



EDINA MINNESOTA

City Council Meeting Agenda

August 18, 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: Work Session and Regular, August 5, 2026

6.2. Payment of Claims

6.3. Agreement Amendment for Verizon Small Cell Infrastructure

6.4. Encroachment Agreement with 319 Harrison Avenue

6.5. Construction Cooperative Agreement for a Local Trail Connection to Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail with Three Rivers Park District

6.6. Out-of-State Travel for Mayor Hovland

6.7. On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Smithsons

7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. Resolution 2026-46: Accepting Donations

7.2. Ordinance 2026-12: Amending Chapter 24 of the Edina City Code Regarding Additional Restrictions for Parks and Publicly Owned Properties

8. Commission Correspondence

9. Manager's Comments

9.1. Quarterly Financial Report and Strategic Plan Updates – Q2 2026

9.2. Proposed Changes to Methodology of City's State and National Legislative Platform and Priorities

9.3. 2026 Primary Election Results

10. Mayor and Council Comments

11. Adjournment



Item Number: 5.1

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Sharon Allison, City Clerk

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 at <https://www.edinamn.gov/2051/Responses-to-Community-Comment>. City Manager Neal will provide summaries of those responses during the meeting.

Supporting Documentation:

None

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:07 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, Deputy City Manager; Chief Todd Milburn; Lt. Ryan Schultz; Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications Director; Asad Masood, City Management Fellow; Jake Miller, I.T. Specialist; and Sharon Allison, City Clerk.

3.0 MEETING TOPICS

3.1 UPDATES: ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE TEAM, FLOCK, AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Chief Todd Milburn and Lt. Ryan Schultz provided an update on the City's mental health response efforts, which began with an embedded Hennepin County social worker focused primarily on case management and have since expanded to include 911 response. In partnership with Hennepin County and Richfield, the City joined the Alternative Response Team involving Police, Fire, and social workers. Staffing and resource challenges, including turnover and difficulty recruiting social workers, have led to adjustments in the model, including a partnership with COPE. COPE responds to mental health calls in a non-911 capacity and, more recently, has had an employee embedded with the Police Department who also responds to 911 calls. The model allows flexibility because Edina operates its own dispatch center, and dispatchers are being trained to identify mental health calls and determine whether they should be referred to COPE or other resources. COPE staff can spend more time with individuals developing safety plans, connecting them with services, and arranging transportation or care when appropriate, allowing Police officers to return more quickly to other calls. Council discussed the types and costs of services provided, how calls are initiated, available data, repeat calls, and coordination between COPE and Police. Staff reported that many calls are made by third parties, such as family members or neighbors, and that housing and chemical dependency are significant ongoing needs. COPE responds discreetly in an unmarked vehicle, which can be preferable for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. Staff are tracking call reasons, outcomes, and repeat calls to better understand community needs and determine appropriate services. They noted that several other communities are also testing alternative response models and sharing information about what is working. The Alternative Response Team began around 2022 or 2023, and the Police Department would like to eventually provide this type of response 24 hours a day to reduce the burden on officers, who are not specifically trained to provide ongoing mental health care.

Police Department provided an overview of the City's use of Flock license plate reader technology, which began in 2023 in response to the significant increase in auto thefts, including thefts involving unlocked vehicles and key fobs left in vehicles. Staff explained that Flock is a crime reduction and investigative tool that photographs vehicles and reads license plates, comparing plate information against state databases for stolen vehicles, missing persons, and other crimes. The system does not track individuals or record video; photographs are generally taken from the rear of vehicles and data is automatically deleted after 30 days unless it is retained as part of an active investigation. Staff reported that auto thefts have decreased significantly, from 125 to 44, and noted that Flock has also assisted with other investigations, including identifying vehicles connected to violent crimes. Council discussed privacy concerns, how the technology works, data sharing, access controls, audits, and the importance of educating the public about the system's limited use and safeguards. Staff clarified that Edina does not share its Flock data with other cities or federal agencies, including ICE, although other agencies may have different policies. Each officer search requires a case number and a reason, and quarterly audits review searches. If information becomes part of an investigation, it can be exported and retained according to the applicable records retention requirements. Council emphasized the value of making the City's Flock policy and information about the technology easier for residents to find, and staff agreed that additional public education would be helpful. Staff also noted that individuals and private businesses may operate their own license plate readers and control how that privately collected data is shared. The Police Department described Flock as an additional resource that effectively places another set of eyes throughout the community, while acknowledging that offenders are adapting by removing or altering license plates and otherwise attempting to avoid detection.

The Police Department presented a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that staff recommended bringing forward for Council approval, allowing Edina to participate in a regional BCA investigative group focused on violent offenders and gun crimes. The group currently includes the BCA and approximately a dozen cities and provides access to detectives and analysts as a force multiplier for major cases. Under the agreement, Edina would assign a detective to the group who would continue to work on Edina's high-profile cases while also providing the City access to the broader investigative team and resources. There is currently no cost to the City, although the Police Department is seeking legislative funding for the position in the future, with Edina expected to have first opportunity to receive funding. Staff noted that participation is timely because of current cases that could benefit from the group's resources. Council could choose to approve the agreement this evening at its council meeting or consider it at a future meeting. The City Manager clarified that the BCA does not negotiate the terms of the agreement, and staff noted that Edina could withdraw if the arrangement does not work as intended.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Allison, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, August 5, 2026. Audio copy of the work session available.

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
AUGUST 5, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

1.0. CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0. ROLLCALL

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, adding item 8.3, Joint Powers Agreement with the BCA Crime Reduction Unit, to the meeting agenda. Rollcall ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

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

5.0. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Mayor Hovland addressed the shots fired at Yancey Park and noted the strategies that the City is using to investigate the crime and keep all residents safe.

David Frankel asked what the City is doing about protecting the municipal water system from hacking. Mr. Frankel noted that the conditions at the Yancey Park meeting were not very accessible for all residents to speak and hear what is being said.

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 follows:

- 6.1. Approve retreat meeting minutes of June 23, 2026 and regular and work session meeting minutes of July 21, 2026**
- 6.2. Approve Claims for Payment for Check Register Pre-List Dated July 17, 2026, totaling \$1,745,413.74 and Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated July 24, 2026, totaling \$1,854,994.14**
- 6.3. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-40, approving parking restrictions**
- 6.4. Approve Public Utility Improvement Agreements**
- 6.5. Second Amendment of Cooperative Agreement Between City of Edina and Nine Mile Creek Watershed District for Rosland Park Clean Water Project**
- 6.6. Request for Purchase, Minnesota Task Force One (MNTF-1) Structural Collapse Training, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Guardian Centers at \$146,083.54**
- 6.7. Request for Purchase, SNS Evo Video Storage Server, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Z Systems Inc. at \$47,369.74**

6.8. On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for The General Sports Bar

Rollcall ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

7.0. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE – PRESENTED

Police Chief Milburn presented an update on community safety following the recent incident at Yancey Park, including the City's initial response, the active investigation, the neighborhood meeting at Yancey Park, immediate next steps, and Smart911 Alerts.

Mr. Milburn also presented information regarding Centennial Lakes Park safety concerns, mobile camera trailers, Edina call stats from 2026, thefts from auto, robberies, vehicle thefts, DWI-related arrests, total crimes, Edina Citizen Connect Crime Map, BCA Statewide Crime Data, Police Department Staffing update, police staffing at Southdale Mall, Southdale Mall call stats, and BCA - Violent Crime Reduction Unit.

The Council asked questions regarding the differences between what they are seeing today and the gang activity in the 90s.

Mr. Milburn noted that there was more structure and a hierarchy in the 90s, but today they are dealing with more young adults with no leadership, and social media is attached to this.

The Council thanked the Police Department for all their work and commitment and highlighted that crime numbers are declining.

The Council asked questions regarding the reassurance gap, what support the Council can give, and his role on the task force for the BCA.

Mr. Milburn stated that a lot of the work the police department does is in community engagement and working heavily on the prevention side so residents feel safe and confident in the City.

Mr. Milburn noted that he anticipates that the Police Department will ask for more officers in the next budget cycle. Mr. Milburn noted that he anticipates being on the board for the Crime Reduction Unit.

Mr. Milburn stated that they will be having a Police Open House on August 31, 2026.

7.2. GREEN LINE EXTENSION PRESENTATION – PRESENTED

Anjuli Cameron and John Pacheco, Metropolitan Council, introduced the METRO Green Line extension project and thanked the Council for their support.

Lesley Kandaras, Jim Alexander, Ben Funk, and Joe Dotseth, Metro Transit, gave a presentation on Metro Transit Forward, E Line success, Green Line extension by the numbers, testing overview, Systems Integration Testing, hiring and training, Network Now, Safety and Security Action Plan, public safety update for the Green Line extension, support for new riders, and connecting with the project.

The Council thanked Metro Transit for the presentation and noted that they are excited for this project.

The Council gave some feedback that they would like to see a bus service that covers the West side of Edina.

8.0. REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1. RESOLUTION NO. 2026-41 ACCEPTING DONATIONS – ADOPTED

Mayor Hovland explained that 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. 2026-41 accepting various grants and donations. Member Pierce seconded the motion. Rollcall ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

8.2. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12, AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE EDINA CITY CODE REGARDING ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR PARKS AND PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES – TABLED

Tom Swenson, Assistant Director of Parks and Natural Resources, stated that this item pertains to changing the City Code to require an application for a permit for group events of 25 people or more. Mr. Swenson noted that they do not anticipate this will create significant changes for park users.

The Council asked questions regarding the 7-day reservation notice.

Mr. Swenson noted that the 7-day notice allows for enough time to react and review the application.

The Council expressed concerns regarding the number 16 in section 24-255 of the ordinance being overly broad and being selectively enforced.

Deputy City Manager Lenz noted that she thinks they would be comfortable removing number 16 and continuing to monitor things at the park.

The Council gave feedback about wanting groups to register so the City knows if there is a group larger than 25 gathering in the parks to allow for enough resources if available, but does not know if a permit should be necessary.

Mr. Milburn noted that they need to have a foundation with a permitting process, because they are not going to go out and do random patrols; they need to know and understand if a person is allowed on that property. Mr. Milburn added that they would not be out patrolling this ordinance, but if they are called upon, then they would have a legal foundation to start with.

The Council expressed concerns about second-order consequences and how they enforce policies.

City Manager Neal stated that this was the public policy solution that would provide the legal basis to allow their Police to take the necessary actions. Mr. Neal noted that they could sit down and prepare a new draft to be presented to the Council at the next meeting to address some of the concerns that they have raised.

The Council discussed the current practices in the parks and how complaints or issues are handled by law enforcement.

The Council recommended changing the language in number 16 from “areas” to “amenities”, granting First Reading, and bringing back changes to the ordinance based on feedback received to the next meeting.

The Council noted that they would like the Park Commission to have a chance to discuss and give their feedback on this item and also get feedback from the Edina residents as well and bring this back to the City Council meeting on August 18, 2026.

Mr. Swenson noted that if they know of a scheduled event, they will staff accordingly to get the space clean and ready for the next event, but when there are unscheduled events, it is harder to make that happen.

Member Jackson made a motion to table Ordinance No. 2026-12, Amending Chapter 24 of the Edina City Code Regarding Additional Restrictions for Parks and Publicly Owned Properties to the August 18, 2026, City Council Meeting and direct that they get feedback from the Parks Commission and Edina residents. Member Pierce seconded the motion. Rollcall ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

8.3. JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN BCA CRIME REDUCTION UNIT – APPROVED

Mr. Milburn noted that a full-time detective would be assigned to this unit; it is a force multiplier and a proactive task force to go after gun violence.

Member Agnew made a motion, seconded by Member Jackson, to authorize the City of Edina to enter into the Joint Powers Agreement with the BCA Violent Crime Reduction Unit. Rollcall ayes: Agnew, Jackson, Pierce, Risser, Hovland. Motion carried.

9.0. MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Received

City Engineer/Public Works Director Millner updated the Council on the City's water system security given the recent attacks on water systems across the country.

10.0. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS – Received

11.0. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Allison, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, August 18, 2026. Video Copy of the August 5, 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 07.31.2026 Total \$2,474,723.33
2. Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated 07.31.2026 Total \$4,975,598.75(1011)
3. Check Register Claims Pre-List Dated 08.07.2026 Total \$2,938,693.60



Item Number: 6.3

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Andrew Reinisch, Engineering Technician

Item Title: Agreement Amendment for Verizon Small Cell Infrastructure

Action Requested:

Approve Agreement Amendment for Verizon Small Cell Infrastructure.

Information/Background:

This is an amendment to an existing license agreement for upgrades to the cellular equipment attached to the light pole and including the new construction plans as an exhibit to document the new equipment. This agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and the terms align with previous agreements.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

No financial impacts. Verizon will pay the City \$1,500 per year for use of the light pole.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

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



Strong Foundation

Values Impact:



Stewardship

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

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 6.4

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

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

Item Title: Encroachment Agreement with 319 Harrison Avenue

Action Requested:

Approve encroachment agreement with 319 Harrison Avenue for owner maintenance of private driveway in utility easement.

Information/Background:

The owner at 319 Harrison Avenue desires to maintain a private driveway that encroaches on the City's easement area. They would like to own and maintain the driveway. The existing driveway is gravel. City staff have maintained it to ensure access to the utility systems. The gravel increases the risk of sediment entering the storm sewer system. The owner wants to pave the driveway. City staff has no concerns about this arrangement.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

No fiscal or capacity impact.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

This work aligns with the Water Resources Management Plan by reducing the risk of sediment entering the storm sewer system.



Strong Foundation



Reliable Service



Livable City



Better Together

Values Impact:



Engagement

This encroachment came from the property owner through our street reconstruction program.



Sustainability

Allowing the owner to pave the driveway removes a maintenance burden and erosion from the gravel driveway.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



Item Number: 6.5

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Rachel DeVries, Park Planner

Item Title: Construction Cooperative Agreement for a Local Trail Connection to Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail with Three Rivers Park District

Action Requested:

Approve cooperative agreement for construction of a trail connection to Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail with Three Rivers Park District.

Information/Background:

Hennepin County is constructing a new Southdale Library along Xerxes Avenue. City Staff have been working with Three Rivers Park District and City of Richfield to make a linkage between the new library and the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail. This trail link would provide access through City of Richfield's Adams Hill Park and City of Edina's property parcel. Construction will be funded by grant funding that Three Rivers Park District is working to secure. This agreement is for design and construction, ongoing maintenance and ownership of trail will be the City of Edina's and the City of Richfield's upon completion.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

City of Edina will have no construction or design costs associated with trail connection. Long term maintenance and ownership of trail will fall to City of Edina's trails and pathways budget.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:



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Livable City

Values Impact:



Equity

Linkage increases accessibility to Edina and Richfield Residents



Health

Trail expansion will promote walking and biking access to new library and art center.



Stewardship

Partnership with Three Rivers Park District and Richfield increases

Supporting Documentation:

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1. 20260818_CooperativeAgreement_TNM_LibraryConnection



Item Number: 6.6

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Scott Neal, City Manager

Item Title: Out-of-State Travel for Mayor Hovland

Action Requested:

Approve out-of-state travel for Mayor Hovland for September 24-26, 2026, to attend the U.S. Conference of Mayor's 2026 Fall Leadership Meeting in San Diego, CA.

Information/Background:

Mayor Hovland requests approval from the City Council, per the City's Elected Official Out-of-State Travel Policy, to attend the U.S. Conference of Mayor's 2026 Fall Leadership Meeting in San Diego, CA, from September 24-26. The estimated cost is \$1200. The City Manager has confirmed that sufficient funds for this expense are included in the City's 2026 budget.

Supporting Documentation:

None



Item Number: 6.7

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Elena Roberts, Deputy City Clerk

Item Title: On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Smithsons

Action Requested:

Approve On-Sale Intoxicating and Sunday Sale liquor for Not Easy, Inc. dba Smithsons.

Information/Background:

A new restaurant, Smithsons, located at 2160 Southdale Center 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: 7.1

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Sharon Allison, City Clerk

Item Title: Resolution 2026-46: Accepting Donations

Action Requested:

Approve Resolution 2026-46 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.

Parks & Recreation

Polly Norman and Richard Fox	\$3,200.00	Bench Donation
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Communications Department

The MPX Group	\$---	Hat with silicone patch of City logo
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Dated: August 18, 2026



Item Number: 7.2

Department: Parks & Recreation

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Perry Vetter, Parks & Recreation Director

Item Title: Ordinance 2026-12: Amending Chapter 24 of the Edina City Code Regarding Additional Restrictions for Parks and Publicly Owned Properties

Action Requested:

Approve first reading amending Chapter 24 of the Edina City Code Regarding Additional Restrictions for Parks and Publicly Owned Properties.

Information/Background:

This ordinance updates City Code Chapter 24 regarding conduct in park & publicly owned property. The code was reviewed for potential updates to ensure parks and publicly owned properties are safe for the community to reserve and use as intended. An increase in the number of large group gatherings without prior knowledge has caused severe negative impacts on the physical, social, emotional well-being and safety of park users.

An advance reservation permit requirement will allow for a higher level of coordination and planning to ensure that the safety, capacity and coordination of city resources can be adequately deployed if approved. Unplanned events have the likelihood to have a negative impact on park maintenance, police and adjacent property resources in the community. Park and Recreation staff currently have a permit application and review process for advanced reservations for certain park buildings, picnic shelters and athletic fields. Each location was selected based upon the ability to effectively manage groups of a certain size, logistics of use and to ensure adequate park resources can be deployed or used by the permit holder. Not all park locations can accommodate large groups and not all parks are able to be reserved. To gauge the magnitude of how busy these areas are in the park system, there were over 2,400 bookings in 2025 and already over 2,000 bookings in 2026. Bookings are done by Park & Recreation staff for program and class activities, Edina-based athletic associations, Edina School District, legacy partners, neighborhood associations and the general public. These changes would have no impact on current permit holders, athletic associations or other partners that have standing permit reservations. This ordinance update provides a tool for the Police Department to enforce gatherings of a certain size and use of certain areas if conditions in a park demand.

The City Prosecuting Attorney recommends violations of this ordinance be classified as a petty misdemeanor.

At the August 5, 2026 regular meeting the City Council reviewed changes to the ordinance and directed staff to gather comments from the Edina Park and Recreation Commission (PARC) and seek community comment.

At the August 10, 2026 meeting the PARC reviewed the recommended changes presented to the City

Council and updated text based off of the feedback from City Council. PARC unofficial summary comments from reviewing proposed changes to City Code Section 24-255 and 24-258 were as follows:

Commissioner Wick:

- Support focused revisions
- Consequences of violations should be clearly listed
- Signage to reservable spaces/QR codes should be added in parks
- Adequate staff resources to enforce should be added
- Ensure equal opportunity for booking
- Review opportunity to use social media to raise awareness for getting permits
- ID's should be required for permit applications

Commissioner Garazatua:

- This version appears less gray and more enforceable. Ensure anything subjective can be enforced.
- Legal compliance is critical in wording.
- Awareness is need to the changes
- Signage and QR codes could be added

Commissioner Welsh:

- Concern related to 24-258, 6. is not specific to fully understand how it would be applied and enforced. It could be used for discriminatory practices
- Awareness is important and a priority.

Commissioner Hulbert:

- Concern related to 24-258, 6. is not specific to know how it would be applied and enforced, it could be used stifle political speech.

Commissioner Conzemius

- Opposed to limiting group gatherings, park use by people is good. More comfortable with this

version and prior as it has specific tools for staff to intervene.

- Consider adopting a moratorium on changes to reevaluate.

Commissioner Bye:

- Clarify to ensure parks can be used by residents and non-residents
- Concern related to 24-258, 6. is not specific to know how it would be applied and enforced

Commissioner Rezac:

- Appreciate awareness to the issues
- Enforcement is needed for a tool
- Ensure non-discriminatory

Commissioner Harrington:

- Concern that parking lots should be added as referred to in #17, especially if food trucks are in violation.

Vice Chair Kane:

- Appreciate the work, supports these changes

Chair Pfuhl:

- Appreciated that in a short amount of time a lot of work was dedicated to this topic.
- Lots of good discussion by the commission
- Supports tools to ensure safety
- Education, awareness and appropriate signage will elevate compliance.

Proposed changes to City Code Section 24-255 and 24-258 include:

(a) clarifying that groups of 25 or more need a permit for use in a rentable building, rentable picnic shelter or rentable athletic field space;

(b) that permit holders have priority of use of a rentable space and a group that does not have a valid permit does not have a right to a space. If a group not in possession of a valid permit does not allow a permit holder use of the rented area, they would be in violation of the ordinance.

(c) that uses of Arneson Acres Park, in the formal garden area, gazebo picnic shelter and parking lot cannot be used for gatherings of 10 or more people, not for amplifying sound or music, nor for commercial uses.

The remaining updates for Section 24-258 remain as proposed prior, allowing for details on how permits would be issued, denied, appealed and to allow the director or law enforcement to declare a park closed as reasonably deemed necessary in the public interest.

Resources/Financial Impacts:

Additional permit requests and issuance coordination is likely. However, no identified financial resources are needed at this time.

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

This action will allow City Staff to appropriately address social disruption behavior issues at parks and publicly owned property and require an advance reservation permit from the City of Edina to use such facilities. This should have a positive impact on community relationships in the area of the property.



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Values Impact:



Health

Addressing improper use of park areas by reducing unplanned and unpermitted large group gatherings will improve the social, physical and emotional well-being of park users and improve safety aspects of public areas. Unplanned large groups often result in increased trash, food waste, restroom uncleanness and traffic due to no advanced planning. Permitted groups are directed to alternate site locations that can best accommodate requests.



Stewardship

The ability to ensure a safe and orderly process for users to reserve and use parks and publicly owned properties allows for improved stewardship of city resources.

Supporting Documentation:

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None



The City Council of Edina, Minnesota Ordains:

Section 1. Chapter 24 - STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC SPACES, Article VIII. - PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC SPACES, Section 24-255. - Additional restrictions for parks and publicly owned properties of the Edina City Code is hereby amended to read as follows, with the following original text, added text, and ~~deleted text~~:

Sec. 24-255. — Additional restrictions for parks and publicly owned properties.

In addition to the requirements of section 24-254, no person shall, in any park or publicly owned property:

- (1) Place or keep any goods, wares, merchandise or other articles without the written permission of the park director.
- (2) Participate in or conduct any band procession, parade or military formation without the written permission of the park director.
- (3) Promote or participate in an entertainment or exhibition without the written permission of the park director.
- (4) Participate in any rally, convention, assembly or meeting without the written permission of the park director, which shall be withheld only when necessary to prevent conflict with regular park activities.
- (5) Sell or offer for sale any article in any public park; provided that refreshments or other articles may be sold by the city or by persons authorized to do so by the park director.
- (6) Be in or remain in any vehicle, or park or leave unattended any vehicle, between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m., except when the vehicle is moving upon a street or when permitted by the park director.
- (7) Drive or park a motor vehicle on any area not designated for parking or travel.
- (8) Take or allow any dog or other animal where forbidden by posted signs.
- (9) Take or allow any horse or other livestock upon any park, publicly owned property or public waters without the written permission of the park director.
- (10) On any public skating rink, no person shall race, play games which interfere with the general public use, use hockey sticks or pucks in areas not marked for hockey play, or loiter in public

warming houses.

(11) Play or participate in baseball, diamond ball, basketball, football, golf, tennis, archery or any other game or sport, except in or upon appropriate areas established by the city for such game or sport.

(12) Play upon, use or enter any publicly owned property without having first paid an admission or entry fee when one is required.

(13) Bathe or swim in water adjoining a park, except at places and during hours shown by signs placed by the city.

(14) Be in or remain within the park before or after posted hours of operation without the written permission of the park director.

(15) Gather with a group of 25 people or more for any reason without obtaining and being in compliance with an advance reservation permit for use of a rentable park building, park shelter or athletic field from the city.

(16) Gatherings by a group at a rentable park building, park shelter or athletic field shall have no priority of use or right of use for that space. A person who is in possession of a valid advance reservation permit for a park building, park shelter or athletic field, or an area defined within the permit description has priority use of that defined space. Failure to leave the reserved area for a person with a valid permit would be a violation of this ordinance.

(17) Gather with a group of 10 or more people at Arneson Acres Park for picnics or events, amplifying or performing sound or music, or commercial use shall occur in the formal garden areas, gazebo picnic shelter or parking lots without an advance reservation permit. Advance permits at Arneson Acres Park include the Terrace Room and Gazebo only unless specifically defined by the permit.

Sec. 24-258. — Additional rules and regulations.

The park director may adopt additional rules and regulations not contrary to the provisions of this Code governing the use and enjoyment of parks, programmed parks, playgrounds, lakes, ponds, streams and other publicly owned properties which shall be prominently posted or publicly announced in the places where they are intended to apply. Any person who violates a rule or regulation so posted may be excluded from the use of the park, programmed park, lake, pond, stream or other publicly owned property and may, in addition, be prosecuted as for a misdemeanor.

1. Applications for permits for group events of 25 or more persons, picnic shelters and athletic fields, and sound amplification must be submitted to the city a minimum of seven business days in advance in accordance with procedures and fees adopted annually by the City Council.

2. The director may deny a permit application when the proposed activity may adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare, or the condition of the park facility.
3. The director may add conditions to any permit to mitigate potential adverse effects or to ensure orderly use and enjoyment of the park facility.
4. The person responsible for the gathering must remain within the area for which the permit was issued at all times, must have the permit in possession, and must display it upon the request of authorized city personnel.
5. Any person aggrieved by action of the director may appeal to the city council by submitting a request in writing to the director within 10 days after notice of the action.
6. The director or any city law enforcement officer may declare that any part or all of a park facility is closed to the public for any interval of time or for any particular use, as reasonably determined necessary in the public interest.

Section 2. This ordinance is effective immediately on its passage and publication

First Reading: August 18, 2026

Second Reading: September 1, 2026

Summary for Publication:

Ordinance 2026-12 updates City Code regarding additional restrictions for parks and publicly owned properties and clarifies the need of a reservation permit from the city to use any of the parks or publicly owned properties. The ordinance does not change the intent of the code section, but adds clarity on when to obtain such a reservation permit from the city.

The full ordinances are available by contacting the City Clerk at sallison@EdinaMN.gov.

Approved for summary publication by the Edina City Council August 18, 2026.



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Department: Administration

Item Activity: Information

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Item Title: Quarterly Financial Report and Strategic Plan Updates – Q2 2026

Action Requested:

None.

Information/Background:

The attached Q2 2026 Quarterly Financial Report provides an overview of the City's financial position and operational performance through the second quarter of the fiscal year. Staff continues to monitor revenues, expenditures, capital projects, and external economic conditions to ensure alignment with the City Council's adopted budget and strategic priorities. In addition to the financial report, quarterly updates have been completed for the City's strategic plans and work plans within the Progress Portals. These updates provide transparency into ongoing initiatives, project milestones, and organizational priorities identified through the 2026-2027 strategic planning and work plan development process.

Highlighted Q2 accomplishments and areas of significant activity include:

- Advanced major capital construction: Fred Richards Park improvements moved into construction following City Council's approval of the construction contract, with grading, earthwork, and demolition of the maintenance building underway this quarter; Braemar Ice Arena's south rink reopened with new flooring and dasher boards, and crews have begun work on the east rink; construction began at the Braemar Golf Dome to add 50 parking stalls and seasonal pickleball courts ahead of the October Dome season; the Pump Room at Edina Aquatic Center is substantially complete and the facility opened on time for the season; and construction continues on the South Trunk Sanitary Sewer capacity expansion project at 72nd Street (anticipated completion November 2026)
- Continued planning on two major facility projects still in design: Fire Station #3, where MnDOT has provided initial property valuations following completion of the Vernon Avenue/Highway 100 bridge project; and the Police Department/City Hall renovation, where IT work room design is complete and construction is expected to begin after the November election
- Completed the Safe & Equitable Mobility Action Plan (SEMAP); City Council received the final report
- Completed the transition of assessing services to Hennepin County; staff are decommissioning the function internally
- Advanced organizational efficiency and innovation efforts through continued AI Lunch and Learn sessions and the formation of an internal Automation & Artificial Intelligence Steering Committee.

- Continued public safety and employee wellbeing initiatives, including "Skills for Transforming Conflict" staff training, development of a qualified mental health provider list, and continued Alternative Response Team staffing with a Hennepin County COPE Social Worker (Hennepin County has posted to fill an additional position to address solo-coverage limitations)
- Advanced affordable housing initiatives: two homes acquired and three closed to income-eligible buyers in 2026 through the Affordable Ownership Preservation Program, with three more expected in the third quarter; retained a consultant to evaluate the highest and best use of the City-owned Fire Station #2 property; the Come Home 2 Edina down-payment assistance program remains paused, with no loans originated in 2026
- Advanced zoning code modernization through Planning Commission and City Council work sessions on May 28 and June 16, and June 24.
- Selected a vendor for a comprehensive facility assessment of Edinborough Park (study beginning late summer, completion by year-end or early 2027), and continued construction on the Long-Term Art Center Plan, with completion scheduled for late fall 2027
- Continued efforts to broaden inclusive community engagement: the second Edina U cohort concluded with 29 participants; planning began to replace the Volunteer Edina database for ADA accessibility; and the City submitted a proposal to the University of Minnesota's Resilient Communities Project to strengthen engagement with apartment residents
- Completed preliminary planning for the 2027 Quality of Life Survey; work will resume with Polco following the 2027 budget decision

The Progress Portals continue to serve as the City’s centralized platform for tracking organizational goals, budget work plan initiatives, and strategic outcomes. The public may review updated work plan information through the links below:

- [2026-2027 Budget Work Plan](#)
- [2026 Advisory Commission Work Plans](#)
- [Climate Action Plan](#)

Resources/Financial Impacts:

Relationship to City Policies/Plans/Budget Pillars:

			
Strong Foundation Capital and infrastructure initiatives — Fire Station #3, Braemar Ice Arena and Park,	Reliable Service The completed Assessing transition, AI and process automation exploration, and	Livable City Zoning code modernization, the completed Safe & Equitable Mobility Action Plan, and affordable	Better Together Expansion of Edina U, the Boards and Commissions review, Volunteer Edina improvements, and the proposed Apartment Resident Engagement initiative strengthen inclusive, informed community participation.

Fred Richards Park, and the 72nd Street sanitary sewer expansion – advance safe, reliable City infrastructure and facilities.	continued investment in employee mental health and de- escalation training support a skilled workforce and consistent service delivery.	housing programs advance connected, sustainable development and housing access.
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Values Impact:



Engagement

This quarter's work included direct public participation through Planning Commission and City Council work sessions on the zoning code, delivery of the SEMAP final report, and continued expansion of Edina U and apartment resident outreach.



Equity

Affordable homeownership programs and the proposed Apartment Resident Engagement initiative focus resources and outreach on populations that have been historically underrepresented in civic participation and homeownership members.



Health

Continued investment in mental health response coordination (ART and COPE), conflict de-escalation training, and development of a qualified mental health provider list support staff and community wellbeing.



Stewardship

Capital asset planning for Fire Station #3 and the Braemar facilities, along with the Fire Station #2 excess land evaluation, reflect deliberate, long-term management of City-owned assets.



Sustainability

No dedicated Climate Action Plan strategy update was logged in the Progress Portal this quarter. Sustainability progress can be tracked directly through the Climate Action Plan portal link above.

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. Q2 2026 Financial Report-Final



Quarterly Financial Report

Second Quarter Ended June 30th, 2026

Prepared by Finance Department

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Unaudited Cash & Investment Balances by Fund

For Quarter Ended June 30th, 2026

	<u>12/31/25 Balance</u>	<u>6/30/26 Balance</u>	<u>YTD Change</u>	<u>YTD % Change</u>
General				
General	\$ 42,440,477	\$ 43,579,488	\$ 1,139,011	3%
Special Revenue				
Police Special Revenue	1,082,485	1,138,828	56,343	5%
Braemar Memorial	132,156	102,474	(29,682)	-22%
Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety	-	458,817	458,817	N/A
Conservation & Sustainability	919,888	1,504,807	584,919	64%
Housing & Redvlpmt Authority	21,508,389	18,462,729	(3,045,660)	-14%
Opioid Epidemic Response	277,667	276,830	(837)	0%
Public Safety Fund	1,832,225	1,799,981	(32,244)	-2%
Total	<u>25,752,810</u>	<u>23,744,466</u>	<u>(2,008,344)</u>	<u>-8%</u>
Debt Service				
Debt Service	8,376,910	559,970	(7,816,940)	-93%
Construction				
Capital Projects	14,409,198	2,890,932	(11,518,266)	-80%
Equipment Replacement	4,003,128	3,452,890	(550,238)	-14%
PIR Capital Projects	14,951,391	14,923,204	(28,187)	0%
Street Lighting Fund	-	106,335	106,335	N/A
MSA Tracking	-	-	-	N/A
Special Street Levy	4,063,458	2,215,996	(1,847,462)	-45%
P&R Spec Park Impr Levy (SPIL)	2,066,129	2,088,316	22,187	1%
Local Sales Tax (LST)	31,917,592	33,946,746	2,029,154	6%
Total	<u>71,410,896</u>	<u>59,624,419</u>	<u>(11,786,477)</u>	<u>-17%</u>
Park Enterprise				
Art Center	206,592	56,130	(150,462)	-73%
Braemar Golf Course	4,232,252	4,582,054	349,802	8%
Aquatic Center	1,852,867	1,481,787	(371,080)	-20%
Edinborough Park	-	-	-	N/A
Braemar Arena	408,009	-	(408,009)	-100%
Braemar Field	1,540,116	1,557,815	17,699	1%
Centennial Lakes	1,016,018	771,953	(244,065)	-24%
Total	<u>9,255,854</u>	<u>8,449,739</u>	<u>(806,115)</u>	<u>-9%</u>
Liquor				
Liquor	524,749	792,368	267,619	51%
Utility				
Utility Fund	49,430,053	45,585,113	(3,844,940)	-8%
Internal Services				
Risk Management	3,946,633	4,688,863	742,230	19%
Equipment Operations	1,441,676	1,296,741	(144,935)	-10%
Information Technology	704,398	924,895	220,497	31%
Facilities Management	652,502	756,055	103,553	16%
Total	<u>6,745,209</u>	<u>7,666,554</u>	<u>921,345</u>	<u>14%</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 213,936,958</u>	<u>\$ 190,002,117</u>	<u>\$ (23,934,841)</u>	<u>-11%</u>

Investments

The City of Edina (CoE) investments are held in the following accounts.

Money Market: This account is internal. The balance in this account at the end of Q2 is \$109M. The City uses a network of four institutional brokers who recommend securities in compliance with our investment policy. Funds in this account are managed primarily for cash flow purposes and annual debt service payments.

Investment Sweep: This account is internal. The balance in this account at the end of Q2 is \$2.7M. The City uses a network of four institutional brokers who recommend securities in compliance with our investment policy. Funds in this account are managed primarily for cash flow purposes and annual debt service payments.

PFM Asset Management: PFM is the City's outside investment manager, they oversee a \$47M portfolio for the City. These securities are held in a custodian account at U.S. Bank. Funds in this account are not needed for cash flow and can be invested in longer maturities. Allowable investments include U.S. Treasuries and Agencies up to, but not including, ten years and agency mortgage-backed pass-through securities guaranteed by Fannie Mae (FNMA) and Freddie Mac (FHLMC).

2022B Fire Station 2: This account holds proceeds from 2022B. Q2 balance is \$28.94. Funds were needed to finance site acquisition and design of Fire Station 2.

2024A Streets, Fire Station 2 and Eden Wilson: This account holds proceeds from 2024A. Q2 balance is \$2.5M. Funds were needed to finance Fire Station 2, reconstruction of several local streets, storm and sanitary sewer improvements and lift station improvements.

2024B LOST and Fire Station 2 Refunding: This account holds proceeds from 2024B. Q2 balance is \$237k. Funds were needed for the refunding of 2023C (Fire Station 2) and to finance Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) projects Fred Richards Park and Braemar Park & Arena.

2024C Edina West HIA: This account holds proceeds from 2024C. Q2 balance is \$29k. Funds were needed to refinance construction of common area housing improvements in the Edina West Condominium Association Housing Improvement area.

LOST Tax Proceeds: This account holds proceeds from Local Options Sales Tax (LOST). Q2 balance is \$22.8M. Funds are to finance LOST projects Fred Richards and Braemar Arena.

2025A Streets, FS2, Utilities: This account holds proceeds from 2025A. Q2 balance is \$4.4M. Funds were needed to finance Fire Station 2, Presidents A & B neighborhood roadway reconstruction and utility infrastructure improvements.

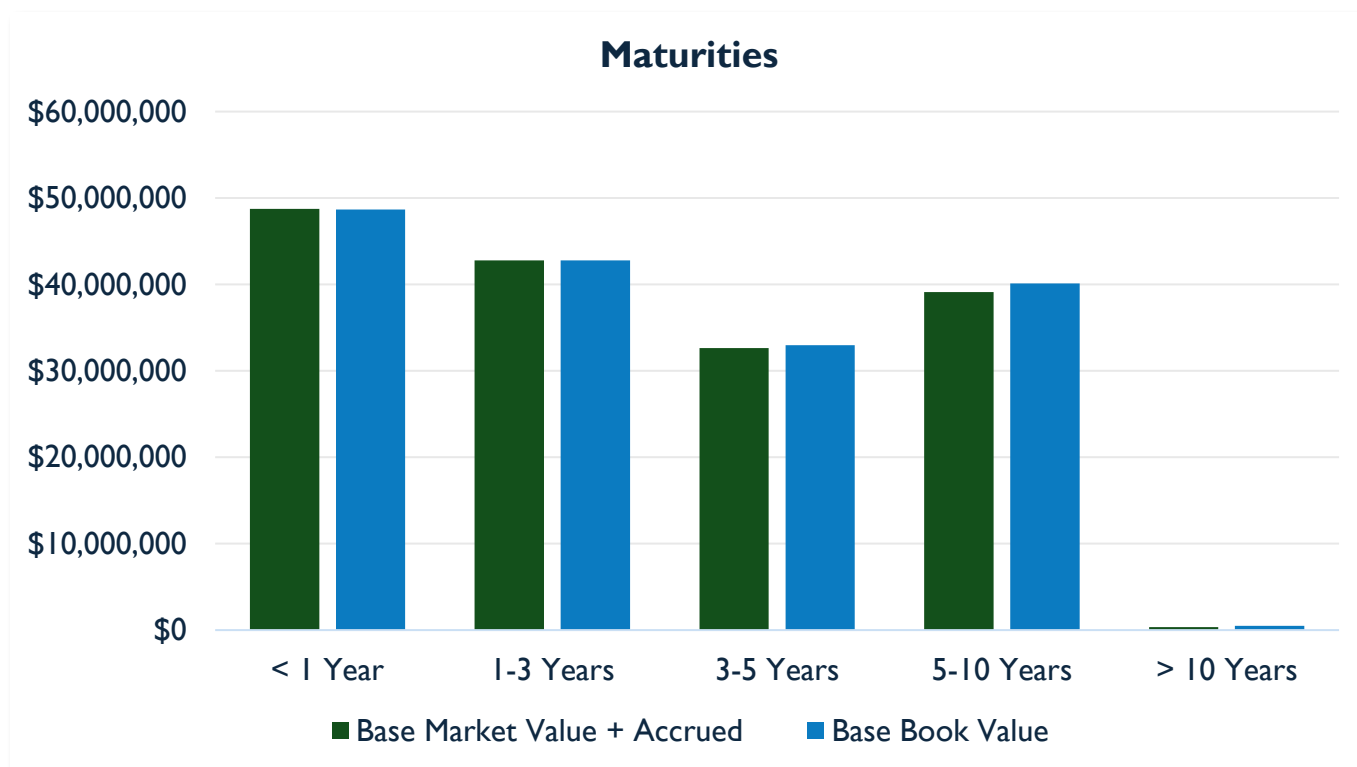
2025B TH100, Aquatic Center: This account holds proceeds from 2025B. Q2 balance is \$1.7M. Funds were needed to finance Vernon Ave and Highway 100 Interchange street reconstruction and the Edina Aquatic Center facility improvements.

Investments

For the month ended June 30th, 2026

Investment Type	Base Market Value + Accrued	Percent of Total
Government Securities	\$ 62,173,538	38%
Municipal Securities	49,917,887	31%
Money Market	22,731,224	14%
Brokered CD	14,323,701	9%
Mortgage Securities	13,912,812	9%
ABS*	304,041	0%
Corporate Securities	242,451	0%
Cash	51,667	0%
Total	<u>\$ 163,657,321</u>	100%

Average Maturity (Years) 3.59



*Asset-Backed Security

Investments

The following are yields for current investments against a similar benchmark. The internal and external portfolios have different investment strategies.

INTERNAL: The internal is intended to remain sufficiently liquid to enable the City to manage daily City cash flow as well as make debt payments. The average days to maturity for the internal portfolio is approximately two years (including the money market account). Maturities range from one day (money market) to nine years.

EXTERNAL: The external portfolio has longer term investment options to optimize return within our investment policy. The external portfolio benchmark of Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate U.S. Government/Mortgage Index represents an investment pool including U.S. Treasuries and Agencies up to, but not including, nine years and agency mortgage-backed pass-through securities guaranteed by Fannie Mae (FNMA) and Freddie Mac (FHLMC). The average maturity for the external portfolio is eight years with maturities ranging from one month to 26 years. The later maturities represent mortgage-backed securities.

