



EDINA MINNESOTA

City Council Work Session Meeting Agenda

March 3, 2026, 5:30 PM

Edina City Hall, Community Room, 4801 W. 50th St.



Accessibility Support:

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Meeting Topics

- 3.1. Motion to Move to Closed Session as Permitted by M.S. 13D.05, Subd. 3 to Discuss Grandview Pedestrian Bridge ADA Inquiry with Department of Justice
- 3.2. Closed Session: Discuss Grandview Pedestrian Bridge ADA Inquiry with Department of Justice
- 3.3. Motion to Move Back into Open Session
- 3.4. 2027 Budget Kick-off
- 3.5. Digital Accessibility Update

4. Adjournment



Item Number: 3.1

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Discussion

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

Item Title: Motion to Move to Closed Session as Permitted by M.S. 13D.05, Subd. 3 to Discuss Grandview Pedestrian Bridge ADA Inquiry with Department of Justice

Action Requested:

Adopt motion as stated.

Information/Background:

This motion must be adopted to legally close the meeting.

Supporting Documentation:

None



Item Number: 3.2

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Information

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

Item Title: Closed Session: Discuss Grandview Pedestrian Bridge ADA Inquiry with Department of Justice

Action Requested:

Information Only

Information/Background:

The City's legal team will discuss possible legal next steps regarding the Grandview Pedestrian Bridge ADA Inquiry with Department of Justice.

Supporting Documentation:

None



Item Number: 3.3

Department: Public Works

Item Activity:

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

Item Title: Motion to Move Back into Open Session

Action Requested:

Adopt the motion as stated.

Information/Background:

This motion is necessary to exit the closed session.

Supporting Documentation:

None



Item Number: 3.4

Department: Finance

Item Activity: Discussion

Prepared By: Pa Thao, Finance Director

Item Title: 2027 Budget Kick-off

Action Requested:

Discussion only. Staff are seeking general guidance on priorities, trade-offs, or areas of focus.

Information/Background:

This study session marks the official start of the 2027 budget season. The kickoff presentation will provide a high-level overview of:

- The annual budget preparation process and timeline
- Current approved levy and forecasted levy estimates

Budget Development Process

The annual budget is a multifaceted, year-round effort guided by the city's strategic plan. Historically, the process includes:

- **Spring:** Council provides priorities and guidance for budget development. City department leaders submit eligible CIP projects to the Finance department for consideration. Current year's budget is reviewed for material changes.
- **Summer:** Eligible projects are reviewed by the City Manager. Draft CIP is prepared and presented to Administration and Department Leaders for review.
- **Fall:** Using feedback from City Council, proposed property tax levy is prepared and presented to City Council. City Council adopts a preliminary levy, which can be reduced later but not increased
- **Winter:** Final study session on the draft operating budget, followed by a public meeting and council adoption in December. Finance submits and certifies the final property tax levy

In recent years, additional work sessions have been added to gather council feedback on priorities and expectations in the process.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

By adopting the CIP, the Council is providing overall policy guidance on a long-term community investment plan. This adoption reflects support for the general investment strategy but does not constitute formal approval of individual projects. Each project is brought forward for separate council approval at later meetings. It's important to note that not all projects listed as "funded" in the CIP will occur in the listed year. Funding availability, shifting priorities, or unexpected hurdles can postpone—or even cancel—a project. The Construction Fund and Utility Funds remain the primary funding sources for the CIP. The council will review the 2027–2032 CIP at an upcoming study session.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

This is essential for the funding of the City's operation and capital projects

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

The budget details the key priorities of the City Council and the resources dedicated to achieve results for Edina residents utilizing strategic guidance from Vision Edina, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Capital Improvement Plan.



Strong Foundation



Reliable Service



Livable City



Better Together

Values Impact:



Engagement

We build meaningful connections and create spaces where everyone feels welcome, valued and has a sense of belonging.



Equity

We provide equitable opportunities for people to participate in the city government and access City institutions, facilities, and services.



Health

We use Health-in-All Policies to promote and protect the physical, mental, and social wellbeing of all people who live, work, or visit Edina.



Stewardship

We make wise investments that focus on the best long-term value for residents.



Sustainability

We ensure that our policies, decisions, and plans have a positive impact on people and the planet now and for future generations.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. Staff Presentation



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2027 CIP & Budget Council Kick-off

March 3, 2026

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Tentative Timeline

Date	Event	Action
Dec 16 th	Council	Approved 2026 Levy & Budget
Feb 24 th – March 31 st	City Departments	Budget/CIP project review & submission
March 3 rd	Council Work Session	Council Budget and CIP Kick-off
March 17 th	Council Work Session	State of the Utilities
April 28 th	Discussion & Goal Setting	Council Retreat #1
June 23 rd	Discussion & Goal Setting	Council Retreat #2
August 18 th	27 Budget & CIP Presented	Council Work Session
Sept 1 st	27 Budget & CIP Discussion	Council Work Session
Sept 15th	Council Work Session & Council Meeting	Adopt Preliminary Levy
Sept 30 th	Finance Deadline	Preliminary levy due to County
Nov 17 th	Council Work Session	Council Work Session
Dec 1 st	Council Work Session & Council Meeting	Truth in Taxation Public Hearing
Dec 15th	Council Work Session & Council Meeting	Adopt Final Levy
Dec 28 th	Finance Deadline	Final levy certification due to County



2026 Adopted Tax Levy

	2024 Adopted	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted
General Fund	\$43,744,165	\$47,543,215	\$53,012,940
Debt Service	\$3,471,700	\$5,377,639	\$6,448,283
Construction	\$4,470,000	\$3,668,000	\$2,913,450
Special Street	\$1,481,000	\$1,762,000	\$1,053,000
Special Park	\$1,000,000	\$400,000	\$0
HRA	\$251,700	\$259,300	\$267,100
Total Tax Levy	\$54,418,565	\$59,010,154	\$63,694,773
% Increase	9.15%	8.44%	7.94%

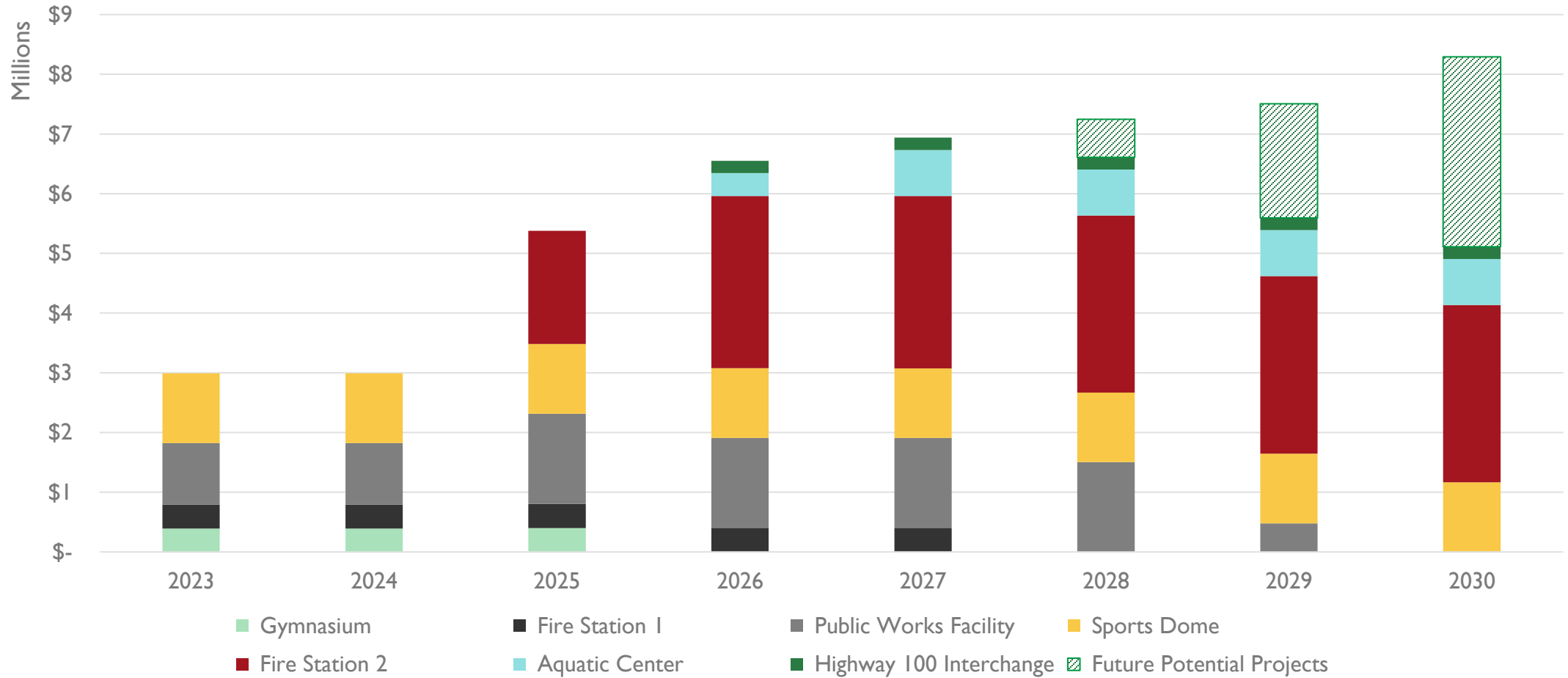


2027 Projected Tax Levy

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Construction	\$4,470,000	\$3,668,000	\$2,913,450	\$4,219,278
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Special Park	\$1,000,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
HRA	\$251,700	\$259,300	\$267,100	\$275,100
Total Tax Levy	\$54,418,565	\$59,010,154	\$63,694,773	\$69,951,289
% Increase	9.15%	8.44%	7.94%	9.82%



Debt Service Levy Projection (Approved vs. Future)





Item Number: 3.5

Department: Communications

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications Director

Item Title: Digital Accessibility Update

Action Requested:

None, information only.

Information/Background:

On April 24, 2024, the Federal Register published the Department of Justice's final rule updating its regulations for Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The final rule has specific requirements about how to ensure that web content and mobile applications are accessible to people with disabilities. All web content and mobile applications that Edina provides or makes available must conform to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA standards by April 24, 2026.

Staff will review Edina's websites and online applications and work done to date and discuss why digital accessibility is important.

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1. Staff Presentation on Digital Accessibility



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Web Content Accessibility Guidelines

Digital Accessibility

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Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)

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Entities with a population of 50,000 or more must comply this year. Those under 50,000 have until April 26, 2027 to comply.



Edina's Websites and Apps

- Agenda Management
- ARC GIS
- Assessment Lookup
- BetterTogetherEdina.org
- BraemarGolf.com + app
- Crime Map
- EdinaLiquor.com + app
- Enterprise ERP
- Enterprise ERP – Health forms
- ePermits
- Finnly
- Gallus Golf
- Invoice Cloud
- Laserfishe (Edina Docs)
- Mailchimp (City Extra)
- Municode
- NeoGov
- Notify (Golf)



More of Edina's Websites and Apps

- PADS
- Envisio (Progress Portal)
- Project Dox
- Quest CDN
- Recreation Management
- Roway
- SeeClickFix (Edina 311)
- Sentext
- Smart 911/Rave
- Survey Monkey
- Team Sideline
- Volgistics
- Golf Genius
- YouTube and social media
- **When I Work**
- **Edinet**
- **Tyler Enterprise: ESS**
- **Employee Benefits Portal**



Edina's To-Do List to Meet WCAG

- Review web-based platforms and apps to make sure they are accessible
- Review documents posted online
 - Remove documents
 - Remediate documents
 - Move historical documents to Edina Docs archive
- Write policy and remediation plan for making platforms and documents accessible



Edina's WCAG Work Done to Date

- Requested compliance documents from vendors
- Completed redesign of EdinaMN.gov
- Moved Training Facility website onto new platform
- Initiated upgrade of platform for BraemarGolf.com
- Upgraded platform for Agenda Management and created new standards for documents posted on platform
- Provided accessible documents training to staff
- Provided each department with a list of documents on EdinaMN.gov to remove, move or remediate
- Began remediating City templates



Why This is the Right Move (and Good in the Long Run)

- Accessibility is not optional. It's about equal access to public information.



More on Why This is the Right Move

- More information does not always mean better information.

Meeting packets and web pages tend to accumulate content “just in case,” often duplicating materials or including documents that are rarely used or referenced.

The result can be:

- Hundreds of pages per packet
- Key information buried deep in attachments
- A higher barrier to understanding what decisions are actually being made

Streamlining helps focus attention on **what matters most** — the staff analysis, the decision points, and the context residents need to engage meaningfully.

Even More Why This is the Right Move

- Streamlining improves usability for everyone, not just accessibility users.

While WCAG compliance is the driver, the benefits are universal:

- Faster load times
- Easier navigation on mobile devices
- Shorter packets that are easier to review before meetings
- Less cognitive overload for readers

When information is organized, intentional and readable, engagement goes up, not down.



And Even More on Why This is the Right Move

- Removing documents does not mean eliminating access to information.

This is an important distinction. In most cases:

- Information is being consolidated, not erased.
- Redundant or outdated materials are being removed.
- Background documents are still available upon request or housed in alternative formats.

The goal is not to hide information, but to ensure that what we publish is usable, accurate and compliant.

Is there a Loophole?

Compliance is not required if it causes a fundamental alteration to the service or imposes an undue financial/administrative burden.

- This provision applies to individual items, not groups or categories of them, such as attachments for meeting packets.

In February, the Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs announced it plans to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to reconsider whether some of the regulatory provisions imposed by the April 24, 2024 rule could be made less costly.



What is that Process for Determining ‘Burdensome?’

- Document compliance costs
- Present to compliance officer
- Compliance officer to provide “a written statement of the reasons” why compliance would be an undue burden and direct staff to take all actions “that would not result in such an alteration or such burdens but would nevertheless ensure that individuals with disabilities receive the benefits or services provided by the public entity to the maximum extent possible.”

The Bottom Line

This work is not about reducing transparency — it's about ensuring everyone can access and understand public information in a way that is equitable, usable and sustainable.

