



City Council Conference Meeting

February 23, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
7071 University Avenue NE

Agenda

1. Parks and Recreation Department Update
2. Mayor Ostwald Local Boards and Committees Update
3. Separation from Federal Immigration Enforcement

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Meeting Date: February 23, 2026
Meeting Type: City Council Conference
Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Title: Parks and Recreation Department Update

Background

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Maher, Recreation Manager Margo Numedahl and Springbrook Nature Center Manager Tara Rognes will provide an update and future outlook on the Parks and Recreation Department. 2026 promises to be an exceptionally busy year as the new Commons Park comes online, staffing growth occurs, neighborhood parks continue to be revitalized and the public art program takes a leap forward. Springbrook Nature Center continues expansion and excellence as program areas expand and staff works in partnership with the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation to make improvements to the site and develop engaging programs and services for Fridley residents.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly, and stable home for families and businesses.

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Meeting Date: February 23, 2026
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Submitted By: Melissa Moore, Assistant City Manager
Title: Mayor Ostwald Local Boards and Committees Update

Background

Each January the Council makes various appointments to local boards and committees to perform functions outlined and authorized by the City Charter, ordinance, resolution or agreement. Mayor Ostwald will provide an update to the Council on the various bodies he is appointed to, including the Anoka County Law Enforcement Council, Metro Cities and the North Metro Mayors Association.

Recommendation

Attachments and Other Resources

Vision Statement

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Meeting Date: February 23, 2026
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Submitted By: Wally Wysopal, City Manager
Title: Separation from Federal Immigration Enforcement

Background

At the request of Councilmember Vescio, this item is brought forward for the Council's attention and discussion. The attachment has not been prepared by staff and has not been reviewed by the City Attorney, as is customary for items considered by the Council.

Recommendation

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. Separation from Federal Immigration Enforcement prepared by Councilmember Vescio

Vision Statement

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Emergency Ordinance: Separation from Federal Immigration Enforcement

Section 1. Emergency Findings and Purpose

A. The City Council finds that immediate clarity is required to protect public safety, student safety, and constitutional rights during ongoing federal immigration enforcement activity in the metro area.

B. Trust between residents, schools, and local government is essential to public safety.

C. Federal immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility. This ordinance sets emergency boundaries for City operations consistent with state and federal law.

Section 2. Definitions

- **City:** The City of Fridley and all City departments, officers, employees, contractors, and volunteers.
- **City Property:** All City-owned or City-controlled buildings, land, parks, parking lots, vehicles, and facilities.
- **School Property:** Buildings, grounds, and parking lots owned or controlled by a public school district within the City.
- **Student:** A person enrolled in any public school serving the City.
- **In School:** A Student is considered in school while awaiting transportation or traveling directly from home to school and directly from school to home.
- **School Safety Zone** – property located within 1.000 of any public, private, or charter school.
- **ICE:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- **Judicial Warrant:** A warrant signed by a judge or magistrate.

Section 3. Separation of City Operations

A. The City shall not enforce federal immigration law.

B. No City funds, staff time, equipment, facilities, or data shall be used for immigration enforcement activities.

C. City employees shall not ask about immigration status unless required by law.

D. The City shall not detain any person solely on the basis of a civil immigration detainer or request.

Section 4. Access to City and School Property

A. ICE agents may enter non-public areas of City Property or School Property only with a valid judicial warrant.

C. ICE may not **conduct immigration enforcement activities** on City Property

D. ICE may not **stage operations**, wait, surveil, question, detain, or arrest anyone on City Property

E. ICE may not use City Property as:

- A base of operations
- A meeting location
- A staging or waiting area

F. ICE may not enter a school safety zone to support or facilitate enforcement activities.

G. City staff and City law enforcement shall not assist ICE operations on or within School Property or involving Students and employees who are In School, except where a judicial warrant is presented.

H. shall not be used to support, facilitate, or assist immigration enforcement activities.

Section 5. Police Duty and Constitutional Protections

A. No City employee or officer shall assist ICE with immigration enforcement unless required by local laws or a judicial warrant.

B. If City police respond to a situation involving ICE where no judicial warrant is present, or where a person's constitutional rights appear to be violated, officers shall take reasonable steps to protect the affected person's rights and safety.

C. Any judicial warrant presented by ICE shall be verified by the City Attorney or designee when feasible.

Section 6. Information Protections

A. The City shall not collect or share information regarding immigration status.

B. The City shall not share personal information or provide notification to ICE unless required by law or a judicial warrant.

C. ICE shall not be granted access, either directly or indirectly, to any City-owned/leased or City-controlled surveillance systems, including but not limited to fixed cameras, mobile cameras, license-plate recognition systems (including FLOCK), or related databases.

D. City employees and officers shall not provide ICE with real-time or historical camera footage, data searches, alerts, or analytical assistance.

F. Council Oversight of Surveillance Data Disclosure - Except where disclosure is expressly required by state law or a valid judicial warrant, no surveillance data shall be released to ICE without prior approval of the City Council. Any disclosure required by law or judicial warrant shall be documented and reported to the City Council as soon as practicable.

Section 7. Compliance and Severability

A. Nothing in this ordinance requires any action that violates state or federal law.

B. If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

Section 8. Emergency Effective Date and Sunset

A. This emergency ordinance takes effect immediately upon adoption.

B. This ordinance shall automatically expire 180 days after its effective date unless extended, amended, or made permanent by action of the City Council.

C. Prior to expiration, the City Council may review the ordinance's impacts on public safety, school safety, and City operations and take further action as deemed appropriate.