Account/Index	Trailing Month	Total Return, Net of Fees		
		Trailing 3 Mos.	Trailing 6 Mos.	Trailing 12 Mos.
ICE BofA 0-1 Year US Treasury Notes & Bonds	0.237%	0.842%	1.635%	3.875%
CoE Main	0.227%	0.450%	0.993%	3.394%
City of Edina: Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate U.S. Government/Mortgage Index	0.151%	0.382%	0.614%	3.937%
CoE – PFM	0.104%	0.306%	0.591%	3.206%
Index Total	0.208%	0.686%	1.296%	3.908%
Account Total	0.186%	0.401%	0.858%	3.340%

General Fund

Statement of Revenues & Expenditures - General Fund For Quarter Ended June 30th, 2026

	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	2026 Budget	% of Budget
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$ 22,300,000	\$ 24,300,000	\$ 53,012,940	46%
Franchise Fees	177,741	167,641	715,000	23%
Lodging Tax	11,086	64,656	20,400	317%
Licenses & Permits	3,748,958	4,146,503	5,775,325	72%
Intergovernmental	347,380	490,465	2,383,595	21%
Charges for Services	3,533,930	3,381,543	6,695,303	51%
Fines & Forfeitures	349,156	282,770	500,000	57%
Investment Income	951,459	(210,494)	450,000	-47%
Rental of Property	390,060	376,549	545,000	69%
Other Revenue	<u>131,934</u>	<u>137,734</u>	<u>16,000</u>	861%
Total Revenues	<u>31,941,704</u>	<u>33,137,367</u>	<u>70,113,563</u>	47%
Expenditures				
Personnel Services	19,226,890	20,356,893	48,917,183	42%
Contractual Services	4,241,899	4,684,106	11,466,543	41%
Commodities	617,039	830,665	2,463,468	34%
Internal Services	3,031,829	3,441,403	6,882,806	50%
Capital Outlay	115,352	7,522	-	N/A
Debt Service	<u>5,858</u>	<u>17,617</u>	<u>-</u>	N/A
Total Expenditures	<u>27,238,867</u>	<u>29,338,206</u>	<u>69,730,000</u>	42%
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>4,702,837</u>	<u>3,799,161</u>	<u>383,563</u>	
Transfers In (Out)	74,727	78,473	(383,563)	-20%
Net Increase (Decrease) In Fund Balance	<u>\$ 4,777,564</u>	<u>\$ 3,877,634</u>	<u>\$ (0)</u>	

Commentary is included for categories that have variances greater than or less than 25% compared to the budget. This applies to the General Fund, Major Enterprises and Non-Major Enterprises.

Revenues

- **Property Taxes** are 46% compared to \$53M annual budget in Q2. 70% advancement payment for Property Taxes received at end of June and remaining 30% will be posted in Q3 2026. It's the primary source of revenue and is received in June and December.
- **Franchise Fees** are 23% of budget in Q2, since the quarterly payments are received on a one-month lag. Q2 payments will be reflected in Q3.

General Fund Continued

- **Lodging Tax** is 317% of budget in Q2. 95% of lodging tax received is paid to Explore Edina. Variance is due to timing of payment to Explore Edina.
- **Licenses & Permits** are 72% of budget in Q2. Building permit revenue fluctuates based on the number of permits and valuations. 955 Building Permits were issued June YTD at \$244M valuation, compared to 1,129 in 2025 at \$180M valuation.
- **Intergovernmental revenue** is 21% of budget. The variance is largely due to timing on revenue payments. Budget is largely made of state aid, and payment timing varies throughout the year.
- **Fines and Forfeitures** are 57% of budget at the end of Q2. It is lower compared to prior year due to lower number of citations issued in 2026 YTD.
- **Investment Income** is 47% below the annual budget. Variance compared to prior year is due to \$81K received on investment income, with \$292K in unrealized losses.
- **Building Rental** is 69% of budget. The account is made up of Park and Cell Tower rental. Cell Tower rental billed upfront for the year.
- **Other Revenue** is 861% and \$122K over budget, driven by Fire ECMO services, Donations, and Sale of Equipment.

Expenses

- **Personnel Services** is at 42% of budget, variance primarily due to payroll cutoff in Q2. Twelve Q2 payroll days paid in Q3.
- **Contractual Services** accounts are 41% of budget, due to lag in monthly invoices creating budget variance.
- **Commodities** are 34% of budget, due to lag in monthly invoices creating budget variance.
- **Transfers In (Out)** are 20% below the annual budget. Operating Transfers has not been entered yet. \$78K YTD balance due to Utility Contribution through June YTD.

Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Major Enterprise Funds
For Quarter Ended June 30th, 2026

	Utilities				Liquor				Aquatic Center			
	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	2026 Budget	% of Budget	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	2026 Budget	% of Budget	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	2026 Budget	% of Budget
Operating Revenues												
Sales	\$ 13,765,709	\$ 15,150,135	\$ 35,217,740	43%	\$ 5,228,672	\$ 5,003,856	\$ 10,960,000	46%	\$ 50,520	\$ 61,379	\$ 157,685	39%
Memberships	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	272,602	298,540	320,000	93%
Admissions	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	181,222	176,698	591,000	30%
Building Rental	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	22,436	32,964	84,716	39%
Equipment Rental	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A
Greens Fees	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	10,000	-	-	N/A
Other Fees	19,546	630,707	-	N/A	52	-	-	N/A	732	(561)	7,500	-7%
Total Operating Revenues	13,785,255	15,780,842	35,217,740	45%	5,228,724	5,003,856	10,960,000	46%	537,511	569,020	1,160,901	49%
Operating Expenses												
Cost of Sales & Services	-	-	-	N/A	3,532,372	3,368,876	7,348,000	46%	35,517	30,129	81,500	37%
Personnel Services	1,430,867	1,442,224	3,957,086	36%	1,100,813	847,248	1,786,618	47%	172,506	217,807	696,847	31%
Contractual Services	5,425,591	5,805,494	11,060,699	52%	323,650	281,894	820,569	34%	93,303	75,870	341,188	22%
Commodities	490,832	535,055	1,419,150	38%	21,606	21,958	51,500	43%	82,664	92,814	159,121	58%
Internal Services	821,091	900,723	1,801,447	50%	229,503	201,678	403,356	50%	26,268	37,469	74,939	50%
Depreciation	3,083,610	3,223,140	-	N/A	62,568	61,680	-	N/A	101,256	99,744	-	N/A
Capital Outlay	-	8,557	22,676,037	0%	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A
Total Operating Expenses	11,251,991	11,915,194	40,914,419	29%	5,270,513	4,783,334	10,410,043	46%	511,514	553,833	1,353,595	41%
Operating Income (Loss)	2,533,263	3,865,648	(5,696,679)	-68%	(41,789)	220,521	549,957	40%	25,997	15,186	(192,694)	-8%
Non Operating Revenues (Expenses)												
Intergovernmental	137,983	1,082	182,000	1%	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A
Investment Income	1,108,174	586,745	447,020	131%	36,204	684	45,320	2%	63,114	21,934	49,440	44%
Interest & Fiscal Charges	(1,548,138)	(2,095,269)	(1,643,406)	127%	-	-	-	N/A	(9,600)	(5,900)	(5,900)	100%
Other Non Operating	540	1,950	5,000	39%	(30)	-	-	N/A	-	4,000	-	N/A
Total Non Op Revenues (Expenses)	(301,441)	(1,505,492)	(1,009,386)	149%	36,174	684	45,320	2%	53,514	20,034	43,540	46%
Net Income (Loss) Before Transfers	2,231,823	2,360,156	(6,706,065)		(5,614)	221,206	595,277		79,511	35,220	(149,154)	
Transfers In (Out)	(176,781)	(167,946)	(517,051)	32%	2,530	2,690	(644,600)	0%	2,987	3,693	19,400	19%
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 2,055,042	\$ 2,192,210	\$ (7,223,116)		\$ (3,084)	\$ 223,895	\$ (49,323)		\$ 82,498	\$ 38,914	\$ (129,754)	

Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Major Enterprise Funds
For Quarter Ended June 30th, 2026

	Golf Course				Arena			
	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	2026 Budget	% of Budget	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	2026 Budget	% of Budget
Operating Revenues								
Sales	\$ 199,097	\$ 191,513	\$ 434,250	44%	\$ 155,058	\$ 119,718	\$ 322,500	37%
Memberships	296,020	307,890	340,000	91%	-	-	-	N/A
Admissions	1,012,509	1,032,289	1,400,000	74%	90,618	104,858	196,250	53%
Building Rental	82,302	83,512	200,000	42%	1,472,573	1,206,799	2,402,000	50%
Equipment Rental	191,253	232,513	509,000	46%	3,587	5,899	-	N/A
Greens Fees	1,660,717	1,758,794	3,357,000	52%	-	-	-	N/A
Other Fees	7,755	1,823	34,150	5%	65,136	66,585	78,375	85%
Total Operating Revenues	3,449,652	3,608,335	6,274,400	58%	1,786,973	1,503,860	2,999,125	50%
Operating Expenses								
Cost of Sales & Services	156,743	153,380	306,000	50%	74,397	56,838	128,125	44%
Personnel Services	1,147,765	1,232,250	2,906,674	42%	673,377	710,107	1,639,083	43%
Contractual Services	443,368	463,964	933,677	50%	467,205	640,190	1,286,102	50%
Commodities	149,766	174,370	508,050	34%	26,716	22,568	160,363	14%
Internal Services	228,601	297,317	594,633	50%	137,747	169,220	338,439	50%
Depreciation	390,750	379,914	-	N/A	258,354	256,020	-	N/A
Capital Outlay	-	-	571,000	0%	-	-	-	N/A
Total Operating Expenses	2,516,994	2,701,195	5,820,034	46%	1,637,795	1,854,942	3,552,112	52%
Operating Income (Loss)	932,658	907,140	454,366	200%	149,178	(351,082)	(552,987)	63%
Non Operating Revenues (Expenses)								
Intergovernmental	2,208	-	1,500	0%	-	-	-	N/A
Investment Income	120,157	56,626	53,560	106%	11,526	(716)	13,390	-5%
Interest & Fiscal Charges	(189,044)	(165,194)	(165,194)	100%	(50,100)	(38,105)	(43,025)	89%
Other Non Operating	-	-	-	N/A	(1,940)	6,000	-	N/A
Total Non Op Revenues (Expenses)	(66,679)	(108,568)	(110,134)	99%	(40,514)	(32,821)	(29,635)	111%
Net Income (Loss) Before Transfers	865,979	798,572	344,232		108,664	(383,903)	(582,622)	
Transfers In (Out)	33,440	35,064	100,700	35%	32,168	19,651	192,250	10%
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 899,419	\$ 833,636	\$ 444,932		\$ 140,832	\$ (364,252)	\$ (390,372)	

Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Non Major Enterprise Funds
For Quarter Ended June 30th, 2026

	Art Center				Edinburgh Park				Centennial Lakes Park				Braemar Field			
	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	2026 Budget	% of Budget	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	2026 Budget	% of Budget	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	2026 Budget	% of Budget	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	2026 Budget	% of Budget
Operating Revenues																
Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 48,023	\$ 36,952	\$ 73,000	51%	\$ 26,758	\$ 23,381	\$ 30,000	78%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Memberships	-	-	-	N/A	60,569	48,817	163,940	30%	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A
Admissions	62,834	82,552	125,000	66%	447,149	326,234	809,000	40%	240	120	800	15%	18,829	18,766	30,750	61%
Building Rental	-	-	-	N/A	137,155	126,129	245,150	51%	37,793	46,580	93,000	50%	432,692	497,541	538,900	92%
Equipment Rental	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	244,965	209,295	195,000	107%	-	-	-	N/A
Greens Fees	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	108,177	113,354	300,000	38%	-	-	-	N/A
Other Fees	75	-	-	N/A	122,051	142,630	239,708	60%	172,566	202,554	363,959	56%	276	45	500	9%
Total Operating Revenues	62,909	82,552	125,000	66%	814,947	680,762	1,530,798	44%	590,499	595,283	982,759	61%	451,797	516,352	570,150	91%
Operating Expenses																
Cost of Sales & Services	-	-	-	N/A	18,599	18,618	39,500	47%	8,597	6,684	15,000	45%	-	-	-	N/A
Personnel Services	124,825	151,768	340,623	45%	564,764	578,696	1,264,187	46%	379,053	428,917	1,041,847	41%	122,706	141,989	224,433	63%
Contractual Services	22,935	22,361	83,824	27%	149,508	168,968	501,678	34%	130,606	97,215	427,645	23%	123,217	145,425	301,414	48%
Commodities	9,712	11,802	29,275	40%	64,500	90,233	207,456	43%	52,439	33,699	149,805	22%	2,786	445	19,675	2%
Internal Services	26,820	31,522	63,043	50%	90,048	129,532	259,064	50%	73,661	88,667	177,334	50%	18,705	49,099	98,199	50%
Depreciation	2,736	1,890	-	N/A	139,062	133,494	-	N/A	82,416	82,680	-	N/A	267,384	264,288	-	N/A
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	200,000	0%
Total Operating Expenses	187,028	219,344	516,765	42%	1,026,482	1,119,541	2,271,885	49%	726,771	737,862	1,811,631	41%	534,798	601,246	843,720	71%
Operating Income (Loss)	(124,119)	(136,792)	(391,765)	35%	(211,534)	(438,779)	(741,087)	59%	(136,272)	(142,579)	(828,872)	17%	(83,001)	(84,894)	(273,570)	31%
Non Operating Revenues (Expenses)																
Investment Income	1,665	778	4,120	19%	7,864	-	10,300	0%	7,912	8,166	4,936	165%	43,617	17,076	26,780	64%
Other Non Operating	800	900	-	N/A	-	6,000	-	N/A	3,200	17,520	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A
Total Non Op Revenues (Expenses)	2,465	1,678	4,120	41%	7,864	6,000	10,300	58%	11,112	25,685	4,936	520%	43,617	17,076	26,780	64%
Net Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(121,654)	(135,114)	(387,645)		(203,671)	(432,779)	(730,787)		(125,160)	(116,894)	(823,936)		(39,384)	(67,818)	(246,790)	
Transfers In (Out)	856	898	501,025	0%	8,307	6,321	721,000	1%	10,160	8,384	446,532	2%	806	827	1,330	62%
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (120,798)	\$ (134,216)	\$ 113,380		\$ (195,363)	\$ (426,458)	\$ (9,787)		\$ (115,000)	\$ (108,510)	\$ (377,404)		\$ (38,578)	\$ (66,991)	\$ (245,460)	

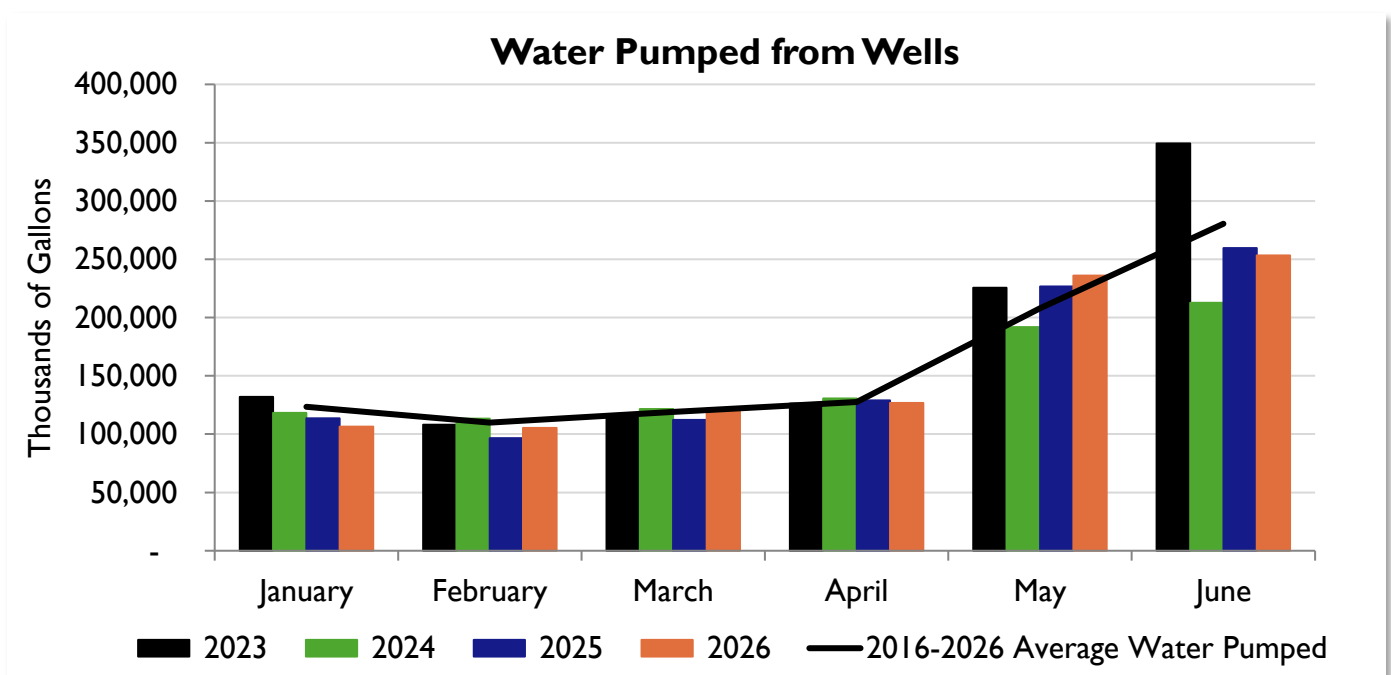
Major Enterprises - Utility Fund

Revenues

- For 2026, Utility user rates were increased between 5.25-15% based on the recommendations from the utility rate study in 2025. Q2 sales revenues are up \$1.4M and are trending 43% to budget due to lower water usage during winter and spring months.
- There is a \$611K increase in other fees when compared to PY Q2, this increase is driven by payments received from Napoli Shkolnik for the PFAS (per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances) settlement.
- Intergovernmental revenues are payments from the County's recycling and organic score grant programs to be received later in the year.
- Investment income decreased by \$521K and trending above budget at 131% due to favorable market conditions.
- Interest and Fiscal charges are at 127% of budget due to the second of two annual debt payments being made in Q2. Fiscal charges are trending above budget because the calculated interest payments for the 2025A bonds were not included in the budget.

Expenses

- Q2 total operating expenses are up \$663K or 6% year over year and trend below budget at 29%. The increase is mainly due to increases in contractual services, commodities and personnel expenses. Expenses are trending below budget due to budgeted capital outlays that are a place holder for annual capital improvements.
- Personnel expenses are below budget at 36%, being down one FTE in Q2.
- Contractual services are at 52% of budget mostly due to a \$137K increase in sewer service payment to the Metropolitan Council.
- Commodities are up \$44K and are trending below budget at 38% because of lower water demands due to weather and seasonal conditions.



Major Enterprises - Liquor & Golf Course

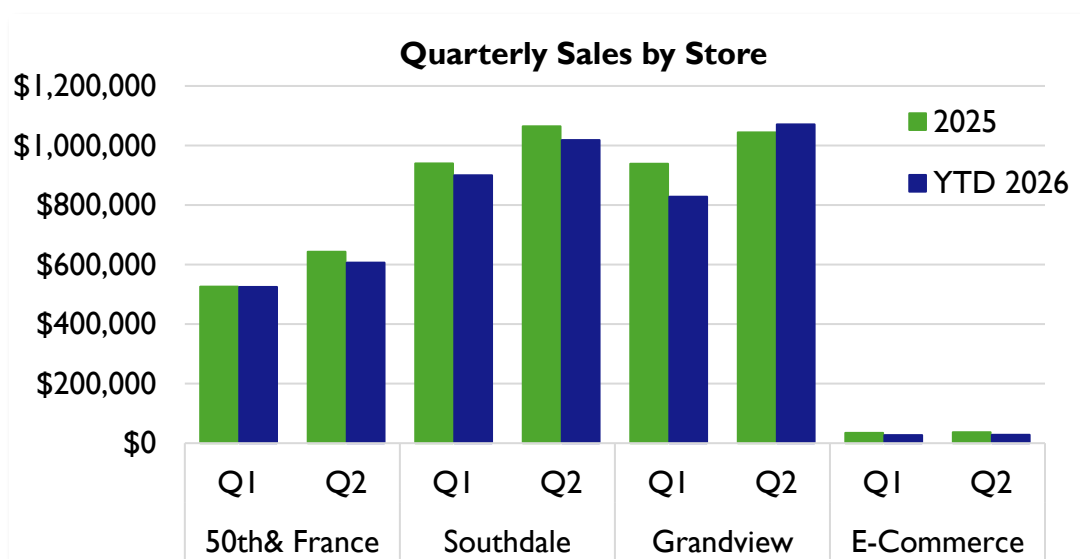
Liquor

Revenues

- Q2 year-to-date revenues are down \$225K and marginally under budget at 46%. This is attributable to a general shift in consumer confidence and lingering construction impact on ease of store accessibility.

Expenses

- Q2 year-to-date expenses are down \$487K or 9% year over year and under budget at 46%.
- Cost of Sales and Services are below budget at 46% in response to sales.
- Personnel Services are down \$254K due to hibernation of several extended part-time positions. Current year expenses are trending slightly below budget, at 47%.
- Contractual Services and Commodities trend under budget, at 34% and 43%, mostly related to professional services, supplies, advertising and credit card fees.



Golf Course

Revenues

- Q2 year-to-date revenues are up \$159K and trend over budget, at 58%, related to seasonality.
- Memberships and Admissions trend over budget, at 91% and 74%, in response to the Summer season demand.
- Building Rental and Equipment Rental trend slightly below budget in response to expected fluctuations in demand. These categories are collectively up year over year \$42K or 16%.

Expenses

- Q2 year-to-date expenses are up \$184K and trend slightly below budget at 46%.
- Personnel Services are below budget at 42% mostly related to seasonal staffing, which is expected to increase throughout the summer months.
- Commodities are up \$25K due to course maintenance equipment purchases. However, commodities currently trend below budget, at 34%, mostly related to supplies and chemicals, which are largely impacted by seasonality.
- Internal Services are up \$69K related to additional budgeted shared management costs.

Major Enterprises - Aquatic Center & Arena

Aquatic Center

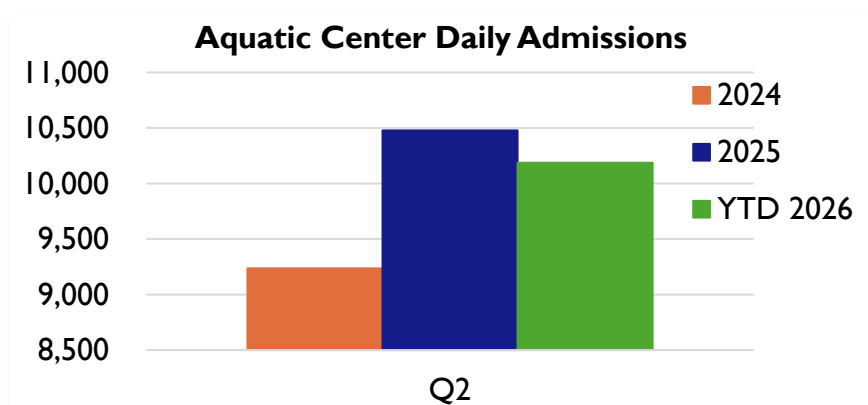
The Aquatic Center opened for the season on June 4th and is scheduled to close on August 23rd.

Revenues

- Q2 year-to-date revenues are up \$32K and trend as expected relative to budget, at 49%.
- Memberships are up \$26K or 10%, likely in response to recent facility improvements, and ahead of budget, at 93%, as expected due to seasonality.
- Admissions, Building Rental & Sales are all trending below budget, between 30-40% directly related to timing of the season. These categories are expected to increase throughout the summer months.

Expenses

- Q2 year-to-date expenses are up \$42K or 1% and trend below budget, at 41%.
- Cost of Sales & Services trend below budget at 37% in response to below budget sales.
- Personnel Services are up \$45K or 26%, however, trend below budget due to seasonality.
- Contractual Services trend below budget, at 22%, specifically, repairs & maintenance and electricity, for which costs are incurred as needed based on operational demand.
- Commodities trend above budget, at 58%, mostly supplies and chemicals due to seasonality.



Braemar Arena

Revenues

- Q2 year-to-date revenues are down \$283K and trend as expected relative to budget
- Other Fees are ahead of budget, at 85%, largely related to advertising sales.
- Admissions are over budget, at 53%, related to increased class registrations.
- Building Rental is down \$266K due to timing of ice rental payments, loss of tenant space rental, and construction impacts. Current year trends as expected relative to budget.
- Sales trend below budget at 37% over budget due to lower than anticipated concessions.

Expenses

- Q2 year-to-date expenses are up \$217K or 13%, and trend slightly over budget, at 52%.
- Cost of Sales & Services are below budget, at 44%, in response to concession sales.
- Contractual Services are up \$173K due to water heater replacements and emergency plumbing and HVAC repairs. Current year trends as expected relative to budget.
- Personnel Services are under budget, at 43%, largely related to FT salaries. Slight variances are expected as employees often split time between arena and field.
- Commodities are significantly under budget, at 14%, specifically, supplies and printing for which costs are incurred as needed based on operational demand.

Non-Major Enterprises - Art Center & Edinborough Park

Art Center

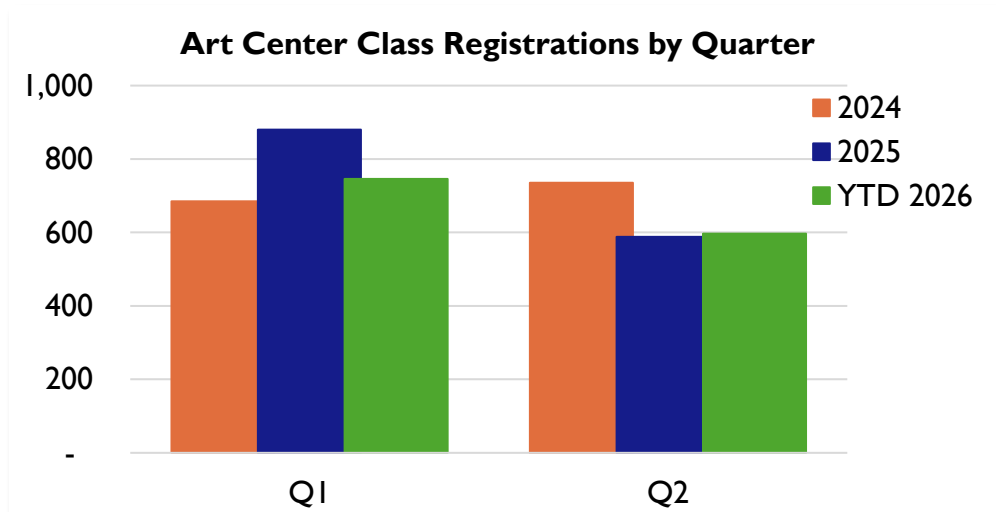
The [Southdale Library](#) project construction is underway and on schedule. The future building will house the new Edina Art Center and is expected to open in 2028.

Revenues

- Q2 year-to-date revenues are up \$20K and trend ahead of budget, at 66%, due to more than anticipated class registrations.

Expenses

- Q2 year-to-date expenses are up \$32K and trend slightly under budget, at 42%.
- Personnel Services are up \$27K due to additional art instructor hours in 2026. Current year expenses trend slightly below budget, at 45%.
- Contractual Services trend significantly under budget, at 27% largely tied to professional services, repairs and maintenance, and advertising.
- Commodities trend under budget, at 40%, mostly related to art supplies and printing.



Edinborough Park

Revenues

- Q2 year-to-date revenues are down \$134K and trend at 44% of budget.
- Memberships are under budget, at 30%, which is directly driven by a decline in user demand for PlayPark/Adventure Peak and Pool & Track memberships.
- Admissions are down \$121K or 27%, because of fewer number of daily admissions in 2026.
- Other Fees trend above budget, at 60%, directly related to association fee revenue collection timing.

Expenses

- Q2 year-to-date expenses are up \$93K or 9% and trend as expected relative to budget.
- Personnel Services are slightly below budget, at 46%, mostly tied to full-time salaries and health insurance contribution.
- Contractual Services trend significantly below budget, at 34%, largely due to solar electricity rebates.
- Commodities trend at 43% of budget, tied to cleaning supplies and trees, flowers & shrubs.
- Internal Services are up \$39K related to additional budgeted shared management costs.

Non-Major Enterprises - Braemar Field & Centennial Lakes

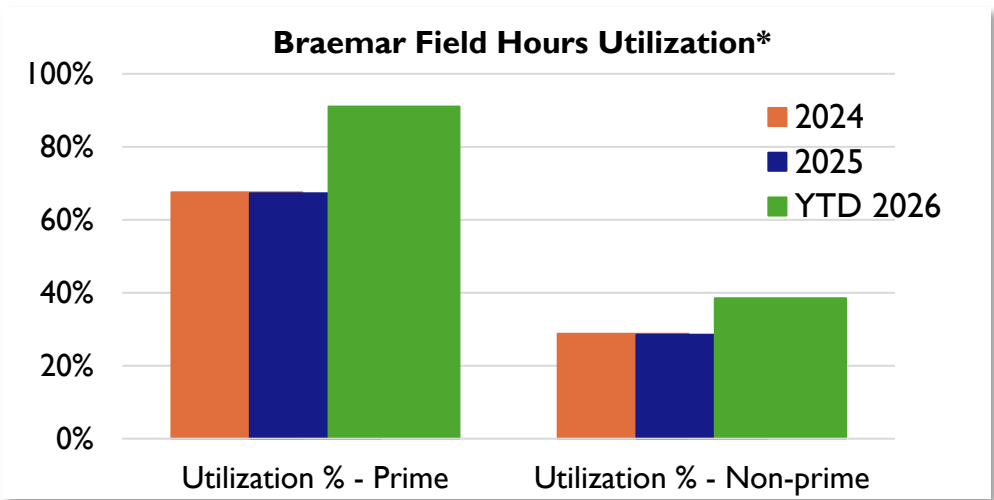
Braemar Field

Revenues

- Q2 year-to-date revenues are up \$65K and trend as over budget, at 91%, due to seasonality.
- Admissions trend over budget, at 61%, due to increased open dome/soccer demand.
- Building Rental is up \$65K largely related to priority scheduling fees. Current year trends above budget, at 91%, due to overall seasonal facility demand.

Expenses

- Q2 year-to-date expenses are up \$66K and trend over budget, at 71%.
- Personnel Services trend over budget, at 63%, due to seasonal staffing needs in response to increased facility demand.
- Contractual Services are up \$22K largely due to dome takedown expense timing and miscellaneous repairs and maintenance. Current year trends slightly under budget, at 48%.
- Commodities trend significantly under budget, at 2%, related to supplies and custodial cleaning.
- Internal Services are up \$30K related to additional budgeted shared management costs.



Centennial Lakes

The Putting Course, Paddle Boat Rental & Lawn Bowling remain open for the Summer season.

Revenues

- Q2 year-to-date revenues are up \$5K and trend ahead of budget, at 61%.
- Sales are at 78% of budget due to more than anticipated concession sales.
- Building Rental is up \$9K due to Farmer's Market space fees. Current year trends expected.
- Equipment Rental is down \$37K due to unusually high demand for rentals in 2025. Current year trends significantly over budget, at 107% mostly tied to increased paddleboat rentals.
- Greens Fees are up \$5K, however, trend under budget, at 38%, due to the season just beginning.
- Other Fees are up \$30K and trend over budget, at 56%, related to timing of Association Fees.

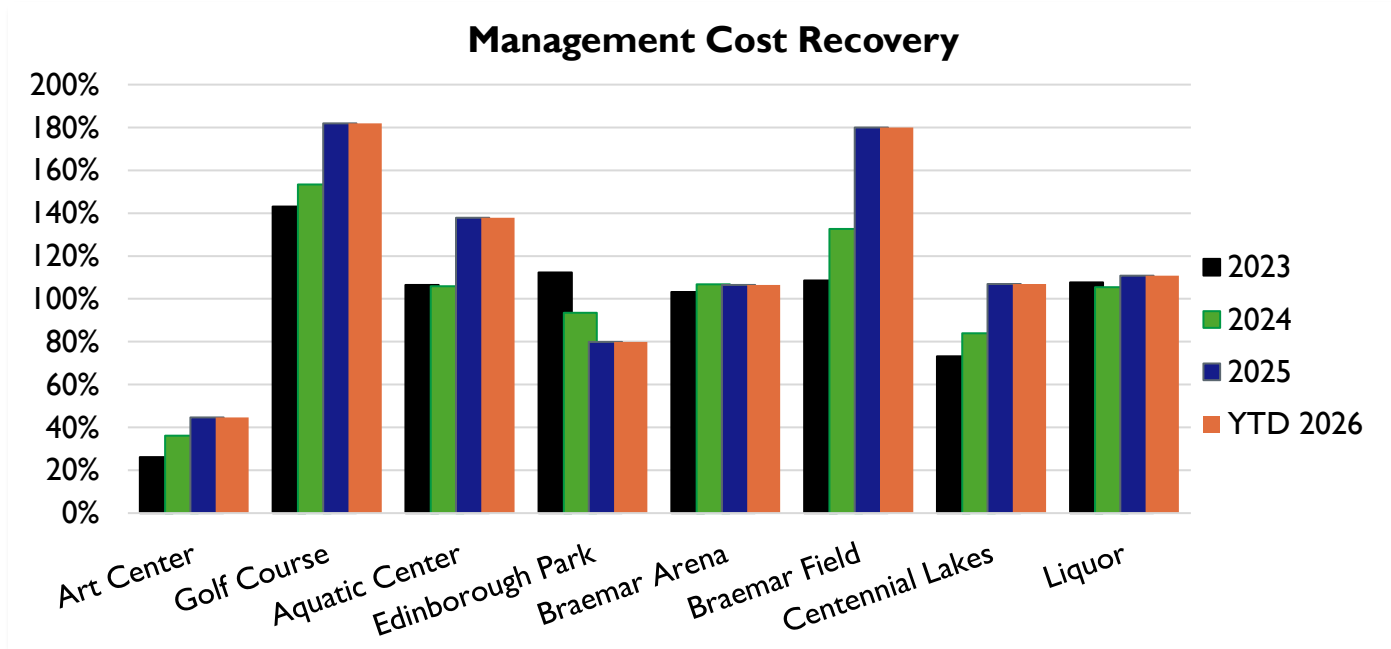
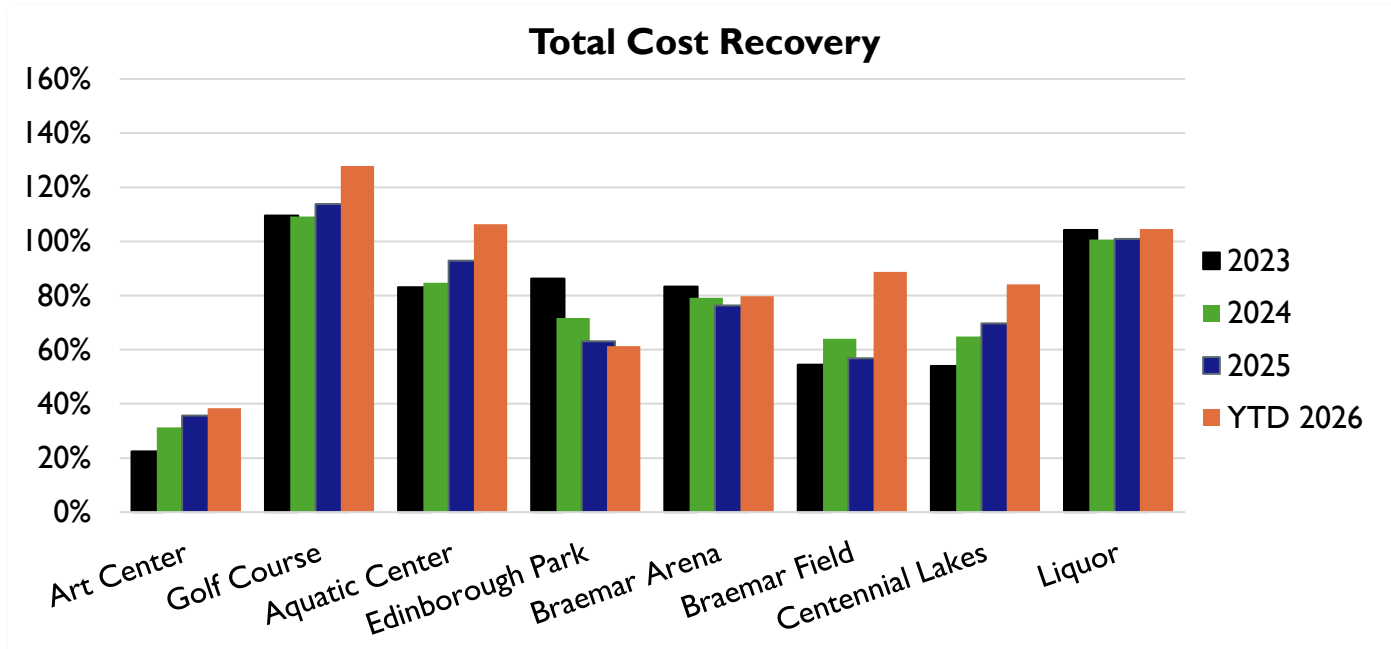
Expenses

- Q2 year-to-date expenses are up \$11K and trend below budget, at 41%.
- Personnel Services are up \$50K due to new part-time maintenance and shared facility coordinator filled positions. Current year trends below budget, at 41%, related to seasonality of operations and staffing needs.
- Contractual Services and Commodities trend below budget, at 23% and 22%, related to seasonality of operations.

Cost Recovery

Cost recovery percentages indicate a facility’s ability to cover operating expenses with operating revenues. In 2018, the City established two cost calculations, Total Cost Recovery and Management Cost Recovery. Total Cost Recovery is calculated by dividing total revenues by total expenses. Management Cost Recovery is calculated by dividing operating revenues by operating expenses, which excludes non-operational items such as donations, investment income, transfers, depreciation, central services, and utilities.

The following charts represent total 2023, 2024, 2025 and YTD 2026 Total Cost Recovery and Management Cost Recovery percentages. Differences between quarterly results and annual results may be due to the timing of revenues and expenses.



Glossary

Asset-Backed Security (ABS): An investment security that is collateralized by a pool of assets, such as loans, leases, etc. Acts like mortgage-backed security.

Certificate of Deposit (CD) or Brokered CD: A financial instrument issued by banks or other financial institutions, promising a specific interest rate to the bearer in exchange for leaving a predetermined deposit for a specific period. The period for CD generally ranges from one month to five years.

Cost Recovery: Total revenues as a percentage of total expenses.

Government Securities: Most commonly includes US Government Bonds; a debt security sold by the government to support government obligations and spending and US Treasury Bills or T-Bills; A short-term debt security that is backed by the US Treasury department. US T-Bills have a maturity of one year or less. These investments are considered low risk as they are government backed.

Investment Sweep: Moves funds between a checking account and an investment account with the intention of earning interest on excess cash.

Major Enterprise Funds: Utility fund and larger scale enterprises including Liquor, Aquatic Center, Braemar Golf Course and Braemar Arena.

Management Cost Recovery: Operating revenues as a percentage of operating expenses (excludes depreciation, central services, and utilities).

Money Market: A mutual fund that invests in short-term, higher quality securities. Designed to provide high liquidity with lower risk, stability of capital and typically higher yields than some other cash products.

Mortgage-Backed Security (MBS): A type of asset-backed security that is backed by a pool of mortgages and originated from a regulated and authorized financial institution. Through the investment in MBS, the investor is essentially lending money to a home buyer or a business.

Municipal Securities: Debt securities and investment funds issued by local bodies like municipalities, cities, states, or countries to fund their capital expenditure.

Non-Major Enterprise Funds: Smaller scale enterprises including Art Center, Edinborough Park, Centennial Lakes Park and Braemar Field.

Prime & Non-Prime Utilization: utilization represents hours scheduled out of total hours available. Prime vs non-prime is dependent on time of day and year, which are charged at different rates.



Item Number: 9.2

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Scott Neal, City Manager

Item Title: Proposed Changes to Methodology of City's State and National Legislative Platform and Priorities

Action Requested:

Approve a new methodology for preparing annual state and national legislative platforms and priorities.

Information/Background:

I propose the City Council approve a new methodology for preparing its annual state and national legislative platforms and priorities. The current methodology has expanded in scale and breadth to the point that it includes issues that are only marginally related to operating a city government in Minnesota. I am concerned about the expansion in scale and breadth because I have seen this be the first step to City Councils arguing and debating municipal policies on such national and international issues as Gaza, conflict minerals, or bans on investment in Israel. Spending precious Council time and energy on non-municipal issues takes time away from resolving important city government issues in Edina. Given that concern, I have a proposal for the Council to consider for the 2027 State and Federal Legislative Priorities:

Platforms. Instead of implementing a localized public engagement process to determine the items and issues that will be on the City's 2027 Legislative Platform, the Council will agree to adopt and support the legislative platforms of the National League of Cities, League of Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities and Municipal Legislative Commission. These affiliated organizations all use professional engagement and discernment tools to craft that legislative platforms. City staff and elected officials are permitted under this new system to advocate for any items that are included in the affiliates' approved platforms once the affiliates' have officially adopted the platforms. If we discover a legislative issue that is important to Edina, but not included somewhere in the affiliates' platforms, staff can discuss it with the Council and achieve an understanding about how to handle it going forward.

Priorities. The City of Edina will continue to adopt a set of specific policies that will comprise a document for the State Legislative Priorities and a separate document for Federal Legislative Priorities. The items and issues on the Priorities are localized and specific to the City of Edina. The City's legislative priorities would no longer include broad national and international subjects such as climate change, affordable housing or empowering unbanked persons. It will no longer include policies that are broad enough that they impact other Minnesota cities, such as realigning motor vehicle lease sales tax allocations, changing group home notification standards and emergency rental assistance financing. I would expect the State Legislative Priorities for 2027 to include a local sales provision, land dedication for the future civic campus/Fire Station #3, and establishing a social district at 50th & France, for example.

As a starting point for 2027, I suggest that staff prepare a proposed 2027 Platform and Priorities based on the 2026 documents and our professional judgment about policies that are specific to Edina. Staff would share the two documents with the Council at your September 15 meeting (2026 versions without 2027 additions), Council could make requests for any additions for 2027. If the Council endorses the proposed documents, City staff will update them for 2027. Council will then receive an updated copy to review and provide any feedback by October 15th. City staff will share the documents for public review and comment from October 15-30. Staff will consider the comments, possibly adjust the content of the two documents and then present a proposed final draft to the Council at your November 17 Council meeting.

This new process and timeline allows the City to reduce the scope and breadth of our political advocacy, provide more focus on our specific legislative needs from state government, allows the public to review and comment on the proposed documents and accomplishes a final 2027 platform and priorities in plenty of time to share with our state legislators and affiliate organizations.

Supporting Documentation:

None



Item Number: 9.3

Department: Administration

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Sharon Allison, City Clerk

Item Title: 2026 Primary Election Results

Action Requested:

None; information only.

Information/Background:

I will provide an update on the 2026 Primary Election Results. Council will not canvass (or certify) the results because it was not a municipal (or local) election.

Supporting Documentation:

None