



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 2, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Present: Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Jahn Dyvik, Mike Feldmann, Deirdre Kvale, and Todd Newcomer

Staff Present: City Administrator Nowezki; City Clerk Moeller; City Attorney Thames; Public Works Director Diercks

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – LONG LAKE NEWS, MEETING REVIEW, AND UPDATES

Mayor Miner shared that he had been able to participate in recent Memorial Day observances at Union Cemetery and St. George's Cemetery, and thanked everyone involved in making commemorative activities possible.

He also thanked the Park Board for their work on the City's first annual Beach Bonfire Summer Kickoff event held in Nelson Lakeside Park, and recalled that a group of Zvago residents had participated and arrived in matching t-shirts.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Feldmann, seconded by Councilmember Newcomer, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approve Minutes of May 19, 2026 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of May 19, 2026 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-25 Approving Issuance of Special Event Permit #S2026-07 for the Temporary Outdoor Patio at Carbone's Pizzeria Long Lake
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-27 Accepting a Donation to the City of Long Lake by the Wayzata Crime Prevention Coalition

A motion was made by Feldmann, seconded by Newcomer, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Ayes: all.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Three Rivers Park District – Presentation & Update by Commissioner Marge Beard

Commissioner Beard gave a presentation updating the Council on the Three Rivers Park District organization; its mission; the variety of parks, trails, and natural resources administered and maintained by the District; the Year of the River celebration in 2026; and highlighting recreation opportunities and activities provided by Three Rivers Park District facilities. She mentioned that the park most frequented by Long Lake residents was the Baker Park Reserve. She also touched on some of the amenities and activities available at other area parks local to Long Lake, including Gale Woods Farm, Lake Minnetonka Regional Park, and Noerenberg Gardens. She concluded that Three Rivers Parks is open to partnerships with cities and counties in the area and encouraged the City's Council and staff members to reach out to her if they had questions or ideas.

B. Consider Approval to Establish an Off-Leash Dog Park at Dexter Park

City Administrator Nowezki explained that residents had been using the ice rink at Holbrook Park as an informal off-lease dog park seasonally. City staff is currently planning to rehabilitate the ice rink area, but in doing so, staff didn't want to leave those residents without somewhere to go. She reviewed the concept to create an off-leash dog park at Dexter Park to include fencing, gate access, and related costs. Staff's analysis was that the overall costs to establish a new off-leash dog park would not exceed \$30,000, and they felt that it would add an amenity to the City's park system. Although the expense was unbudgeted, park dedication funds would be able to be used for developing a new park facility.

City Clerk Moeller clarified that park dedication fees are required to be paid to the City as part of land use development applications and site development agreements for projects, such as for subdivisions creating new buildable lots.

Council and staff discussed parking considerations, the cost for fencing, use of logs and rocks that the City already has to add natural play elements, Park Board support, the benefit of having water available for dogs and humans in the area, seating for people, potential liability concerns, spot checks by the Wayzata Police Department, signage that would post usage rules, curfew times, and the possibility for adding a paved pathway to make this area more easily accessible for pedestrians.

Mayor Miner suggested that it may be advisable to table action on this until the next meeting to allow staff time to research some of the ideas the Council had raised regarding liability and paving a path.

Nowezki responded that she could follow up and obtain more information on possible liabilities and paving. Regardless of what the Council decides to do about creating an off-leash dog park at Dexter Park, staff plans to begin removing some of the makeshift dog park items at Holbrook Park ice rink.

Councilmember Kvale noted that she lived in this area and would like plans to be kept more rustic so there is a lower impact on the neighborhood.

Moeller confirmed that lower impact had been staff's goal, which was also why staff had proposed the use of natural materials that they already had on hand from other developments and projects to add play elements.

It was the consensus of the Council to table action on approving the establishment of an off-leash dog park to allow staff time to check into liability considerations and the addition of a paved path between Dexter Drive and Watertown Road.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting Attendance - Councilmember Newcomer commented that he would not be in attendance at the next Council meeting due to an out of state trip.

Meeting with Hennepin County Administrator - Nowezki indicated that she had a wonderful meeting last week with Jodi Wentland, Hennepin County Administrator, and was excited to engage with the County on upcoming projects.

Required Website/Software Updates - Moeller reported that the City would be needing to update its website interface and meetings management software for compliance with upcoming accessibility requirements and implementation deadlines. The changes are anticipated to occur over the next six months.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk