

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on April 7, 2025 at the City Hall, at 7:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Josh Antoine, Public Works Director George Linngren, Building Official Jeff Baker, Attorney John Thames, Engineer Phil Gravel, Deputy City Clerk Wanda Brown

VISITORS

Ken Kirchner	7955 Van Buren Street NE	Spring Lake Park MN
Kevin Bebensee	8000 Van Buren Street NE	Spring Lake Park MN
Aithom Zeman	929 Portland Avenue	Minneapolis MN
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3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Brown requested that Item 7A be removed from the Agenda Rental License Revocation for Certain Located at 8090 Hayes Street NE and Item 9A be removed from the Agenda Rental License Revocation for Certain Property Located at 803 Manor Drive NE.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Ken Kirchner, a resident of 7955 Van Buren Street NE, spoke on behalf of local residents to raise concerns about ongoing parking violations and noise disturbances near 80th and Van Buren Streets. He reported that improper parking during school hours and community events is hindering mail delivery and creating hazardous conditions for students boarding buses.

Mr. Kirchner also addressed excessive noise levels during school events, stating they often exceed the city ordinance limit of 70–75 decibels, disturbing nearby residents, especially in the evenings. He expressed frustration that city officials have claimed these issues fall under state

and federal jurisdiction, with little local enforcement. He urged the city to take immediate action to improve enforcement and ensure the safety and well-being of the neighborhood.

A prospective business owner expressed interest in leasing or potentially purchasing the city-owned property at 8478 Highway 65 for the purpose of opening a unique, destination-style restaurant. He noted that his real estate agent informed him of the city's recent acquisition of the property and ongoing planning efforts.

The speaker currently owns a Yemeni-Middle Eastern restaurant called Saba in Virginia and is eager to bring a similar concept to this area, believing it would fill a gap in the local dining scene and create jobs. He is also open to future redevelopment opportunities, including retail, depending on the city's long-term vision.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2025 City Council Work Session Minutes
- B. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2025 City Council Meeting
- C. Mayor's Proclamation – Volunteer Month – April 2025
- D. Mayor's Proclamation – Earth Day – April 22, 2025
- E. Contractor Request for Payment #13 – City Hall Renovation/Expansion Project - \$43,090.10
- F. Contractor Request for payment #14 – City Hall Renovation/Expansion Project - \$156,220.88
- G. Resolution 2025-11 – Temporary Gambling License – Spring Lake Park Lions – Tower Days
- H. Approve Public Right of Way – Xcel Energy
- I. Approve Public Right of Way – Xcel Energy
- J. Approve Public Right of Way – Xcel Energy
- K. Contractor's Licenses

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Consent Agenda.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Rental License Revocation for Certain Property Located at 8090 Hayes Street NE

Removed

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Code Enforcement Report

Building Official Baker thanked Building Official Nick Henley, with the City of Mounds View,

for covering inspections while he was out of the office. Building Official Baker gave an update on the training he participated in on the new online permitting features of the BS&A software. He gave an update on the interviews conducted for the Code Enforcement position. He stated that a conditional job offer was made to one of the candidates.

B. Public Works Report

Public Works Director Linngren gave an update on the activities for March. He said that the Public Works Department experienced a smooth transition into spring, with only one full plow event and one salting operation. He said that sidewalk and landscape repairs resumed, with crews adding black dirt and seed to larger damaged areas. He noted that the Department is currently hiring seasonal employees for park and maintenance work at \$18 per hour.

Director Linngren stated that the community garden planters at Sanburnol Park have been repaired and refilled with soil. He stated that a new street sweeper was recently delivered, and staff completed training. Director Linngren state that Eric Nelson from North Metro Cable News filmed a segment about the equipment and operations, which will be shared soon.

Director Linngren said the community recycling event is scheduled for April 26 from 8 a.m. to noon. He encourages residents to bring scrap metal and other recyclable items. He said that tree removal continues with a focus on ash trees.

Director Linngren state that there was a water main break on 81st Avenue which is still a concern. He said that once the hot mix plants open, the street repair will take place on 81st Avenue NE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Rental License Revocation for Certain Property Located at 8090 Hayes Street NE

Removed

10. ORDINANCES AN/OR RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2025-12, Ordering Hearing on Proposed Assessment for 2025 Street Improvement Project

Engineer Gravel stated that the resolution approval is the next step for the 2025 Street Improvement Project. He stated that the resolution calls for the assessment roll to be received and the call for the public hearing. Engineer Gravel noted that the public hearing on the assessments would be called for May 5, 2025.

Motion made by Councilmember Dircks to approve Resolution 2025-12, Ordering Hearing on Proposed Assessment for 2025 Street Improvement Project.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Conditional Job Offer for Fire Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Building Official Baker stated that a conditional job offer has been extended to Nick Anderson for the Fire Inspector/Code Enforcement Inspector position, with a tentative start date of April 28, 2025. Building Official Baker noted that Mr. Anderson comes to the City with experience as a Public Safety Officer. He said that Mr. Anderson will start at Grade 10, Step 1.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Conditional Job Offer for Fire Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran. Voting Nay: Mayor Nelson. Motion carried 4-1.

B. Conditional Job Offer for Police Officer

Chief Antoine stated that he offered a conditional job offer to Jacob Stauffeneker for the position of Patrol Officer. Chief Antoine is seeking Council approval of Jacob Stauffeneker, pending passing a psychological, medical and drug exam, and physical agility test. Chief Antoine stated that the tentative start date is April 11, 2025.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Conditional Job Offer for Police Officer.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Gun Range Lane and Baffle Replacement

Chief Antoine gave a presented a proposal to replace the shooting lanes in the Police Department's Gun Range. He stated that recent upgrades already completed include new electrical lighting and a ventilation system. Chief Antoine said the final step is to replace the current three shooting lanes with two larger, modern, computerized lanes that will be more efficient and fully electronic.

Chief Antoine noted that the preferred vendor is Range Systems, who is based in Minnesota. He stated the proposed cost is \$83,809.00, and includes new lanes and

computers, rifle-rated baffles, and ballistic rubber along the sides for additional training options.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson for Approval of Gun Range Lane and Baffle Replacement.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

D. Authorize Public Works Building Relamp Project

Public Works Director Linngren stated that starting January 1, 2026, fluorescent bulbs will no longer be sold in Minnesota. He said that the City received a \$12,000 quote for lighting retrofit and safety upgrades in the Public Works garage. He noted that the lighting upgrade will address some issues identified by the City's Safety Consultants.

Director Linngren stated that the project is expected to cut the annual electricity cost in half with a \$418.00 rebate. He stated that the quote does not include the north garage. He said he would like to include the North Garage in the project. Director Linngren stated that the project will be funded from the City's Building Maintenance and Renewal Fund.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to Authorize Public Works Building Relamp Project, and approved up to \$5,000 to relamp the North Garage.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

E. Authorize the Purchase of an Asphalt Hot Box

Public Works Director Linngren has identified the need to replace the current asphalt hot box, a heavily used unit from the 1980s–1990s, which is outdated, has failing components, and is no longer roadworthy—posing a safety risk during asphalt transport. He stated that a new Falcon Brand Asphalt Hot Box, commonly used by state and municipal agencies, is proposed for purchase off the state contract for \$50,236 (including delivery). He said the new unit will improve reliability and safety for road patching and maintenance.

Director Linngren noted that the 2025 Capital Equipment Program has \$60,000 budgeted for this purchase. He said the existing unit will be sold to offset the cost.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to Authorize the Purchase of an Asphalt Hot Box.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

12. REPORTSA. Attorney's Report

None

B. Engineer's Report

Report accepted as presented.

C. Administrator Report

None

13. OTHERA. Closed Session - Consideration of the Lease of Real Property at 8478 and 8480-8492 Central Avenue Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, Subd. 3(c)3

Motion made by Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff to close the City Council meeting for Consideration of the Lease of Real Property at 8478 and 8480-8492 Central Avenue Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, Subd. 3(c)3

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried

Meeting closed at 7:58 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 8:26 PM

Attorney Thames stated that the City Council met in closed session to discuss Consideration of the Lease of Real Property at 8478 and 8480-8492 Central Avenue Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, Subd. 3(c)3. Attorney Thames stated that City Council has provided staff and the attorney with direction.

14. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer