City Council Meeting

July 14, 2025
7:00 PM
Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order
Mayor Ostwald called the City Council Meeting of July 14, 2025, to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present
Mayor Dave Ostwald
Councilmember Patrick Vescio
Councilmember Ryan Evanson
Councilmember Ann Bolkcom

Absent
Councilmember Luke Cardona

Others Present
Walter Wysopal, City Manager
Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director
Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk

Pledge Of Allegiance

Proclamations/Presentations

Approval of Proposed Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to adopt the proposed Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Ostwald declared the motion carried unanimously.

Approval/Receipt of Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of June 23, 2025.

2. Receive the Minutes from the Council Conference Meeting of June 23, 2025.

3. Receive the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission (EQEC) Meeting of May 13, 2025.

New Business

4. Ordinance No. 1432, Amending the Fridley City Code to Add Chapter 210, Special Events and Updating Chapter 209, Fees (Second Reading)

5. Resolution No 2025-83, Accepting the 2025 City of Fridley Flock Camera Grant Agreement between the City and Callisto Commons

6. Resolution No. 2025-85, Approving Amended Joint Powers Agreement with North Metro Mayors Association

7. Resolution No. 2025-89, Updating City Council Appointments and Designations

8. Resolution No. 2025-84, Authorizing a Local Climate Action Grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for an Electric Vehicle Charger at Moore Lake Park

Licenses

9. Resolution No. 2025-90, Approving Temporary Gambling Permit for Bingo Events at Fridley Alano Society

Claims

10. Resolution No. 2025-91, Approving Claims for the Period Ending July 9, 2025.

Open Forum, Visitors: (Consideration of Items not on Agenda – 15 minutes.)

Kristina Eaton, Riverview resident, commented on the value that immigrants provide to the Fridley community and asked if there has been ICE activity or planned activity in the community. She was also curious if there were volunteer activities she could participate in to support the immigrant members of the community.

Wally Wysopal, City Manager, commented that in his last check one week ago, Fridley had not received any requests for support. He stated that the policy enacted five or six years ago by Fridley is still in place.

Mayor Ostwald commented that staff could follow up with the resident to answer her questions and provide additional information.

Adoption of Regular Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to adopt the regular agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Ostwald declared the motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

New Business

11. Resolution No. 2025-86, Approving the Massage Therapy Business Application for Dave's Sport Shop and Massage Therapy Individual License Application for Li Liu to Operate at Dave's Sport Shop

Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk, provided background information on the previous request by Ms. Liu, which was withdrawn. Ms. Liu worked out a new business plan with Scott Fverstenberg on a new business plan and he has applied for the business license. She explained that because the massage business will now be part of Dave's Sport Shop, a separate front entrance is no longer needed. Staff completed the necessary review and recommended approval of the business license and individual license as presented.

Scott Fverstenberg, applicant, introduced himself and commented that the sports massage has been a great addition to their business.

Councilmember Evanson asked and received confirmation that the applicant is aware of all massage therapy business regulations. It was also confirmed that the applicant is aware that any additional staff would need to apply for an individual massage therapist license.

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to approve Resolution No. 2025-86, Approving the Massage Therapist Business License Application for Dave's Sport Shop and Massage Therapy Individual License Application for Li Liu to Operate at Dave's Sport Shop. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Ostwald declared the motion carried unanimously.

12. Resolution No. 2025-87, Authorizing Execution of an Easement Agreement with CenterPoint Energy

Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director, provided background information and details related to construction feasibility and recommended approval of the resolution as presented. He commented that there will be a disturbance where they pit, but the remainder of the activity will be below ground. He confirmed that residents would still be able to enjoy the park.

Councilmember Evanson asked and received confirmation that this would be a permanent easement that would not impact any future plans of the City and would better serve the residents.

Motion made by Councilmember Vescio to approve Resolution No. 2025-87, Authorizing Execution of an Easement Agreement with CenterPoint Energy. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Ostwald declared the motion carried unanimously.

13. Resolution 2025-88, Authorizing a Call for Bids for the Locke Park WTP GAC Treatment Addition Project No. 24-199

Mr. Kosluchar provided background information and details related to project funding and bidding, financial impact, and other project details. He recommended approval of the resolution as presented.

Councilmember Evanson recognized that the PFAS levels have continually been monitored and continue to be persistent, which is why this additional treatment is necessary. It was confirmed that this treatment would provide treatment for other substances in addition to PFAS, should that be necessary. Additional information will be presented on the loan agreement when the project bids are considered by the Council.

Councilmember Bolkcom recognized the large scale of the building and asked for more information. Mr. Kosluchar explained the design work that was done to minimize that scale while remaining cost-efficient.

Mayor Ostwald recognized that this project would be worthwhile, as this would bring a well back online with appropriate treatment.

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to approve Resolution No. 2025-88, Authorizing a Call for Bids for the Locke Park WTP GAC Treatment Addition Project No. 24-199. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Ostwald declared the motion carried unanimously.

Informal Status Reports

Councilmember Evanson stated that at the worksession tonight, the Council received an update on the preparation of the City for catastrophic emergencies.

Councilmember Vescio commented on the great experience he had at a summer concert hosted by the City. The next concert will be held on July 15th at Springbrook. Night to Unite will be August 5th. Interested block parties should register with the City by July 20th.

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilmember Vescio to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Ostwald declared the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Moore City Clerk	Dave Ostwald Mayor