

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Work Session was held on February 18, 2025 at the Able Park Building, 8200 Able Street, Spring Lake Park, at 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks
Mayor Robert Nelson

MEMBER ABSENT

Councilmember April Moran

STAFF PRESENT

Public Works Director Linngren, Parks and Recreation Director Scanlon, Administrator Buchholtz

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan Discussion (Buchholtz)

Administrator Buchholtz presented the draft 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for council review. He reported that the plan includes approximately \$8.3 million in capital projects, with the majority allocated to public works and public utilities. He stated that other areas receiving funding include stormwater management, administration, police department, and parks and recreation. He said the key project highlights include the Terrace Park Building, a major parks and recreation project contingent upon securing a \$400,000 CDBG grant. He stated that if the grant application is unsuccessful, the project may be delayed until 2026. He said the two Water Tower Restoration projects is estimated to total \$1.5 million for painting and structural maintenance, with telecommunications providers needing to temporarily remove antennas during the project. He stated that additional investments include storm sewer lining to prevent infiltration and reduce treatment costs, ongoing annual replacement of outdated or damaged hydrants at approximately \$25,000 per year, and allocating \$40,000 per year to replace aging commercial water meters with new technology to improve accuracy and revenue collection. He also discussed a potential conversion of a deteriorated tennis court at Terrace Park into a pickleball court. Councilmembers raised concerns about noise levels and their impact on nearby residents. Discussion included concerns regarding alternative funding for projects if grants are not secured, public utility revenues, and potential cost-saving technologies for water infrastructure maintenance.

B. City-wide Cleanup Event Discussion (Dircks)

Councilmember Dircks led a discussion on planning the annual Earth Day Cleanup event, scheduled for April 26, 2025, with support from local organizations, including the Lions Club and local churches. She said a successful event includes expanding business and community partnerships, utilizing utility bill inserts and social media for outreach, identifying high-priority cleanup areas such as University Avenue and park spaces, and seeking additional sponsorships and donations. Staff will coordinate logistics and volunteer engagement efforts.

3. REPORT**A. Council and Staff Reports - None****4. ADJOURN**

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer