jersey, 8 F.4th 176 (3d Cir. 2021). However, they remain “on the books” and other Circuits have considered challenges under them without ruling on their constitutionality. The 8th Circuit has not addressed their constitutionality. In addition, much of this language is effectively captured by the existing statement within the ordinance that “city employees shall only solicit immigration

information or status when specifically required to do so by law or program guidelines.” If the City does not have the information, it cannot share that information.

- It is likely more feasible to limit this language to “Other than as required by law, City employees, representatives, and contractors shall not collect or maintain information regarding an individual's immigration or citizenship status for the purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration laws.”
- The City should keep in mind that the Minneapolis Separation Ordinance is the subject, in part, of a lawsuit by the federal government in *United States v. State of Minnesota*, 0:25-cv-03798 (D. Minn. 2025). There are three sections of the separation ordinance that are alleged to violate the Supremacy Clause. Relevant here are [Minneapolis City Code Ch. 19.30\(a\)\(1\) and \(a\)\(3\)](#) (note that this is the original version of the ordinance before its amendment in December and this is what is at issue in the lawsuit). These are both, in effect, included in the Robbinsdale ordinance under its Section 5, respectively at (a) and (b).
 - Minneapolis filed a motion to dismiss on 1/29/26 in that case. There will be a hearing on 3/2/26, so we'll likely have no resolution on this before the City considers adopting this ordinance. The City should be aware that these sections of the ordinance may be legally vulnerable and could open the City to a legal challenge.
- Section 4 (Access to City Property) presents potential enforcement and public relations issues. The City may face difficulties in preventing ICE from using the properties despite this ordinance and its failure to actually prevent such use may lead to resident complaints or dissatisfaction. Other cities are facing these kinds of issues.
- Some sections of the ordinance impose obligations on city employees and officials. Thus, if employees/officials do not comply, it is technically an ordinance violation. This could raise enforcement issues and/or an expectation on the part of the public that the City should be enforcing this against its employees if they don't comply. In addition, it is possible that issuing new terms of employment may have separate considerations for union employees.

Assuming approval of the first reading, staff will begin to formulate estimated expenditures required to implement and ensure ongoing compliance. Immediate, onboarding, and ongoing trainings will need to be scheduled - this in itself will present challenges as we understand some of the language may open us to litigation. Requiring the reports considered in Section 6 will generate data which could be the subject of MGDPA requests. Finally, Council needs to be very explicit in expectations for enforcement - literal reads will lead to challenging/unintended consequences for everyday users of of public space, and will force City staff (including the Police Department) into situations that may be "gray" at best.

Recommendation:

Consider first reading of an Ordinance Adding New Language Relating to Administration and Employee Authority in Immigration matters.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance Adding New Language - Admin and Employee Authority in Immigration Matters DRAFT
2. GOLDEN VALLEY - ORD 815 - Amending City Code Chapter 2 - Adding Article IX - Stewardship of City Resources - WEB
3. City of Richfield_Non_Staging_Emergency_Ordinance

Member _____ moved and Member _____ seconded a motion that the following Ordinance, be given its first reading on February 17, 2026.

ORDINANCE 26 –

AN ORDINANCE ADDING NEW LANGUAGE TO xxx RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION AND EMPLOYEE AUTHORITY IN IMMIGRATION MATTERS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE DOES ORDAIN

- 1) The Robbinsdale’s city code Chapter(s) xxx, and xxx, be amended with the following language:

Section 1 - xxx – Purpose and Policy. The City of Robbinsdale recognizes that our community includes people of many races, ethnicities, Tribes, and nationalities; that our community is linguistically and culturally diverse; that our community includes people of different gender identities and sexual orientations, including people who are transgender and non-binary; that our community includes LGBTQ+ people; that our community includes people of different religions and people who are not affiliated with any religion; that our community includes immigrants, both recent and historical, both documented and undocumented; that our community includes people with different abilities and disabilities; that our community includes people of all ages, from babies to elders; that our community includes people who receive public benefits including economic assistance, health care coverage, nutrition assistance, child care supports, small business and other types of loans and grants, road and highway maintenance, access to state and national parks, and other services; that our community is made up of people from all walks of life, who may be employed, unemployed, and underemployed, who are renters, homeowners and the unhoused; in sum, that our community is made up of a diverse population with different identities, cultures, experiences, and means and that the use of city property and personnel in federal civil immigration matters threatens to erode the trust this vibrant and diverse community has in the City and its services.

Section 2 – xxx - Definitions. *City Property* means real property owned by the City of Robbinsdale, the Robbinsdale Economic Development Authority, or any other public body established by the City including parks, lots, out lots, buildings, parking lots and parking structures; but not including right-of-way, public streets, and sidewalks. City Property also includes property generally open to the public, and non-public property such as City utilities and spaces designated as employee-only or secured access for entry.

Staging Operations means actions taken to mobilize, prepare, or deploy vehicles, equipment, materials, or personnel for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law.

Section 3 – xxx - General Services. City employees are to carry out regular duties for the purpose of general services and programs. City employees shall follow general city, state, and federal guidelines to assess eligibility for services. City employees shall only solicit immigration information or inquire about immigration status when specifically required to do so by law or program guidelines as a condition of eligibility for the service sought. City employees may require evidence of a person’s identity and may ask to see a person’s identifying documents only when specifically authorized and required to do so by the



employee's duties. City employees shall not discriminate against any current or potential service users on the basis of any of the protected categories defined by statute, federal law, or immigration status.

Other than where required by law, City employees, representatives, and contractors shall not use city resources (e.g., facilities, property, moneys, equipment, data, technology, video, computers or personnel) for the purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration laws. Employees shall, when required by law, comply with any properly issued judicial subpoena or other compulsory legal process for the production of documents or witnesses, even if related to immigration issues. Employees shall comply with I-9 audits performed by the federal government.

Other than as required by law, City employees, representatives, and contractors shall not collect, maintain, disclose, or share information regarding an individual's immigration or citizenship status for the purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration laws. No City employee, representative, or contractor shall voluntarily provide personal information, records, or data for civil immigration enforcement purposes unless required by law, court order or judicial warrant.

Where presentation of a Minnesota Driver's license is customarily accepted as adequate evidence of identity, presentation of a photo identity document issued by the person's nation of origin, shall be accepted and shall not subject the person to a higher level of scrutiny or different treatment than if the person had provided a Minnesota driver's license. This paragraph does not apply to I-9 forms.

The city shall provide information and training in new employee training and on-going training regarding expectations set forth in this chapter.

Section 4 – xxx – Access to City Property. No individual or federal, state, or local agency may use or access City Property for the purpose of staging operations, except the use of City Property authorized by a judicial warrant, subpoena or other similar lawful authorization. Federal, state, or local government entities or personnel will not receive special or enhanced access to City Property for operations enforcing federal immigration law.

City employees and representatives do not have the authority to consent to a request to access non-public City Property for the purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration laws, except pursuant to a judicial warrant, court order, or other legal obligation requiring such access.

Section 5 – xxx - Public Safety Services. To the extent permitted by law, in providing public safety services, employees of the police and fire departments, shall:

- a. Not undertake any law enforcement action for the purpose of enforcing immigration laws or verify immigration status.
- b. Not question, arrest, or detain any person for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws.

Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit public safety personnel from assisting federal law enforcement officers in the investigation of criminal activity involving individuals present in the United States who may also be in violation of federal civil immigration laws.

Section 6 – xxx – Reporting Requirements.

Subdivision 1. Reporting. City employees or City public officials who observe or identify use of City resources for one of the purposes prohibited in Section 3, or who denies a request to use City resources for one of those purposes, must provide a report to the City Manager as soon as reasonably practicable and in no event later than 5 business days of observing, identifying, or denying City resources, including the following:

1. Date of request for resources were observed or identified as used for a prohibited purpose;
2. The identity of the individual or agency requesting use of City resources for a prohibited purpose or who was observed or identified as using City resources for a prohibited purpose;
3. A summary description of the City resources requested or used;



4. The prohibited purpose for which City resources were used or for which request for City resources was denied.

Subd. 2. Annual Report. The City Manager shall prepare and make publicly available an annual aggregate report summarizing compliance with this chapter. The report may be presented to the City Council and published in a manner consistent with the City’s usual practices regarding transparent government. and should include, at minimum, a description of:

1. The number of requests received for use of city resources for purposes prohibited by this chapter;
2. The number of requests denied;
3. The number of instances in which prohibited use of City resources was observed or identified;
4. The general types of agencies involved.

The annual report shall not include personally identifiable information. No information that would otherwise required to be reported under this chapter may be reported in a manner that would violate any applicable federal, state, or local law or regulation relating to the data privacy and classification of information, including the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

Section 7 – xxx – Compliance with Law. Nothing in this chapter should be construed to violate state or federal law or to prohibit City employees from providing data or services when required by state or federal law.

Section 8 – xxx -Severability. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this chapter is judged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that part may be severed and shall not invalidate or affect the enforceability or the remainder of this chapter.

Section 9 – xxx – Reserved.

- 2) The following summary clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of the ordinance and is approved for publication: “The purpose of this ordinance is to amend and update sections of the city code relating to Administration and Employee Authority in immigration matters.”
- 3) This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

City Code CHAPTER xxx, Administration and Employee Authority in immigration matters.

First Reading: YEAS:
NAYS:
Second Reading: YEAS:
NAYS:

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS ____ DAY OF XXX, 2026.

Brad Sutton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk



ORDINANCE NO. 815

CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY, MINNESOTA

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE
ADDING ARTICLE IX. STEWARDSHIP OF CITY RESOURCES**

The City Council for the City of Golden Valley hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. City Code Chapter 2 is amended to add Article IX in its entirety to read as follows:

ARTICLE IX. STEWARDSHIP OF CITY RESOURCES

Sec. 2-207. Purpose.

The purpose of this Article is to ensure that the City is stewarding its resources for the benefit of the public in accordance with state public purpose expenditures law and in a nondiscriminatory fashion compliant with the Minnesota and United States Constitutions. The City finds that this Article serves the public interest by ensuring the equal treatment of all residents and visitors in the provision of City resources and services, preserving the trust of the public in the integrity of the City's stewardship of public resources, and maintaining compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws. The City's findings in Resolution No. 26-022 are hereby incorporated by reference.

Sec. 2-208. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the terms defined in this section shall have the following meanings ascribed to them:

City property means real property owned by the City of Golden Valley, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority in and for the City of Golden Valley, or any other public body established by the City, including City parks, lots, outlots, buildings, parking lots and parking structures, but not including public right-of-way, public streets, and sidewalks. City Property includes property generally open to the public and not generally open to the public, such as City utilities and spaces designated as employee-only or requiring secured or paid access for entry.

Staging Operations means actions taken to mobilize, prepare, or deploy vehicles, equipment, materials, or personnel for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law.

Sec. 2-209. Prohibited Uses of City Resources.

No City employee or City public official may direct, permit, facilitate, or authorize the use of City resources, including but not limited to City property or City personal property, facilities, equipment, money, or personnel:

- (a) For the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws except as authorized by a judicial warrant or other similar lawful authorization; or

- (b) For the purpose of discriminating against any individual on the basis of a protected class characteristic under the Minnesota or United States Constitution; or
- (c) For personal benefit or profit.

Sec. 2-210. Access to City Property.

No individual or federal, state, or local agency may use or access City Property for the purposes of staging operations, except the use of City Property authorized by a judicial warrant, subpoena or other similar lawful authorization. Federal, state, or local government entities or personnel will not receive special or enhanced access to City Property for operations enforcing federal immigration law.

Sec. 2-211. Reporting Requirements.

Any City employee or City public official who observes or identifies use of City resources for one of the purposes prohibited in Section 2-209 or who denies a request to use City resources for one of those purposes, must provide a report to the City Manager as soon as reasonably practicable and in no event later than within 3 business days of observing, identifying, or denying use of City resources, including the following information:

- (a) The date the request for resources was received or resources were observed or identified as used for a prohibited purpose;
- (b) The identity of the individual or agency requesting use of City resources for a prohibited purpose or who was observed or identified as using City resources for a prohibited purpose;
- (c) A summary description of the City resources requested or used;
- (d) The prohibited purpose for which City resources were used or for which the request for City resources was denied.

Sec. 2-212. Compliance With Law.

Nothing in this Article should be construed to violate state or federal law or to prohibit City employees from providing data or services when required by state or federal law.

Sec. 2-213. Severability.

If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Article is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that part may be severed and shall not invalidate or affect the enforceability of the remainder of this Article.

Secs. 2-214—2-24. Reserved.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden Valley this 17th day of February, 2026.

Roslyn Harmon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Theresa Schyma, City Clerk

BILL NO. _____

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE LIMITING THE USE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY
FOR CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT STAGING PURPOSES**

THE CITY OF RICHFIELD DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1.

PREAMBLE.

- 1.01** The City of Richfield (“City”) values the safety, dignity, equal protection and treatment, and human rights of all of its residents, regardless of race, religion, immigration status, or national origin. The City is home to persons of diverse racial, ethnic, and national backgrounds, including a significant immigrant and refugee population.
- 1.02** The City believes it is a safer, healthier, and more vibrant community when the City is able to maintain a relationship of trust, respect, and cooperation with its residents.
- 1.03** In December 2025, federal immigration enforcement action dramatically increased in the Twin Cities metro area as part of its Operation Metro Surge. These actions have led to the deployment of approximately 3,000 federal officers to the Twin Cities, a number which exceeds the combined total of the ten largest Twin Cities metro police forces and dwarfs that of the City. The federal immigration enforcement actions have led to the arrest of over 2,000 individuals.
- 1.04** The federal immigration enforcement action has occurred within and around the City and has targeted those within the City. On January 8, 2026, a highly publicized federal immigration enforcement action involved the arrest of two U.S. citizens at a retail store within the City. These individuals worked within the City at that store. This immigration enforcement action resulting in the arrest of US citizens indicates a general danger to those who live and work within the City.
- 1.05** The federal immigration enforcement action has broadly sown fear within the Twin Cities, including among City residents. It has led to the closure of schools, retail establishments, and the cancellation of planned events.
- 1.06** The trust, respect, and cooperation would likely be irreparably damaged, particularly between the City and immigrant communities, if the City allowed its property to be used for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws.
- 1.07** Although the federal government has the legal authority to enforce federal immigration laws in the United States, in Minnesota, and in the City, the City opposes any use of its

property for the enforcement of federal immigration laws. The city believes any such use of its property would have deleterious effects on public safety and have a chilling effect on the City's current and future immigrant populations' willingness to report crime and cooperate with the city's public safety efforts.

1.08 By this ordinance, the city seeks to clarify the permitted use of city property with respect to any and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal civil immigration law and any federal criminal immigration law that penalizes a person's presence in, entry, or reentry to, or employment in, the United States, when not accompanied by other criminal conduct (collectively, "federal immigration laws").

1.09 This ordinance qualifies as an emergency ordinance under Richfield City Charter Section 3.06 as it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare for the aforementioned reasons.

SECTION 2.

2.01 DEFINITIONS

- (A) "Non-public City spaces" means areas owned or controlled by the city that are not accessible to the general public. Examples of non-public City spaces include, but are not limited to, restricted areas requiring badge access, rental spaces, breakrooms, workstations (including those in an open area if the general public is not permitted in the workstation), storage closets, and employee-only areas.
- (B) "Staging area" means an area that is used to assemble, mobilize, and/or deploy vehicles, equipment, or materials, and related personnel, for the purpose of carrying out operations for the enforcement of civil immigration laws.

2.02 PROHIBITION ON USE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

- (A) All City-owned or City-controlled park spaces, parking lots, ramps, vacant lots, and garages are not open to the general public without restrictions. No federal, state, or local government entity or personnel is authorized to use any city-owned or city-controlled parking lot or ramp, vacant lot, or garage as a staging area, processing location, operations base, or any other similar use including for enforcing civil immigration laws. Such spaces are not available to the general public for similar activities, and federal, state, or local government entities or personnel will not receive special or enhanced access to city property for operations enforcing civil immigration laws. Nothing herein shall prohibit the

City police department from using any city property for any law enforcement purpose.

- (B) The city restricts access to non-public City spaces. Non-public City spaces are not open for the purposes of enforcement of civil immigration laws except with a judicial warrant or when access is otherwise required by law. City employees do not have the legal authority to consent to permit access to non-public City spaces in situations where a judicial warrant or other legal obligation would otherwise be necessary to gain access.

2.03 SCOPE. This ordinance is not intended to and shall not be construed to interfere with the City's compliance with the terms of any contract or grant in effect as of the effective date of this ordinance to which the City is a party. This ordinance does not apply to property owned by the federal government and operated by or leased to the City. Nothing herein shall be construed as restricting or interfering with the execution of court orders or lawful judicial warrants, or the enforcement of criminal law, nor as limiting the rights of any person or entity under state or federal law.

SECTION 3. This ordinance will be effective in accordance with Section 3.09 of the City Charter.

Adopted by the City of Richfield this ___ day of _____, 2026.

Mary B. Supple, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Friedrich, City Clerk



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Authorize City Manager to execute an agreement with Cities for Safe and Stable Communities

Background:

As the City of Robbinsdale continues to explore opportunities to work with our neighboring jurisdictions, especially in efforts that work to address operational and economic instability stemming from recent federal actions.

Analysis:

The coalition is growing by the day, with now more than a couple dozen cities participating. The City would like to add its voice for calls of immediate de-escalation of Operation Metro Surge, and return stability to residents, businesses, and governments that rely on it.

As a member of Cities for Safe and Stable Communities, Robbinsdale supports the coalition’s collective call for:

- **Respect for local control:** Ensuring federal actions respect local authority, due process, and constitutional protections.
- **Economic stabilization:** Protecting local businesses, workers, and economic activity from unnecessary disruption.
- **Immediate de-escalation:** Allowing cities to conserve limited resources and focus on rebuilding trust so residents can feel safe and secure in their communities.

Cities for Safe and Stable Communities is a nonpartisan coalition of Minnesota local governments committed to preserving community safety, operational stability, and trust between residents and local government. The coalition advocates for coordination grounded in the rule of law, due process, and respect for local governance.

Recommendation:

Authorize City Manager to execute an agreement with Cities for Safe and Stable Communities

Attachments:

None



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Set February 23, 2026 Special Work Session for Community Town Hall

Background:

At the February 10th, 2026 City Council work session, Council signaled support for a Town Hall on February 23rd, at 6pm.

Analysis:

Staff is seeking direction on format, so communications can promote the event, and create expectations for those considering attendance.

Recommendation:

Consider setting special work session, for upcoming Town Hall.

Attachments:

None



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Chase Peterson-Etem, Assistant City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Background:

The check register dated 2/17/26 reflects the voucher requests pending approval for disbursement.

The check register dated 2/5/26 through 2/17/26 is a list of vouchers requiring payment for city funds, Deputy Registrar, liquor, and miscellaneous purchases. The payments are required prior to the next Council meeting.

Analysis:

None

Recommendation:

By motion, approve disbursement requests for the period ending 2/17/2026.

Attachments:

None