



EDINA
MINNESOTA

Energy & Environment Commission Meeting Agenda

September 10, 2026, 7:00 PM

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



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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. August 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

5.1. Bag Fee Analysis

6. Community Comment

During "Community Comment," the Board/Commission 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 Chair may limit the number of speakers on the same issue in the interest of time and topic. Individuals should not expect the Chair or Board/Commission Members to respond to their comments tonight. Instead, the Board/Commission might refer the matter to staff for consideration at a future meeting.

7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. Work Plan Initiative 4: Food Security Assessment

8. Chair and Member Comments

9. Staff Comments

10. Adjournment



Item Number: 4.1

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: August 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Action Requested:

Approve Meeting Minutes.

Information/Background:

Approve meeting minutes from August 13, 2026.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. 2026-08-13 Minutes



Energy & Environment Commission Meeting Agenda

August 13, 2026, 7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Haugen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Answering roll call were Haugen, Budin, Olson, Bartholomew, LaCasse, Martinez-Salgado, and Tessman.

Absent were Lukens, Schima, Tyshow, and Lassig.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Martinez-Salgado made a motion, seconded by Bartholomew, to Approve the Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. July 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Bartholomew made a motion, seconded by Martinez-Salgado, to Approve the Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

No special recognitions or presentations were received.

6. Community Comment

No community comment was received.

7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. Work Plan Initiative 3: Organics Outreach

Commissioners discussed the work plan item, including how to engage residents to participate in organics and the need for champions in each neighborhood. The work plan leads anticipate launching the organics neighborhood context in Fall 2027.

8. Chair and Member Comments

- LaCasse and Haugen are continuing their connections to the school district, including a goal to connect to the Superintendent soon.
- Bartholomew expects to bring the draft food security assessment for approval to the September meeting and requested commissioners provide her comments on the draft.
- Tessman requested staff present the bag fee analysis to the commission. Staff Liaison Bayer will bring this to the September meeting.

9. Staff Comments

Staff Liaison Bayer reminded the Commission they signed on to an Advisory Communication with the Transportation Commission to request dedicated bike facilities on Wooddale Avenue be included in the mill and overlay project. The City Council voted on July 21 and there will not be new dedicated bike facilities along that corridor.

10. Adjournment

Tessman made a motion, seconded by Martinez-Salgado, to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Item Number: 5.1

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: Bag Fee Analysis

Action Requested:

No action requested.

Information/Background:

Staff presented an analysis of the bag fee reporting data to determine if there is a decrease in the total number of bags being distributed in Edina. Staff presented their findings to the City Council on July 21, 2026. The Commission requested a review and discussion of this analysis and potential policy impacts.

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1. Bag Fee Analysis Staff Report
2. Bag Fee Analysis, Business List



Staff Report

Date: 06/02/2026
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager
Subject: Carryout Bag Fee Analysis

Introduction & Overview

To understand the impact of the carryout bag fee, a comparison analysis focused on 34 businesses (three grocery stores and 31 retail stores) who submitted data both years to provide a more representative sample of year-to-year changes and observations of operational and customer behavior changes.

For the grocery stores and retail stores in the analyzed data set, the estimated total monthly number of bags and average monthly number of bags distributed per store decreased from 2024 to 2025. These decreases demonstrate there is likely some change in store operations (e.g., prompting customers if they would like a bag) and customer behaviors (e.g., bringing a bag).

Assuming the data is directionally accurate, there is a high variability in the reporting data and low confidence in the accuracy and completeness of the data:

