



# City Council Meeting

May 26, 2026

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

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## Minutes

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Ostwald called the City Council Meeting of May 26, 2026, to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Present**

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

### **Absent**

### **Others Present**

Walter Wysopal, City Manager  
Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director  
Melissa Moore, Assistant City Manager  
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

### **Pledge Of Allegiance**

### **Proclamations/Presentations**

1. Proclamation Recognizing June 2 as Mississippi River Day.

Mayor Ostwald presented the Proclamation recognizing June 2<sup>nd</sup> as Mississippi River Day. Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director, recognized the work of Rachel Workin in this area and shared facts about the health of the river.

### **Approval of Proposed Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Bolkom requested that Items 5 and 6 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Mayor Ostwald noted that those removed items would now become Item 12a and 12b under New Business on the Regular Agenda.

*Motion made by Councilmember Bolkom to adopt the proposed Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Cardona.*

*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 May 11, 2026.
3. Receive the Minutes from the Joint Public Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and City Council Conference Meeting of May 11, 2026.

### **New Business**

4. Resolution No 2026-54, Approving the City of Fridley Data Practices Policy.
5. ~~Resolution No. 2026-56, Approving Artwork Recommendations for the Utility Box Art Wrap Pilot Program. Item 12a~~
6. ~~Resolution No. 2026-57, Acknowledging and Extending Support for a Proposed Utility Box Art Wrap Installation. Item 12b~~
7. Resolution No. 2026-58, Authorizing a Water Quality Cost Share Agreement with Rice Creek Watershed District for Dog Waste Stations.
8. Resolution No. 2026-59, Approving an Extension for Special Use Permit, SP #25-02 for Al Shifa Clinic Located at 1413 Gardena Avenue N.E. (Ward 2).
9. Resolution No. 2026-61, Approving Gifts, Donations, and Sponsorships Received Between April 23, 2026, and May 19, 2026.
10. Ordinance No. 1438, Amending Chapter 404, Vehicles (Second Reading).

### **Claims**

11. Resolution No. 2026-60, Approving Claims for the Period Ending May 20, 2026.

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

John Brillhart, 830 West Moore Lake Drive, noted the discussion that occurred at the Council Conference meeting related to FLOCK and asked for more information on the City's FLOCK transparency portal. Mayor Ostwald stated that someone from Public Safety can follow up with the resident to provide that information.

### **Adoption of Regular Agenda**

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

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

## **Regular Agenda**

### **New Business**

12. Resolution No. 2026-55, Authorizing Participation of the City of Fridley in the Minnesota Local Performance Measurement Program.

Melissa Moore, Assistant City Manager, explained the purpose and benefit of measuring the performance of City services. She reviewed the results of the general government measures, public safety measures, and public works measures. She highlighted commitments to the future and noted that the full report is available on the City website.

Councilmember Cardona stated that the information in the report is very nice to see. Mayor Ostwald thanked staff for their efforts and for putting the report together. Councilmember Bolkcom thanked staff for taking the time to put the report together. Councilmember Evanson recognized the proactive measures of staff that assist in the City trending in the right direction and how these efforts save taxpayer dollars.

Councilmember Vescio asked what would be needed to advance to a class two fire safety rating. Ms. Moore stated that she can have the Fire Chief follow up with that information.

*Motion made by Councilmember Cardona to adopt Resolution #2026-55, Authorizing Participation of the City of Fridley in the Minnesota Local Performance Measurement Program. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.*

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

- 12a. Resolution No. 2026-56, Approving Artwork Recommendations for the Utility Box Art Wrap Pilot Program.

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that this is the opportunity for the Council to review artwork that has been recommended for the utility box art wrap program by the Public Arts Commission. He provided an overview of the utility box art wrap program and selection process, noting that 54 artwork designs were submitted. He presented the six recommended pieces selected by the Commission, along with two alternatives.

Councilmember Bolkcom was amazed by the number and quality of submissions for the program.

Councilmember Cardona thanked the Creative Arts Foundation for their contributions to the program.

Councilmember Evanson asked what was learned through this process. Mr. Maher commented that there is a great amount of talent in the community, as seen through the submissions received. He provided additional information on things learned about formatting and looked forward to what they would learn through the installation process.

Councilmember Vescio thanked the Public Arts Commission for their efforts and looked forward to seeing more color when driving through the community. Commissioner Bolkcom provided information on more options being reviewed by the Commission for rotating art displays.

*Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to adopt Resolution #2026-56, Approving Artwork Recommendations for the Utility Box Art Wrap Pilot Program. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.*

12b. Resolution No. 2026-57, Acknowledging and Extending Support for a Proposed Utility Box Art Wrap Installation.

Mr. Maher explained that MnDOT requires a resolution of support from an organization's governing body for artwork in their right-of-way. He stated that if approved, staff will proceed with an Application for Art of Trunk Highway Right-of-Way. He noted that MnDOT further requires each artist to sign a VARA (Visual Artists Rights Act) waiver, which would allow MnDOT to alter, move, or remove artwork in their right-of-way.

*Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to adopt Resolution #2026-57, Acknowledging and Extending Support for a Proposed Utility Box Art Wrap Installation. Seconded by Councilmember Vescio.*

### **Informal Status Reports**

Councilmember Cardona thanked the American Legion and Sacred Heart National Church for the Memorial Day service held the previous day. He commented on an upcoming neighborhood meeting in a neighborhood park to discuss potential park improvements. The city-wide garage sale takes place June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, and June 7<sup>th</sup> is trash to treasure day.

Councilmember Bolkcom stated that she and Mayor Ostwald attended the Memorial Day service at Islands of Peace, which was also hosted by the American Legion.

Councilmember Evanson commented that the City is still looking for adopt-a-park volunteers and encouraged residents to participate.

Councilmember Vescio stated that the Community Concert Series begins on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the City Hall Campus.

Councilmember Cardona stated that Night to Unite parties can now be registered on the City website.

### **Adjourn**

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

*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,

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Melissa Moore  
City Clerk

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Dave Ostwald  
Mayor