OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council was held on August 3, 2026 at Spring Lake Park Community Center, 1301 81st Avenue N.E., at 7:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks
Councilmember April Moran
Mayor Bob Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT
Building Official Jeff Baker, Public Works Director George Linngren, Police Chief Antoine, Engineer Phil Gravel, Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

VISITOR

Peter Lindstrom	Mer Council	
Halyn Roth	7914 Able Street NE	Spring Lake Park MN
C Meyer	459 81st Avenue NE	Spring Lake Park MN
Kristi Cobbs	8085 Jefferson Street NE	Spring Lake Park MN
Michelle Oler	700 Holland Lane NE	Spring Lake Park MN
Eric Julien	700 Holland Lane NE	Spring Lake Park MN
Perry Korzenowski	8420 Laddie Road NE	Spring Lake Park MN

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

5. PRESENTATION

A. Met Council District 10 Commissioner Peter Lindstrom

Commissioner Peter Lindstrom provided an overview of the Metropolitan Council's primary responsibilities, which include wastewater and water services, transit and transportation planning, housing and redevelopment authority functions, parks and open space management, and regional water supply planning. The Council discussed the Met Council's management of regional water resource recovery facilities and sewer systems, including the

connection serving Spring Lake Park, as well as ongoing collaboration on the City's water tower project. Lindstrom also presented updates on transit and transportation planning. Commissioner Lindstrom highlighted the F Line Bus Rapid Transit project, expected to begin construction in late 2027 or 2028, and reviewed current operations of the Metro Micro door-to-door service, noting its popularity, frequently used destinations, and confirming the fare of $3.25.

Mayor Nelson expressed concern regarding cybersecurity threats to water and wastewater facilities, citing recent national incidents involving compromised water treatment systems. Lindstrom acknowledged the seriousness of these risks, noting ongoing coordination with the FBI and Homeland Security and the implementation of regular system updates. Mayor Nelson emphasized the importance of maintaining updated software and partnering with local law enforcement to ensure the security of city infrastructure. Commissioner Lindstrom reiterated the Met Council's commitment to protecting critical systems. The Council also reviewed community development initiatives led by the Met Council, including support for comprehensive planning efforts and administration of tree replacement grant programs.

6. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Kristi Cobbs, 8085 Jefferson Street NE, thanked the Council and staff for their work on the 2027 budget but expressed concern about long-term financial sustainability. She noted that the administrative captain position will require ongoing funding beginning in 2028 and highlighted the cumulative impact of recent and projected levy increases on residents. Cobbs emphasized that families face multiple rising costs at once and urged careful consideration of long-term spending commitments.

Ms. Cobbs asked the Council to clearly define measurable outcomes for the administrative captain position and to report results to the public. Cobbs also encouraged benchmarking police staffing and costs against comparable metro communities to strengthen public confidence. Finally, she urged continued efforts to improve efficiencies and expand the city's tax base to reduce reliance on residential property taxes and maintain long-term affordability for residents.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes – City Council Work Session Meeting – June 1, 2026
B. Review and Acknowledgement of Annual Data Practices Compliance
C. Contractor's Licenses
D. Sign Permits
E. Kennel License

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Public Works Report

Director Linngren provided an update on July Public Works operations and noted upcoming changes to bus routes along Monroe and Osborne as coordinated by the Metropolitan Council. He noted that the changes include adding new northbound and eastbound stops on Osborne, removing the recently added Monroe stop, and revisiting ADA improvements at the existing Monroe bus shelter.

Director Linngren reported that park maintenance has been challenging due to recent heat, but seasonal staff continue with weeding and installing playground safety chips. He said that concrete work is scheduled with Schmidt Concrete for multiple locations, including the University Avenue Service Road, school entrances on Terrace, and repairs associated with recent water main break work. He noted a pre-construction meeting for the mill and overlay project will take place soon, with needed patching work incorporated into the project.

Linngren noted that Public Works staff are continuing crosswalk and curb painting, catch basin repairs, and storm sewer maintenance. He noted the recent reconstruction of an unmapped storm sewer system near Northtown Auto due to unexpected failure. He noted that jetting operations are wrapping up.

Linngren also provided an update on Spring Lake, explaining that the former beach area is planned for conversion into a natural habitat through a grant proposal, as the lake is filled primarily by stormwater and no longer supported by aquifer pumping.

B. Code Enforcement Report

Building Official Baker provided an update on the Code Enforcement activities for July. He commended Inspector Wertz for his effective communication and collaborative work with residents during the recent tree abatement process. He noted that approximately 65 notices were issued, only six properties are moving forward to formal abatement, reflecting strong resident cooperation. Baker noted that an informational flyer has been created for contractors to place on doors explaining the abatement procedure and providing code references.

Baker provided an update on construction activity, highlighting the redevelopment of the former Busy Bees site into the Nashmi Restaurant. He said the remodel will include a significant exterior facelift along with interior improvements.

Building Official Baker also addressed the ongoing property concerns at 7730 Central Avenue NE. He stated that attempts to contact next-of-kin were unsuccessful, and he

anticipates bringing forward an abatement order for that property due to unresolved structural issues.

9. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance 509, Repealing, Replacing and Amending Certain Provisions of Chapter 11 of the Spring Lake Park City Code Relating to Business Regulations and Licensing

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the ordinance revisions discussed during the council's recent work session have been completed. Following council direction, all business-related ordinances were sent to the city attorney for review. He stated that Attorney Thames has made minor adjustments, and the updated omnibus ordinance presented to the council reflects those final revisions. Buchholtz stated that the updates cover a wide range of business regulations, including solicitors, liquor licensing, tobacco licensing, and adult-use provisions, ensuring all ordinances align with current standards, laws, and court rulings.

Motion made by Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff to approve Ordinance 509, Repealing, Replacing and Amending Certain Provisions of Chapter 11 of the Spring Lake Park City Code Relating to Business Regulations and Licensing.

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

B. Ordinance 510, Amending Chapters 7.04 and 7.08 of the Spring Lake Park City Code Relating to Traffic and Parking Regulations

Administrator Buchholtz reported that, over the past one to two months, staff and the council have reviewed and updated the City's traffic and parking regulations. He noted that major updates include adding regulations for e-bikes and e-scooters, which were previously not addressed, and updating terminology related to ATVs to reflect current use of UTVs. He said theses revisions ensure the ordinances remain aligned with modern technologies and transportation trends.

Buchholtz noted additional minor updates to the City's median safety ordinance and clarified parking restriction language. He said a key change will empower code enforcement and designated city staff to issue parking citations, rather than limiting that authority solely to law enforcement. Buchholtz explained that this delegated authority—permitted under state statute—is intended primarily to support emergency snow removal operations.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to amend Ordinance 510 by striking Section 7.08.030(D) out of Ordinance 510.

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

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Ordinance 509, Repealing, Replacing and Amending Certain Provisions of Chapter 11 of the Spring Lake Park City Code Relating to Business Regulations and Licensing, as Amended.

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

C. Resolution No. 2026-32, Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance no. 509, An Ordinance Repealing, Replacing and Amending Certain Provisions of Chapter 11 of the Spring Lake Park City Code Relating to Business Regulations and Licensing

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Resolution No. 2026-32, Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance no. 509, An Ordinance Repealing, Replacing and Amending Certain Provisions of Chapter 11 of the Spring Lake Park City Code Relating to Business Regulations and Licensing.

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

D. Resolution No. 2026-33, Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance 510, Amending Chapters 7.04 and 7.08 of the Spring Lake Park City Code Relating to Traffic and Parking Regulations

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Resolution No. 2026-33, Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance 510, Amending Chapters 7.04 and 7.08 of the Spring Lake Park City Code Relating to Traffic and Parking Regulations as Amended.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorization to Approve Terrace Park Warming House Demolition Quotes

Building Official Baker reported that demolition bids for the Terrace Park Warming House were solicited on July 10. Four contractors were contacted, and two submitted proposals: Nitti Roll-off Services and PMZ Construction Services. Staff is recommending awarding the demolition contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Nitty Roll-off Services, in the amount of $5,416.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Authorization to Approve Terrace Park Warming House Demolition Quotes as Amended.

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

11. REPORTS

A. Attorney Report - None

B. Engineer Report - Accepted report as submitted

C. Administrator Report

12. OTHER

13. 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 8:33 PM.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer