



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE
Monday, June 08, 2026
6:00 PM

Mayor
Amada Márquez Simula
Councilmembers
Connie Buesgens
Rachel James
Justice Spriggs
Laurel Deneen
City Manager
Aaron Chirpich

AGENDA

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

Members of the public who wish to attend may do so in-person, or by using Microsoft Teams Meeting at <http://www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/joinameeting> ID 280 136 504 322 9, Passcode Sf6p5VF2. For questions, please contact Administration at 763-706-3610.

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WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

MISSION STATEMENT

Columbia Heights is a vibrant, healthy and connected City. We are here to actively support the community, deliver equitable services, build and strengthen connections, improve upon our past, and uphold our successes. We strive to be better and ensure Columbia Heights is a great place for everyone, today and in the future.

Columbia Heights City Council and Staff Norms.

While we are accountable to each other for these norms, the Mayor and City Manager will help us adhere to them with respectful reminders and reinforcement as needed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(The Council, upon majority vote of its members, may make additions and deletions to the agenda. These may be items submitted after the agenda preparation deadline.)

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITION, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GUESTS

- A. National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation**
Accepting Proclamation: Suzanne Sancilio, Co-Lead, NE Metro Be SMART for Kids
- B. Pride Month Proclamation**
Accepting Proclamation:
- C. Immigrant Heritage Month Proclamation**
Accepting Proclamation:

CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Report of the City Council

Report of the City Manager

COMMUNITY FORUM

The Community Forum is an opportunity to address the City Council about items not scheduled for a public hearing.

All speakers must provide their name and connection to Columbia Heights. In-person speakers should complete a form for the City Clerk and introduce themselves at the podium. Virtual speakers should send their information to the moderator via chat and turn on their camera when called.

Comments are limited to five minutes. Disrespectful language is not allowed. The Council may ask questions or refer items for follow-up but typically does not take action during the forum.

CONSENT AGENDA

These items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted as part of the Consent Agenda by one motion. Items removed from consent agenda approval will be taken up as the next order of business. (The City Council will make motion to approve the Consent Agenda following the statement of all items.)

- 1. Approve May 26, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes.**
Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager
MOTION: Move to approve the May 26, 2026, City Council meeting minutes.
- 2. Accept April 6, 2026 Regular EDA Meeting Minutes.**
Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager
MOTION: Move to accept the May 4, 2026, EDA meeting minutes.
- 3. Accept May 6, 2026, Library Board Minutes.**
Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager
MOTION: Move to accept the May 6, 2026, Library Board meeting minutes.
- 4. Consideration of Resolution 2026-036 Approving a Single Family Rental Exemption Renewal at 4538 4th Street NE**
Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2026-036, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-036, a resolution approving the single-family rental exemption request for the rental application at 4538 4th Street NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421.
- 5. Approval of Resolutions 2026-037 and 2026-038 Requesting Funds from the Anoka County HRA and Transferring Said Funds to the EDA for the Purchase of 4217 Central Ave.**
Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolutions numbered 2026-037 and 2026-038, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 2026-037, a resolution requesting funds from the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to support economic development activities within the City of Columbia Heights.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 2026-38, a resolution transferring \$305,000 of ACHRA grant funds from the City of Columbia Heights to the Columbia Heights Economic Development Authority for the purchase, abatement, utility work, and demolition of 4217 Central AVE NE.

6. Approval of Resolution 2026-039 to Accept MN Office of Justice Program Hiring Grant.

Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2026-039, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2026-039 accepting the Minnesota Office of Justice Program grant for police hiring in the total amount of \$50,000 and authorize and direct the execution of the grant agreements.

7. Approval of Resolution 2026-40, Authorizing The Pursuit Of 2026 Local Regional Solicitation Funding for the 44th Avenue Multimodal Improvements Project.

Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2026-040, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-040, authorizing the pursuit of 2026 local Regional Solicitation funding for the 44th Avenue Multimodal Improvements Project.

8. Authorization to Purchase Replacement Dump Truck and Equipment.

Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager

MOTION: Motion to approve the purchase of a new 2027 cab and chassis dump truck through Transwest Trucks under State Contract #T-647(5) in the amount of \$141,751.52, and the associated upfit equipment through Towmaster under State Contract #S-863(5), for a total project cost not to exceed \$346,907.52 fund 431.3121.45150 .

9. Authorization to Purchase Replacement Toro 5910.

Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager

MOTION: Motion to approve the purchase of a Toro 5910 mower from MTI Distributing through the State of Minnesota cooperative contract (#284699) in the amount of \$167,188.98, fund 431.5200.45180 and to authorize retention of Unit 0240 for use as a backup and supplemental mowing unit.

10. Service and Contract Cancellation with Flock Safety.

Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich/City Manager

MOTION: Move to approve termination of services with Flock Safety and direct staff to take the steps necessary to cancel all contracts with Flock Safety formally to ensure non-renewal in 2027, and direct staff to make final payments to Flock Safety that are owed

under the current contracts, and to direct staff to coordinate the immediate disconnection and removal of all Flock Safety ALPR camera's in operation in the City in connection with the current contracts.

11. License Agenda

Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager

MOTION: Move to approve the items as listed on the business license agenda for June 8, 2026, as presented.

12. Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval

Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager

MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for June 8, 2026, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

13. Review of Bills.

MOTION: Move that in accordance with Minnesota Statute 412.271, subd. 8 the City Council has reviewed the enclosed list to claims paid by check and by electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$1,468,159.26.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No Public Hearings.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

No Items for Consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

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