



EDINA MINNESOTA

City Council Meeting Agenda

March 3, 2026, 7:00 PM

Edina City Hall, Council Chambers, 4801 W. 50th St.



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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Meeting Agenda

5. Community Comment

During "Community Comment," the Mayor will invite residents to share issues or concerns that are not scheduled for a future public hearing. Items that are on tonight's agenda may not be addressed during Community Comment. Individuals must limit their comments to three minutes. The Mayor may limit the number of speakers on the same issue in the interest of time and topic. Individuals should not expect the Mayor or Council to respond to their comments tonight. The City Manager will respond to questions raised during Community Comments at the next meeting.

5.1. City Manager's Response to Community Comments

6. Adoption of Consent Agenda

All agenda items listed on the Consent Agenda will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless requested to be removed by a Council Member. If removed the item will be considered immediately following the adoption of the Consent Agenda. (Favorable roll call vote of majority of Council Members present to approve, unless otherwise noted in consent item.)

6.1. Minutes: Feb. 4 Regular; Work Session and Regular, Feb. 17, 2026

- 6.2. Payment of Claims
- 6.3. Edina Housing Foundation Appointments
- 6.4. Ordinance 2026-05: Amending Chapter 20, Article VI. Property Maintenance
- 6.5. Purchase Request: Valuation Services for Braemar Arena Sponsorships
- 6.6. Purchase Request: Commissioning Services for Braemar Ice Arena Renovation and Expansion Project
- 6.7. Land-Use Agreement for the Mirror Lake Alum Treatment
- 6.8. Purchase Request: 494 Corridor Commission Member Dues
- 6.9. Purchase Request: Professional Services For Old Fire Station #2 Building Demolition Specifications
- 6.10. Purchase Request: Streetlights for York Ave and Parklawn Ave
- 6.11. Purchase Request: Bulk Fuel
- 6.12. Purchase Request: Contract Amendment #1: Professional Services for Final Design of Interlachen Boulevard 2027 Street Reconstruction
- 6.13. Traffic Safety Reports of December 9, 2025 and January 27, 2026
- 6.14. Petition Response: Stop Control at Brookview Ave and W 55th St
- 6.15. Petition Response: Interlachen Blvd and Vandervork Ave Crosswalk
- 6.16. Petition: School Hour Parking and Stopping Restrictions on Concord Terrace and St. Johns Ave.
- 6.17. Resolution 2026-11: Entering into MnDOT Agreement No. 1062130 for Rosland Park Pedestrian Bridge State Funding
- 6.18. Resolution 2026-12: Supporting Minnesota GreenCorps Green Transportation Host Site Application
- 6.19. Resolution 2026-13: Supporting Minnesota GreenCorps Community Readiness & Outreach Host Site Application

6.20. Resolution 2026-14: Supporting Minnesota GreenCorps Forestry Host Site Application

6.21. Out-Of-State Travel for Council Members Jackson and Risser

6.22. On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License: Takumi Sushi Inc. dba Takumi Sushi

6.23. On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License: New Social Edina LLC dba Pinstripes

6.24. Liquor License Renewals

7. Special Recognitions and Presentations

7.1. Edina High School Debate Team Championship Recognition

8. Public Hearings

During "Public Hearings," the Mayor will ask for public testimony after staff and/or applicants make their presentations. The following guidelines are in place to ensure an efficient, fair, and respectful hearing; limit your testimony to three minutes and to the matter under consideration; the Mayor may modify times, as deemed necessary; avoid repeating remarks or points of view made by previous speakers. The use of signs, clapping, cheering or booing or any other form of verbal or nonverbal communication is not allowed.

8.1. Continue Public Hearing to April 7, 2026: Conditional Use Permit for Highlands Elementary School, 5505 Doncaster Way

9. Reports/Recommendations

9.1. Resolution 2026-09: Accepting Donations

9.2. Transportation Commission Report: City Policies/Ordinances Requiring Walking and Biking Improvements

9.3. Transportation Commission Report: City Code Sec. 26-282 Regarding Electric-Assisted Bicycles

9.4. Ordinance 2026-06: Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code Setting 4th Tier for Residential Water Use

9.5. An Ordinance Amending Tree Protection

A. Ordinance 2026-04: Amendment Regarding Tree Protection

10. Manager's Comments

11. Mayor and Council Comments

12. Adjournment



Item Number: 5.1

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Scott Neal, City Manager

Item Title: City Manager's Response to Community Comments

Action Requested:

None, information only.

Information/Background:

[Responses to questions posed during Community Comment at the last meeting were posted on the City's website \(URL\).](#) City Manager Neal will provide summaries of those responses during the meeting.

Supporting Documentation:

None



Item Number: 6.1

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Sharon Allison, City Clerk

Item Title: Minutes: Feb. 4 Regular; Work Session and Regular, Feb. 17, 2026

Action Requested:

Approve Feb. 4 minutes as amended. Approve Feb. 17 minutes as presented.

Information/Background:

On Feb. 17, Council tabled the regular Feb. 4 minutes to Mar. 3 to allow Council Member Risser to make edits to a paragraph in Item 8.1 Conditional Use Permit with Variances for 4201 W. 50th Street – Adopted. Below is the original paragraph followed by Council Member Risser's suggested edits:

- **Original:** The Council expressed concerns regarding the parking spaces in front of the driveway to the private garage and worries that it violates the City statute and asked questions regarding the handicap parking, traffic flow, ownership of the other locations, the number of classrooms, and hours of operation.
- **Amendment:** *The Council expressed concerns that the parking spaces in front of the driveway to the private garage violate Minnesota State Statute. Council expressed additional concerns that language added to Edina City Code allows parking spaces in front of driveways that front on to parking lots. Council asked questions regarding the handicap parking, traffic flow ownership of other locations, the number of classrooms, and hours of operation.*

Supporting Documentation:

1. Minutes: Regular, Feb. 4, 2026
2. Minutes: Work Session, Feb. 17, 2026
3. Minutes: Regular, Feb. 17, 2026

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 4, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Answering roll call were Members Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, and Hovland.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 MEETING AGENDA – APPROVED

City Manager Neal noted that after the discussion on the work session, the Council would like to add Item 9.7, Resolution 2026-08, Affirming Community Values, and Item 9.8, Resolution 2026-07, Emergency Rental Assistance.

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Agnew, approving the meeting agenda as amended, adding Item 9.7, Resolution 2026-08, Affirming Community Values, and Item 9.8, Resolution 2026-07, Emergency Rental Assistance. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Henry McLenighan reminded everyone that with the potential of further weeks of winter.

Arthur Cobb expressed his appreciation of the City Council and the City staff, and all the work they have done over the years.

Taylor Bruhschwein stated that safety on the city streets is very important, and the number of crashes involving vulnerable users, walking/biking, has doubled over the past 3 years. Mr. Bruhschwein asked the Council to find money for the PACS fund to protect these vulnerable users.

Brooke Bartholomew stated that she is looking for more action and visible resistance against ICE and asked that the Council ban ICE from staging on City property and consider an eviction moratorium.

Janet Kitui noted that she and others demand clarity, courage, and collective action during this time. Mrs. Kitui stated that the black community in Minnesota is under attack and asked for the banning of ICE from staging on City property and writing to the governor to consider an eviction moratorium.

Anna Leamy started discussing the firearm ordinance being discussed later in the meeting. The Council noted that, based on their rules, she is not allowed to discuss a matter that is handled later in the agenda.

Steve Brown stated that he and his wife have been helping a friend who was delivering food to families and individuals who are sheltering in place, and he cannot believe that they are living in a time like this.

Brett Johnson noted that he and his business partner will be opening up a family-friendly sports bar at 50th and France and have partnered up with the Edina ED Fund and Boosters.

David Frenkel asked for updates on the two pedestrian bridges and when they will be completed.

Kathy Rendleman thanked the community for their involvement and support of the Edina Education Fund fundraiser. Mrs. Rendleman noted that they could use the help and financial support to support the Hornet Cares fund to help all of their students and staff members who are being affected by the recent happenings in Minnesota.

5.1. CITY MANAGER'S RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY COMMENTS

City Manager Neal responded to Community Comments from current and past meetings.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTED

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Agnew, approving the consent agenda as follows:

- 6.1. Approve regular and work session meeting minutes of January 20 & 26, 2026**
- 6.2. Approve Claims for Payment for Check Register Pre-List Dated December 12, 2025, totaling \$1,259.61 (1011), Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated January 16, 2026, totaling \$1,316,348.21, and Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated January 23, 2026, totaling \$1,283,507.69**
- 6.3. Request for Purchase, Bulk Road Salt, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Compass Minerals America, Inc., at \$220,000**
- 6.4. Request for Purchase, Watermain Pipe Corrosion Control Study, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services at \$69,300.00**
- 6.5. License Supplement for Verizon Small Cell Infrastructure**
- 6.6. Request for Purchase, First Die Software Annual Subscription, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Locality Media LLC, at \$32,346.05**
- 6.7. Request for Purchase, Braemar Ice Arena Phase I - South and East Rink Improvements, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, All American Ice LLC, at \$5,034,197.00**
- 6.8. Waive Permit Fees for Braemar Ice Arena Phase I - South and East Rink Improvements**
- 6.9. Grant Second Reading: Adopting Ordinance No. 2026-01, Setting Morningside Water Rates**
- 6.10. Request for Purchase, League of Minnesota Cities Annual Membership Dues, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, League of Minnesota Cities, at \$38,829.00**
- 6.11. Out-of-State Travel for Mayor Hovland**

Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

7.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1. ARDEN PARK 2025 PROJECT OF THE YEAR BY THE MN ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHEDS – RECOGNIZED

James Wisker, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Administrator, thanked the Council for its recognition of their project. Mr. Whisker noted that this award reflects the consistent commitment from the Council,

staff, and residents. Mr. Wisker discussed the success of the Arden Park project. Steve Sando, Board Manager and Edina Resident, stated that this award would not have been possible without the Edina City staff team.

The Council expressed their thanks and appreciation for all the work done on this big project.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD – Affidavits of Notice presented and ordered placed on file.

8.1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WITH VARIANCES: 4201 W. 50TH STREET - ADOPTED

Community Development Director Teague presented the CUP with variances, including an overview of the property/existing vacant church, parking stalls, site plan, daycare dropoff/pickup, and the Planning Commission's recommendation.

The Council expressed concerns that the parking spaces in front of the driveway to the private garage violate Minnesota State Statute. Council expressed additional concerns that language added to Edina City Code allows parking spaces in front of driveways that front on to parking lots. Council asked questions regarding the handicap parking, traffic flow ownership of other locations, the number of classrooms, and hours of operation.

Mr. Teague presented an aerial view of the parking lot and discussed where drop-off/pickup will occur.

Dawn Uribe, Mis Amigos, gave a background on the Mis Amigos preschools and her desire to bring the school into Edina.

Mayor Hovland opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Public Testimony

Andrew Johnson addressed the Council.

Steve Springrose addressed the Council.

Janey Westin addressed the Council.

Ed Terhaar, Stantec Traffic Consultant, addressed issues raised during public testimony, indicating that the traffic study shows 60 trips into the property in the am peak hour and 54 trips out in the pm peak hour, and will be spread out over the hour and over the two different entrances.

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Pierce, to close the public hearing.

Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

The Council asked questions regarding entrances to the building, variance needed if only a church had been proposed, and signage for traffic flow/entrances. The Council added conditions 5, two reserved spots were eliminated for parking purposes; and condition 6, to move required handicap parking spots closer to the church to comply with State and federal law.

Member Jackson introduced and moved the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-05, approving a conditional use permit to operate a religious institution and school, with variances for parking and lot size, for Mis Amigos Spanish Immersion Preschool at 4201 W. 50th Street. Member Agnew seconded the motion. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

9.0 REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1. RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06, ACCEPTING DONATIONS – ADOPTED

Mayor Hovland explained that in order to comply with State Statutes; all donations to the City must be adopted by Resolution and approved by four favorable votes of the Council accepting the donations.

Member Jackson introduced and moved adoption of Resolution No. 2026-06, accepting various grants and donations. Member Pierce seconded the motion. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

9.2. SKETCH PLAN REVIEW: 4200 76th STREET WEST (RETAIL STORE, WAREHOUSE, AND DROPOFF FOR SALVATION ARMY) – PRESENTED

Community Development Director Teague stated that this item pertains to a proposal to remodel and reuse the existing building at 4200 76th Street W.

Joe Becker, Orion Investments, presented information regarding the reasoning behind why this proposal helps serve the community's needs. Tom Canfield, Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, stated that the thrift store that is being proposed today funds their program.

The Council asked questions about the ownership of the building, the lack of staff support, the difference between office use and retail use; the timeframe and discussed looking at the language and applying basic principles to their zoning Code rather than the Comprehensive plan or rezoning; expressed concerns regarding the mess and trash at the site from drop-offs; and gave feedback on amending their Industrial districts while also protecting the Cahill district.

Mr. Teague noted that the staff is wrestling with allowing primary use of retail rather than secondary in Industrial.

9.3. CITYWIDE SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION EVALUATION – PRESENTED

Transportation Planner Andrew Scipioni presented the background on the City's reduced speed limits, funding by the PACS fund, communication, enforcement, speed analysis, crash analysis, community feedback, literature review, conclusions, and recommendations.

The Council asked questions regarding PACS fund allocations and data from cities that did not reduce speed limits.

9.4. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17, AMENDING CHAPTER 22 - MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES TO ADD ARTICLE XI. FIREARMS – ADOPTED

City Manager Neal noted that this is a Second Reading of the ordinance, and no changes have been made since the First Reading.

Member Agnew made a motion to grant Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-17, amending Chapter 22 - Miscellaneous Offenses to add Article XI. Firearms. Member Pierce seconded the motion. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Hovland. Abstain: Risser. Motion carried.

The Council gave a recommendation to highlight the language that is being added to their Code that is out of sync with the State Statute. Mr. Neal noted that City staff can work to figure out how to do that.

Member Agnew made a motion, seconded by Member Pierce, approving Summary Publication of Ordinance 2025-17. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

9.5. ORDINANCE 2026-02, AMENDING SECTION 4-9-9; REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 6 ARTICLE III LAWFUL GAMBLING OF THE EDINA CITY CODE – FIRST READING GRANTED

City Clerk Allison discussed the answers to the questions raised at the last City Council meeting and restated the staff recommendation to repeal and replace the Lawful Gambling Ordinance and allow 3 premise permits to pilot this process and understand how it would work.

The Council asked questions regarding qualifying non-profits, how many 501(c)(3) exist in Edina, where the profit goes, expenses for the City to manage this, and the values assessment.

Mrs. Allison noted that the 3% gambling tax will be used to cover the cost, plus the 10% that is locked in per State Statute.

The Council expressed concerns that the ordinance in front of them does not guarantee that the nonprofits that will be benefiting from this will be related to students, mental health, or hockey.

City Attorney Kendall noted that the State allows 501(c)(3) organizations to apply to be lawfully gambling entities if they meet the requirements. Mr. Kendall noted that the Council could make it so that an organization cannot have more than 1 premise permit.

The Council discussed what problem they are trying to solve with this ordinance, and noted that other communities have used this model to help solve their problems; noted that this could bring another source of funds for the needs that exist in this community; and gave feedback to do more research and groundwork on this idea, and put a cap of up to 6 premise permits and only one permit per location.

Member Jackson made a motion to Grant First Reading to Ordinance 2026-02, amending Section 4-9-9; Repealing and Replacing Chapter 6, Article III Lawful Gambling of the Edina City Code. Member Pierce seconded the motion. Ayes: Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Nay: Agnew. Motion carried.

9.6. 2026 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORMS – APPROVED

Mr. Neal stated that since the January 20, 2026 legislative delegation work session, staff have added two items to the state legislative platform's Affordable Housing section, titled "Use Pooled Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for Affordable Housing" and "Emergency Rental Assistance Financing". These items were added after hearing Rep. Youakim's remarks and as part of the staff's work for the Immigration Response Task Force that he created.

Member Pierce made a motion, seconded by Member Risser, approving the 2026 Legislative Platforms. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

9.7. RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08, AFFIRMING COMMUNITY VALUES – ADOPTED

Mr. Neal presented the Council with the resolution that was discussed at the earlier work session.

Member Agnew introduced and moved adoption of Resolution No. 2026-08, Affirming Community Values. Member Jackson seconded the motion. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

9.8. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07, EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE – ADOPTED

The Council discussed the concerns regarding eviction moratoriums, but also the need for it, and noted that they would like to see that in the letter. The Council noted that the Edina Housing Association does not endorse an eviction moratorium.

Member Jackson introduced and moved adoption of Resolution No. 2026-07, Emergency Rental Assistance. Member Pierce seconded the motion. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

10.0 MANAGER’S COMMENTS – Received

11.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS – Received

11.1 MAYOR HOVLAND TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON CITY MANAGER NEAL’S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Pierce, to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 p.m. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Allison, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, February 17, 2026. Video Copy of February 4, 2026, meeting available.

**MINUTES
OF THE EDINA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
COMMUNITY ROOM, CITY HALL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026
5:30 P.M.**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Answering roll call were Members Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, and Mayor Hovland.

Staff in attendance: Scott Neal, City Manager; Ari Lenz, Assistant City Manager; Zoe Johnson, City Management Fellow; Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications Director; Chad Millner, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Ross Bintner, Engineering Services Manager; Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director; Nate Morrison, Maintenance Supervisor; Lieutenant Ryan Schultz; David Yanagisawa, I.T. Specialist; and Sharon Allison, City Clerk.

3.1 CITY MANAGER TRANSITION

Manager Neal introduced the topic, noting that Assistant City Manager Lenz developed a detailed timeline for the City Manager transition. The process will require an executive search and given the limited number of firms that specialize in this work, staff recommended issuing a request for proposals (RFP) and forming a small subset of the City Council to assist. The selected firm would help develop the recruitment profile, advertising plan, and recommend the number of finalists. The goal is to retain a consultant by the end of May or June, conduct candidate tours in the summer, and selection in the fall. Under Minnesota Data Practices Act, candidate names remain confidential until finalists (typically two to five) are identified. The consultant will advise on how many finalists to advance and support the overall process.

Council discussed who would be involved in interviews; Neal stated that Council, senior staff, community representatives (such as commission and task force members, business leaders, the school superintendent, hospital representatives, and other organizations), and the consultant would participate. Council asked whether the timeline could be accelerated; staff indicated it could be compressed to begin earlier and allow additional transition time for the selected candidate. Assistant City Manager Lenz and City Management Fellow Johnson will draft the RFP using existing models, with Council Members Pierce and Jackson volunteering to assist. Council expressed a preference to hire the consultant by the end of May and aim for a finalist by the end of September to allow approximately 90 days' notice. Confidentiality will be maintained until finalists are named.

