



City Council Conference Meeting

May 27, 2025

5:30 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dave Ostwald
Councilmember Patrick Vescio
Councilmember Ann Bolkcom
Councilmember Luke Cardona
Councilmember Ryan Evanson

Others Present: Wally Wysopal, City Manager
Scott Hickok, Community Development Director
Paul Bolin, HRA Director
Jesslyn Quiram, Engineering Technician
Ryan George, Public Safety Director
Brandon Brodhag, Assistant City Engineer
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Items for Discussion

1. Northstar Rail Divesture

Paul Bolin, HRA Director, provided background on the Metropolitan Council and Minnesota Department of Transportation's decision to end the Northstar Light Rail. The focus of the discussion was on the various leases that provide the train station, tunnel and parking lots.

2. Police Staffing

Ryan George, Public Safety Director, reported that the Public Safety Department remains fully staffed. A strong Community Service Officer program provides good candidates for the sworn positions and also the ICPOET program has helped with grants. Chief George also introduced an additional opportunity through Independent School District 14 to add two additional positions through a Setting 4 program. These positions would be separate from the existing School Resource Officer program.

3. Public Art at Commons Park

Scott Hickok, Community Development Director, Jesslyn Quiram, Engineering Technician and Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a review of the relationship between the City Council, Public Arts Commission and a Private Art Foundation pertaining to the public art considered for Commons Park.