CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE
Monday, November 09, 2026
6:00 PM

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

AGENDA

AGENDA AMENDED ON NOV 9, 2026,
FOR PROCLAMATONS A, B & C

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 ID 287 379 419 391 505 5**,** *Passcode* Z5gj2jw6*. 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. Veterans Day and Armistice Day: November 11, 2026

Accepting Proclamation: *Roger Johnson, U.S. Army Veteran*

B. Transgender Awareness Week, November 13–19, 2026 and Transgender Day of Remembrance, Friday, November 20, 2026 Proclamation

Accepting Proclamation: *Frankie Churchill and Nik Seiler*

C. Native American Heritage Month & Native American Heritage Day 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. **Approval of October 5, 2026 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes**

   Presenting item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager

   MOTION: Move to approve the October 5, City Council Work Session meeting minutes.

2. **Accept October 7, 2026, Library Board Minutes.**
   Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager
   MOTION: Move to accept the October 7, 2026, Library Board meeting minutes.

3. **Accept September 8, 2026 Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes.**

   Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager
   MOTION: Move to accept the September 8, 2026, Economic Development Authority meeting minutes.

4. **2027 Score Grant Agreement with Anoka County**

*Presenting Item***:** *Aaron Chirpich, City Manager*
MOTION: Move to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the 2027 SCORE Agreement for Residential Recycling Program with Anoka County for $107,104 in grant funding.

5. Approval of Final Payment for 40th Avenue Utility Improvements, City Project 2404.
*Presenting Item***:** *Aaron Chirpich, City Manager*
MOTION: Move to accept the work for the 40th Avenue Utility Improvements, City Project 2404, and authorize final payment of $22,950.01 to A-1 Excavating, LLC of Bloomer, WI.

6. Approval of Resolution 2026-075, Application to MN Deed for the New Municipal Service Center Contamination Investigation Funding.
Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2026-075, there being ample copies available to the
public.
MOTION: Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-075, approving the application to MN DEED for the new Municipal Service Center Contamination Investigation funding.

7. Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval
*Presenting Item***:** *Aaron Chirpich, City Manager*
MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for November 9, 2026, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

8. License Agenda
Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager
MOTION: Move to approve the items, as listed on the business license agenda for November 9, 2026, as presented.

9. 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 $1,509,419.82.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
This is the public's opportunity to speak regarding this matter. Speakers that are in-person are asked to complete a Speaker Form and submit it to the City Clerk. Speakers attending virtually should send a request to speak with this information to the moderator using the chat function and wait to be called on to speak. When speaking, virtual attendees should turn their camera on. Speakers should limit their comments to five (5) minutes. Any comments made after the public hearing is closed will not be considered by the City Council and will not be included as part of the formal record for this matter as the item will have been voted on and the item formally closed by the Council.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Ordinances and Resolutions

10. Consideration of Ordinance 1733, A Zoning Map Amendment - Rezoning Central Ave Limited Business Properties to Align with Comprehensive Plan
Presenting Item: *Nick Soldano, Community Development Intern*
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1733, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to set the second reading of Ordinance No. 1733, an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map, for November 23, 2026 at approximately 6:00PM.

11. Consideration of Resolution 2026-074, a Variance for an Increase in the Maximum Sign Area for 4000 Quincy St NE.
Presenting Item: Ursula Brandt, City Planner
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution No. 2026-074, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move approve Resolution No. 2026-074, a Variance allowing a 111.35 sqft increase for a wall sign at 4000 Quincy St NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421.

Bid Considerations

New Business and Reports

ADJOURNMENT

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