3.2 MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION AS PERMITTED BY M.S. 13D.05, TO DISCUSS SECURITY PROTOCOLS. Member Agnew made a motion, seconded by Member Jackson. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

3.3 COUNCIL CHAMBERS SECURITY REVIEW

Lt. Ryan Schultz led a discussion regarding security procedures in the Council Chambers during City Council meetings. Council and staff relocated from the Community Room to the Council Chambers to participate in a demonstration outlining current security measures and safety considerations during meetings.

3.3 MOTION TO MOVE BACK INTO OPEN SESSION

Member Agnew made a motion, seconded by Member Jackson to move back into open session while still in the Council Chambers. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting while still in the Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Allison, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, March 3, 2026.

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ROLL CALL

Answering rollcall were Members Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, and Hovland.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 MEETING AGENDA – APPROVED

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Pierce, approving the meeting agenda. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Ralph Zickert reiterated his opposition to the City borrowing \$20M for the construction of a parking garage at 7001 France Avenue.

Jill Garnier addressed traffic concerns related to Southview Middle School and a petition supporting requesting school hour parking restrictions; noted that she submitted petition photos and video documentation to the Council last week and discussed the traffic concerns and dangers to pedestrians on Concord Terrace.

Laura Hann asked that the Council further their work regarding ICE restrictions by reassuring staff that they have a right to protest, knowing their jobs are protected, offer PTO or work from home options, do not allow ICE officers to apply for City jobs in the future, especially law enforcement, schools, etc., and protect data from citizens being leaked to ICE.

5.1. CITY MANAGER'S RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY COMMENTS

City Manager Neal responded to Community Comments from current and past meetings.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTED

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Pierce, approving the consent agenda as revised to remove Item 6.1, regular and work session meeting minutes of February 4, 2026, and special meeting of February 5, 2026, and 6.18, 2026 Commission Appointments, as follows:

- 6.1. ~~Regular and work session meeting minutes of February 4, 2026, and special meeting of February 5, 2026~~**
- 6.2. Approve Claims for Payment for Check Register Pre-List Dated January 30, 2026, totaling \$1,650,043.77, Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated January 30,**

2026, totaling \$14,976,884.75, and Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated February 6, 2026, totaling \$1,537,892.73

- 6.3. Request for Purchase, Hennepin County Library and Senior Center Exterior Improvements, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Acme Tuckpointing Restoration at \$95,320.00
 - 6.4. Waive Permit Fees for Hennepin County Library and Senior Center Exterior Improvements
 - 6.5. Adopt Ordinance No. 2026-03, Amending Chapter 2 - Water Meter Replacement Surcharge
 - 6.6. Arden Park Maintenance Covenants
 - 6.7. Agreement with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and Edina Public School District for Concord Flood Infrastructure Project
 - 6.8. Request for Purchase, Engineering Services for Concord Flood Infrastructure Project Feasibility Study, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Barr Engineering at \$466,200
 - 6.9. Request for Purchase, Arlington Streetlights for 50th & France, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Viking Electric at \$24,395.00
 - 6.10. Request for Purchase, Playground Replacement Design and Engineering, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, WSB at \$42,850
 - 6.11. Request for Purchase, 2026 Toro Trim Mower, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, MTI Toro at \$26,056.68
 - 6.12. Request for Purchase, 2026 Residential Tree Sale, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Tree Trust at \$54,921.52
 - 6.13. Request for Purchase, Braemar Golf Course Korechi Autonomous Range Ball Picker, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Korechi Innovations Inc., at \$58,900
 - 6.14. Request for Purchase, Braemar Golf Course VertaCat All-Terrain Mobility Rider, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, VertaCat at \$30,085.31
 - 6.15. Request for Purchase, Chevy Blazer PPV EV, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Tres, Inc., DBA North County GM at \$47,256.88
 - 6.16. Hennepin County Auto Theft Collaboration Cooperative Agreement
 - 6.17. Request for Purchase, Modular Wall Training System, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Versare, at \$53,973.21
 - ~~6.18. 2026 Commission Appointments~~
 - 6.19 Temporary On-Sale Liquor License: Our Lady of Grace Church
 - 6.20. Temporary On-Sale Liquor License: Midwest Rett Syndrome Foundation
- Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2026 - TABLED

The Council noted that under item 8.1 of the meeting minutes, there are changes that should be made regarding statements that were made. The Council asked to table the minutes so that a full written correction could be submitted for the proposed changes.

Member Risser made a motion, seconded by Member Agnew, tabling the February 4, 2026, regular City Council meeting minutes to the March 3, 2026, City Council meeting. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

6.18. 2026 COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - APPROVED

The Council thanked everyone who was involved in the Commission interviews and read the names of those who will be appointed to Edina Commissions for 2026.

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Agnew, approving the 2026 Commission Appointments. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

7.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1. SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY FEBRUARY 18, 2026 - PROCLAIMED

Mayor Hovland read in full the proclamation declaring School Bus Driver Appreciation Day as February 18, 2026, in the City of Edina.

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Agnew, approving the proclamation declaring February 18, 2026, as School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the City of Edina. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

7.2. CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTATION - PRESENTED

Lieutenant Heckert awarded the Citizen Award in recognition of Chris Hansen's non-profit organization, Time On the Water, which supports the mental health of veterans and first responders through therapeutic fishing experiences. Mr. Hansen gave a brief background on how his non-profit organization came to be in 2016, discussed what the trips are designed to do, and noted that they hit their 502nd guest last year.

8.0 REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1. ORDINANCE 2026-04, AMENDMENT REGARDING TREE PROTECTION – FIRST READING GRANTED

Parks and Recreation Director Vetter presented the core proposed changes to the ordinance, including newly added definitions, tree replacement requirements, and exemptions to replanting.

The Council inquired about the timing of the spring tree sale. Mr. Vetter stated that 250 trees will be available in the spring and an additional 250 in the fall, with dates to be announced.

The Council asked questions regarding feedback from the Environmental and Energy Commission (EEC), boulevard trees, and homeowner user experience. Mr. Vetter reported that the EEC did not provide any feedback opposing the proposed changes.

The Council expressed appreciation to staff and others who worked on the ordinance. Council also raised concerns about homeowners with small lots who already have numerous trees and provided feedback on the desire to both maintain and expand the tree canopy.

Mr. Vetter explained the typical process a homeowner would follow to determine whether a request is subject to the ordinance and how the process would proceed if applicable. City Attorney Kendall discussed which permits would apply under the ordinance and which would not. Mr. Vetter noted that an appeals process was considered but could not be clearly defined; staff determined that an on-site and off-site mitigation strategy was preferable.

The Council asked additional questions regarding making information more accessible to neighbors and the planting of substandard trees. The Council emphasized preserving the tree canopy through homeowner education on the importance of trees, rather than prohibiting residents from removing trees on their own property.

Mr. Vetter noted the addition of a new provision exempting trees that are causing damage. Mr. Kendall stated that the ordinance would not prevent otherwise lawful construction or development.

Member Jackson made a motion to grant First Reading to Ordinance 2026-04, Amendment Regarding Tree Protection. Member Agnew seconded the motion. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Risser, Hovland. Nay: Pierce. Motion carried.

8.2. ORDINANCE 2026-02, AMENDING SECTION 4-9-9; REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 6 ARTICLE III, LAWFUL GAMBLING OF THE EDINA CITY CODE - TABLED

The Council suggested tabling this item for a month to have more conversations. Mayor Hovland stated he and City Manager Neal are meeting with the Ed Fund to talk about why the ordinance may or may not work for them. Council ask that staff inform the community of the delay and report back on how many non-profits are in Edina and revenue they generate.

Member Agnew made a motion, seconded by Member Jackson, tabling Ordinance 2026-02, Amending Section 4-9-9; Repealing and Replacing Chapter 6, Article III, Lawful Gambling of the Edina City Code to the March 17, 2026, City Council Meeting. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

8.3. AMENDMENT TO THE MOBILE ECMO TRUCK SERVICES, DISPATCH, AND DEPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - APPROVED

Fire Chief Slama presented information regarding the ECMO truck, pilot program to date, ECMO updates, MET amendment, and recommendations. The Council thanked Fire Chief Slama for coming back with the update and feedback on the program.

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Agnew, to approve the amendment to the Mobile ECMO Truck services, dispatch, and deployment agreement. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

9.0 MANAGER'S COMMENTS - Received

9.1. IMMIGRATION RESPONSE TASK FORCE STATUS REPORT

10.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS - Received

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Agnew, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Allison, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, March 3, 2026. Video Copy of February 17, 2026, meeting available.



Item Number: 6.2

Department: Finance

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Pa Thao, Finance Director

Item Title: Payment of Claims

Action Requested:

Approve claims for payment

Information/Background:

For security purposes and to meet [ADA Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(URL\)](#), the detailed claims reports are not included in the public packet but they are available to City Council through a secure Board Portal. To request the claims reports, please [submit a data request \(URL\)](#).

List of Payment Claims:

1. Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated 02.13.2026 Total \$2,709,887.31
2. Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated 02.20.2026 Total \$3,828,581.40



Item Number: 6.3

Department: Community Development

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Stephanie Hawkinson, Affordable Housing
Development Manager

Item Title: Edina Housing Foundation Appointments

Action Requested:

Appoint Jeffrey Huggett and Jerome Gilligan to the Edina Housing Foundation with a term ending March 1, 2027.

Information/Background:

The Edina Housing Foundation consists of five members. Per the Foundation's by-laws, members shall be appointed each year. Two members are appointed by the City Council and three members are appointed by the HRA. The City Council is being asked to appoint Jeffrey Huggett and Jerome Gilligan.

Supporting Documentation:

None



Item Number: 6.4

Department: Fire

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Jeff Brown, Community Health Administrator

Item Title: Ordinance 2026-05: Amending Chapter 20, Article VI. Property Maintenance

Action Requested:

Approve Ordinance 2026-05, Amending Chapter 20, Article VI. Property Maintenance, grant first reading, waive second reading and approve summary publication.

Information/Background:

The Public Health Division enforces the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), adopted in Chapter 20, Article VI of City Code. The code is intended to protect, preserve and promote the physical and mental health of people and allows the Public Health Division to regulate privately and publicly owned dwellings for the purpose of sanitation and public health. Sec. 20-354 of City Code amends certain chapters of the IPMC to provide additional clarity, and to tailor the code to Edina's built environment. This ordinance is an additional amendment to clarify the definition of mechanical equipment, which is not defined in the IPMC. By adding this definition, the Public Health Division can ensure that equipment used for heating, cooling and ventilation remains in working order.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

This ordinance has no financial impact on the City and does not affect Public Health Division operations, who will continue to enforce the code as part of their ongoing duties.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:



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Values Impact:



Health

The Property Maintenance code is intended to protect, preserve and promote physical and mental health. Ensuring mechanical equipment and other appliances are in working order is important to indoor air quality, comfort and safety.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



The City of Edina Ordains:

Section 1. Chapter 20, Article VI, Sec. 20-354 is amended with the following original and **added text**:

The following sections of the International Property Maintenance Code are amended to read as follows:

[...]

Section 603.1 Mechanical Equipment and Appliances. Mechanical equipment, appliances, fireplaces, solid fuel-burning appliances, cooking appliances and water heating appliances shall be property installed and maintained in a safe working condition, and shall be capable or performing the intended function. "Mechanical equipment" includes all equipment used for space heating, cooling, and ventilation.

Section 2. The effective date of Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be April 1, 2026.

Passed by the City Council of Edina on March 3, 2026.

First Reading: March 3, 2026

Second Reading: Waived

Summary for Publication:

City of Edina adopts the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) by reference in Chapter 20. Sec. 20-354 of City Code amends certain chapters of the IPMC. This ordinance is an additional amendment to clarify the definition of mechanical equipment, which is not defined in the IPMC.



Item Number: 6.5

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Title: Purchase Request: Valuation Services for Braemar Arena Sponsorships

Action Requested:

Approve Purchase Request for Professional Valuation Services for Braemar Arena with the Superlative Group in the amount of \$25,000.

Requisition Number: 12600065

Vendor: Superlative Group

Equipment Status: New professional service

Funding Source: Operational Budget

Cost: \$25,000

Information/Background:

At the January 20, 2026, regular City Council meeting, staff provided an update on the Braemar Arena renovation and expansion project. As part of that presentation, staff indicated that an alternate funding opportunity tool available for use to pursue project enhancements is the pursuit of naming rights and sponsorship. As mentioned at the time, the first step in that process is conducting a professional independent valuation of assets.

Staff has researched potential partners and recommend the Superlative Group to conduct this valuation. This will include both a quantitative and a qualitative analysis, a contract & policy analysis, and industry benchmarking. At the conclusion of this valuation phase a report would be provided and at that time a decision would be made to pursue or not pursue this method of alternate funding. This process is supported by the Edina Parks and Recreation Commission who is working on alternate funding mechanisms. This process does not require a long-term commitment to entering into any sponsorship agreements or a strategic sales campaign.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

This project is to improve and expand Braemar Ice Arena by improving the quality of the ice, adding a fourth indoor rink and improving the user experience with a focus on being an athlete first facility. This is being funded by the Local Option Sales Tax referendums that occurred in 2022 and 2023 that provided \$45.2M for the project. This process would independently determine the potential value of formal sponsorship opportunity would bring in revenue.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

The Braemar Park Master Plan was adopted by the Edina City Council in 2018 and amended in 2022. The project was funded by two successful referendum votes in 2022 and 2023 authorizing a total of \$45.2M for the Braemar Arena portion of the project.



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Values Impact:



Engagement

This project directly impacts the Edina High School, Edina Hockey Association, Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club, Breakaway Academy, General Sports, Ikola Cup members and Da Beauty League as well as tournament organizers all of which have provided feedback. The general community voted in 2022 and 2023 to fund this project.



Health

The primary focus for this project is to improve and expand for all users as an athlete first facility.



Sustainability

This project will provided needed upgrades to the physical capital infrastructure that will operate more efficiently saving energy, reducing carbon use and support aspects of the Climate Action Plan.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 6.6

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Title: Purchase Request: Commissioning Services for Braemar Ice Arena Renovation and Expansion Project

Action Requested:

Approve Purchase Request for Professional Services for Braemar Arena with KFI Engineers in the amount of \$190,800 for commissioning services.

Requisition Number: 12600074

Vendor: KFI Engineers

Equipment Status: Professional Services

Funding Source: LOST Capital

Cost: \$190,800

Information/Background:

The facilities at Braemar Ice Arena are being remodeled and expanded to meet the needs of the community as visioned in the Braemar Park Master Plan. These facilities will need special commissioning to meet the requirements of Edina's Sustainable Building Policy and LEED Certification. The commissioning agent will work with JLG Architects and Knutson Construction Manager, already part of the project team. Commissioning services are part of the master services contract with KFI Engineers.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

This project is funded by the local option sales tax that was implemented by referendum in 2022 and 2023. Commissioning services will create a more efficient and reliable facility that will reduce operational expenses.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

This project is part of the Braemar Park Master Plan to implement renovation and expansion of Braemar Ice Arena. This work is to support and meet the City of Edina Sustainable Building Policy.



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Values Impact:



Stewardship

Designs will reflect standards and needs for long term sustainability and support. Strategic renovation will allow for budget efficiency and user impact benefits.



Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 6.7

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Jessica Vanderwerff Wilson, Water Resources Coordinator, Ross Bintner, Engineering Services Manager

Item Title: Land-Use Agreement for the Mirror Lake Alum Treatment

Action Requested:

Authorize Land-Use Agreement for the Mirror Lake Alum Treatment between City of Edina and Nine Mile Creek Watershed District.

Information/Background:

Mirror Lake has poor water quality due to excess nutrients such as phosphorus, which fuels algae growth and decreases water clarity. A 2023 study of the water quality and ecological health of the lake completed by the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District found that phosphorus in the lake comes both from watershed loading (stormwater runoff) and releases from lake-bottom sediment. An alum treatment has been identified as a key implementation tactic to address the issue and is planned for spring 2026 with costs to be borne by the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. The land-use agreement grants access to accomplish the alum treatment project.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

The cost of the alum treatment will be borne by Nine Mile Creek Watershed District.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

The land use agreement and alum treatment project are consistent with the Water Resources Management Plan and Clean Water Strategy.



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Values Impact:



Stewardship

This project is key to the restoration of Mirror Lake.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. Land-Use Agreement for Mirror Lake Alum Treatment (Board Portal)



Item Number: 6.8

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Title: Purchase Request: 494 Corridor Commission Member Dues

Action Requested:

Approve Purchase Request for I-494 Corridor Commission annual membership dues for 2026 for \$32,871.00.

Requisition Number: 12600076

Vendor: I-494 Corridor Commission

Equipment Status: N/A

Funding Source: General Fund

Cost: \$32,871

Information/Background:

The I-494 Corridor Commission works with businesses, residents, and agencies to reduce congestion along the I-494 corridor. The cities of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina, Minnetonka and Richfield are part of the Commission. The Commission partners with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Council, Metro Transit and SouthWest Transit to work on issues related to I-494.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

The Commission approved a 2026 budget of \$816,226. A portion of this budget is funded by annual dues from each member city per our Joint Powers Agreement. The 2026 annual dues for the City of Edina are \$32,871.00, or \$0.60 per resident. Annual dues are funded through the City's General Fund. Board meetings are held approximately twice every quarter; the City of Edina is represented by one City Council Member and one staff member.

The City of Eden Prairie has announced its intention to withdraw from the Commission at the end of 2026. It is uncertain at this time what impact their departure will have on Edina's future financial responsibility to the Commission. Staff will assess Edina's future with the Commission as part of 2027 budget discussions. The terms of our joint powers agreement allow any agency to withdraw from the Commission effective January 1 of any year by giving written notice to the Commission Chair and every other Party prior to October 1 of the preceding year. The notice must include a Council resolution stating its decision to withdraw from the Commission.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

The work of the Commission supports goals within the City's Comprehensive Plan, Living Streets Plan and Climate Action Plan.



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Values Impact:



Engagement

Commuter Services, the Commission's outreach program, works with over 1,000 employers and multi-tenant properties with a wealth of resources and services aimed at converting drive-alone commuters into a sustainable commute mode.



Sustainability

Commuter Services outreach results in an estimated 56,000,000 fewer vehicle miles traveled per year along the I-494 corridor as drive-alone commuters convert to more sustainable modes.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 6.9

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Derik Otten, Facility Manager

Item Title: Purchase Request: Professional Services For Old Fire Station #2 Building Demolition Specifications

Action Requested:

Approve Purchase Request for Professional Services For Old Fire Station #2 Building Demolition Specifications with BKV Architects for \$22,500

Requisition Number: 12600053

Vendor: BKV Architects Inc.

Equipment Status: NA

Funding Source: CIP

Cost: \$22,500.00

Information/Background:

With the opening of new Fire Station #2, the old Fire Station #2 building is being decommissioned. This contract will create demolition specifications to prepare the site for a future water treatment plant.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

CIP Budget

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

The existing building is no longer in use and the site is being planned for future use.



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Values Impact:



Stewardship

Our new Fire Station provides enhanced services and coverage in the area.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. Agreement between City of Edina and BKV Group for Professional Services (Board Portal)



Item Number: 6.10

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Noah Silver, Electrical Supervisor

Item Title: Purchase Request: Streetlights for York Ave and Parklawn Ave

Action Requested:

Approve Purchase Request for Streetlights for York Ave. and Parklawn Ave. from Xcel Energy for \$204,927.18.

Requisition Number: 12600063

Vendor: Xcel Energy

Equipment Status: Replacement

Funding Source: Street Lighting Regular Contracted Services

Cost: \$204,927.18

Information/Background:

The existing streetlights on York Ave. from Edinborough Way to north of Parklawn Ave. and on Parklawn Ave. from France Ave. to 76th Street are past their service life. The thirty-five (35) new Xcel Energy streetlights will be installed and maintained by Xcel Energy.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

This replacement is within the streetlight operations budget and part of the City's street lighting replacement plan. Xcel Energy will operate and maintain the new streetlights.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

This aligns with the Comprehensive Plan and the City's street lighting replacement plan.



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Values Impact:



Stewardship

Capital assets and infrastructure systems are managed to minimize risk and sustain service levels to be safe and reliable.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 6.11

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Chad Millner, Director of Public Works and City Engineer

Item Title: Purchase Request: Bulk Fuel

Action Requested:

Approve purchase request for bulk fuel from the state contract with Mansfield Oil Company for up to \$490,000.

Requisition Number: 12600064

Vendor: Mansfield Oil Company

Equipment Status: NA

Funding Source: Public Works Operating Budget

Cost: \$490,000

Information/Background:

Fuel is required to operate the equipment that provides EMS, snowplowing, and other services and maintenance operations. This allows us to provide sound infrastructure and the services our residents expect.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

This purchase is funded from the Public Works Operating Budget and is part of a state contract.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

This purchase aligns with the Comprehensive Plan in that it allows us to continue to provide strong infrastructure and the services our residents expect.



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Values Impact:



Stewardship

The State Contract locks in a price for a specific volume of fuel thus protecting the City from large price changes.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 6.12

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Chad Millner, Director of Public Works and City Engineer

Item Title: Purchase Request: Contract Amendment #1: Professional Services for Final Design of Interlachen Boulevard 2027 Street Reconstruction

Action Requested:

Approve Purchase Request for Contract Amendment #1: Professional Services for Final Design of Interlachen Boulevard 2027 Street Reconstruction

Requisition Number: 12500154

Vendor: Short Elliot Hendrickson

Equipment Status: NA

Funding Source: Special Assessments, Street Levy, Utility Funds, State Aid, PACS

Cost: \$348,540

Information/Background:

This contract includes final design, permitting and bidding support for the 2027 Interlachen Boulevard Street Reconstruction Project from Blake Road to Mirror Lakes Road. It continues the 30% design work completed in 2025.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

Special Assessments, Street Levy, Utility Funds, State Aid, PACS. Professional services contract. The project is funded by a combination of Special Assessments, Street Levy, Utility Funds, State Aid, and PACS. The original contract amount for 30% design was \$123,594. This amendment increases the contract by \$348,540 for a new contract amount of \$472,134.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

This project aligns with the Comprehensive Plan, Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan and Climate Action Plan.



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Values Impact:



Stewardship

Replacing aging infrastructure at the appropriate time is sound asset management practice.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. Supplemental Letter Agreement for Interlachen Blvd Reconstruction (Board Portal)



Item Number: 6.13

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Title: Traffic Safety Reports of December 9, 2025 and January 27, 2026

Action Requested:

Approve the staff recommendations in the Traffic Safety Reports of December 9, 2025 and January 27, 2026.

Information/Background:

The Traffic Safety Committee recommends action on three items, no action on one item and further study on two items. The Transportation Commission reviewed the reports at their February 19 regular meeting and recommended action on one item. See attached reports.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

Traffic control signage and pavement markings within the public right-of-way are owned and maintained by the Public Works Department. Changes or additions to signage or markings will be funded through the Streets Division operating budget or the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

The recommendations in these reports support the goal in the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan to "manage, maintain and operate roadways to maximize, wherever possible, the safety and mobility of all users and all modes."



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Values Impact:



Engagement

Members of the public are given opportunities to provide additional information to the Transportation Commission and City Council.



Equity

The Traffic Safety Committee's recommendations are guided by the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MnMUTCD) and the City's local traffic policies. Staff strives to apply this guidance equitably to all areas of the City.



Health

The Traffic Safety Committee recommendations promote the physical wellbeing of all people who live, work or visit Edina.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. Traffic Safety Report of December 9, 2025
2. Traffic Safety Report of January 27, 2026



Date: March 3, 2026

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Nick Bauler

Subject: Traffic Safety Report of December 9, 2025

Action Requested: Approve the staff recommendations.

Information/Background:

The Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) review of traffic safety matters occurred on December 9. The Traffic Safety Coordinator, Public Works Coordinator, Engineering Director, Assistant City Planner and Traffic Safety Specialists were in attendance for this meeting.

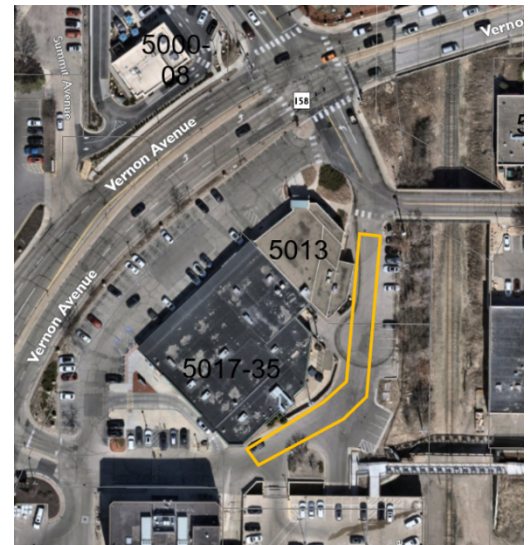
On each of the items, persons involved have been contacted and the staff recommendation has been discussed with them. They were informed that if they disagree with the recommendation or have additional facts to present, they can submit correspondence to the Transportation Commission and/or to City Council prior to the March 3 meeting.

Section A: Items on which the Traffic Safety Committee recommends action

A1. Request for center lane markings behind Grandview Walgreens

Description	Vernon Ave & Hwy 100 bridge construction has led to increased two-way traffic behind Walgreens (5035 Vernon Ave)
Crashes	None
Unique Circumstances	Narrow sections when vehicles are parked to the east measure around 25'. Parking lot property behind Walgreens is owned by the City. Vernon Ave bridge over railroad anticipated re-opening in summer 2026.

Staff recommends adding center line markings.

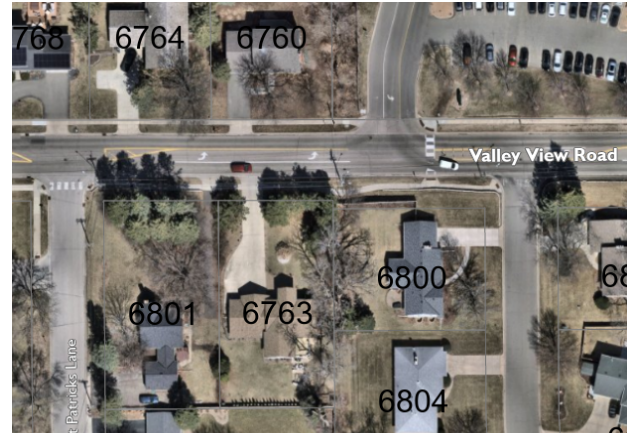


Grandview behind Walgreens



BI. Request for WB turn lane for 6763 Valley View Rd

Description	Resident is afraid they'll be rear ended, when cued on Valley View, trying to turn left into driveway
Crashes	Four in past ten years, none related to this particular concern
Lane Layout	One westbound, one eastbound and one eastbound left turn into Edina High School driveway.
Previous Work	Valley View Rd overlaid in 2017
Unique Circumstances	Driveway access is 80' west of EHS west driveway.



6763 Valley View Rd

Staff recommends no action.

Section D: Other traffic safety items handled

D1. A commuter requested a street design change along the Bloomington portion of W 78th St, east of East Bush Lake Rd. Bloomington was sent the information of the requestor.

D2. Residents on W 44th St near Kojetin Park requested a permanent speed display sign to improve driver awareness of speeds. The location will be reviewed once a policy is approved.

D3. A resident on France Ave near W 62nd St requested to relocate a signpost near their driveway fearing it may get hit when icy conditions arise. Hennepin County relocated the signpost.

D4. Requests to slow drivers on W 70th St between Metro Blvd and Antrim Rd. Staff reviewed speed limit signage, stop sign controls and are recommending using the portable speed display sign on a temporary basis to raise speed awareness. The EPD was also requested for speed enforcement.

D5. All-way stop controls requested at Willow Wood Rd and Larada Ln. This is a two-way stop where Willow Wood is the lower volume being controlled. No all-way warrants are met.

D6. Two complaints stating the merge sign for eastbound vehicles on W 50th St east of Wooddale is confusing for drivers. The sign indicates the outside (southernmost) lane ends and must merge left. No changes recommended.

D7. A complaint of visibility at the alley entrance from York Ave and W 56th St. The Requestor was given information on how to communicate their concerns with their neighbor for improvements with no enforceable City Code for improvements.

D8. Three traffic signal complaints, at France & W 69th, France & W 70th and at W 66th & Southdale Center. Hennepin County was notified of all concerns.



D9. A request for crosswalk lighting at the roundabout on Hazelton Rd to increase pedestrian safety. A streetlight is located 30' east of the southern crossing which has a refuge island for improved crossing safety. No added treatments are recommended.

D10. A request to change driveway access and lane layout on W 78th St east of East Bush Lake Rd. The area of concern is within Bloomington City limits. Bloomington staff was notified of the request.

Section E: Items recommended for police enforcement

E1. A resident requested temporary warning flags for stop signs at Maddox Ln and Hansen Rd to increase awareness of the stop controls. Such flags are only used for a change in traffic control at an intersection. The EPD is requested for increased enforcement.

E2. A principal at Highlands Elementary requested parking restriction signs along Doncaster Way at the school's entrance. Upon review, parking is restricted in the areas due to proximity of driveways and a crosswalk. EPD was requested for enforcement during pickup and drop-off times.

E3. A resident along Lincoln Dr was concerned with young drivers and loud vehicles in the area causing disturbances. The EPD was notified of the issue.

E4. A resident had complaints of drivers not stopping for pedestrians crossing W 69th St between the Galleria and Southdale Mall. The EPD was notified of driver behavior and the portable speed display sign will be placed to raise driver awareness of speeds.



Date: March 3, 2026

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Nick Bauler

Subject: Traffic Safety report of January 27, 2026

Action Requested: Approve the staff recommendations.

Information/Background:

The Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) review of traffic safety matters occurred on January 27. The Traffic Safety Coordinator, Public Works Coordinator, Engineering Director, Assistant City Planner and Traffic Safety Specialists were in attendance for this meeting.

On each of the items, persons involved have been contacted and the staff recommendation has been discussed with them. They were informed that if they disagree with the recommendation or have additional facts to present, they can submit correspondence to the Transportation Commission and/or to City Council prior to the March 3 meeting.

Section A: Items on which the Traffic Safety Committee recommends action

A1. Request for parking restrictions on Concord Terrace

Description	Resident concerned with double-sided parking during school pickup leading to bus access issues while kids are walking in the middle of the street. School lets out at 4:05 PM.
Crashes	None in past 10 years.
Previous Work	Reconstructed in 2016.
Unique Circumstances	Concord Ter is closest access to Southview Middle School with no parking restrictions. Bus access Concord Ter from W 58 th onto Saint Johns Ave.
Nearby	Sherwood Ave, Dalrymple Rd and Saint Andrews Ave are 30' wide and have double-sided school day parking restrictions. Reconstructed in 2011.
Bike/Ped Facilities	Crosswalk over Concord Ave. No sidewalks on Concord Ter.
Street Width	27' face to face of curb.



Concord Terrace, east of Southview Middle School

The Transportation Commission recommends parking restrictions on the entire north side of Concord Terrace and the east side of St. Johns Ave between Concord Ave and W 58th St.

Staff recommends parking restrictions on the north side of Concord Ter extending 300' east 9 AM to 4:30 PM school days.



A2. Review crosswalk over Tracy Ave at Countryside Rd

Description	Review came from meeting with staff and parents at Countryside Elem. Complaints include signs not visible and RRFBs are requested.
ADT	4,483 (2025)
Crashes	None in past ten years.
Bike & Ped Crosses	18 total crosses during school day (November 2025).
Lane Layout	Two travel lanes with bike lanes
Previous Work	Tracy reconstructed in 2016 with new crosswalk installed.
Unique Circumstances	All-way stop with crosswalks 450' north. Uses crossing guards during drop-off and pick-up times.



Crosswalk over Tracy Ave at Countryside Rd

Staff recommends double-sided crosswalk signage to increase visibility.

Section C: Items on which the Traffic Safety Committee recommends action

C1. Review feedback from Sunnyside Rd residents regarding street parking.

Description	Brought to staff's attention Sunnyside Rd west of Browndale Ave is measured 17' wide while allowing one-sided parking.
Policy	2015 Living Streets Policy recommends 2-sided restrictions with street widths lower than 24'.
Previous Work	Street reconstructed in 2008.
Crashes	No reported crashes in past 10 years.
Miscellaneous	When street parking is utilized, EMS access is restricted due to curb and boulevard trees
Previous Review	Staff informed residents from on Sunnyside and Mackey Ave of access concerns and requested feedback regarding street parking.
Feedback	Letter sent to 35 homes in December. 12 Homes responded. Eleven respondents in favor of keeping one-sided parking. Two respondents understand EMS concerns and are accepting two-sided restrictions.

Further discussion is needed with Fire Department and emergency response personnel prior to a recommendation.



Sunnyside Rd and Mackey Ave between Browndale Ave and W 44th St



C2. Discuss Benton Ave at Tracy Ave

Description	City staff met with School staff and parents at Countryside Elementary regarding driver behavior at offset intersection.
AADT	Tracy ranges from 4,000-6,400 (2024). Benton 2,500 (2023) November 2025 turn count: 6,775 vehicles entered intersection Northbound – 3,186 (47%) Southbound – 1,695 (25%) Westbound – 1,399 (21%) Eastbound – 495 (7.3%)
Crashes	Five since 2017 – three in 2024 including a student on a bike was hit in the crosswalk.
Unique Circumstances	Intersection is offset 60' and causes driver confusion for right-of-way. Crossing guards are present during school start and end times. Added school driveway access on Tracy across Countryside Rd. SEMAP also reviewing intersection.



Tracy Ave at Benton Ave

A conceptual safety improvement is being prepared for this intersection as part of the City's Safe and Equitable Mobility Action Plan (SEMAP). Staff will have further discussions about potential implementation after the plan is adopted.

Section D: Other traffic safety items handled

D1. Separate requests for more road salt on Xerxes Ave, Creek Valley Rd and W 50th St due to icy conditions. The appropriate plow operators were notified of the request.

D2. A report on utility tubes extending out of the ground towards the street on Arbour Ave. The utility contractor was notified and fixed the issue.

D3. A driver has safety concerns turning left onto northbound Tracy Ave at HWY 62 westbound exit. City staff is working with MnDOT regarding intersection safety and functionality for a future reconstruction.

D4. A stop sign was reported down at Dewey Hill Rd and Coventry Way. Public Works staff replaced the sign.

Section E: Items recommended for police enforcement

E1. A request for increased stop enforcement at Valley Ln and Creek Dr. EPD was notified.



Item Number: 6.14

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Title: Petition Response: Stop Control at Brookview Ave and W 55th St

Action Requested:

Deny request to install stop controls at the intersection of Brookview Ave and W 55th St

Information/Background:

At their December 16, 2025 regular meeting, City Council received a petition to implement two-way stop controls at the intersection of Brookview Ave and W 55th St. The petition had 40 signatures representing 31 properties.

The intersection of Brookview Ave and W 55th St is located within the Minnehaha Woods neighborhood, one block south of Arden Park. Most streets adjacent to the intersection were reconstructed in 2011 to 27' wide (measured from face of curb to face of curb) with parking permitted on both sides. There are no sidewalks, bikeways or transit service adjacent to the intersection.

The intersection is currently two-way yield controlled, with W 55th St (east/west) yielding to Brookview Ave (north/south). Most neighborhood streets are uncontrolled except for those along W 54th St, Wooddale Ave, and W 56th St.

Traffic and Crash Data

The speed limit on all streets within the neighborhood is 25 mph. Traffic volumes on Brookview Ave and W 55th St range from 172 to 225 vehicles per day. Observed 85th-percentile speeds on these streets range from 21.8 and 25.8 mph. Three crashes have been reported at this intersection in the past 10 years, most recently in December 2025. None of these crashes resulted in injury or fatality and none involved a pedestrian or cyclist. Over that same period, only one crash was reported among the 10 uncontrolled intersections in the neighborhood.

The Traffic Safety Committee has reviewed similar requests at this intersection in 2002, 2010, 2018 and 2023. In 2010, the Committee recommended adding yield signs to help establish the right-of-way due to partial obstructions by trees near the northeast and southwest corners of the intersection. Each request was reviewed by the Traffic Safety Committee and the Transportation Commission. Staff recommendations were approved by City Council as part of monthly Traffic Safety Reports.

MnMUTCD Guidance

The City follows the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MnMUTCD) to regulate the installation of traffic control devices on local streets. The MnMUTCD notes that "in many low volume

situations with no unusual history of intersection crashes, no control at the intersections is a cost-effective strategy. Research suggests that at most locations, increasing the level of intersection control will not improve safety.” The MnMUTCD includes guidance on the installation of various types of traffic control devices. The relevant guidance for this request is in Section 2B.6 (Stop Sign Applications), 2B.7 (Multi-way Stop Application) and 2B.9 (Yield Sign Applications).

Staff recommends no change in traffic control at this intersection. Stop controls are not warranted based on traffic volumes, observed speeds or crash history. Staff believes the existing yield control is sufficient to address the restricted sight lines due to the trees.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

No fiscal or capacity impact.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

Staff’s recommendation supports the goal in the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan to “manage, maintain and operate roadways to maximize wherever possible the safety and mobility of all users and all modes.”



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Values Impact:



Equity

Staff’s recommendation is guided by the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the City’s local traffic policies.



Stewardship

Staff’s recommendation seeks to balance the service, cost and risk for the life of the investment.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. Petition Received December 19, 2025 (Board Portal)



Item Number: 6.15

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Title: Petition Response: Interlachen Blvd and Vandervork Ave Crosswalk

Action Requested:

Consider potential crossing improvements as part of proposed 2027 reconstruction of Interlachen Blvd

Information/Background:

At their December 2, 2025 regular meeting, City Council received a petition to install pedestrian-activated flashers at the intersection of Interlachen Blvd and Vandervork Rd. The petition had 19 signatures representing 14 properties in the Grandview neighborhood (four signatures did not provide a full street address). The petition included a note that "288 neighbors have signed a petition online." 25 signatures from change.org were also submitted, representing 17 properties in the Grandview and Todd Park neighborhoods (one signature represented a property in the Hilldale neighborhood and one represented a property in the Bredesen Park neighborhood).

The intersection of Interlachen Blvd and Vandervork Ave is located between the Grandview and Todd Park neighborhoods, approximately two blocks west of the Grandview commercial district. Interlachen Blvd is approximately 34' wide (measured from face of curb to face of curb) with parking restricted on both sides. Vandervork Ave is approximately 26' wide with parking permitted on both sides.

The intersection currently has a marked crosswalk with double-sided roadside signs. There are 5' sidewalks on the south side of Interlachen Blvd and the east side of Vandervork Ave. On-street bike lanes are present on Interlachen Blvd. Metro Transit Local Route 46 operates on Vernon Ave less than ¼ mile from the intersection. Dynamic display speed signs are present for eastbound and westbound Interlachen Blvd approximately two blocks west of Vandervork Ave.

The speed limits on Interlachen Blvd and Vandervork Ave is 30 and 25 mph, respectively. Interlachen Blvd near the intersection carries 8,200 vehicles per day. The 85th-percentile speed on Interlachen Blvd was last measured in 2016 at 33.4 mph. No crashes have been reported at this intersection in the past 10 years.

The City's Pedestrian Crossing Policy guides the Traffic Safety Committee's recommendations to ensure consistent application of crosswalk treatments throughout the city. This policy provides recommendations for crossing treatments based on roadway configuration, traffic volumes and posted speed limit. The current level of treatment (Level A) is consistent with the policy guidance for Interlachen Blvd (two lanes, ADT less than 9,000 vpd, posted speed limit of 30 mph). Pedestrian-activated flashers are a Level D treatment and are not recommended for this roadway configuration regardless of traffic volume or posted speed limit.

As part of the City's Proactive Pavement Management Program, Interlachen Blvd between Blake Rd and Mirror Lakes Dr is proposed to be reconstructed in 2027. Though the limits for this project do not include the intersection with Vandervork Ave, staff recommends reviewing treatment options for this crossing for potential implementation in 2027. This would allow for cost-effective implementation of any proposed improvements.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

Improvements to multi-modal transportation infrastructure, including pedestrian safety, are funded by the City's Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund. Staff will review potential budget impacts if improvements are recommended in 2027.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

Staff's recommendation supports the goal in the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan to "manage, maintain and operate roadways to maximize wherever possible the safety and mobility of all users and all modes."



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Values Impact:



Stewardship

Staff's recommendation seeks to balance the service, cost and risk for the life of the investment.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. Petition Received December 2, 2025 (Board Portal)
2. Change.org Signatures Received December 2, 2025 (Board Portal)



Item Number: 6.16

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Refer to Staff

Prepared By: Chad Millner, Director of Public Works and City Engineer

Item Title: Petition: School Hour Parking and Stopping Restrictions on Concord Terrace and St. Johns Ave.

Action Requested:

Accept petition regarding school hour parking and stopping restrictions on Concord Terrace and St. Johns Ave and refer to the Public Works Department for review and response.

Information/Background:

Accept the motion as stated.

Supporting Documentation:

1. School Hour Parking Restriction Petition (Board Portal)



Item Number: 6.17

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Chad Millner, Director of Public Works and City Engineer

Item Title: Resolution 2026-11: Entering into MnDOT Agreement No. 1062130 for Rosland Park Pedestrian Bridge State Funding

Action Requested:

Approve Resolution 2026-11: Entering into MnDOT Agreement No. 1062130 for Rosland Park Pedestrian Bridge State Funding

Information/Background:

This resolution approves an agreement with MnDOT to ensure they provide the funding for this specific project as promised. Recall, \$3 million dollars was part of a legislative earmark and \$3.2 million was promised from MnDOT to cover the estimated project cost. The project will be soliciting bids soon.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

Recall, \$3 million dollars was part of a legislative earmark and \$3.2 million was promised from MnDOT to cover the estimated project cost. Any project overages would be the responsibility of the City to cover. The project will be soliciting bids soon.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

This project aligns with the Comprehensive Plan, Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan and Climate Action Plan and is included in the Capital Improvement Plan.



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Values Impact:



Engagement

Residents have voiced many concerns about the lack of an ADA compliant bridge over Highway 62 at Rosland Park.



Equity

Residents have voiced many concerns about the lack of an ADA compliant bridge over Highway 62 at Rosland Park.



Stewardship

Replacing aging infrastructure at the appropriate time is sound asset management practice.



Sustainability

Providing pedestrian and bicycle transportation options should reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



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**Resolution 2026-11: Entering into MnDOT Agreement No.
1062130 for Rosland Park Pedestrian Bridge State
Funding**

Whereas the City of Edina and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) have agreed to remove and replace the Rosland Park Pedestrian Bridge with an ADA compliant bridge.

Whereas the City of Edina has agreed to own and operate the new bridge.

Whereas \$3 million dollars was part of a legislative earmark and \$3.2 million was promised from MnDOT to cover the estimated project cost.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Edina enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1062130 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the City of the State's share of the costs of the bituminous pavement, ADA improvements, lighting, retaining walls, and Bridge No. 27R42 construction and other associated construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 62 from 3,000 feet east of Trunk Highway No. 100 to 900 feet west of Valley View Road within the corporate City limits under State Aid Project No. 120-010-013 and State Project No. 2774-30.

Dated: March 3, 2026



Item Number: 6.18

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Matthew Gabb, Sustainability Specialist, Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner, Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: Resolution 2026-12: Supporting Minnesota GreenCorps Green Transportation Host Site Application

Action Requested:

Approve Resolution 2026-12 supporting an application for the 2026-2027 Minnesota GreenCorps Energy Conservation & Green Transportation program.

Information/Background:

The City has hosted numerous Minnesota GreenCorps members in the past, including a position similar to this one in the current 2025-2026 service term. This position would continue to serve in both the Sustainability and Transportation Divisions to support the implementation of multiple Climate Action Plan items. This member will focus on activities such as evaluating bicycle infrastructure; engaging with developers on EV-ready infrastructure; and promoting multimodal transportation options to Edina residents, employers, and commuters. This resolution is required as part of the application to MPCA.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

There is little to no fiscal impact, as Minnesota GreenCorps members are fully funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Host sites must only provide office equipment, desk space, and \$600 towards the member's professional development. The member's work plan will be adapted from this year's work plan, supporting existing initiatives and implementing some of their own. The member will continue to be co-supervised by Andrew Scipioni and Marisa Bayer to both reduce administrative burdens on staff and provide the member with additional support.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

This member's outreach will support multiple actions in the Climate Action Plan, particularly in the Land Use & Transportation sector. This position aligns with multiple Budget Pillars, as it will allow the City to expand the ways people can travel around Edina; improve multimodal infrastructure; and engage with residents, commuters, and visitors on transportation improvements.



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Values Impact:



Engagement

This member will support the Climate Action Plan, which was created and informed by hundreds of residents. They will also engage with residents and visitors on transportation improvements in Edina.



Equity

Improving multimodal transportation options in Edina ensures that residents who do not have a car — whether that be because they are low-income, seniors who no longer drive, or children — are able to live their daily lives and experience all that Edina has to offer.



Health

Many of the non-car transportation options this member will promote inherently improve residents' health by giving them more opportunities to walk and bike.



Stewardship

GreenCorps positions add the capacity of a full-time staff member without costing the City money.



Sustainability

This GreenCorps position will help advance multiple Climate Action Plan items around multimodal transportation and transportation emissions reductions.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Whereas the City of Edina has applied to host an AmeriCorps member from the Minnesota GreenCorps, a program of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), under its 2026-2027 program service year in the Energy Conservation & Green Transportation program; and

Whereas if the MPCA selects the City of Edina, the organization is committed to implementing the proposed project as described in the host site application, and in accordance with the pre-scoped position description; and

Whereas the MPCA requires that the City of Edina enter into a host site agreement with the MPCA that identifies the terms, conditions, roles and responsibilities;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Edina, Hennepin County, Minnesota, to enter into and sign a host site agreement with the MPCA to carry out the member activities specified therein and to comply with all the terms, conditions, and matching provisions of the host site agreement and authorizes and directs the City Manager to sign the host site agreement on its behalf.

Dated: March 3, 2026



Item Number: 6.19

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Matthew Gabb, Sustainability Specialist, Twila Singh, Environmental Health Specialist II

Item Title: Resolution 2026-13: Supporting Minnesota GreenCorps Community Readiness & Outreach Host Site Application

Action Requested:

Approve Resolution 2026-13 supporting an application for the 2026-2027 Minnesota GreenCorps Community Readiness & Outreach program.

Information/Background:

The City has hosted numerous Minnesota GreenCorps members in the past, including a position similar to this one in the current 2025-2026 service term. This position would continue to serve in both the Sustainability and Waste Divisions to support the implementation of multiple Climate Action Plan items. This member will focus on outreach and engagement with Edina residents and businesses on initiatives like organics recycling, home electrification, and waste reduction. This resolution is required as part of the application to MPCA.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

There is little to no fiscal impact, as Minnesota GreenCorps members are fully funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Host sites must only provide office equipment, desk space, and \$600 towards the member's professional development. The member's work plan will be adapted from this year's work plan, supporting existing initiatives and implementing some of their own. The member will continue to be co-supervised by Matthew Gabb and Twila Singh to both reduce administrative burdens on staff and provide the member with additional support.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

This member's outreach will support multiple actions in the Climate Action Plan, particularly in the Waste Management and Buildings & Energy sectors. This position aligns with multiple Budget Pillars, as it will allow the City to expand the ways residents and businesses participate in the City's Organics Recycling program; improve residential, commercial, and municipal energy efficiency; and engage with residents, commuters, and visitors on waste and energy improvements.



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Values Impact:



Engagement

This member will support the Climate Action Plan, which was created and informed by hundreds of residents. They will also engage with residents and visitors on waste and energy in Edina.



Equity

Expanding the outreach capacity of the Sustainability and Waste Divisions allows more residents and businesses to participate in City programs such as Organics Recycling and the Climate Action Fund.



Health

Improving the energy efficiency of homes and businesses often improves health via air quality improvements from the removal of fossil fuel-burning equipment.



Stewardship

GreenCorps positions add the capacity of a full-time staff member without costing the City money.



Sustainability

This GreenCorps position will help advance multiple Climate Action Plan items around waste diversion and energy efficiency.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Whereas the City of Edina has applied to host an AmeriCorps member from the Minnesota GreenCorps, a program of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), under its 2026-2027 program service year in the Community Readiness & Outreach program; and

Whereas if the MPCA selects the City of Edina, the organization is committed to implementing the proposed project as described in the host site application, and in accordance with the pre-scoped position description; and

Whereas the MPCA requires that the City of Edina enter into a host site agreement with the MPCA that identifies the terms, conditions, roles and responsibilities;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Edina, Hennepin County, Minnesota, to enter into and sign a host site agreement with the MPCA to carry out the member activities specified therein and to comply with all the terms, conditions, and matching provisions of the host site agreement and authorizes and directs the City Manager to sign the host site agreement on its behalf.

Dated: March 3, 2026



Item Number: 6.20

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Matthew Gabb, Sustainability Specialist, Luther Overholt, Laura Beres

Item Title: Resolution 2026-14: Supporting Minnesota GreenCorps Forestry Host Site Application

Action Requested:

Approve Resolution 2026-14 supporting an application for the 2026-2027 Minnesota GreenCorps Stormwater & Forestry program.

Information/Background:

The Forestry Division has hosted many AmeriCorps members over the years. Most of these came from Climate Impact Corps and Forestry Corps' AmeriCorps programs, both of which unfortunately shuttered in 2025 due to the federal government's temporary revocation of most AmeriCorps funding and grants. This position will revitalize that added capacity via the Minnesota GreenCorps program and support the implementation of multiple Climate Action Plan items. This member will focus on expanding Edina's tree canopy and tree diversity, and educating the public about the benefits of removing diseased trees and replacing them with climate-adaptive species. This resolution is required as part of the application to MPCA.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

There is little to no fiscal impact, as Minnesota GreenCorps members are fully funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Host sites must only provide office equipment, desk space, and \$600 towards the member's professional development. The member's work plan supports existing initiatives and implements some of their own. The member will be supervised by Luther Overholt, who has supervised many AmeriCorps members previously, with supervisory assistance from Laura Beres to reduce administrative burdens.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

This member's outreach will support multiple actions in the Climate Action Plan, particularly in the Greenspace & Trees sector. This position aligns with multiple Budget Pillars, as it will document and improve the physical infrastructure that is Edina's tree canopy; improve the use of trees for carbon sequestration, shading, and habitat restoration; and engage with residents and visitors on the importance of a diverse tree canopy.



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Values Impact:



Engagement

This member will support the Climate Action Plan, which was created and informed by hundreds of residents. They will also engage with residents and visitors on Edina's tree canopy.



Equity

Expanding the outreach capacity of the Forestry Division allows more residents and businesses to participate in City programs such as community tree plantings. The member's work will have a major focus on southeast Edina, which is the area of the city with the lowest tree canopy, lowest incomes, and highest summer surface temperatures.



Health

Expanding Edina's tree canopy improves the physical health of residents by reducing the urban heat island effect and absorbing some air pollutants, and mental health by providing beautiful and natural spaces.



Stewardship

GreenCorps positions add the capacity of a full-time staff member without costing the City money.



Sustainability

This GreenCorps position will help advance multiple Climate Action Plan items around trees and greenspace.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Whereas the City of Edina has applied to host an AmeriCorps member from the Minnesota GreenCorps, a program of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), under its 2026-2027 program service year in the Stormwater & Forestry program; and

Whereas if the MPCA selects the City of Edina, the organization is committed to implementing the proposed project as described in the host site application, and in accordance with the pre-scoped position description; and

Whereas the MPCA requires that the City of Edina enter into a host site agreement with the MPCA that identifies the terms, conditions, roles and responsibilities;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Edina, Hennepin County, Minnesota, to enter into and sign a host site agreement with the MPCA to carry out the member activities specified therein and to comply with all the terms, conditions, and matching provisions of the host site agreement and authorizes and directs the City Manager to sign the host site agreement on its behalf.

Dated: March 3, 2026



Item Number: 6.21

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Zoe Johnson, City Management Fellow

Item Title: Out-Of-State Travel for Council Members Jackson and Risser

Action Requested:

Approve out-of-state travel for Council Members Jackson and Risser to attend the annual National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference in Washington D.C. from March 15th to March 18th, 2026.

Information/Background:

Council Members Jackson and Risser request approval from the City Council, per the City's Elected Official Out-of-State Travel Policy, to attend the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 15th-18th. The estimated cost is \$3,160 per person.

The NLC Congressional City Conference is dedicated to strengthening local-federal partnerships through gaining policy insights and building connections with local government advocates and policy experts.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

The City Manager has confirmed that sufficient funds for these annual conference expenses are included in the City's 2026 budget.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

This out-of-state travel directly correlates with the City of Edina's federal legislative platform for 2026. The nine federal platform priorities have varying levels of correlation with the City's budget pillars, but all pillars are certainly represented by the content within, and in the way this platform was created by city staff, informed by outspoken community voices, and approved by the City Council.



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Values Impact:



Equity

Stressing the challenges faced by folks struggling to find housing that is attainable and their ability to continue to afford their housing long-term to age in place, and calling out the need for the federal government to assist local partners to coordinate federal housing resources.



Health

Railroad and public safety items focus on safeguarding resident health, as well as the City's push to protect residents from harmful levels of aviation noise.



Stewardship

Continuing to advocate for the preservation of tax-exempt municipal bonds as a crucial tool for cities.



Sustainability

Climate change is a large theme in the federal platform and includes items of transportation, clean energy and others. The protection of municipal bonds is also an important facet of fiscal sustainability to avoid impacting operations and ultimately, residents.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 6.22

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Kari Sinning, Deputy City Clerk

Item Title: On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License: Takumi Sushi Inc. dba Takumi Sushi

Action Requested:

Approve On-Sale Intoxicating and Sunday Sale liquor licenses for Takumi Sushi Inc dba Takumi Sushi.

Information/Background:

A new restaurant, Takumi Sushi, located at 3939 W. 50th Street #101 has applied for an On-Sale Intoxicating and Sunday Sale liquor licenses. Staff reviewed the application and find that it complies with city code requirements and a background investigation was completed by the Police Department. Staff recommends approval of the liquor licenses.

Supporting Documentation:

None



Item Number: 6.23

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Kari Sinning, Deputy City Clerk

Item Title: On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License: New Social Edina LLC dba Pinstripes

Action Requested:

Approve On-Sale Intoxicating and Sunday Sale liquor licenses for New Social Edina, LLC dba Pinstripes.

Information/Background:

The new owners of Pinstripes, New Social Edina LLC, located at 3849 Gallagher Dr, has applied for an On-Sale Intoxicating and Sunday Sale liquor licenses. Staff reviewed the application and find that it complies with city code requirements and a background investigation was completed by the Police Department. Staff recommends approval of the liquor licenses.

Supporting Documentation:

None



Item Number: 6.24

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Kari Sinning, Deputy City Clerk

Item Title: Liquor License Renewals

Action Requested:

Approve liquor license renewals for 45 establishments.

Information/Background:

After administrative review and completion of background checks, 45 establishments are in compliance with Edina City Code and staff recommends renewal of their liquor licenses valid from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027. Establishments not included in the list below have either closed, transferred ownership, or discontinued alcohol sales due to low demand. Six additional establishments will be presented at the next Council meeting for consideration of their liquor license renewals.

On-Sale Intoxicating with Sunday Sale

- AMC Theatres
- Big Bowl
- CoV Edina
- Crave Restaurant
- Dave & Buster's
- Edina Theatre
- Homewood Suites
- Hope Breakfast Bar
- Ichiban
- McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant
- Mr. Paul's Supper Club
- Nakamori Japanese Bistro
- Olive's Fresh Pizza Bar
- Pajarito
- Peoples Organic
- Pittsburgh Blue
- Poolside Bistro
- Rare
- Red River Kitchen at Braemar Golf Course
- Starling
- Tavern 23
- Tavern on France
- The Cheesecake Factory
- The Hilltop
- Town Hall Station
- Westin Galleria
- Yumi

On-Sale Wine and 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor

- Bellecour
- Bojae's
- Cahill Bistro
- Coconut Thai
- Davanni's Pizza and Hot Hoagies
- Good Earth Restaurant
- Lunds & Byerlys France Ave
- Master Noodle

- My Burger
- Restoration Hardware (RH)
- Shake Shack
- Tamarind

Off-Sale 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor

- Cub Foods Southdale
- Jerry's Food
- Speedway Store #4047

Brewer Taproom with Sunday Sale, Off-Sale Brewer and Consumption & Display Permit

- Wooden Hill Brewing Company

On-Sale Club with Sunday Sale

- Edina Country Club
- Interlachen Country Club

Supporting Documentation:

None



Item Number: 7.1

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Scott Neal, City Manager

Item Title: Edina High School Debate Team Championship Recognition

Action Requested:

Recognize Aditi Jha and Valerie Schmitt for earning State championships for debate.

Information/Background:

Aditi Jha earned the 2025 Lincoln-Douglas Debate State Champion and Valerie Schmitt earned the 2026 Lincoln-Douglas Debate State Champion.

Supporting Documentation:

None



Item Number: 8.1

Department: Community Development

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Cary Teague, Community Development Director

Item Title: Continue Public Hearing to April 7, 2026: Conditional Use Permit for Highlands Elementary School, 5505 Doncaster Way

Action Requested:

Continue Public Hearing to April 7, 2026

Information/Background:

Edina Public Schools has requested a conditional use permit to expand the parking lot at Highlands Elementary School to better accommodate visitors and users of the site. The expansion would reduce overflow parking in the adjacent neighborhood when the current lot reaches capacity. Fifty-four (54) spaces would be added to the existing parking lot. Per Section 36-307 of the City Code, any expansion of a parking facility of a conditionally permitted use requires another conditional use permit. Highland School last received a conditional use permit in 2001, for a three-classroom expansion.

On February 25, 2026, this item was tabled for additional information by the Planning Commission. Therefore, the request is to continue City Council consideration until after action is taken by the Planning Commission.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 9.1

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Sharon Allison, City Clerk

Item Title: Resolution 2026-09: Accepting Donations

Action Requested:

Approve resolution 2026-09 accepting donations.

Information/Background:

To comply with State Statute, all donations to the City must be accepted by resolution and approved by two-thirds majority of the Council.

Supporting Documentation:

None



Whereas Minnesota Statute 465.03 allows cities to accept grants and donations of real or personal property for the benefit of its citizens and;

Whereas said donations must be accepted via a resolution of the Council adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Edina City Council accepts with sincere appreciation the following listed donations on behalf of its citizens.

Edina Parks & Recreation Commission

Carolyn Duffy	\$3,200.00	Bench
Mark and Jackie Nolan	\$2,500.00	Trail Maintenance at Bredesen Park

Edina Fire Department

Five Guys Edina	\$320.00	Fire Department Meeting Lunch
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Dated: March 3, 2026



Item Number: 9.2

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Title: Transportation Commission Report: City Policies/Ordinances Requiring Walking and Biking Improvements

Action Requested:

Direct staff to include community engagement around proposed pedestrian and bicycle facilities as part of the 2028 Comprehensive Plan development process.

Information/Background:

As part of their 2025 work plan, the Transportation Commission conducted a review of how other cities have used policies or ordinances to require inclusion of walking and biking infrastructure as part of roadway reconstruction or rehabilitation projects. The Commission reviewed example ordinances adopted by the Cities of Minneapolis, MN; Greensboro, NC; Los Angeles, CA; and Seattle, WA. The Commission approved the final report in November 2025 with the following recommendations:

1. Require inclusion of all infrastructure recommended in Edina's adopted Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (2018) per the proposed pedestrian and bicycle networks.
2. Modify the adopted bicycle network using professional judgement and current industry best practices to update proposed bicycle infrastructure off-street or on-street and physically protected.
3. Add new pedestrian or bicycle connections in addition to the master plan's pedestrian and bicycle networks using professional judgement on a case by case basis.

See attached report for the Commission's full findings.

The Commission's recommendations support goals in the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan related to improving mobility, maximizing safety, and reducing dependence on single-occupant vehicles. The recommendation also supports the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan goal to "increase the number of Edina residents, workers and visitors who walk or bike for transportation, health, fitness and recreation in the city." It supports Living Streets Plan principles related to providing "access and mobility for all modes of transportation while enhancing safety and convenience for all users." Finally, the recommendation supports the City's Climate Action Plan by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transportation.

The infrastructure recommendations in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan are implemented primarily through the City's Proactive Pavement Management Program. As part of scheduled roadway reconstruction projects, new pedestrian and bicycle facilities are recommended for implementation as funding and right-of-way is available. These facilities are funded by the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund. Though they are not included in special assessments, proposed facilities are often

a key discussion topic in public hearings for roadway reconstruction projects. In recent years, proposed facilities were not approved by City Council primarily due to resident opposition. Examples include:

- Proposed sidewalks in the Prospect Knolls A/C/D reconstruction project (2026)
- Proposed shared-use path in the Concord B/C reconstruction project (2024)
- Proposed shared-use path in the W 58th St reconstruction project (2020)

As the Commission noted, these decisions result in a delayed implementation of the city's entire pedestrian and bicycle network. New facilities are also implemented as part of stand-alone Capital Improvement Plan projects, or as part of scheduled roadway rehabilitation projects (the latter typically only includes new bicycle facilities as these can be implemented by adjusting roadway configurations within the limits of the existing pavement).

However, there are instances when pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure recommended by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan cannot be fully implemented due to limited right-of-way or significant property impacts. In these instances, staff considers alternative improvements that meet the goals of the Plan but are more sensitive to the context of individual projects. If the City were to adopt an ordinance that requires inclusion of all the infrastructure recommended in the Plan, staff may have to consider acquiring additional right-of-way or obtaining variances for specific projects. The current process allows for more flexibility in implementing the Plan's recommendations.

The Commission's second recommendation addresses the fact that the majority of bicycle facilities recommended by the Plan are on-street without physical protection (bollards, planters or concrete walls). As the Plan notes, "this type of facility offers the highest level of traffic separation and user comfort, and invites greater use of bicycling by a wider range of the population." Though the City has implemented buffered bike lanes in various locations since 2021, the City has not yet implemented protected bike lanes.

Staff also recommends additional pedestrian and bicycle facilities beyond the Plan's recommendations on a case-by-case basis. Previous examples include:

- New sidewalks in the Prospect Knolls A/C/D reconstruction project (2026)
- New shared-use path in the Presidents A/B reconstruction project (2025)
- New sidewalks in the Morningside C reconstruction project (2023)

Staff does not recommend adopting an ordinance to require inclusion of all infrastructure recommended in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan as part of roadway reconstruction and rehabilitation projects. The current process provides the City with sufficient flexibility to implement the Plan's recommendations on a case-by-case basis. Staff does recommend including additional community engagement around proposed pedestrian and bicycle facilities as part of the 2028 Comprehensive Plan development process. This will allow staff to evaluate how the community's needs have changed since 2018.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

Staff will allocate PACS Funds in 2027 to assist in community engagement efforts related to the pedestrian and bicycle networks.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

The Commission's recommendations support goals in the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, Living Streets Plan, and Climate Action Plan.



Strong Foundation



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Values Impact:

Engagement

Staff's recommendation would provide an opportunity for broader community input on the City's proposed pedestrian and bicycle networks.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. Transportation Commission Report: Review of City Policies/Ordinances Requiring Walking and Biking Improvements
2. Staff Presentation

To: Edina City Council
From: Edina Transportation Commission
Date: November 11, 2025
Subject: Review of City Policies/Ordinances Requiring Walking and Biking Improvements
Work Plan Reference: ETC 2025 Work Plan Item 3

Recommendation

Council direction for staff to write an ordinance with language that accomplishes the following and adopted no later than December 31, 2026.

1. Require inclusion of all infrastructure recommended in Edina's adopted Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (2018) per the proposed pedestrian and bicycle networks.
2. Modify the adopted bicycle network using professional judgement and current industry best practices to upgrade proposed bicycle infrastructure off-street or on-street and physically protected.
3. Add new pedestrian or bicycle connections in addition to the master plan's pedestrian and bicycle networks using professional judgement on a case by case basis.

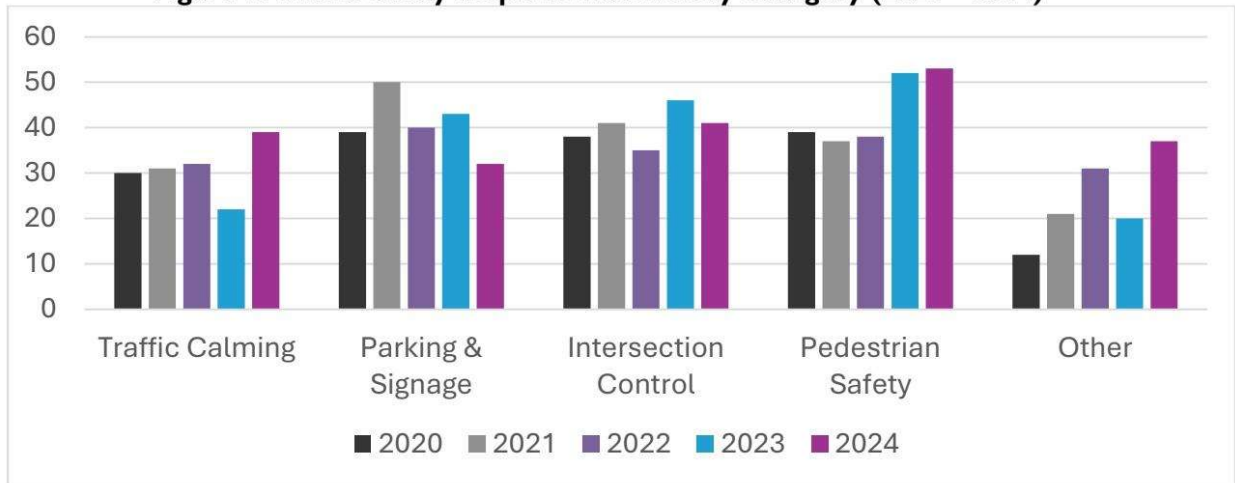
Background

The City of Edina has a growing network of infrastructure for walking, rolling, and biking that supports a variety of the city's adopted planning efforts including, but not limited to, the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (2018), Climate Action Plan (2021), and Comprehensive Plan (2018).

Such improvements for people of all ages and abilities to walk, roll, and bike in their community is also broadly supported by Edina residents. This is illustrated in two key ways that represent the voices of residents.:

1. The 2025 Quality of Life Survey results include several questions that demonstrate strong support for walking and biking infrastructure including, but not limited to, the nearly 70% of residents that support reducing transportation emissions by building sidewalks, bike lanes, etc. A call to action is demonstrated by the minor reduction since 2021 in residents that believe the ease of walking and biking in Edina is excellent or good.
2. An increasing number of pedestrian safety requests submitted to the city's traffic safety request system. It is now the number one request representing nearly a quarter of all submittals. Traffic calming requests have also been increasing which pedestrian and bicycle improvements can support.

Figure 4. Traffic Safety Requests Received by Category (2020 – 2024)



Though there is widespread support for such infrastructure, individual property owners have reduced the city’s ability in building out the planned walking and biking network within public right-of-way. The public right-of-way is defined by the city as: “The City’s easement allows City staff to monitor and manage the ROW, ensure safe vehicle and pedestrian travel, and use the right-of-way for snow storage and public infrastructure.” Using the public right-of-way to improve the lives of all Edina residents is critically important. At times, such control to improve the broader public good is hindered by a very small number of voices.

To provide a balance to this ongoing conversation, remove emotion from projects that will last a century, and allow staff to effectively implement Edina’s adopted planning documents and achieve their goals, we believe that an ordinance is needed.

Nationwide Research & Applicable Examples

Research of nationwide examples was completed both specifically for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, as well as other potential precedents for infrastructure to further the broader public good.

Cambridge, MA & Somerville, MA - Ordinances Requiring Bike Infrastructure

In 2019, Cambridge, MA, passed the Cycling Safety Ordinance, becoming the first city in the country to mandate the inclusion of separated bike lanes whenever streets are rebuilt if such lanes are part of the city’s bicycle master plan. In 2024, Somerville, MA passed the Safe Streets Ordinance, an ordinance that largely mirrors Cambridge’s with additional language requiring other physical improvements such as sidewalk, traffic calming, etc., to implement the city’s Vision Zero Action Plan and comply with ADA requirements. Both plans require the inclusion of bicycle infrastructure within any street project that has such infrastructure identified by the city’s

adopted plans. Due to Cambridge's ordinance, the city is on track to have built 25 miles of bicycle infrastructure by the November 2026 deadline. As of 2024, the city had about 69 miles of streets with bike infrastructure which represents nearly 40 percent of the city's 180 miles of roadways under their jurisdiction (this would equate to about 88 miles of Edina's 230 miles of city-owned streets).

Greensboro, NC - Ordinance Requiring Sidewalk

The Greensboro Land Development Ordinance, Section 30-9-10.2 Required Locations, mandates sidewalk construction in various scenarios:

- Sidewalks are required along both sides of new and existing major and minor thoroughfare streets.
- Sidewalks are required along both sides of all new and existing streets in Traditional Neighborhood Developments.
- Sidewalks are required along at least one side of new and existing collector streets and local streets, with conditions that may require sidewalks on both sides in some cases.
- Exemptions may exist for certain types of streets like short cul-de-sacs or those in industrial areas, subject to review by the Transportation Director.

Los Angeles, CA - Ordinance Requiring Walking, Biking, and Transit Improvements

Measure HLA, the Healthy Streets L.A. initiative, became law in 2025 and requires that, during any street repaving, the city implement bus, bike, and walk improvements approved in the city's Mobility Plan 2035. The plan includes networks of new bus lanes, bicycle lanes, and pedestrian improvements. It was approved in 2024 by two-thirds of city voters and was created in response to a lack of progress in implementing Los Angeles' 2015 street safety plan and high rates of traffic fatalities, especially for pedestrians and cyclists. The measure mandates the city to redesign hundreds of miles of streets to make them safer for pedestrians and cyclists by including mandatory features like sidewalk and bike lanes during all street improvements.

Seattle, WA - Transportation Levy Funding Maintenance and Modernization of City Transportation Infrastructure

The 2024 Transportation Levy approved by voters will provide \$1.55 billion over 8 years to build sidewalks, pave streets, repair bridges, and improve transit connections. The levy funding focuses on 11 program areas including: school and neighborhood safety, transit corridors and connections, pedestrian safety, bicyclist safety, climate and resiliency, and more. The passage of the levy creates both the funding mechanism and a mandate from residents to implement transportation improvements with intentionality and transparency.

Minneapolis, MN - Ordinance Protecting/Prioritizing Tree Canopy

Policy 14 of Minneapolis 2040, the city's Comprehensive Plan, focuses on tree canopy and urban forest throughout Minneapolis. This policy is supported through the Tree Preservation Ordinance, which is designed to:

- protect trees during and after construction
- replace lost/diseased trees
- Utilize public property including boulevards to promote urban tree canopy
- foster opportunities for tree canopy on privately owned property

The combination of the comprehensive plan with a specific ordinance supports implementation.



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Transportation Commission Report: City Policies/Ordinances Requiring Walking and Biking Improvements

March 3, 2026

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Transportation Commission Initiative

- Commission reviewed how other cities use policies/ordinances to require walking/biking infrastructure as part of reconstruction/rehabilitation projects
 - Example cities include Minneapolis; Greensboro, NC; Los Angeles, CA; Seattle, WA
- Commission recommends:
 - Requiring inclusion of all infrastructure recommended in PBMP
 - Modify adopted bicycle network to update proposed bicycle infrastructure to off-street or on-street protected
 - Add new pedestrian or bicycle connections in addition to PBMP networks based on professional judgement on case-by-case basis

Strategic Objectives

- Commission recommendation supports:
 - Comprehensive Plan
 - Improving mobility, maximizing safety, reducing dependence on single-occupant vehicles
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan
 - Increasing the number of residents, workers and visitors who walk or bike for transportation, health, fitness, and recreation
 - Living Streets Plan
 - Providing access and mobility for all modes of transportation
 - Climate Action Plan
 - Encouraging use of alternative modes of transportation



PBMP Implementation

- Roadway reconstruction projects, funded by PACS
- In recent years, some facilities were not approved by Council:
 - Proposed sidewalks in Prospect Knolls A/C/D reconstruction (2026)
 - Proposed shared-use path in Concord B/C reconstruction (2024)
 - Proposed shared-use path on W 58th St reconstruction (2020)
- Stand-alone CIP projects
- Roadway rehabilitation projects (bituminous overlays)
 - Bicycle facilities only through roadway reallocation



PBMP Implementation

- Instances where Plan recommendations cannot be implemented due to limited right-of-way or significant property impacts
 - Alternative improvements are considered to achieve goals
 - Current process allows greater flexibility
- Instances where staff recommends additional facilities beyond the Plan's recommendations:
 - New sidewalks in Prospect Knolls A/C/D reconstruction (2026)
 - New shared-use path in Presidents A/B reconstruction (2025)
 - New sidewalks in Morningside C reconstruction (2023)

Changes to Proposed Bicycle Facilities

- Commission's second recommendation addresses the fact that most bicycle facilities recommended by Plan are on-street without physical protection (bollards, planters or concrete walls)
 - Offers the highest level of traffic separation and user comfort
 - Invites greater use of bicycling by a wider range of the population
- City has implemented buffered bike lanes in various locations since 2021; not yet implemented protected bike lanes
- Proposed bicycle facilities were developed with community feedback



Staff Recommendation

- Do not recommend adopting an ordinance
 - Current process provides the City with sufficient flexibility
 - Staff will continue to recommend additional facilities on case-by-case basis
- Recommend including additional community engagement around proposed pedestrian and bicycle facilities as part of the 2028 Comprehensive Plan development process
 - Allow staff to evaluate how the community's needs have changed since 2018
 - Collect feedback on proposed network and facility types



Item Number: 9.3

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Title: Transportation Commission Report: City Code Sec. 26-282 Regarding Electric-Assisted Bicycles

Action Requested:

Direct staff to draft an ordinance repealing the ban on electric-assisted bicycles on public sidewalks.

Information/Background:

On March 18, 2025, Engineering staff presented an ordinance to City Council amending City Code Chapters 24 and 26 related to electric-assisted bicycles. In addition to defining electric-assisted bicycles consistent with state statute, the ordinance required operators and riders under the age of 18 to wear a helmet or other protective headgear and clarified that electric-assist bicycles were permitted on sidewalks, bikeways and shared-use paths within the City. In response to community concerns about user safety, City Council directed staff to revise the ordinance to restrict electric-assisted bicycles from public sidewalks. The revised ordinance (2025-04) was adopted by City Council on April 16, 2025. Following adoption, the City commenced a community-wide education campaign which included public service announcements, social media posts, flyers, and sidewalk stickers.

As the Transportation Commission did not have an opportunity to comment on the updated ordinance, they requested a mid-year work plan modification to "review and recommend possible changes to Edina City Code Sec. 26-282 Operation of Bicycles." This modification was approved on May 6, 2025 and the Commission approved a final report on November 20, 2025. The Commission provided the following recommendations:

1. Amend Sec. 26-282 to delete the sentence "no person may operate an electric-assisted bicycles, as defined in this Chapter, on a sidewalk."
2. Reaffirm and promote the safety provisions already contained in Sec. 26-283 governing bicycles operations on sidewalks
3. Direct staff to update public materials (website, signage, and education programs) to clearly communicate these safety requirements and expectations for responsible e-bike use.
4. Consider implementing a one-year pilot period allowing e-bike use on sidewalks citywide, with a follow-up safety and compliance evaluation presented to City Council in 2026.

See the attached report for the Commission's full findings.

In 2025, the Police Department received 94 complaints related to electric-assisted bicycles. The majority of complaints resulted in a verbal warning to the rider; only three citations were issued. The Police Department supports repealing the ban provided that the City continues to educate the

community on existing rules for operating bicycles codified in Sec. 26–283. These include requirements that a bicyclist shall:

1. Ride at a speed no greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances, and in no event at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour.
2. Slow to a walking pace when pedestrians are present.
3. Slow to a walking pace upon approach to and when crossing a driveway or intersection; enter driveway or intersection when clear of traffic.
4. Not ride on sidewalk where the entrance or exit of a building abuts the sidewalk.
5. Not ride on sidewalks where posted.

Staff supports repealing the electric-assisted bicycle ban on public sidewalks. As the Commission notes, “the current restriction unintentionally creates safety risks by forcing riders onto streets without protected facilities.” For many areas of Edina, sidewalks provide the safest option for bicyclists. By restricting their use on sidewalks, the City may also be inadvertently discouraging electric-assisted bicycle adoption. Staff recommends drafting an ordinance for City Council’s consideration and continuing to educate the public on the City’s rules for operating bicycles.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

No fiscal or capacity impact.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

The Commission’s recommendations supports goals in the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan related to improving mobility, maximizing safety, and reducing dependence on single-occupant vehicles. The recommendation also supports the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan goal to “increase the number of Edina residents, workers and visitors who walk or bike for transportation, health, fitness and recreation in the city.” It supports Living Streets Plan principles related to meeting the needs of “the most vulnerable users such as pedestrians, cyclists, children, seniors and the disabled” and providing “access and mobility for all modes of transportation which enhancing safety and convenience for all users.” Finally, the recommendation supports the City’s Climate Action Plan by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transportation.



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Values Impact:



Equity

This recommendation seeks to prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable road users, including pedestrians and cyclists.



Sustainability

This recommendation seeks to encourage further adoption of electric-assisted bicycles within the community, which supports long-term transportation and climate action goals.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. Transportation Commission Report: Amend City Code Sec. 26-282
2. Staff Presentation

City of Edina – Transportation Commission

To: Edina City Council

From: Edina Transportation Commission

Date: October 6, 2025

Subject: Recommendation to Amend Edina City Code Sec. 26-282 to Support Safe, Responsible E-Bike Use

Work Plan Reference: ETC 2025 Work Plan Item 5

Executive Summary

The Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) recommends revising Edina City Code Sec. 26-282 to remove the prohibition against operating electric-assisted bicycles (e-bikes) on sidewalks. The current restriction unintentionally creates safety risks by forcing riders onto streets without protected facilities and is inconsistent with the approach taken by neighboring cities. The ETC further recommends reinforcing and publicizing existing safety standards for sidewalk riding already codified in Sec. 26-283, ensuring that pedestrians maintain the right-of-way and that riders operate responsibly and at low speed.

Background

At its May 6, 2025 meeting, City Council approved by consent an amendment to Edina City Code Sec. 26-282 adding the following sentence: 'No person may operate an electric-assisted bicycle, as defined in this Chapter, on a sidewalk.' This language applies broadly to all classes of e-bikes and all locations within the city, regardless of rider behavior, surrounding land use, or the availability of safe bike infrastructure.

Situation Summary

The ETC believes this prohibition unintentionally increases safety risks for both cyclists and drivers by forcing riders—particularly youth, seniors, and less experienced e-bike users—onto busy streets that lack protected or connected bike lanes.

Edina's current biking network is incomplete and lacks continuous protected routes connecting key destinations. Until substantial improvements are made, sidewalks remain the only safe refuge for slower or cautious riders in many parts of the city. Restricting sidewalk access also discourages e-bike adoption—a key strategy supporting Edina's Climate Action Plan and Vision Edina goals for sustainable, low-carbon mobility. Neighboring communities including Bloomington, Eden Prairie, and Minneapolis permit e-bikes on sidewalks with safety limitations, offering regional consistency for riders who travel across municipal boundaries.

It is also important to note that concerns about pedestrian safety from bikes or e-bikes on sidewalks are not supported by data. According to state records, the last known fatal incident involving a pedestrian struck by a bicyclist in Minnesota occurred in 1972—more than 50 years ago. In contrast, 41 people have been killed by cars while biking in Minnesota in the most recent five-year period where data is readily available (2018–2022). This data underscores that the far greater public safety risk comes from vehicle interactions, not from bicycles or e-bikes sharing space with pedestrians at low speeds.

Recommendations

1 Amend Edina City Code Sec. 26-282 to delete the sentence: 'No person may operate an electric-assisted bicycle, as defined in this Chapter, on a sidewalk.'

2 Reaffirm and promote the safety provisions already contained in Sec. 26-283 governing bicycle

operation on sidewalks, emphasizing pedestrian right-of-way, reasonable speed (not exceeding 10 mph), slowing to walking pace near pedestrians, driveways, and intersections, and avoiding sidewalks adjacent to building entrances or where posted restrictions apply.

Electric-assisted bike riders can be held by law enforcement to the same safety standards as conventional bike riders, including the caveat that pedestrians on sidewalks have the right of way.

3 Direct staff to update public materials (website, signage, and education programs) to clearly communicate these safety requirements and expectations for responsible e-bike use.

4 Consider implementing a one-year pilot period allowing e-bike use on sidewalks citywide, with a follow-up safety and compliance evaluation presented to City Council in 2026.

Conclusion

Allowing responsible e-bike use on sidewalks—within clear, enforceable safety limits—will enhance safety for both cyclists and motorists, support Edina’s climate and mobility goals, and align Edina’s policies with those of neighboring communities for a consistent regional approach. The ETC respectfully requests City Council’s consideration and approval of this recommendation.

Thank you



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Transportation Commission Report: City Code Sec. 26-282 Regarding Electric-Assisted Bicycles

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Background

- Engineering staff presented draft ordinance March 2025 to address electric-assisted bicycles (e-bikes)
 - Updated definitions
 - Clarified permissible use on sidewalks, bikeways, shared-use paths
 - Required users under 18 to wear helmets/protective headgear
- Council directed staff to revise ordinance to ban e-bikes from public sidewalks
- Ordinance 2025-04 was adopted April 2025
- Engineering, Police, Communications commenced a community education campaign



Transportation Commission Initiative

- Requested mid-year modification in May 2025 to respond to ordinance
- Approved final report in November 2025
- Recommendations:
 - Amend Sec. 26-282 to delete the sentence “no person may operate an electric-assisted bicycle, as defined in this Chapter, on a sidewalk.”
 - Reaffirm and promote the safety provisions already contained in City Code
 - Direct staff to update public materials to clearly communicate the safety requirements and expectations for responsible e-bike use
 - Consider implementing a one-year pilot period with a safety and compliance evaluation presented to Council in 2026



Strategic Objectives

- Commission recommendation supports:
 - Comprehensive Plan
 - Improving mobility, maximizing safety, reducing dependence on single-occupant vehicles
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan
 - Increasing the number of residents, workers and visitors who walk or bike for transportation, health, fitness, and recreation
 - Living Streets Plan
 - Meeting the needs of the most vulnerable road users
 - Providing access and mobility for all modes of transportation
 - Climate Action Plan
 - Encouraging use of alternative modes of transportation



Police Department Feedback

- 94 e-bike complaints received in 2025
 - Majority resulted in verbal warning
 - Three citations issued
- Support repealing ban, continuing to educate community on existing regulations:
 - Ride at a speed no greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances, and in no event greater than 10 miles per hour
 - Slow to a walking pace when pedestrians are present
 - Slow to a walking pace upon approach to and when crossing a driveway or intersection
 - Not ride on sidewalk where the entrance or exit of a building abuts the sidewalk
 - Not ride on sidewalks where posted



Staff Recommendation

- Current restriction “unintentionally creates a safety risk by forcing riders onto streets without protected facilities”
- Many areas of Edina lack adequate bicycle facilities
- City may be inadvertently discouraging electric-assisted bicycle adoption
- Recommend drafting an ordinance for City Council’s consideration to repeal the electric-assisted bicycle ban on public sidewalks and continuing to educate the public on the City’s rules for operating bicycles



Item Number: 9.4

Department: Finance

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Pa Thao, Finance Director

Item Title: Ordinance 2026-06: Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code Setting 4th Tier for Residential Water Use

Action Requested:

Approve Ordinance 2026-6, Amending City Code Chapter 2, Section 2-724, Schedule A, setting 4th tier for residential water use, grant first reading, waive second reading and approve summary publication.

Information/Background:

At the November 2025 work session, council requested to add a 4th residential tier, Ehlers received the prior consumption analysis and revenue forecasts to provide a recommendation for the proposed tier break and corresponding pricing based on the 2025 Utility Rate Study.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

Utility Funds

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:



Strong Foundation



Reliable Service



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Values Impact:



Engagement

The Utility Rate Study can help residents understand how utility services are funded and maintained. This transparent approach builds trust, strengthens relationships, and helps every resident feel connected to the shared responsibility of sustaining essential City services.



Equity

In general, keeping on pace with this study update every three years is important to the performance of utility rates and monitoring possible changes of disproportionate impact on different groups of utility customers. Revenues are considered capital intensive, so it is important to understand how any changes to capital planning directly impact specific customers/neighborhoods and their level of service, quality of life and/or flood risk.



Stewardship

The Utility Rate Study will ensure that revenues continue to cover the cost of repairing and adding long-lasting water infrastructure to provide water to residents. The tiered rates also encourage people to use water responsibly, and if they choose to continue high usage, the study's increased tiered rates will provide additional revenue for water

infrastructure improvements all over the City.



Sustainability

Clean water is a valued community resource. Tiered water utility rates are currently structured to promote water conservation and should continue to incentivize conservation strategies, with the largest consumers paying a higher rate for their consumption. Climate change is increasing Edina's flood risk, and the city will need to continue to invest in innovative technologies, like adaptive level controls, to reduce localized flooding risks. Increasing stormwater utility revenue will allow the City to continue to make these critical climate-adaptive investments.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. 4th Tier Memo from Ehler's (Board Portal)
2. URS 4th Tier Residential Presentation



The City of Edina Ordains:

Section 1. The following described fees of Schedule A to Code Section 2-724 are amended to read as follows:

Chapter and Section	Purpose of Fee/Charge	2026 Fee	Proposed Tier 4 Amendment - 2026 Fee
Chapter 28			
28-43(b)	<i>Water Service:</i>		
	1. Per 1,000 gallons for areas of city, except in the Morningside area	\$2.81 up to 12,000 gallons	\$2.81 up to 12,000 gallons
		\$4.27 12,001 to 24,000 gallons	\$4.27 12,001 to 24,000 gallons
		\$7.06 Over 24,000 gallons	\$7.06 24,001 to 72,000 gallons
			\$8.75 Over 72,000 gallons

Section 2. The effective date of Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be May 1, 2026.

Passed by the City Council of Edina on March 3, 2026.

First Reading: March 3, 2026

Second Reading: Waived

Published: March 12, 2026

Summary for Publication:

Effective May 1, 2026, Tiers 1 (0–12,000 gallons) and 2 (12,001–24,000 gallons) would remain unchanged. Tier 3 is restructured to apply to usage from 24,001 to 72,000 gallons. A new Tier 4 would apply to all consumption exceeding 72,000 gallons at \$8.72 per 1,000 gallons.



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Water Utility: Adding 4th Tier to Residential Rates

March 3, 2026

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4th Residential Tier - Background

- Edina charges for water use based on a tiered rate structure
 - Price per 1,000 gallons increase for use above set thresholds
 - Excess use places added demands on system capacity and replacement costs
 - Tier structure intended to provide price incentive to conserve water use
- City engaged in a Utility Rate Study in 2025
 - 10-year financial projection to inform future water, sanitary sewer and stormwater utility rates
 - Review of consumption patterns suggest significant residential use occurring well above the city's highest existing tier break
 - Council adopted study's recommended rates for existing structure
 - However, requested additional analysis to implement a new 4th Residential Tier



Adopted 2026 Water Rates

- As Adopted December 16, 2025
 - Highest tier applies to use above 24,000 gallons per quarter
- New Recommendation:
 - Add 4th Tier applying to Residential usage above 72,000 gallons
 - Approximately 10% of residential use; predominantly in Summer and Fall heavy watering seasons
 - Tier 3 rate remains between 24,000 and 72,000 gallons
 - New Tier 4 rate set at \$8.75 per 1,000 gallons
 - \$1.69 (24%) premium above existing 3rd tier rate
- Context - MN DNR reports average MN resident uses approximately 4,750 gallons quarterly for indoor needs
 - Equates to:
 - 10,925 for average Edina household size (2.3 persons)
 - 19,000 for 4-person household

2026 Adopted Usage Rates	
	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
Residential	
Tier 1 (0-12,000 gallons)	2.81
Tier 2 (12,000-24,000 gallons)	4.27
Tier 3 (over 24,000 gallons)	7.06
Commercial	
Tier 1 (0-50,000 gallons)	2.81
Tier 2 (50,000-200,000 gallons)	3.50
Tier 3 (over 200,000 gallons)	4.37
Multi Family	
All use	4.20
Irrigation	
Tier 1 (0-12,000 gallons)	4.27
Tier 2 (over 12,000 gallons)	7.06



4th Residential Tier - Impact

- Additional tier proposed to take effect May 1st
- Change is expected to increase annual water fund revenue in comparison to the adopted Rate Study's forecast
 - Increase forecast by \$206,077 (1.7% increase on \$11.9 million)
 - Actual revenue will depend on rainfall and other seasonal influences
- New revenue will allow City to reduce its future debt amounts and help lessen magnitude of future rate increases
 - Plan to gather data on actual use impact as part of an updated study to inform the Council's future rate-setting for 2027 and beyond





Item Number: 9.5

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director, Cary Teague, Community Development Director

Item Title: An Ordinance Amending Tree Protection

Action Requested:

Adopt Ordinance 2026-04 regarding tree protection and approve summary publication.

Information/Background:

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect trees and to identify the requirements for replacement when trees are removed due to development. The City Council has continued to review the ordinance at various points since initial adoption on January 1, 2023. The most recent feedback occurred at the September 2, 2025 Council Work Session, which also included comments from the Energy and Environment Commission (EEC) gathered at the July 10, 2025, and August 14, 2025 regular EEC meetings.

City staff, in coordination with the City's Legal Counsel, drafted changes to the ordinance that reflect technical, legal and operational improvements to the ordinance. Currently, Edina City Code Chapter 10-82 holds the residential Tree Protection Ordinance, which is applied on all construction work on residential properties zoned R-1 and R-2. The Amendments would move the Tree Protection Ordinance in City Code Chapter 10 (Building and Building Regulations) to City Code Chapter 30 (Vegetation). This new amended ordinance will now apply to all zoning districts in Edina, including commercial.

To remediate common issues presented during the feedback process, the following changes are proposed for adoption:

1. Repealing Chapter 10 - Buildings and Building Regulations and Amending Chapter 30 - Vegetation to reflect all tree protection requirements.
2. Effective for all zoning districts.
3. Definitions for common understanding for both the city and permit holder, including measurement techniques, definitions for built lots, ISA Certified Arborist, tree protection, and Certified Professional.
4. Replanting requirements allow for up to 20% of replacements to be made up of different tree types, allowing for both conifers and deciduous trees to be combined for total replanting requirements.
5. Exemption for replanting requirements on built lots, including situations where existing trees pose damage to foundations, sidewalks, and driveways as confirmed by a certified professional or the City Engineer.
6. Creation of a venue for off-site planting mitigation if permit holder cannot complete plantings

on site.

For ease of tracking a comparison document has been created commenting on proposed changes to the protection ordinance.

Follow Up From February 17, 2026 Meeting

The City Council conducted the first reading of the ordinance at the February 17, 2026 regular meeting. During review of the ordinance, feedback was requested on certain segments of how the ordinance applies and what the text does and does not allow.

- **Application to all tree removals, not just those that require a permit.** The current and proposed language regulates protected and heritage tree removal as part of a permit application for a grading, demolition, building permit for a new principal or accessory structure, including a garage, deck, or pool or for an addition to an existing principal or accessory structure, or a subdivision request. Typically, these activities are the most impactful on the tree canopy throughout the city. Other tree removals outside development and redevelopment activity are typically due to disease, invasive, weather damage or hazardous tree impacts. Currently, it does not appear that there is an issue with tree loss outside building activity. Therefore, staff does not recommend requiring a permit for tree removal outside an existing permit process. If the City Council did desire that, staff would recommend receiving direction to conduct a review of the technical, legal and operational impact on that level of tree protection.
- **Education and awareness.** To increase public knowledge of tree protection related to building development, staff will research the ability to make public data readily available to the community. While there are certain limits on what data can be posted, in the interim, staff will develop an annual report on the tree protection ordinance for presentation.
- **Review process.** To avoid confusion and ensure treatment of all projects is done equitably, the current and proposed tree protection ordinance does not have language that authorizes staff to create an appeal process. Staff and legal counsel amended the ordinance to account for situations that could have prompted an appeal to the tree protection ordinance. This includes: provisions for the allowance of mitigation efforts for unbuilt lots around proposed building pads, decks or patios, as well as driveways, sidewalks or other infrastructure improvements; allowing for mitigation for existing foundations, sidewalks and driveways, along with active easements or future easements; and addressing the concern of over planting on a specific property by creating off-site planting mitigation for the permit applicant.
- **Off-site planting notification.** If approved, staff will create a process to support permit applicants to identify property owners who are interested in having a tree planted on their property. This notification could include neighborhood informational letters required of certain building permit types.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

No fiscal impact.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

The Tree Protection Ordinance supports both the Comprehensive Plan and Climate Action Plan.



Strong Foundation



Reliable Service



Livable City



Better Together

Values Impact:



Engagement

The Energy & Environment Commission has been engaged in the tree protection ordinance discussion since 2022.



Sustainability

This ordinance supports Edina's Climate Action Plan's goals to protect Edina's tree canopy and increase environmental resiliency.

Supporting Documentation:

Documents marked with "Board Portal" do not meet [ADA Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(URL\)](#) and are not included in the public packet. To request a board portal document, please [submit a data request \(URL\)](#).

1. Comparison of proposed to existing changes to Tree Protection Ordinance

COMPARISON OF PROPOSED TO EXISTING TREE ORDINANCE

PROPOSED ORDINANCE	COMMENTS
Section 1. Chapter 10 [Buildings and Building Regulations], Article III [Building Code], Division 3 [Tree Protection] of the Edina City Code is hereby repealed in its entirety	The existing ordinance is repealed in its entirety, but see new Section 30-213, which deals with handling of existing funds held by city.
Section 2. Chapter 30 [Vegetation], Articles I [In General] and II [Permit] of the Edina City Code are hereby repealed in their entirety.	Existing provisions related to tree permits, which have not been enforced historically, are repealed.
Section 3. Chapter 30 [Vegetation], Article IV [Shade Tree Diseases], Division 2 [Abatement of Nuisances regarding Trees] is amended by adding the following: Secs. 30-203 to 30-204 Reserved.	Adds reserved sections so that new tree protection ordinance begins with section 30-205.
Section 3. Chapter 30 [Vegetation] of the Edina City Code is hereby amended by adding a new Article V Tree Protection, as follows: ARTICLE V. TREE PROTECTION DIVISION I. TREE PROTECTION	The new tree protection ordinance is placed in a new Article V.
Sec. 30-205. Purpose. Edina is fortunate to have a robust inventory of mature trees that form an integral part of the unique character and history of the city, and that contribute to the long-term aesthetic, environmental, and economic well-being of the city. The goal of this section is to preserve Edina's high valued trees, while allowing reasonable development to take place and not interfere with how existing property owners use their property. The purposes of the ordinance are to: (1) Preserve and grow Edina's tree canopy cover by protecting mature trees throughout the city. (2) Protect and enhance property values by conserving and adding to the distinctive and unique	This is substantially the same as existing Section 10-82(1).

aesthetic character of Edina's tree population. (3) Protect and enhance the distinctive environmental character of Edina's neighborhoods. (4) Improve the quality of life for all, including city residents, visitors and wildlife. (5) Protect the environment by the filtering of air and soil pollutants, increasing oxygen levels and reducing CO₂; preventing and reducing erosion and stormwater by stabilizing soils; decreasing wind speeds; reducing noise pollution; and decreasing the urban heat island effect. (6) Protect and maintain healthy trees in the development and building permit processes as set forth herein; and prevent tree loss by eliminating or reducing compacted fill and excavation near tree roots.	
Sec. 30-206. Applicability. Except as otherwise provided in this section, this Article V applies to all public or private property in the city. This article does not apply to city parkland, which follows tree protection guidelines outlined in Edina's Comprehensive Plan and City Park System Plan.	This is a new section. It modifies the opening paragraph of existing Section 10-82 by applying the ordinance to all property in the city, not just to R-1 and R-2 properties. It retains the exception for city parkland.
Sec. 30-207. Definitions. When used in this Article V, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below: <i>Applicant.</i> The person or entity who submits the related application. <i>Built Lot.</i> Any lot that is not an unbuilt lot.	New definitions have been added. Changes to definitions in the existing Section 10-82(2) are noted below:

<i>Certified professional.</i> An architect, engineer, landscape architect, or geoscience professional who holds a current and valid license or certification as listed on the Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design (AELSLAGID) registry. <i>Critical root zone.</i> The minimum area around a tree that must be left undisturbed, represented as a circle in which the tree is the center. The radius of the critical root zone is calculated by measuring the tree's diameter at breast height, whether the tree is deciduous or coniferous, and multiplying by one and one-half feet. For example, if a tree's dbh is ten inches, the radius of the critical root zone is 15 feet ($10 \times 1.5 = 15$ ft). <i>Diameter at breast height (dbh).</i> The diameter of a tree, measured at a height that is four and one-half feet above the base of the tree. <i>Final inspection.</i> The final inspection required prior to closure of any of the related applications identified in section 30-208, subdivision (1)(a), (b), or (c) or, of a related application that issued subsequent to a subdivision approval as referenced in section 30-208, subdivision (5)(c). <i>Heritage tree.</i> Any protected tree that meets one of the following: (1) A deciduous tree that is 30 inches dbh or greater; or (2) A coniferous tree that is 30 feet in height or greater <i>ISA certified arborist.</i> An arborist who holds a current and valid license with the	No substantive change. No substantive change No substantive change.
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(1) <i>Tree protection plan required.</i> An application for any of the following permits or approvals requires the submission and approval of a tree protection plan in compliance with this Article V: a. Grading permit; or b. Demolition permit; or c. Building permit for the construction of a new principal or accessory structure, including a garage, deck, or pool, or for an addition to an existing principal or accessory structure; or d. A request for subdivision approval that involves the creation of one or more new lots. (2) <i>Contents of tree protection plan.</i> A tree protection plan consists of a tree inventory and site plan that meets the requirements of this subdivision 2. a. The tree inventory is a list or spreadsheet that must include the following information: i. The species and locations of all existing trees on the subject property, regardless of health. ii. The species and former locations of all trees that were removed from the subject property within one year prior to the date of the application to which the tree	This is comparable to opening of existing section 10-82 and the application requirements in section 10-82(3), but more detailed. Permit types are the same, but “subdivision approval” is clarified to apply only to subdivisions that create one or more new lots Contents of the plan are more detailed. Adds specific requirement to identify locations of trees removed within prior year
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protection plan relates, and explanation of the reason for removal. iii. The size of each tree, measured in accordance with this section, and its caliper and health condition. iv. Identification of whether the tree will be preserved, transplanted or removed. v. For trees that will be preserved, a description of how the trees will be preserved and protected during construction. If the critical root zone of a tree on the subject property or an adjacent property must be disturbed for construction or construction activity, a plan for minimizing damage caused by the disturbance shall be submitted as part of the tree protection plan. vi. For protected trees and heritage trees that will be removed, the location, species and size(s) of proposed replacement tree(s) as required by section 30-210.	
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b. The site plan must be coordinated to the tree inventory and must illustrate the following: i. The location and critical root zone for each tree in the inventory and indication of whether the tree is to be protected, transplanted, removed or was previously removed. ii. The proposed construction limits of the work to be performed under the permit for which an application has been made. iii. The proposed tree protection methods that will be used, which must comply with subdivision (3) of this section. c. The tree inventory and site plan may be prepared by the applicant or applicant's representative; except that, for the following related applications, the tree inventory must be prepared by an ISA certified arborist: i. A related application identified in subdivision (1)(a), (b) or (c) of this section with an estimated valuation of \$100,000 or greater; except that for a building permit	Substantially the same as existing section 10-82(7)
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by half of the 3 largest stems. f. Replacement coniferous trees must be measured by feet in height from the base of the tree to the mid-point of the tallest whorl. (3) <i>Tree protection methods.</i> The tree protection plan must describe the method(s) to be used to prevent disturbance within the critical root zone and base of the tree as required by section 30-209(3). Acceptable methods of tree protection include: a. Fencing: snow fence, erosion control, chain link; or b. Construction tape or rope, durable and maintained; or c. Other material or methods as approved by forestry staff. (4) <i>Coordination with stormwater management plan.</i> If a stormwater management plan is submitted in connection with the related application, the tree protection plan must be coordinated with the stormwater management plan; preserved trees that will be preserved, transplanted or planted should be shown on the stormwater management plan to ensure no conflicts. (5) <i>Review and approval of tree protection plan.</i> a. Forestry staff will review proposed tree protection plans for compliance with this Article V. Forestry staff	New provision. Provides more detail on acceptable methods for tree protection. Same as requirement at existing section 10-82(3) Provides greater detail on the procedures for review and approval process
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may require changes to a tree protection plan as necessary to comply with this article, including, but not limited to, the trees to be preserved or removed, the methods used to protect critical root zones of trees, and the location, size and species for proposed replacement trees. b. A permit for a related application as identified in subdivision (1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section may not be issued until: i. The forestry staff has reviewed and approved the proposed tree protection plan; and ii. The financial security required by section 30-212 has been deposited with the city. c. For related applications that are subdivision approvals, review and approval of the tree protection plan is required at the time of subdivision approval. Approval of the related application will be conditioned upon the requirement that any development of the subdivision comply with the approved tree protection plan. The financial security required by section 30-212	For grading, demolition and building permits, the permit will not be issued until the tree protection plan is approved and security has been provided. Subdivisions are treated differently. The tree protection plan must be approved at the time the subdivision is approved, but financial security is not required until actual land disturbance (grading, demolition, building permit) begins.
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will not be required to be deposited until a subsequent related application as identified at subdivision 1(a), (b), or (c) is made for any portion of the approved subdivision. A new tree protection plan is not required for the subsequent related application, and the subsequent application may be approved based upon the tree protection plan approved in conjunction with the subdivision approval; but the financial security must be calculated as of the date of the subsequent related application and must be deposited prior to approval of the subsequent related application.	
Sec. 30-209 Construction activity and tree removal restrictions. (1) Removal of protected and heritage trees from properties that are the subject of a related application is prohibited, except as provided by a tree protection plan approved in accordance with sections 30-208 and 30-210. (2) Any protected tree or heritage tree transplanted on-site shall not be counted under this section as having been removed and therefore does not require replacement under section 30-210, provided that the tree remains	This is new, to explicitly prohibit removal of trees except as provided in approved tree protection plan. This compares to section 10-82(12)

viable after 12 months, as required by section 30-210(5) (3) Before construction, grading or land clearing begins, tree protection fencing or other method must be installed and maintained at the critical root zones of the trees to be protected. The location and method of tree protection must be in conformance with the approved tree protection plan. The fencing must be inspected by forestry staff before site work begins. The fencing must remain in place until all demolition and construction is complete. (4) No construction, compaction, construction access, stock piling of earth, storage of equipment or building materials, or grading may occur within the critical root zone areas of trees to be protected, unless there are no other on-site alternatives. If there are no other alternatives, a plan for this activity would need to be reviewed and approved by the forestry staff and included in the tree protection plan. A reasonable effort must be made when trenching utility lines to avoid the critical root zone. (5) When construction is complete, the soil for all existing, new or transplanted trees must be aerated and de-compacted from the tree base to the drip line of the tree. Aerating must include multiple concentric circles of one-inch holes, two inches deep, or as recommended by a certified professional.	Substantially the same as section 10-82(8) Substantially the same as section 10-82(9) Substantially the same as section 10-82(10)
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Sec. 30-210 Tree mitigation (I) If a protected tree, other than a heritage tree, is removed, it must be replaced with trees equal to at least 75% of the deciduous dbh and 75% of the coniferous height in feet, as applicable, of the removed tree, subject to the following conditions: a. Protected coniferous trees must be replaced with similar species using at least an 80/20 ratio, meaning 80% of replacement trees must be coniferous species and up to 20% replacement trees may be of deciduous species that are normally found growing in similar conditions and that are included in Hennepin County's "Recommended Tree List." b. Protected deciduous trees must be replaced with similar species using at least an 80/20 ratio, meaning 80% of replacement trees must be deciduous species and up to 20% replacement trees may be of coniferous species that are normally found growing in similar conditions and that are included in Hennepin County's "Recommended Tree List." c. Replacement trees must not be subject to known epidemic diseases or infestations. Disease or	This compares to section 10-82(4).
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infestation-resistant species and cultivars are allowed. d. Replacement trees must be at least three and one-half inches in caliper for deciduous trees and a minimum of eight feet tall for coniferous trees. e. The plan for replacement of removed trees must be included in the approved tree protection plan. f. Compliance with the approved tree protection plan shall be verified at the time of final inspection. If the protection plan is not in compliance, the final inspection may not be approved. (2) If a heritage tree is removed, it must be replaced with trees at least 100% of the dbh or coniferous feet of the removed tree, subject to the following conditions: a. Heritage coniferous trees must be replaced with similar species using at least an 80/20 ratio, meaning 80% of replacement trees must be coniferous species and up to 20% replacement trees may be of deciduous species that are normally found growing in similar conditions and that are included in Hennepin County's "Recommended Tree List".	This compares to section 10-82(5).
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b. Heritage deciduous trees must be replaced with similar species using at least an 80/20 ratio, meaning 80% of replacement trees must be deciduous species and up to 20% replacement trees may be of coniferous species that are normally found growing in similar conditions and that are included in Hennepin County's "Recommended Tree List" c. Replacement trees must not be subject to known epidemic diseases or infestations. Disease- or infestation-resistant species and cultivars are allowed. d. Replacement heritage trees must be at least four and one-half inches in caliper for deciduous trees and a minimum of ten feet tall for coniferous trees. e. The plan for replacement of removed trees is part of the tree protection plan and requires approval by the forestry staff. f. Compliance with the approved tree protection plan shall be verified at the time of final inspection. If the tree protection plan is not in compliance, the final inspection may not be approved. (3) Protected trees or heritage trees that have been removed within one	Compare to section 10-82(11)
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year prior to the submission date of the related application are also subject to the replacement requirements in this section 30-210. (4) All replacement trees must be planted on the subject property, except as approved under section 30-211. (5) All replacement trees must be inspected by an ISA certified arborist no less than 12 months after the planting of the replacement tree or the completion of all other site-disturbing activities under the related application, whichever is later. (6) No mitigation is required for removal of protected or heritage trees from unbuilt lots as defined above, in the following areas: - Including, and within a ten-foot (10') radius of, the proposed building pad, deck or patio. - Including, and within a five-foot (5') radius of proposed driveways. - Including, and within ten-foot (10') radius of installation of infrastructure improvements including public roadways, stormwater retention areas and utilities. (7) The forestry staff may waive the mitigation requirement for removal of protected or heritage trees on built lots in the following circumstances:	Compare to section 10-82(14) Incorporates requirement from section 10-82(15) Substantially the same as 10-82(6)
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a. Trees posing damage to existing foundations, sidewalks and driveways, subject to findings from a certified professional or an ISA certified arborist as defined in section 30-207. b. Trees located in an active easement or easement with a future need as identified by the City Engineer.	
Sec. 30-211 Off-site tree mitigation (1) The tree mitigation requirements under section 30-210 must be satisfied by planting replacement trees on the subject property, unless a Certified Professional provides findings that the subject property cannot accommodate the required number of replacement trees in a manner necessary for the trees to remain healthy and viable, and is approved by forestry staff. (2) If the forestry staff approves the findings by a Certified Professional that the requirements of subdivision (1) cannot be satisfied, the forestry staff may approve planting of replacement trees on private property located within 300 feet of the subject property, provided that the applicant complies with the requirements of this section. (3) If the forestry staff approves the findings of a Certified Professional that the requirements of subdivision (1) cannot be satisfied and there is property within 300 feet of the subject property that is	Provides greater detail regarding off-site planting. Compare to section 10-82(14).

total feet of protected coniferous trees removed; and. iii) \$500.00 per deciduous dbh below 100% of the dbh of heritage deciduous trees removed; and iv) \$500.00 per coniferous foot below 100% of the coniferous feet removed. 3) The financial security shall be released according to the following schedule: a. After the applicant has planted the required replacement trees but no earlier than the completion of site-disturbing activities on the subject property as approved by the related application, and upon request by the applicant, forestry staff shall inspect the site using the submitted escrow release form that includes the updated tree planting plan. If the forestry staff determines that the applicant has complied with the approved tree protection plan, 50% of the original financial security shall be released. If the applicant has not fully complied with the tree protection plan, the financial security will be released at a ratio that corresponds to 50% of the estimated percentage of compliance. b. No less than 12 months after the planting of all required replacement trees or the completion of all other site-disturbing activities under the related application, whichever	Comparable to 10-82(15)
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is later, the applicant must submit the escrow release form including a landscape review by an ISA certified arborist, certifying planted and preserved trees are viable. If any trees planted both on site and off site are found to be not viable, the applicant must replace those trees in substantially the same location. The remaining balance of the financial security will be released upon the City's receipt of an ISA certified arborist's certification that all replacement trees are viable or, if not all trees are certified as viable, upon City forestry staff's verification that nonviable trees have been replaced, whichever is later. c. If the applicant fails to comply with the requirements of this Article V, the City may draw upon the financial security for purposes of performing the work required to bring the subject property or other property into compliance with the approved tree preservation plan.	City has the ability to draw on the financial security and perform the required planting. Ordinance no longer forfeits the financial security to the city.
Sec. 30-213 Transition. This Article V supersedes and replaces the provisions of Chapter 10 [Buildings and Building Regulations], Article III [Building Code], Division 3 [Tree Protection] of the Edina City Code, now repealed. The repeal of those provisions does not affect the validity of tree protection plans approved pursuant to those provisions. All monies collected pursuant to the repealed provisions shall be held as financial security to ensure	

compliance with previously approved plans and disbursed in accordance with Section 30-212.	
Sec. 30-214 Violations; penalties. 1) <i>Misdemeanor.</i> Violation of this Article V is a misdemeanor. 2) <i>Other remedies.</i> The provisions of section 1-18 shall also apply to violations of this Article V.	



The City Council of Edina Ordains:

Section 1. Chapter 10 [Buildings and Building Regulations], Article III [Building Code], Division 3 [Tree Protection] of the Edina City Code is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Chapter 30 [Vegetation], Articles I [In General] and II [Permit] of the Edina City Code are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. Chapter 30 [Vegetation], Article IV [Shade Tree Diseases], Division 2 [Abatement of Nuisances regarding Trees] is amended by adding the following:

Secs. 30-203 to 30-204 Reserved.

Section 4. Chapter 30 [Vegetation] of the Edina City Code is hereby amended by adding a new Article V Tree Protection, as follows:

ARTICLE V. TREE PROTECTION

DIVISION 1. TREE PROTECTION

Sec. 30-205. Purpose.

Edina is fortunate to have a robust inventory of mature trees that form an integral part of the unique character and history of the city, and that contribute to the long-term aesthetic, environmental, and economic well-being of the city. The goal of this section is to preserve Edina's high valued trees, while allowing reasonable development to take place and not interfere with how existing property owners use their property. The purposes of the ordinance are to:

- (1) Preserve and grow Edina's tree canopy cover by protecting mature trees throughout the city.
- (2) Protect and enhance property values by conserving and adding to the distinctive and unique aesthetic character of Edina's tree population.
- (3) Protect and enhance the distinctive environmental features of Edina's neighborhoods.
- (4) Improve the quality of life for all, including city residents, visitors and wildlife.
- (5) Protect the environment by the filtering of air and soil pollutants, increasing oxygen levels and reducing CO₂; preventing and reducing erosion and stormwater by stabilizing soils; decreasing wind speeds; reducing noise pollution and decreasing the urban heat island effect.
- (6) Protect and maintain healthy trees in the development and building permit processes as set forth herein; and prevent tree loss by eliminating or reducing compacted fill and excavation near tree roots.

Sec. 30-206. Applicability.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, this Article V applies to all public or private property in the city. This division does not apply to city parkland, which follows tree protection guidelines outlined in Edina's Comprehensive Plan and City Park System.

Sec. 30-207. Definitions.

When used in this Article V, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below:

<i>Applicant</i>	The person or entity who submits the related application.
<i>Built Lot</i>	Any lot that is not an unbuilt lot.
<i>Certified professional</i>	An architect, engineer, landscape architect, or geoscience professional who holds a current and valid license or certification as listed on the Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design (AELSLAGID) registry.
<i>Critical root zone</i>	The minimum area around a tree that must be left undisturbed, represented as a circle in which the tree is the center. The radius of the critical root zone is calculated by measuring the tree's diameter at breast height, whether the tree is deciduous or coniferous, and multiplying by one and one-half feet. For example, if a tree's dbh is ten inches, the radius of the critical root zone is 15 feet (10 × 1.5 = 15 feet).
<i>Diameter at breast height (dbh)</i>	The diameter of a tree, measured at a height that is four and one-half feet above the base of the tree.
<i>Final inspection</i>	The final inspection required prior to closure of any of the related applications identified in section 30-208, subdivision (1)(a), (b), or (c) or, of a related application that issued subsequent to a subdivision approval as referenced in section 30-208, subdivision (5)(c).
<i>Heritage tree</i>	Any protected tree that meets one of the following: (1) A deciduous tree that is 30 inches dbh or greater; or (2) A coniferous tree that is 30 feet in height or greater
<i>ISA certified arborist</i>	An arborist who holds a current and valid license with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).
<i>Protected tree</i>	Any tree, other than an excepted tree, that is structurally sound and healthy, and that meets one of the following: (1) A deciduous tree that is at least five inches dbh; or (2) A coniferous tree that is at least 15 feet in height.

<i>Removal/removed</i>	The physical removal of a tree.
<i>Removable Tree</i>	Any of the following tree species: box elders, poplar, willow, silver maple, black locust, ash, mulberry or a tree species listed on the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's noxious weed list.
<i>Related application</i>	The application for permit or other approval that requires the submission and approval of a tree protection plan under section 30-208.
<i>Subject property</i>	The property that is the subject of a related application.
<i>Transplanted Tree</i>	A protected or heritage tree which is removed and replanted on the same lot, another private lot or a public space in Edina.
<i>Tree protection plan</i>	The plan required by section 30-208.
<i>Unbuilt Lot</i>	An existing or newly created lot, with a unique address that has never been improved with a principal structure.

Sec. 30-208. Tree protection plan required.

(1) *Tree protection plan required.* An application for any of the following permits or approvals requires the submission and approval of a tree protection plan in compliance with this Article V:

- a. Grading permit; or
- b. Demolition permit; or
- c. Building permit for the construction of a new principal or accessory structure, including a garage, deck, or pool, or for an addition to an existing principal or accessory structure; or
- d. A request for subdivision approval that involves the creation of one or more new lots.

(2) *Contents of tree protection plan.* A tree protection plan consists of a tree inventory and site plan that meets the requirements of this subdivision 2.

- a. The tree inventory is a list or spreadsheet that must include the following information:
 - i. The species and locations of all existing trees on the subject property, regardless of health.
 - ii. The species and former locations of all trees that were removed from the subject property within one year prior to the date of the application to which the tree protection plan relates, and explanation of the reason for removal.
 - iii. The size of each tree, measured in accordance with this section, and its caliper and health condition.
 - iv. Identification of whether the tree will be preserved, transplanted or removed.
 - v. For trees that will be preserved, a description of how the trees will be preserved and protected during construction. If the critical root zone of a tree on the subject property or an adjacent property must be disturbed for construction or construction

activity, a plan for minimizing damage caused by the disturbance shall be submitted as part of the tree protection plan.

- vi. For protected trees and heritage trees that will be removed, the location, species and size(s) of proposed replacement tree(s) as required by section 30-210.
- b. The site plan must be coordinated to the tree inventory and must illustrate the following:
 - i. The location and critical root zone for each tree in the inventory and indication of whether the tree is to be protected, transplanted, removed or was previously removed.
 - ii. The proposed construction limits of the work to be performed under the permit for which an application has been made.
 - iii. The proposed tree protection methods that will be used, which must comply with subdivision (3) of this section.
- c. The tree inventory and site plan may be prepared by the applicant or applicant's representative; except that, for the following related applications, the tree inventory must be prepared by an ISA certified arborist:
 - i. A related application identified in subdivision (1)(a), (b) or (c) of this section with an estimated valuation of \$100,000 or greater; except that for a building permit for the construction of a new primary structure, the valuation must be \$500,000 or greater; or
 - ii. An application for subdivision approval as identified at subdivision (1)(d) of this section.
- d. Tree sizes listed in the tree inventory must be measured as follows:
 - i. Existing deciduous trees are to be measured using diameter at breast height (dbh).
 - ii. Existing coniferous trees are to be measured using height in feet from the base of the tree to the mid-point of the tallest whorl.
- e. Replacement deciduous trees must be measured based upon caliper, using the American Standard for Nursery Stock (ANSI Z60.1):
 - i. Single stem trees less than 4" caliper must be measured at 6 inches above ground level; and
 - ii. Greater than 4" caliper trees must be measured at 12 inches above ground level; and
 - iii. Multi-stem trees must be measured by half of the 3 largest stems.
- f. Replacement coniferous trees must be measured by feet in height from the base of the tree to the mid-point of the tallest whorl.

(3) *Tree protection methods.* The tree protection plan must describe the method(s) to be used to prevent disturbance within the critical root zone and base of the tree as required by section 30-209

(3). Acceptable methods of tree protection include:

- a. Fencing: snow fence, erosion control, chain link; or
- b. Construction tape or rope, durable and maintained; or
- c. Other material or methods as approved by forestry staff.

(4) *Coordination with stormwater management plan.* If a stormwater management plan is submitted in connection with the related application, the tree protection plan must be coordinated with the stormwater management plan; preserved trees that will be preserved, transplanted or planted should be shown on the stormwater management plan to ensure no conflicts.

(5) Review and approval of tree protection plan.

- a. Forestry staff will review proposed tree protection plans for compliance with Article V. Forestry staff may require changes to a tree protection plan as necessary to comply with this division, including, but not limited to, the trees to be preserved or removed, the methods used to protect critical root zones of trees, and the location, size and species for proposed replacement trees.
- b. A permit for a related application as identified in subdivision (1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section may not be issued until:
 - i. The forestry staff has reviewed and approved the proposed tree protection plan; and
 - ii. The financial security required by section 30-212 has been deposited with the city.
- c. For related applications that are subdivision approvals, review and approval of the tree protection plan is required at the time of subdivision approval. Approval of the related application will be conditioned upon the requirement that any development of the subdivision comply with the approved tree protection plan. The financial security required by section 30-212 will not be required to be deposited until a subsequent related application as identified at subdivision 1(a), (b), or (c) is made for any portion of the approved subdivision. A new tree protection plan is not required for the subsequent related application, and the subsequent application may be approved based upon the tree protection plan approved in conjunction with the subdivision approval; but the financial security must be calculated as of the date of the subsequent related application and must be deposited prior to approval of the subsequent related application.

Sec. 30-209 Construction activity and tree removal restrictions.

- (1) Removal of protected and heritage trees from properties that are the subject of a related application is prohibited, except as provided by a tree protection plan approved in accordance with sections 30-208 and 30-210.
- (2) Any protected tree or heritage tree transplanted on-site shall not be counted under this section as having been removed and therefore does not require replacement under section 30-210, provided that the tree remains viable after 12 months, as required by section 30-210(5).
- (3) Before construction, grading or land clearing begins, tree protection fencing or other method must be installed and maintained at the critical root zones of the trees to be protected. The location and method of tree protection must be in conformance with the approved tree protection plan. The fencing must be inspected by forestry staff before site work begins. The fencing must remain in place until all demolition and construction is complete.
- (4) No construction, compaction, construction access, stockpiling of earth, storage of equipment or building materials, or grading may occur within the critical root zone areas of trees to be protected, unless there are no other on-site alternatives. If there are no other alternatives, a plan for this activity would need to be reviewed and approved by the forestry staff and included in the tree protection plan. A reasonable effort must be made when trenching utility lines to avoid the critical root zone.
- (5) When construction is complete, the soil for all existing, new or transplanted trees must be aerated and de-compacted from the tree base to the drip line of the tree. Aerating must include multiple concentric circles of one-inch holes, two inches deep, or as recommended by a certified

professional.

Sec. 30-210 Tree mitigation

- (1) If a protected tree, other than a heritage tree, is removed, it must be replaced with trees equal to at least 75% of the deciduous dbh and 75% of the coniferous height in feet, as applicable, of the removed tree, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Protected coniferous trees must be replaced with similar species using at least an 80/20 ratio, meaning 80% of replacement trees must be coniferous species and up to 20% replacement trees may be of deciduous species that are normally found growing in similar conditions and that are included in Hennepin County's "Recommended Tree List."
 - b. Protected deciduous trees must be replaced with similar species using at least an 80/20 ratio, meaning 80% of replacement trees must be deciduous species and up to 20% replacement trees may be of coniferous species that are normally found growing in similar conditions and that are included in Hennepin County's "Recommended Tree List."
 - c. Replacement trees must not be subject to known epidemic diseases or infestations. Disease or infestation-resistant species and cultivars are allowed.
 - d. Replacement trees must be at least three and one-half inches in caliper for deciduous trees and a minimum of eight feet tall for coniferous trees.
 - e. The plan for replacement of removed trees must be included in the approved tree protection plan.
 - f. Compliance with the approved tree protection plan shall be verified at the time of final inspection. If the protection plan is not in compliance, the final inspection may not be approved.
- (2) If a heritage tree is removed, it must be replaced with trees at least 100% of the dbh or coniferous feet of the removed tree, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Heritage coniferous trees must be replaced with similar species using at least an 80/20 ratio, meaning 80% of replacement trees must be coniferous species and up to 20% replacement trees may be of deciduous species that are normally found growing in similar conditions and that are included in Hennepin County's "Recommended Tree List".
 - b. Heritage deciduous trees must be replaced with similar species using at least an 80/20 ratio, meaning 80% of replacement trees must be deciduous species and up to 20% replacement trees may be of coniferous species that are normally found growing in similar conditions and that are included in Hennepin County's "Recommended Tree List"
 - c. Replacement trees must not be subject to known epidemic diseases or infestations. Disease- or infestation-resistant species and cultivars are allowed.
 - d. Replacement heritage trees must be at least four and one-half inches in caliper for deciduous trees and a minimum of ten feet tall for coniferous trees.
 - e. The plan for replacement of removed trees is part of the tree protection plan and requires approval by the forestry staff.
 - f. Compliance with the approved tree protection plan shall be verified at the time of final inspection. If the tree protection plan is not in compliance, the final inspection may not be

approved.

- (3) Protected trees or heritage trees that have been removed within one year prior to the submission date of the related application are also subject to the replacement requirements in this section 30-210.
- (4) All replacement trees must be planted on the subject property, except as approved under section 30-211.
- (5) All replacement trees must be inspected by an ISA certified arborist no less than 12 months after the planting of the replacement tree or the completion of all other site-disturbing activities under the related application, whichever is later.
- (6) No mitigation is required for removal of protected or heritage trees from unbuilt lots as defined above, in the following areas:
 - a. Including, and within a ten-foot (10') radius of, the proposed building pad, deck or patio.
 - b. Including, and within a five-foot (5') radius of proposed driveways.
 - c. Including, and within ten-foot (10') radius of installation of infrastructure improvements including public roadways, stormwater retention areas and utilities.
- (7) The forestry staff may waive the mitigation requirement for removal of protected or heritage trees on built lots in the following circumstances:
 - a. Trees posing damage to existing foundations, sidewalks and driveways, subject to findings from a certified professional or an ISA certified arborist as defined in section 30-207.
 - b. Trees located in an active easement or easement with a future need as identified by the City Engineer.

Sec. 30-211 Off-site tree mitigation

- (1) The tree mitigation requirements under section 30-210 must be satisfied by planting replacement trees on the subject property, unless the forestry staff determines that the subject property cannot accommodate the required number of replacement trees in a manner necessary for the trees to remain healthy and viable, and is approved by forestry staff.
- (2) If the forestry staff determines that the requirements of subdivision (1) cannot be satisfied, the forestry staff may approve planting of replacement trees on private property located within 300 feet of the subject property, provided that the applicant complies with the requirements of this section.
- (3) If the forestry staff determines that the requirements of subdivision (1) cannot be satisfied and there is property within 300 feet of the subject property that is suitable for or willing to accept replacement trees, the forestry staff may approve planting of replacement trees on other property located within the City of Edina; provided that the applicant complies with the requirements of this section.
- (4) An applicant who requests to perform off-site tree mitigation under subdivision (2) must provide written notice to the owners of all property within 300 feet of the subject property, notifying the owners that trees are available for planting on their properties. In addition, the applicant must post a sign on the subject property indicating that trees are available for planting and providing a contact name and phone number for the applicant or applicant's representative.
- (5) An applicant who requests to perform off-site tree mitigation under subdivision (3) must comply

with subdivision (4) above and must attest to forestry staff that no property owners expressed any interest in accepting any replacement trees.

- (6) Before approving a tree protection plan that includes off-site tree mitigation, the forestry staff must obtain from the applicant an agreement between the applicant and the owner of the property on which replacement trees will be planted. The agreement must: identify the species of replacement trees and the locations at which the replacement trees will be planted; address who is responsible for watering and care of the replacement trees and for the replacement of any tree that is not viable after 12 months, as required by section 30-210(5); grant the City of Edina the right to enter the property where replacement trees will be planted for purposes of inspection and enforcement. Regardless of any such agreement, the applicant is at all times responsible for complying with the requirements of this Article V.

Sec. 30-212 Financial Security

- (1) The City shall require the applicant to provide a cash escrow or a letter of credit satisfactory to the City as security for compliance with the approved tree protection plan, in accordance with section 30-208(5).
- (2) The amount of the financial security may be determined under one of the options below:
- a. An amount equal to 110% of the estimated cost of the replacement trees required by the approved tree protection plan, based upon a verified quotation from a landscape supplier; or
 - b. An amount equal to the sum of:
 - i. \$300.00 per deciduous dbh below 75% of the total dbh of protected deciduous trees removed; and
 - ii. \$300.00 per coniferous foot below 75% of the total feet of protected coniferous trees removed; and
 - iii. \$500.00 per deciduous dbh below 100% of the dbh of heritage deciduous trees removed; and
 - iv. \$500.00 per coniferous foot below 100% of the coniferous feet removed.
- (3) The financial security shall be released according to the following schedule:
- a. After the applicant has planted the required replacement trees but no earlier than the completion of site-disturbing activities on the subject property as approved by the related application, and upon request by the applicant, forestry staff shall inspect the site using the submitted escrow release form that includes the updated tree planting plan. If the forestry staff determines that the applicant has complied with the approved tree protection plan, 50% of the original financial security shall be released. If the applicant has not fully complied with the tree protection plan, the financial security will be released at a ratio that corresponds to 50% of the estimated percentage of compliance.
 - b. No less than 12 months after the planting of all required replacement trees or the completion of all other site-disturbing activities under the related application, whichever is later, the applicant must submit the escrow release form including a landscape review by an ISA certified arborist, certifying planted and preserved trees are viable. If any trees planted both on site and off site are found to be not viable, the applicant must replace those trees in substantially the same location. The remaining balance of the financial security will be

released upon the City's receipt of an ISA certified arborist's certification that all replacement trees are viable or, if not all trees are certified as viable, upon City forestry staff's verification that nonviable trees have been replaced, whichever is later.

- c. If the applicant fails to comply with the requirements of this Article V, the City may draw upon the financial security for purposes of performing the work required to bring the subject property or other property into compliance with the approved tree preservation plan.

Sec. 30-213 Transition.

This Article V supersedes and replaces the provisions of Chapter 10 [Buildings and Building Regulations], Article III [Building Code], Division 3 [Tree Protection] of the Edina City Code. The repeal of those provisions does not affect the validity of tree protection plans approved pursuant to those provisions. All monies collected pursuant to the repealed provisions shall be held as financial security to ensure compliance with previously approved plans and disbursed in accordance with section 30-212.

Sec. 30-214 Violations; penalties.

(1) *Misdemeanor.* Violation of this Article V is a misdemeanor.

(2) *Other remedies.* The provisions of section 1-18 shall also apply to violations of this Article V.

Section 5. This ordinance is effective upon publication.

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Ordinance 2026-04 repeals and replaces existing tree protection regulations in Chapters 10 and 30 of the City Code and establishes a new comprehensive Tree Protection ordinance under Chapter 30. The ordinance requires tree protection plans for certain grading, demolition, building, and subdivision activities; defines protected and heritage trees; sets standards for preservation, removal, replacement, and off-site mitigation; and requires financial security to ensure compliance. The new regulations are intended to preserve and expand Edina's tree canopy while allowing reasonable development and protecting the community's environmental, aesthetic, and economic benefits.