



City Council Meeting

September 22, 2025

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Ostwald called the City Council Meeting of September 22, 2025, to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Mayor Dave Ostwald
Councilmember Patrick Vescio
Councilmember Ryan Evanson
Councilmember Luke Cardona
Councilmember Ann Bolcom

Absent

Others Present

Walter Wysopal, City Manager
Joe Starks, Finance Director
Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director
Sarah Sonsalla, City Attorney

Pledge Of Allegiance

Proclamations/Presentations

Approval of Proposed Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Bolcom to adopt the proposed Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Cardona.

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 September 8, 2025.
2. Receive the Minutes from the Council Conference Meeting of September 8, 2025.
3. Receive the Minutes from the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of August 4, 2025.
4. Receive the Minutes from the Public Arts Commission Meeting of August 6, 2025.

5. Receive the Minutes from the HRA Commission Meeting of August 7, 2025.

New Business

6. Resolution No. 2025-108, Accepting the 2025 City of Fridley Flock Camera Grant Agreement Between the City and Black Forest Condominiums.
7. Resolution No. 2025-109, Approving Gifts, Donations, and Sponsorships Received Between July 12, 2025, and September 12, 2025.
8. Resolution No. 2025-111, Declaring Costs to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of the Proposed Assessment Roll and Directing Publication of the Public Hearing Notice for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST-2025-01.
9. Resolution No. 2025-112, Declaring Costs to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of the Proposed Assessment Roll, and Directing Publication of the Public Hearing Notice for the 2025 East Danube Traffic Calming Project No. ST-2025-02.
10. Resolution No. 2025-113, Declaring Costs to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of the Proposed Assessment Roll, and Directing Publication of the Public Hearing Notice for the 2025 Nuisance Abatements and 2025 Rental Reinspection Fees.
11. Resolution No. 2025-119, Authorizing a Water Quality Cost Share Agreement with Coon Creek Watershed District for Melody Manor Street Project Rain Gardens.
12. Resolution No. 2025-120, Authorizing Execution of Easement Agreement with Fridley Public Schools ISD No. 14 for Safe Routes to School Project.
13. Resolution No. 2025-121, Approving a Lease Agreement Between Rum River Art Center and City of Fridley.

Claims

14. Resolution No. 2025-110, Approving Claims for the Period Ending September 17, 2025.

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

Emma Carter, member of the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission, reminded residents that submissions are currently open for the Fridley Sustainability Award.

Adoption of Regular Agenda

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

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

Regular Agenda

New Business

15. Resolution No. 2025-114, Approving the Proposed Property Tax Levy for 2025, Collectible in 2026, for the City of Fridley

Joe Starks, Finance Director, presented information on economic expectations and general assumptions, the proposed 2026 general fund budget, property tax levy analysis, and next steps. He noted the action items before the Council tonight and recommended approval as presented.

Mayor Ostwald reviewed language within the City Charter related to voting requirements due to the proposed increase, noting a maximum increase specified within the Charter of eight percent.

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to approve Resolution No. 2025-114, Approving the Proposed Property Tax Levy for 2025, Collectible in 2026, for the City of Fridley. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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

16. Resolution No. 2025-115, Approving the Proposed 2026 General Fund Budget for the City of Fridley

Motion made by Councilmember Cardona to approve Resolution No. 2025-115, Approving the Proposed 2026 General Fund Budget for the City of Fridley. Seconded by Councilmember Vescio.

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

17. Resolution No. 2025-116, Consenting to the Property Tax Levy for 2025, Collectible in 2026, for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority in and for the City of Fridley

Mr. Starks presented background information on the HRA property tax levy, along with the recommended action before the Council.

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to approve Resolution No. 2025-116, Consenting to the Property Tax Levy for 2025, Collectible in 2026, for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority in and for the City of Fridley. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

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

18. Resolution No. 2025-117, Approving Change Order No. 1 for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST2025-01

Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director, presented a summary of the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project and the proposed change order. He provided additional background information and details of the change order, including traffic calming improvements, temporary mailbox relocation, and concrete pavement rehabilitation. He recommended approval as presented.

Councilmember Evanson asked if there was anything additional that could have been done to anticipate the improvements that would be needed for the concrete panels. Mr. Kosluchar replied that they could have done more exploratory work, but in many of these cases, the panels looked solid on the surface, but it was determined that additional work was necessary. Councilmember Evanson recognized that they do not have many concrete roads in the community, and the cost is still under the budgeted amount.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked if there had been feedback from the residents related to the traffic calming measures. Mr. Kosluchar anticipated that they would receive more feedback now that the road has been opened. He noted that if the speed humps are less effective than anticipated, they can increase their size.

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to approve Resolution No. 2025-117, Approving Change Order No. 1 for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST2025-01. Seconded by Councilmember Vescio.

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

19. Resolution No. 2025-118, Ordering Preparation of Preliminary Report, Plans, and Specifications for Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST2026-02

Mr. Kosluchar provided background information, noting that initiation is the first step for a special assessment project. He highlighted the proposed project area and recommended approval of the action as presented tonight, and explained the next steps.

Motion made by Councilmember Cardona to approve Resolution No. 2025-118, Ordering Preparation of Preliminary Report, Plans and Specifications for Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST2026-02. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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

Informal Status Reports

Councilmember Cardona highlighted upcoming public safety events, and Councilmember Bolkcom provided details on the Springbrook Sampler event.

Adjourn

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

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Ostwald declared the motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Moore
City Clerk

Dave Ostwald
Mayor