

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Pierce made a motion, seconded by Member Jackson, approving the meeting agenda. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Ralph Zickert discussed comments made by Mayor Hovland regarding the 2026 budget and City Manager Neal at the March 3, 2026, City Council meeting and stated that they were disrespectful.

Rick Vining stated that the 91 trees being proposed on the shoreline of Lake Cornelia would impact the community negatively and would hinder residents from being able to enjoy the area.

Pieter Friedrich stated that the City should understand what the resolution going through the State legislature contains. Mr. Friedrich discussed the Kona leadership and Hindu Nationalism associated with the resolution.

Marillene Allen stated her support for a crosswalk on Coopers Avenue on Interlachen Boulevard. Mrs. Allen read in full a statement from her grandson regarding an incident where he and his dog were struck by a vehicle that failed to stop. Mrs. Allen noted that they need a crosswalk to make it safer for residents to cross Interlachen Boulevard.

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 Jackson, approving the consent agenda as follows:

- 6.1. Approve regular and work session meeting minutes of March 17, 2026**
- 6.2. Approve Claims for Payment for Check Register Pre-List Dated March 13, 2026, totaling \$2,069,662.17, Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated March 20, 2026, totaling \$962,868.14, and Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated March 27, 2026, totaling \$2,125,925.49**
- 6.3. Sustainable Building Policy Partial Waiver for Braemar Arena Expansion Project**
- 6.4. Request for Purchase, Lake Herbicide Treatments for Algae, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Lake Management Inc., at \$20,594**
- 6.5. Request for Purchase, Stormwater Assets Inspection 2026, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Barr Engineering at \$127,000.00**

- 6.6. **Request for Purchase, Sanitary and Storm Sewer Manhole Lining, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Underground Utility Specialists at \$75,000.00**
- 6.7. **Adopt Resolution No. 2026-18, Authorizing Community Tree Planting Grant Agreement**
- 6.8. **Request for Purchase, York Pond Storm Water Improvements, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Boulder Creek Inc., at \$832,865**
- 6.9. **Request for Purchase, Prospect Knolls A, C & D and Parklawn Court Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, McNamara Contracting at \$9,999,999.25**
- 6.10. **Request for Purchase, Fred Richards Park Preconstruction Tree Removals, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Hoffman Unhorn Construction at \$162,076.00**
- 6.11. **Request for Purchase, Fred Richards Park Design and Engineering Construction Administration, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Confluence, at \$346,000**
- 6.12. **Request for Purchase, Network Storage Replacement, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, LOGIS at \$313,917.17**
- 6.13. **Adopt Resolution No. 2026-17, authorizing application for the Livable Communities Grant Program**
- 6.14. **Parks & Recreation Commission Appointment**
- 6.15. **Request for Purchase, July 4th Fireworks, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, J&M Displays, Inc., at \$20,500**
- 6.16. **Digital Accessibility Policy**

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

7.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1. PROCLAMATION: DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE – PROCLAIMED

Mayor Hovland read in full the proclamation declaring April 13-20, 2026, as Days of Remembrance in Edina. Ian Nemerov, Days of Remembrance Event Organizer, accepted the proclamation and thanked the City for how they honor the Days of Remembrance in the City. Mr. Nemerov noted that the event will take place on April 14th, 2026, at Fire Station #2.

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Pierce, approving the proclamation declaring Days of Remembrance on April 13-20, 2026, in the City of Edina. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

Asad Masood, new City Management Fellow, was introduced to the Council.

7.2. PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL 911 PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK – PROCLAIMED

Mayor Hovland read in full the proclamation declaring April 12-18, 2026, as National 911 Public Safety Telecommunicator Week in Edina. Janelle Harris, Dispatch Supervisor, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council for their recognition of the hard work and critical duties the 911 dispatchers have.

Member Pierce made a motion, seconded by Member Agnew, approving the proclamation declaring National 911 Public Safety Telecommunicator Week as April 12-18, 2026, in the City of Edina. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

7.3. PROCLAMATION: EARTH DAY – PROCLAIMED

Mayor Hovland read in full the proclamation declaring April 22, 2026, as Earth Day in Edina. Sustainability Manager Bayer thanked the Council for the proclamation and discussed events the City will be holding to celebrate Earth Day this year. Paul Thompson discussed the Earth Day Festival that will be taking place on April 26, 2026.

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Pierce, approving the proclamation declaring Earth Day as April 22, 2026, in the City of Edina. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

7.4. ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION UPDATE – PRESENTED

Sustainability Manager Bayer presented the annual sustainability update, including information regarding the Climate Action Plan, progress towards goals, Conservation & Sustainability Fund, 2025 Grant & Tax Credit Funding for CAP Implementation, future of sustainability funding, accomplishments, programs, capital investments, policies, Extreme Heat in Edina report, and looking ahead.

The Council asked questions regarding soy-diesel conversion, additional data points from the single-use bag ordinance, use of the land behind Fire Station #2, and bag fees. Sustainability Manager Bayer stated that the soy-diesel project received a lot of State and Federal funding, and they have installed the tank and updated all the trucks, and they will know in a few weeks if everything is running well and shared that her goal is to ensure a sustainability element is put into the land behind Fire Station #2.

The Council discussed the importance of comparative data to see how their goals are being met and are creating an impact.

8.0 REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02, AMENDING SECTION 4-9-9; REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 6 ARTICLE III LAWFUL GAMBLING OF THE EDINA CITY CODE – ADOPTED

City Manager Neal noted they are advocating to develop a clean, easy system for lawful gambling in the City. City Clerk Allison gave a brief overview of what was discussed and approved at the February 17, 2026, City Council meeting.

The Council recommended limiting the ordinance to Edina-based nonprofits and removing the 10% contribution to the City to not take funds from a good cause. City Manager Neal noted that if the percentage is not established now, it will be hard to do so later.

Member Jackson made a motion to amend the definition in Section 6.63, licensed organization, to include nonprofits located in Edina. Member Pierce seconded the motion. Ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

Member Jackson made a motion to eliminate Section 6.70, 10% contribution of net profits to fund administered by the City. Member Pierce seconded the motion. Ayes: Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Nay: Agnew. Motion carried.

Member Jackson made a motion to adopt the amended Ordinance No. 2026-02, Amending Section 4-9-9; Repealing and Replacing Chapter 6, Article III, Lawful

Gambling of the Edina City Code, and waive Second Reading if applicable. Member Pierce seconded the motion. Ayes: Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Nay: Agnew. Motion carried.

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Pierce, to approve summary publication of Ordinance No. 2026-02. Ayes: Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Nay: Agnew. Motion carried.

9.0 COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE (MINUTES AND ADVISORY COMMUNICATION) – Received

9.1. ADVISORY COMMUNICATION: E-BIKE REGULATION

9.2. ADVISORY COMMUNICATION: SUPPORT MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION SOLUTIONS LISTED IN EDINA’S EXTREME HEAT REPORT

10.0 MANAGER’S COMMENTS – Received

11.0 MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS – Received

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Member Pierce, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 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, April 21, 2026. Video Copy of April 7, 2026, meeting available.