



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL - WORKSHOP
MAPLE PLAIN CITY HALL
July 14, 2025
5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske, Councilmember Mike DeLuca, Councilmember Connie Francis, Councilmember Andrew Burak, & Councilmember Rochelle Arvizo

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Jacob Kolander, and Assistant City Administrator Kevin Larson.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

Councilmember Burak made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Francis.

Voting Yea: Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske, Councilmember Mike DeLuca, Councilmember Connie Francis, Councilmember Andrew Burak, & Councilmember Rochelle Arvizo

Motion Passed 5-0

3. DISCUSSION

A. Cookies with Council/Muffins with Mayor Discussion

Mayor Maas-Kusske summarized the importance of community engagement and posed three key questions to spur the conversation on improving accessibility for engagement.

The council brainstormed creative ideas for engaging residents and being available in an informal atmosphere.

Council Direction: Shift to a monthly one-hour council chat. Skipping the months of July and December. Next six-month schedule: August Mayor Maas-Kusske, September Councilmember DeLuca, October Councilmember Arvizo, November Councilmember Burak, and January Councilmember Francis.

The Council agreed to evaluate how the new program is working in a few months.

B. Park Improvement – Veterans Memorial Park

Assistant City Administrator Larson summarized the scope and perspective of the Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP) on Public Spaces History. The CAP visited the parks to look for potential improvements and organized the ideas to bring to the Council for discussion. The two categories are general maintenance and wish list items. The park focused on was Veterans Memorial Park, and discussed the wish list of improvements for the park

Council Direction for the Veterans Memorial Park Wish List: Include a sidewalk from the south side of the small parking lot to the playground area. Add an ADA-compliant sidewalk behind the stone seating area around the bandshell. Continue with the addition of the kitchenette pavilion near the bandshell. Explore the possibility of adding electric charging ports, but the council is not willing to raise taxes to install them in the small parking lot. Adding a child 5 and under playground is not an expense that makes sense for the City. There is a playground for children 5 and younger at the Discovery Center and at the Oak Street playground. The Council is in favor of adding additional benches around the playground. Remove bike racks from around the list. Adding lights around the flag pole is a must. The council is in favor of replacing the roofs at the concession stand, dugouts, and announcers' box. Address the scoreboard, museum, & bollards at a future workshop.

C. Closed Session: Minnesota Statute § 13D.05, subdivision 3(d) allows meetings to be closed under specific conditions related to security matters.

Councilmember Arvizo made a motion to enter into closed session in pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(c)(3). Seconded by Councilmember Francis.

Voting Yea: Mayor Maas-Kusske, Councilmember DeLuca, Councilmember Francis, Councilmember Burak & Councilmember Arvizo.

Motion Passed 5-0. The Council entered into closed session at 6:40.

Councilmember DeLuca made a motion to exit closed session. Seconded by Councilmember Burak.

Voting Yea: Mayor Maas-Kusske, Councilmember DeLuca, Councilmember Francis, Councilmember Burak & Councilmember Arvizo.

Motion Passed 5-0. The Council exited closed session at 6:50

4. COUNCIL REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

5. FUTURE WORKSHOP TOPICS

- A. Park Improvements - Oak Street Tot Lot & Discovery Center Play Ground
- B. Fire Merger Discussion
- C. Code of Conduct
- D. Parking Regulations
- E. City Hall Building
- F. No Mow May Discussion

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Francis made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Burak.

Voting Yea: Mayor Maas-Kusske, Councilmember DeLuca, Councilmember Francis, Councilmember Burak & Councilmember Arvizo.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Council Adjourned at 6:51

I, the undersigned, Jacob Kolander, City Administrator in and for the City of Maple Plain, Minnesota, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JK' followed by a long horizontal stroke.