



City Council Conference Meeting

June 8, 2026

5:30 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dave Ostwald
Councilmember Ann Bolkcom
Councilmember Patrick Vescio
Councilmember Ryan Evanson
Councilmember Luke Cardona

Others Present: Wally Wysopal, City Manager
Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director
Paul Bolin, Community Development Director
Stacy Stromberg, Assistant Community Development Director/HRA
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Nancy Abts, Senior Planner

Items for Discussion

1. Metropolitan Council Lift Station L32A Update on Visual Impacts and Construction Impacts

Staff from Metropolitan Council presented the proposed construction site plan as well as the final layout. The City Council expressed concern about the creation of two driveways on the north and one on the south end of the property. Discussion was held about the unused portion of the property and potential uses, screening of the lift station and continued community communications. The City Council expressed a desire to be present for future planning meetings and to have the Metropolitan Council's representative for Fridley attend a meeting.

2. Discuss Option to Transfer Islands of Peace Park Property to Anoka County

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director, provided background on Islands of Peace Park and its status as a regional park. The land was donated to the City of Fridley (City) and after, the City entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Anoka County to operate it as a regional park. The JPA obliges the City to the regional park standards which limits what the City can do with the property. The City wants assurances from the County to uphold the proposed improvements.

3. Discuss Potential Uses of Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) Fund

Paul Bolin, Community Development Director, provided background to the funds and how they can be used to compliment existing programs in the City. Funding is limited to only new programs with emphasis for uses being suggested for manufactured homes and apartments.