

**MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
EDINA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT CITY HALL  
MARCH 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, Pierce, and Hovland. Members Jackson and Risser were absent.

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4.0 MEETING AGENDA – APPROVED**

**Member Pierce made a motion, seconded by Member Agnew, approving the meeting agenda.**

Ayes: Agnew, Pierce, Hovland. Motion carried.

**5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Taylor Bruhschwein urged the Council to pass the e-bike ordinance when it comes back for a vote. Mr. Bruhschwein presented photos of several Edina streets and noted that the roads are not safe for e-bikes; only the sidewalks are.

David Frankel expressed concern about why it took the City so long to fly flags at half-mast when the Governor asks for it.

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

- 6.1. Approve regular and work session meeting minutes of March 3, 2026**
- 6.2. Approve Claims for Payment for Check Register Pre-List Dated February 27, 2026, totaling \$1,157,627.23, Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated February 28, 2026, totaling \$89,688.26, Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated February 28, 2026, totaling \$850,000.00 (1011), and Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated March 6, 2026, totaling \$4,957,903.71**
- 6.3. Request for Purchase, SeeClickFix Annual Software Renewal, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, CivicPlus at \$27,108.07**
- 6.4. Request for Purchase, Annual CivicPlus Central Software Renewal, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, CivicPlus at \$23,726.25**
- 6.5. Request for Purchase, 2026 Trackless Sidewalk Snow Removal Machine with Accessories, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, MacQueen Equipment at \$247,495**
- 6.6. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-15, approving a Grant Application and Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for Sewer Rehabilitation**
- 6.7. Request for Purchase, Streetlight Removal on York and Parklawn Avenues, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Kilmer Electric at \$36,897.00**

- 6.8. Request for Purchase, Geotechnical Services for 2027 Interlachen Boulevard Street Reconstruction, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Braun Intertec Corp at \$23,750
- 6.9. Request for Purchase, Mill Pond Harvesting, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal at \$76,430.00
- 6.10. Request for Purchase, 2026 Stormwater Model Annual Updates and Water Resources Management Plan Support, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Barr Engineering at \$200,000.00
- 6.11. Request for Purchase, 2026 Ford F-600 with Accessories, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Midway Ford/Aspen Equipment at \$219,138
- 6.12. Request for Purchase, Ash Tree Removal and Replacement Grant Additional Plantings, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Hoffman & McNamara Co at \$73,370
- 6.13. Request for Purchase, 2026 Ford F-150 Hybrid, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Midway Ford Company at \$49,001.15
- 6.14. Request for Purchase, two 2026 Ford F-250's, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Midway Ford Company at \$110,411.68
- 6.15. Request for Purchase, 2026 Ford F-450 with Accessories, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Midway Ford/Aspen Equipment at \$109,587.00
- 6.16. Request for Purchase, Professional Services Agreement for Braemar Field Sports Dome Installation and Takedown, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, (141864) Joseph E Johnson & Sons Construction LLC at \$93,350
- 6.17. Request for Purchase, Bi-Directional Radio Amplifiers with ANCOM Communications, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, ANCOM Communications, at \$25,512.00
- 6.18. Request for Purchase, Water Heaters for Braemar Arena, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, (100977) Richfield Plumbing Company at \$43,030.19
- 6.19. Request for Purchase, 2026 Residential & Small Site Review Support Professional Services, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Bolton Menk, at \$65,966
- 6.20. Liquor License Renewals
- 6.21. On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License: RH F&B Minnesota LLC dba RH (Restoration Hardware)

Ayes: Agnew, Pierce, Hovland. Motion carried.

## **7.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **7.1 CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTATION - RECOGNIZED**

Police Chief Milburn awarded the Citizen Award to James Parker and Brian Meyers for their heroic efforts in rescuing an unconscious swimmer at the Southdale YMCA, noting that they initiated CPR, applied an AED, and provided rescue breaths.

### **7.2 RECOGNITION FOR OFFICER OF THE YEAR, FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, AND PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - RECOGNIZED**

Police Chief Milburn recognized Donna Nelson as Public Safety Employee of the Year, Gaby Doyle as Officer of the Year, and Fire Chief Slama recognized Todd Porthan as Firefighter of the Year and gave an overview of their work and achievements.

## **8.0 REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

## **8.1 SALE OF PROPERTY AT 5146 EDEN AVENUE TO ARCADIA AVENUE PARTNERS, LLC – ADOPTED**

Economic Development Manager Neuendorf presented information on the background of the site, the request for proposal issued in March 2025, the 11 proposals considered, types of projects proposed, evaluation factors, preferred development team, conceptual site plan, benefits and desired outcomes, key terms of the contract, and next steps.

The Council asked questions regarding the flexibility for affordable housing, other land sales the City has done, and requirements for closing to happen. Mr. Neuendorf stated the City does not sell land very often, the contract used was developed with the City Attorney and selling the land was conditioned on the developers building something.

Mr. Neuendorf discussed the phases of the project and noted that they will not know the pace because it depends on market demand, and that going forward, the City's only role will be regulatory.

The Council encouraged a higher level of collaboration along the way to ensure the project can go to completion.

Carl Runck, Monarch Development Partners, stated that his approach as a developer is to follow a collaborative process, as they have done with other cities.

**Member Pierce introduced and moved adoption of Resolution No. 2026-16 approving the sale of City property located at 5146 Eden Avenue and approving a contract for private development with Hempel Real Estate and Monarch Partners dba Arcadia Avenue Partners, LLC, and authorizing staff to carry out the terms therein. Ayes: Agnew, Pierce, Hovland. Motion carried.**

## **8.2 BRAEMAR PARK MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION: IMPROVEMENT AT GOLF DOME TRAILHEAD PARKING AND PICKLEBALL – PRESENTED**

Park Planner DeVries gave a presentation on the Braemar Park Implementation, Braemar Master Plan highlights, Golf Dome site improvements, parking challenges, parking expansion, pickleball practice facility, concept evolution, maximizing sustainability and recreation, project components, and Braemar Park forestry goals.

The Council asked questions regarding the tree removals and pickleball courts. Mrs. DeVries stated transplants would be very difficult and rubber matting material will be used for the pickleball courts that will be taken up after each season. Council expressed concerns regarding the locations of the pickleball courts and recommended them at the 3rd set of 9 holes at the golf course and DeVries said the golf course was looked at as an option, but they did not find it to be a great placement for golfers and players' safety.

## **8.3 PURCHASE REQUEST; BRAEMAR PARK MASTERPLAN RECONSTRUCTION TREE CLEARING AND GRUBBING AT BRAEMAR GOLF DOME - APPROVED**

**Member Pierce made a motion, seconded by Member Agnew, to approve the purchase request for reconstruction tree removal and grubbing at Braemar Park with Castle Rock Contracting and Tree Service LLC, for \$39,420. Ayes: Agnew, Pierce, Hovland. Motion carried.**

**9.0. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE (MINUTES AND ADVISORY COMMUNICATION) – Received**

**9.1. JOINT ADVISORY COMMUNICATION: WOODDALE AVENUE BIKE LANE PROJECT**

**10.0 MANAGER’S COMMENTS – Received**

**10.1 2026 STUDENT COMMISSIONER ANNUAL ONBOARDING UPDATE**

**11.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS – Received**

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Member Pierce made a motion, seconded by Member Agnew, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Ayes: Agnew, Pierce, Hovland. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon Allison, City Clerk

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James B. Hovland, Mayor

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, April 7, 2026. Video Copy of March 17, 2026, meeting available.