City Council Meeting

April 13, 2026
7:00 PM
Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order
Mayor Ostwald called the City Council Meeting of April 13, 2026, 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
Meliss Moore, Assistant City Manager

Pledge Of Allegiance

Proclamations/Presentations

1. Proclamation for Acknowledging the Outstanding Achievement of the Rank of Eagle Scout by Alex Johnson

   Mayor Ostwald presented the proclamation acknowledging the outstanding achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout by Alex Johnson.

Approval of Proposed Consent Agenda

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

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

Approval/Receipt of Minutes

2. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of March 23, 2026.

3. Receive the Minutes from the City Council Conference Meeting of March 23, 2026.

New Business

4. Resolution No. 2026-36, Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for Inflow/Infiltration Reduction.

5. Resolution No 2026-37, Approving and Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with the City of Blaine for Public Safety Services During the 2026 3M Open.

6. Resolution No. 2026-38, Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Xcel Energy to Continue Participation in the Partners in Energy Program.

7. Resolution No. 2026-40, Providing for a Second Supplemental Indenture of Trust and Authorizing the Execution of Documents Related Thereto.

Licenses

8. Resolution No. 2026-32, Approving Temporary Liquor Permit for Totino Grace Annual Music Fundraiser.

Claims

9. Resolution No. 2026-39, Approving Claims for the Period Ending April 6, 2026.

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

John Larson commented on the deer population near the Innsbruck Nature Center and asked if signage could be placed along Matterhorn Drive, Innsbruck, and potentially Gardena to alert drivers to the deer. He stated that there are a number of people who do not stop at the stop sign heading north on Matterhorn Drive, and asked if they could have some enforcement from the Police to ensure drivers stop. He suggested that speed bumps be placed, similar to what was installed on Danube. He referenced the intersection of Matterhorn and Gardena and asked if a stop sign could be placed on both sides of Gardena. Mayor Ostwald noted that a staff member will follow up with the resident.

Councilmember Evanson commented that he is familiar with those issues, as this area is within his ward, and encouraged the resident to reach out to him as well.

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

10. Resolution No. 2026-31, Approving City Business License Renewals for 2026-2027

Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk, provided background information on the types of licenses proposed for renewal this year and the related renewal process. She stated that all the businesses proposed within the draft resolution have completed all necessary steps and inspections. She provided additional information on the different types of licenses and current businesses within each category.

Councilmember Evanson recognized past issues with therapeutic massage licenses and asked for additional information. Ms. Kondrick provided additional information, noting that the business has not reapplied for another license, and Public Safety has verified that the business is no longer in operation. She stated that the massage business at Dave's Sport Shop has met all requirements.

Councilmember Vescio asked if there were any issues that arose during the renewal process. Ms. Kondrick replied that the Fire Marshal stated that there were a few minor items that needed to be addressed at fuel shops and restaurants, noting that those had all been addressed.

Motion made by Councilmember Vescio to adopt Resolution No. 2026-31, Approving 2026-2027 City Business License Renewals for 2026-2027. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

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

11. Resolution No. 2026-34, Awarding Safe Routes to School Improvement Project No. ST2026-21

Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director, provided a summary of the request and noted that the draft resolution considers awarding the project to the lowest responsive bidder at the bid amount of $1,072,728.84 plus five percent contingency. He reviewed the project background, project elements, project bidding, project schedule, and next steps. He recommended approval as presented.

Councilmember Bolkcom commented that it is great to see the bid come in under the estimate. Mr. Kosluchar stated that there could be a lack of small construction projects that have been released for the year, which would provide a good bidding climate.

Councilmember Evanson recognized that the primary funding for the project is coming from grant funds, with the City only responsible for about $200,000. He asked if residents living adjacent to the route would expect to have grass replaced that is disturbed through the project. Ms. Kosluchar confirmed that there would be restoration related to the construction and encouraged residents in that area to watch their mailboxes for notices with information related to the project schedule and contact information.

Councilmember Vescio asked if parking along 61st would be removed as part of the project. Mr. Kosluchar confirmed that is the next item on the agenda.

Mayor Ostwald recognized that this is a continuation of what was done down 7th Street to the high school, with wider walkways.

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to adopt Resolution No. 2026-34, Awarding Safe Routes to School Improvement Project No. ST2026-21. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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

12. Resolution No. 2026-33, Requesting No Parking Designation on Portions of 61st Avenue and 7th Street

Mr. Kosluchar presented a summary of the request and next steps, recommending approval of the resolution as presented.

Councilmember Evanson asked and received confirmation that the no parking designation would be for one side of the street.

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to adopt Resolution No. 2026-33, Requesting No Parking Designation Along 61st Avenue and 7th Street. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

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

13. Resolution No. 2026-35, Awarding Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST2026-01

Mr. Kosluchar presented a summary of the request, noting that the draft resolution awards the project to the lowest responsive bidder, Park Construction Company of Minneapolis. He provided additional background information, existing conditions, project elements, utility improvements, project bidding, funding sources, project schedule, and next steps. He recommended approval of the resolution as presented.

Councilmember Bolkcom referenced the timing of the project and asked when restoration work would be done for the grass. Mr. Kosluchar explained that substantial completion should occur in September, and the restoration work should occur before the end of the fall. He stated that the restoration work would be warrantied and issues could be addressed in the spring if necessary.

Councilmember Evanson asked for more information on the process used to determine when full replacement of pipes is necessary versus lining pipes. Mr. Kosluchar stated that the City of Fridley was one of the first water main lining projects completed in 2011 and provided additional information on the cost for the different options. He stated that in this case, the option chosen for the water main is less expensive, as the cost for lining has not come down.

Councilmember Evanson asked about potential water service disruption to residents. He also asked for more information on the service road near this project area, which is in rough shape. Mr. Kosluchar provided additional information on the utility project and the temporary service that will be provided to minimize disruptions to residents. He noted that there is a second phase of the project, but was unsure if the service road is included. He stated that they are reviewing that segment in a multi-modal view.

Councilmember Vescio noted the option for residents to have the service lines to their homes televised and asked how many residents took advantage of that opportunity and whether any issues were identified. Mr. Kosluchar stated that there was a lot of interest early on, but he was unsure of the number of residents who took advantage. He stated that if a problem is identified, grant funds may be available to help address it.

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to adopt Resolution No. 2026-35, Awarding Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST2026-01. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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

Informal Status Reports

Councilmember Evanson noted the upcoming town hall meeting on Saturday, April 25th.

Adjourn

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

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Ostwald declared the motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Moore City Clerk	Dave Ostwald Mayor