- The accuracy of the reporting data is affected by the data being self-reported. Self-reported data lacks reliability and can be impacted by reporting biases like social desirability, where a business submits data because they are expected to even if inaccurate, or submits data that shows a decrease in bags distributed assuming that's the desired outcome of the reporting. Examples of unreliable data in the data set include businesses reporting distributing zero or one bag, reporting the same value both years or reporting values that show almost a 100% decrease in bags distributed.
- The accuracy of the reporting data is also affected by the lack of ordinance enforcement, where businesses might not consistently adhere to the ordinance (i.e., tracking and charging for each carryout bag), so may be under-reporting the actual number of bags distributed. This has been observed in anecdotal conversations with City staff, City commissioners and residents who have shared that businesses did not charge for their carryout bag(s) during a transaction, either because they were never prompted to or were advised that the policy did not apply to their transaction (e.g, thinking the fee does not apply to paper bags).
- The completeness of the reporting data is affected by the low number of businesses reporting. Several retailers who are assumed to distribute a high number of carryout bags did not submit data, such as Target and Walgreens, which would influence the monthly bag distribution numbers. In addition, most retailers at Southdale Mall and the Galleria did not submit data. Of the estimated 300 retailers in Edina, only 69 submitted data (23% reported).



Data Analysis

To understand the impact of the carryout bag fee, the analysis focused on 34 of 43 businesses who submitted data both years to provide a more accurate year-to-year change and observation of operational and customer behavior changes. Because of anomalies in the self-reported data, such as reporting the same value each year or a 100% increase in bags distributed, nine retail businesses who submitted data for both years were not included in this analysis.

Grocery Store Trends

Three grocery stores submitted data both years, providing a more consistent look at changes to in-store operations and customer behaviors. Both the total monthly bags distributed and the average monthly bags distributed per store decreased from 2024 to 2025. Looking at each individual store, two grocery stores saw a decrease from 2024 to 2025 for monthly bags distributed, and one saw an increase from 2024 to 2025.

Table 1. Bag Fee Reporting Data and Comparison for Grocery Stores with 18 Months of Data (n=3)

Grocery Stores	2024	2025	2024 to 2025 Change
Total Monthly Bags Distributed	166,526	150,506	-10%
Average Monthly Bags Distributed per Business	55,509	50,169	-10%

Retail Store Trends

Thirty-one retail stores submitted data both years in the analyzed data set. Similar to grocery stores, both the total monthly bags distributed and the average monthly bags distributed per store decreased from 2024 to 2025, but at a higher rate than grocery stores.

Table 2. Bag Fee Reporting Data and Comparison for Retail Stores with 18 Months of Data (n=31)

Retail Stores	2024	2025	2024 to 2025 Change
Total Monthly Bags Distributed	13,333	8,412	-37%
Average Monthly Bags Distributed per Business	430	271	-37%

Staff completed an additional task to scrub the data for retail stores because of the range of values and annual changes in the dataset of 31. Staff removed retail businesses whose monthly estimated bags distributed increased or decreased more than 25% from 2024 to 2025. This resulted in 17 retail businesses being removed. This smaller dataset (Table 3) still shows a decrease from 2024 to 2025 in the monthly bags distributed, but at a smaller rate than the dataset with 31 stores (Table 2) that is more consistent with the grocery store sector (Table 1).



Table 3. Bag Fee Reporting Data and Comparison for Retail Stores with 18 Months of Data, Scrubbed (n=14)

Retail Stores	2024	2025	2024 to 2025 Change
Total Monthly Bags Distributed	5,096	4,641	-9%
Average Monthly Bags Distributed per Business	364	331	-9%

Submitted Carryout Bag Fee Data

This list includes all businesses who self-reported bag distribution data.

“2024 Bags” represents July 1–December 31, 2024, and “2025 bags” represents January 1–December 31, 2025. To estimate the count of monthly bags distributed, the 2024 values were divided by 6 and the 2025 values were divided by 12. The monthly change was only calculated for businesses who submitted data for both reporting cycles.

“Yes” in the “Included in Analysis” column indicates a business was included in the comparison analysis summarized in the June 2, 2026 Staff Report. An asterisk (*) denotes businesses removed during the secondary scrub for retail stores with a 25% or higher increase or decrease in monthly bags.

Business Name	Business Address	Business Classification	2024 Bags	2025 Bags	Monthly Estimate, 2024	Monthly Estimate, 2025	2024 to 2025 Monthly Change	Included in Analysis
Advanced Skin Therapeutics	6525 Barrie Road	Retail	83	149	14	12	-10%	
Allure Intimate Apparel	3400 Galleria Edina MN	Retail	5,000	-	833	-	-	
Anderson Dentalcare	3925 W 50th St, Suite 104	Retail	124	-	21	-	-	
Art Frame of Edina MN	5111 Gus Young Lane	Retail	-	250	-	21	-	
Aveda	1855 Southdale Center	Retail	-	2,553	-	213	-	
Bean Plus Ro, LLC	4506 Valley View Rd	Retail	1,200	-	200	-	-	
Blick Art Materials	3867 Gallagher Drive	Retail	6,341	12,764	1,057	1,064	1%	Yes
bluebird boutique	3909 W 50th Street	Retail	500	1,000	83	83	0%	
Chuck & Don's	6821 York Avenue S	Retail	-	2,635	-	220	-	
Coccinella	4946 France Ave S	Retail	-	1,701	-	142	-	
Cos Bar Edina	3905 W 50th St	Retail	-	4,184	-	349	-	
Cub Foods Southdale	6775 York Avenue S	Grocery	380,162	651,560	63,360	54,297	-14%	Yes
CVS Pharmacy	6905 York Avenue S	Retail	-	35,500		2,958	-	
Dalana Space, LLC	6804 Cheyenne Trail	Retail	20	-	3	-	-	
Dermatology Specialists	3316 West 66th Street	Retail	147	69	25	6	-76%	
Droolin' Moose	4545 77th Street West	Retail	-	1,560	-	130	-	
DUGO	3939 Market St	Retail	839	1,773	140	148	6%	Yes

Business Name	Business Address	Business Classification	2024 Bags	2025 Bags	Monthly Estimate, 2024	Monthly Estimate, 2025	2024 to 2025 Monthly Change	Included in Analysis
East West Girl	3933 Market St	Retail	1,936	2,970	323	248	-23%	Yes
Edina Skin Care Specialists	7450 France Ave, Suite 230	Retail	130	-	22	-	-	
Evereve Incorporated	6800 France Ave S, Suite 700	Retail	3,450	1,232	575	103	-82%	Yes*
Faribault Mill	3922 W 50th Street	Retail	-	1	-	0	-	
Fashion Avenue	4936 France Ave S	Retail	1,762	3,563	294	297	1%	Yes
Fawbush's	3585 Galleria	Retail	2,047	4,533	341	378	11%	Yes
Finish Line	2120 Southdale Center #A	Retail	-	9,505	-	792	-	
Flirt Boutique	3927 Market Street	Retail	1,800	1,600	300	133	-56%	Yes*
Games by James	1930 Southdale Center	Retail	3,167	5,252	528	438	-17%	Yes
GEAR Running Store	4406 France Ave S	Retail	127	-	21	-	-	
goGLOW	7493 France Ave S	Retail	200	200	33	17	-50%	
Goodnight Moon	4388 France Avenue S	Retail	-	1,000	-	83	-	
Great Clips	5125 Gus Young Lane	Retail	158	126	26	11	-60%	Yes*
grethen house	4930 France Avenue S	Retail	4,786	4,556	798	380	-52%	Yes*
Harriet and Alice	3922 W 50th St	Retail	762	1,470	127	123	-4%	Yes
Hobo	3490 Galleria	Retail	838	1,450	140	121	-14%	Yes
J Crew	1150 Southdale Center	Retail	2,677	5,154	446	430	-4%	Yes
JB Hudson	3555 Galleria	Retail	2,520	3,000	420	250	-40%	Yes*
Jerry's Do It Best Hardware	5115 Vernon Avenue S	Retail	-	6,060	-	505	-	
Jerry's Foods Edina	5101 Vernon Avenue S	Grocery	469,730	822,100	78,288	68,508	-12%	Yes
Jett Beauty	3940 West 50th Street	Retail	23	61	4	5	34%	
Jos A. Bank	6380 Rogerdale Road	Retail	3,750	2,420	625	202	-68%	Yes*
Kowalski's Edina Market	324 Southdale Center	Grocery	149,263	332,408	24,877	27,701	11%	Yes
lululemon	10 Southdale Center, Suite 2585B	Retail	-	70,000	-	5,833	-	
lululemon 50th & France	3914 W 50th St	Retail	4,800	5,000	800	417	-48%	Yes*

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LUNDS & BYERLYS (LUND FOOD HOLDINGS, INC.)	7171 France Ave S	Grocery	172,777	-	28,796	-	-	
LUNDS & BYERLYS (LUND FOOD HOLDINGS, INC.)	3945 W 50th St	Grocery	180,457	-	30,076	-	-	
Lush Handmade Cosmetics	3915 W 50th Street	Retail	1,490	2,787	248	232	-6%	Yes
Madewell	1562 Southdale Center	Retail	2,114	7,636	352	636	81%	Yes*
MADEWELL	3510 Galleria, Space 3464	Retail	7,052	7,838	1,175	653	-44%	Yes*
Mainstream Boutique of Edina	7523 France Ave S	Retail	322	654	54	55	1%	Yes
Massage Envy	7101 France Ave S	Retail	1,080	75	180	6	-97%	
Melly	3327 Galleria	Retail	1,000	7,000	167	583	250%	
Oliver Taylor & Company	3939 W 69th St, Suite #28	Retail	5	-	1	-	-	
Pacifier	4942 France Ave S	Retail	1,050	3,462	175	289	65%	Yes*
PARACHUTE HOME INC	3165 Galleria	Retail	138	-	23	-	-	
Pathway Books and Music	6901 Normandale Road	Retail	264	326	44	27	-38%	Yes*
Pumpz	3511 Galleria	Retail	326	-	54	-	-	
PXG	10 Southdale Center, Suite 2180C	Retail	-	0	-	0	-	
Ragstock	10 Southdale Center, #2015	Retail	-	485	-	40	-	
SENTi	3922 West 50th Street	Retail	756	1,296	126	108	-14%	Yes
Serge + Jane	4532 France Ave S	Retail	750	700	125	58	-53%	Yes*
shop in the city	3921 Market St.	Retail	-	39	-	3	-	
Sloane's on 44th	4388 France Avenue S, #100	Retail	318	202	53	17	-68%	Yes*
Spalon Montage	3909 Market Street	Retail	6	2,200	1	183	1,8230%	
Talbots	3936 W. 50th Street	Retail	1,748	-	291	-	-	
The Men's Wearhouse	6380 Rogerdale Road	Retail	12,500	2,491	2,083	208	-90%	Yes*
The Metropolitan Clinic	7300 France Ave S	Retail	161	212	27	18	-34%	Yes*
Tiffany and Company	10 Southdale Center, Suite 2754	Retail	-	791	-	66	-	

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TimeScape USA LLC	6800 France Ave S, Suite 173	Retail	150	-	25	-	-	
Trail Mark	3265 Galleria	Retail	4,380	7,072	730	589	-19%	Yes
Twill, Inc	3295 Galleria	Retail	3,257	4,950	543	413	-24%	Yes
Vernon Avenue BP	5209 Vernon Avenue	Retail	100	100	17	8	-50%	
Victoria's Secret	10 Southdale Center	Retail	-	11,777	-	981	-	
Vivront	4948 France Ave S	Retail	2,153	2,179	359	182	-49%	Yes*
Walgreens	4916 France Ave S	Retail	5,400	-	900	-	-	
Whole Foods Market	7401 France Ave S	Grocery	-	427,200	-	35,600	-	
Yeti Coolers	3510 Galleria	Retail	1,800	2,273	300	189	-37%	Yes*



Item Number: 7.1

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: Work Plan Initiative 4: Food Security Assessment

Action Requested:

Approve draft report.

Information/Background:

Commissioner Bartholomew will present the Food Security Assessment Report. The Commission has the opportunity to present their findings to Council and should determine who will present. Staff Liaison Bayer will coordinate scheduling the presentation after approval.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. Food Security Assessment Draft (Board Portal)