



City Council Meeting

November 24, 2025

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Ostwald called the City Council Meeting of November 24, 2025, to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Mayor Dave Ostwald
Councilmember Patrick Vescio
Councilmember Luke Cardona
Councilmember Ann Bolkcom

Absent

Councilmember Ryan Evanson

Others Present

Walter Wysopal, City Manager
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Pledge Of Allegiance

Approval of Proposed Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom 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 November 10, 2025.
2. Receive the Minutes from the City Council Conference Meeting of November 10, 2025.
3. Receive the Minutes from the Public Arts Commission Meeting of October 1, 2025.
4. Receive the Minutes from the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of October 6, 2025.

New Business

5. Resolution No. 2025-146, Accepting the 2025 City of Fridley Flock Camera Grant Agreement Between the City and the Fridley Dispensary.
6. Resolution No 2025-153, Authorizing Execution of a Solar on Public Buildings Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Commerce for a Solar Array on Water Treatment Plant No. 3.
7. Resolution No. 2025-154, Authorizing a Funding Application and Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for Private Sanitary Inflow/Infiltration Reduction.
8. Resolution No. 2025-156, Approving Gifts, Donations, and Sponsorships Received Between October 18, 2025, and November 14, 2025.
9. Resolution No. 2025-157, Approving and Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Patrol Officers (Local #119) for the City of Fridley Public Safety Department.
10. Resolution No. 2025-158, Approving and Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Police Sergeants (Local #310) for the City of Fridley Public Safety Department.
11. Resolution No. 2025-159, Approving and Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Fire Union (Local No. 1986) for the City of Fridley Public Safety Department.
12. Resolution No. 2025-160, Approving and Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Police Technicians (Local #514) for the City of Fridley Public Safety Department.

Claims

13. Resolution No. 2025-155, Approving Claims for the Period Ending November 19, 2025.

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

No one from the audience spoke.

Adoption of Regular Agenda

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

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

Regular Agenda

New Business

14. Ordinance No. 1436, Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 209, Fees, to Update Fees for Park Shelter Rentals (First Reading)

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that staff recommend some relatively small adjustments to the fee structure to provide increased accountability to the rental policy and cost recovery for program administration. He provided an overview of the park shelter rental program, along with additional information regarding the rationale behind fee adjustments and shelter reservation fees.

Councilmember Vescio asked if these fees compare to what other communities charge, acknowledging that the deposit is refundable, and inquired if that amount is sufficient to deter bad actors. Mr. Maher confirmed that staff completed a comparison review and agreed that it is a balancing act of providing accountability while ensuring that it is still affordable for others.

Councilmember Cardona asked for more information on how shelters are reviewed after the rental, whether public safety can drive by rentals, whether it would be appropriate to end shelter rental times at 8 or 9 p.m., and the contact that occurs between staff and the renter before the reservation date. Mr. Maher explained how the shelters are reviewed after the rental, the collaboration that occurs with public safety, and the reservation process.

Mayor Ostwald asked if there is a method of recourse for damage that occurs. Mr. Maher reviewed the language within the rental agreement.

Motion made by Councilmember Cardona to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1436, amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 209, Fees, to update fees for park shelter rentals. Seconded by Councilmember Vescio.

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

Informal Status Reports

Councilmember Bolkcom provided positive feedback on the recent turkey bingo event.

Councilmember Cardona wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. He recognized the recent success of Krispy Kreme and asked other businesses to be patient with the increased traffic.

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom 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 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Moore
City Clerk

Dave Ostwald
Mayor