

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA MONDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 2024 ABLE PARK BUILDING, 8200 ABLE STREET NE at 7:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA
- 5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR
- 6. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approval of Minutes October 21, 2024 City Council Meeting
 - B. Approval of Claims List General Disbursement #24-17 \$1,258,578.76
 - C. ROW Application CenterPoint Energy
 - D. ROW Application Telcom Construction for Lumen
 - E. Contractor's Licenses

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Rental License Revocation for Certain Property Located at 8025 Jackson Street NE

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Public Works Report
- B. Code Enforcement Report

9. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2024-60, Certifying Outstanding Costs for the Abatement of Hazardous Nuisances at 8064 Garfield St NE
- B. Ordinance 497, An Ordinance Granting Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a Centerpoint Energy Minnesota Gas ("Centerpoint Energy"), Its Successors and Assigns, A Nonexclusive Franchise to Construct, Operate, Repair and Maintain Facilities and Equipment for the Transportation, Distribution, Manufacture and Sale of Gas Energy for Public and Private Use and to Use the Public Ways and Grounds of the City of Spring Lake Park, Anoka and Ramsey Counties, Minnesota, for Such Purpose; and, Prescribing Certain Terms and Conditions Thereof
- C. Resolution 2024-61, Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 497
- D. Resolution 2024-62, Approving a Variance from the Side Yard Setback Requirements for a Driveway Expansion at 673 81st Avenue NE
- E. Resolution 2024-63, Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Phase 2 Computer Purchase

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR RULES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Individuals with disabilities needing auxiliary aid(s) may request assistance by contacting the City Clerk at 1301 81st Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Ph.763-784-6491 at least 48 hours in advance.

11. REPORTS

- A. Attorney Report
- **B.** Engineer Report
- C. Administrator Report

12. OTHER

A. Correspondence

13. ADJOURN

RULES FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

- Discussion from the floor is limited to three minutes per person. Longer presentations must be scheduled through the Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer's office.
- Individuals wishing to be heard must sign in with their name and address. Meetings are video recorded so individuals must approach the podium and speak clearly into the microphone.
- Council action or discussion should not be expected during "Discussion from the Floor." Council may direct staff to research the matter further or take the matter under advisement for action at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The purpose of a public hearing is to allow the City Council to receive citizen input on a proposed project. This is not a time to debate the issue.

The following format will be used to conduct the hearing:

- The presenter will have a maximum of 10 minutes to explain the project as proposed.
- Councilmembers will have the opportunity to ask questions or comment on the proposal.
- Citizens will then have an opportunity to ask questions and/or comment on the project. Those wishing the comment are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.

In cases where there is a spokesperson representing a group wishing to have their collective opinions voiced, the spokesperson should identify the audience group he/she is representing and may have a maximum of 10 minutes to express the views of the group.

- People wishing to comment are asked to keep their comments succinct and specific.
- Following public input, Councilmembers will have a second opportunity to ask questions of the presenter and/or citizens.
- After everyone wishing to address the subject of the hearing has done so, the Mayor will close the public hearing.
- The City Council may choose to take official action on the proposal or defer action until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. No further public input will be received at that time.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on October 21, 2024 at the City Hall, at 7:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember April Moran
Acting Mayor Lisa Dircks

MEMBERS ABSENT Mayor Robert Nelson

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Josh Antoine, Recreation Director Kay Okey, Public Works Director George Linngren, Building Official Jeff Baker, Attorney John Thames, Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

VISITORS

Officer Rachelle Gulbranson City of Spring Lake Park

Officer Mike Williams City of Fridley

Morgan Swanson 658 Rosedale Rd NE Spring Lake Park

Friends and Family of Rachelle Gulbranson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Wendling requested that the following change be made to the agenda: 1) that item 10G be added for consideration of on-street parking on Able Street NE for the Spring Lake Park Lions Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 27, 2024.

5. PRESENTATIION

A. Ceremonial Swearing in of Police Officer Rachelle Gulbranson

Administrator Buchholtz administered the Oath of Office to Rachelle Gulbranson. Officer Gulbranson's badge was pinned on by Officer Mike Williams from the City of Fridley Police Department.

6. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes October 7, 2024 City Council Meeting
- B. Mayor's Proclamation Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2024
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report September 2024
- D. Statement of Fund Balance September 2024
- E. Approval of Change Order #3 City Hall Renovation/Expansion Project
- F. ROW Application CenterPoint Energy
- G. Contractor's Licenses

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Consent Agenda.

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

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police Report

Chief Antoine reported that the Police Department responded to 685 calls for service in September 2024 compared to 719 calls for service for the month of September 2023. Chief Antoine stated that School Resource Officer Imig reported handling 5 calls for service, along with conducting 18 student contacts, thirty escorts and 10 follow-up investigations. He said Investigator Bennek handled 48 cases for the month of September, 45 of which were felony in nature and 3 misdemeanors. He said Investigator Bennek is monitoring 5 active forfeiture cases.

Chief Antoine gave an update on the happenings in the Police Department.

B. Recreation Report

Recreation Director Okey state that the Recreation Program offered 50 sessions of various classes and activities during the month of September. Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired about the cost of renting the building. Director Okey explained the cost is \$50 for 4 hours, and that staff is not present; however, renters are given a list of what is acceptable and what is not acceptable.

Director Okey noted that the Able Park Activities Building was rented out 5 times during September and currently have 7 reservations for October. She stated that Coon Creek

watershed District will be installing a Pet Waste Station at Sanburnol Park to address phosphorus and E. Coli pollution in Springbrook Creek Subwatershed.

Director Okey noted that Saturday, October 26 from 1:00-3:00 pm is the Family Fall Fest at Able Park. She said that the Parks Commissioners reviewed options for Terrace Park Playground replacement project and approved an option with a slight modification.

9. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2024-57, Ordering Preparation of Report of Improvement for Taylor Street Improvement Project

Administrator Buchholtz stated that Public Works Director Linngren identified Taylor Street NE (between 79th Avenue NE and Osborne Rd NE), as a priority street for a pavement mill and overlay project. He said that the feasibility study will determine the condition of the street, and how to proceed.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Resolution 2024-57, Ordering Preparation of Report of Improvement for Taylor Street Improvement Project.

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

B. <u>Ordinance 496, Regarding the Application, Administration and Enforcement of Building,</u>
<u>Plumbing and Electrical Codes, Including Permit Issuance, Plan Review, Inspections and Fee Schedules</u>

Administrator Buchholtz stated that staff recommends the City Council consider transitioning plumbing plan review and electrical inspection services from the Minnesota of Minnesota to Rum River Consulting and Nykanen Inspections. He said the transition is aimed to improve efficiency, customer service and expediting the construction process.

Administrator Buchholtz said that the State of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry oversees plumbing plan reviews and electrical inspections for the City. He noted that Minnesota Statutes 362B.43, Subdivision 2, and 362B, Subdivision 6, permit the delegation of said responsibilities to the municipalities therefore allowing the City to manage the services locally.

Administrator Buchholtz said staff recommends entering into an agreement with Rum River Consulting to handle plumbing plan reviews for public and commercial projects. He stated that the delegation would provide the City with a new revenue source, as the City would retain a portion of the plan review fee. He states that staff recommends entering into an agreement with Nykanene Inspections to perform electrical inspection services.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Ordinance 496, Regarding the Application, Administration and Enforcement of Building, Plumbing and Electrical Codes, Including Permit Issuance, Plan Review, Inspections and Fee Schedules. Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Moran, Acting Mayor Dircks. Motion carried.

C. Resolution 2024-58, Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 496, An Ordinance Regarding the Application, Administration and Enforcement of Building, Plumbing and Electrical Codes, Including Permit Issuance, Plan Review, Inspections and Fee Schedules

Motion made by Councilmember Moran to approve Resolution 2024-58, Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 496, An Ordinance Regarding the Application, Administration and Enforcement of Building, Plumbing and Electrical Codes, Including Permit Issuance, Plan Review, Inspections and Fee Schedules.

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

D. Resolution 2024-59, Authorizing Building Official and City Administrator to Execute an
 Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry for plumbing Plan Review

 Delegation

Motion made by Councilmember Moran to approve Resolution 2024-59, Authorizing Building Official and City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry for Plumbing Plan Review Delegation.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. <u>Approval of Agreement for Supplemental Building Official Services with Rum River Ventures</u>
<u>LLC</u>

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling Authorizing Approval of Agreement for Supplemental Building Official Services with Rum River Ventures LLC, subject to final revisions of the City Attorney and staff.

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

B. <u>Approval of Consultant Services Agreement with Nykanen Inspections LLC for Electrical Inspection Services</u>

Motion made by Councilmember Moran Authorizing Approval of Consultant Services Agreement with Nykanen Inspections LLC for Electrical Inspection Services, subject to final revisions of the City Attorney and staff.

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

C. <u>Authorize Furniture Purchase for Phase 2 and 3 – City Hall Renovation/Expansion Project</u>

Administrator Buchholtz stated that city staff has been working with Alternative Business Furniture (ABF) on a design for the new office furniture for City Hall. He said that that staff has evaluated the furniture needs for the final phase of the building. Administrator Buchholtz noted that the areas included in the phase are Administration, the link, the new conference room and Emergency Operations Center/Training Room, multi-purpose room and the Council Chambers.

Administrator Buchholtz noted that ABF is on the State Contract. He stated that Phase 2, which includes the Parks and Recreation Director's office and the Administration work stations and offices was quoted at \$68,273.15. He noted that Phase 3, includes the conference room, emergency operations center, Council Chambers, Link and Multi-purpose room was quoted at \$85,350.76.

Administrator Buchholtz said staff recommends approval of Phase 2 and Phase 3 quotes for a total amount of \$153,623.91. He said the funds for the furniture will come out of the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment line item from the project budget.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to Authorize Furniture Purchase for Phase 2 and 3 – City Hall Renovation/Expansion Project.

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

D. <u>Arthur Street Pumphouse Camera System Replacement</u>

Police Chief Antoine gave an overview of the connection issues with the camera systems at the Arthur Street Pumphouse and Terrace Park. Chief Antoine highlighted that the original 32-channel DVR purchased for City Hall is insufficient for the current needs, particularly as the demand for camera coverage has increased. He is proposing to purchase a new 64-channel DVR to meet the current needs and any future expansions to the camera system.

Chief Antoine emphasized that the existing 32-channel DVR has been problematic, particularly at the Arthur Street Pumphouse, where the camera system has faced significant connection and operational challenges over the past few years. To rectify these issues, he is seeking council approval to allocate \$6,634.00 for replacing both the cameras and the DVR at this site.

In response to a query from Councilmember Wendling regarding the timeline for replacing the remaining cameras in the parks, Chief Antoine confirmed that the last two parks slated for upgrades are Terrace Park and Lakeside Park. He assured the council that a phased plan is currently in development to implement these necessary upgrades efficiently.

Motion made by Councilmember Moran to approve Arthur Street Pumphouse Camera System Replacement.

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

E. Authorize Conditional Hire of Public Works Maintenance Worker

Administrator Buchholtz gave an overview of the recruitment process for the Public Works Maintenance Worker. He stated that 13 applications were received and 5 interviews were conducted. He noted that the interview panel consisted of Public Works Director Linngren, Lead Maintenance Worker DeBoer and himself.

Administrator Buchholtz is recommending Austin Becker for Public Works Maintenance Worker. He stated that Mr. Becker currently works for MnDOT, and has experience in snow plowing, repairing roads, installing catch basins, mowing, traffic control and landscaping. Administrator Buchholtz noted that Mr. Becker holds a CDL with a tanker endorsement.

Administrator Buchholtz states that staff is recommending the City Council extend a conditional offer to Austin Becker, subject to successful completion of DOT pre-employment drug test and criminal background check. He noted that Mr. Becker will start at Step 4 of the salary schedule.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to Authorize Conditional Hire of Public Works Maintenance Worker.

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

F. Consider Amendment to the Statement of Value Policy

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the City Council adopted a Statement of Values policy aimed at upholding the highest standards of ethical conduct and professionalism within the City. He said the policy articulates the core values and principles that are expected of both elected and appointed officials. He noted that the previous lack of a clear enforcement mechanism raised concerns about inconsistent application, potential violations, and unresolved conflicts among officials.

Administrator Buchholtz noted that the he proposed enforcement policy introduces a structured approach that distinguishes between minor and serious violations. He said the framework allows for a flexible resolution of complaints: minor issues can be addressed informally through conversations, coaching, and warnings, while serious or repeated violations may initiate a formal investigation.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that City staff will play a supportive role in the initial review of complaints; however, the ultimate authority for enforcing the policy rests with the City Council.

Motion made by Councilmember Moran to Consider Amendment to the Statement of Value Policy.

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

G. <u>Consider On-Street Parking Able Street for Spring Lake Park Lions Pancake Breakfast on October 27, 2024</u>

Chief Antoine gave an overview of the policy regarding on street parking on no parking streets for special events. He stated that the parking is normally allowed on the side streets. Chief Antione acknowledges the inconvenience of distant parking for residents, he proposed exploring alternative solutions, such as utilizing the school parking lot to ease congestion. Chief Antoine recommended that the council not proceed with lifting the restrictions on Able Street without further research and discussion.

The City Council took no action.

11. REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report None
- B. Engineer's Report

Report accepted as presented.

C. <u>Administrator Report</u>

Administrator gave an update on the renovation project. Administration Buchholtz stated that the Direct Balloting period has begun, with early voting available from 8:00 am - 4:15 pm. He said that early voting will be available on Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and again on Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 3 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Administrator Buchholtz noted that additional voting is available on until 5:00 pm on Monday the day before the election. He stated that on Election Day voting will take place at Emmanuel Christian Center at 7777 University Avenue NE.

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A. Correspondence - None

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

	Lisa Dircks, Acting Mayor	
Attest:		
Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer		

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CLAIMS LIST APPROVED AND PAID

GENERAL OPERATIONS Claim Res. #24-17 VOUCHER VENDOR **DESCRIPTION AMOUNT** \$ UNIFORM ALLOWANC-MURPHY / BADGE 76353 **ASPEN MILLS** 343.40 \$ 76354 **BATTERIES PLUS BULBS** 231.85 **BATTFRIFS** \$ 76355 CITY OF FRIDLEY 2024 SUMMER OUTING/EVENTS 1,952.92 \$ COMM-WORKS, LLC PARK CAMERA MONITORING 275.00 76356 \$ 76357 COMPUTER INTERGRATION TECHNOLOGIES FORTINET FORTITOKEN MOBILE 5YR LICENSE 450.00 \$ 76358 **CORRPRO COMPANIES INC** ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMNT WATR STORAGE 1,950.00 76359 **DIAMOND VOGEL PAINTS PAINT SUPPLIES** \$ 99.75 FLOCK GROUP INC FLOCK SAFETY PRGRM-TRAFFIC EDUCATION \$ 6,800.00 76360 \$ **GENERATOR POWER SYSTEMS LLC** LEVEL 4 SERVICE-2HR LOAD BANK TEST X2 76361 1.725.00 \$ HYDRAULIC SPECIALTY INC **PARTS** 76362 67.57 INSTRUMENTAL RESEARCH INC JUNE / JULY WATER TESTING 76363 \$ 192.00 \$ GIRLFRIENDS GETAWAY DOCENT LED TOUR 76364 **JMKAC** 800.00 \$ 76365 **KORTERRA** LOCATE MGMT STD 07/28/24-07/27/25 3,212.00 \$ LISA MURPHY BCA CONFERENCE / LODGING 76366 590.58 76367 MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY UNLEADED / DIESEL FUEL \$ 4,157.93 \$ 76368 MENARDS-CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT CC PMNT 44.89 MHSRC/RANGE MATURE DRIVER \$ 676.00 76369 \$ 76370 MNX INC. **PARTS** 9,217.23 \$ 76371 NAPA AUTO PARTS **PARTS** 13.85 76372 **NBS / WAHLTEK OLYMPUS SOFTWARE** \$ 400.00 \$ 161.41 76373 **NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT PARTS** \$ 76374 ON SITE SANITATION INC STD CONSTRUCTION RESTROOMS 216.00 \$ 76375 PQT COMPANY INC dba RUM RIVER TREE FARN SPRUCE TIP BUNDLES 230.00 76376 REVOLUTIONARY SPORTS, LLC 2024 SUMMER SESSION III SOCCER CLASSES \$ 773.85 \$ 76377 STEPHANIE SMITH ABLE PARK BLDG DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUND 100.01 \$ 76378 SUBURBAN RATE AUTHORITY 2024 MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMNT 2ND HALF DUE 488.00 76379 THE HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES **CC PMNT** \$ 242.00 \$ VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC CASE# 24438472 0 | PRESERVATION / WARRANT 76380 75.00 \$ 76381 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 165.20 **SUPPLIES** \$ 76382 AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING CITY HALL RENO/EXPANSION PROJECT 3,214.35 UNIFORM ALLOWANCE-LEMKE \$ 76383 **ASPEN MILLS** 44.95 \$ 76384 **CELL PHONE SERVICES** AT & T MOBILITY 1,129.57 BITUMINOUS ROADWAYS, INC \$ 76385 TERRACE PARK SIDEWALK 55,260.00 CARSON, CLELLAND & SCHREDER \$ 76386 ATTORNEY SERVICES 11.651.01 \$ 76387 CENTERPOINT ENERGY **MONTHLY UTILITIES** 298.57 \$ 76388 **CINTAS** FLOOR MATS 108.25 76389 COMM-WORKS, LLC PARK CAMERA MONITORING \$ 275.00 76390 COMPUTER INTERGRATION TECHNOLOGIES CONTRACTUAL SERVICES 24.816.79 76391 CONSTRUCTION RESULTS CORP CITY HALL RENO/EXPANSION PROJ PMNT NO. 7 656,342.65 \$ 76392 **GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL INC LOCATES** 114.75 \$ 76393 INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS, INC **DS300 GENERATOR** 99,900.00 \$ 76394 JOSH ANTOINE **CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT** 50.00 \$ 76395 KENNETH A. TOLZMANN, SAMA 3RD QTR BILLING FOR 2025 PAYABLE 2026 9,425.63 76396 KYLENE KNOBLAUCH YOUTH SOFTBALL UMPIRE CONTRACTOR \$ 35.00 \$ LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INTERPRETATION SERVICES 76397 227.63 \$ 76398 LITHIA MOTORS SUPPORT SERVICES PARTS /AUTO REPAIRS 396.09 76399 MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC **COPIER** \$ 882.64 \$ MARIE RIDGEWAY LISS, LLC SLP POWER PROGRAM 400.00 76400

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CLAIMS LIST APPROVED AND PAID		Page: 2		
		L OPERATIONS	Claim Res	s. #24-17
<u>VOUCHER</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
76401	MARTIN-MCALLISTER	PUBLIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT-BULMAN	\$	625.00
76402	MENARDS - BLAINE	PARTS	\$	16.95
76403	METRO-INET	DATA SERVICES	\$	173.00
76404	METROPOLITAN COUNCIL	WASTE WATER SERVICES DEF REV	\$	51,957.59
76405	MINNESOTA-WIS PLAYGROUND INC	ADD SOIL AT ABLE PARK	\$	700.00
76406	NORTH VALLEY INC	SANBURNOL, ELM, 83RD ST IMPROV PROJECT	\$	7,681.57
76407	PLUNKETT'S INC	PEST CONTROL	\$	190.96
76408	PRAIRIE RESTORATIONS, INC.	SERVICE INTEGRATED PLANT MGMT SITE VISIT	\$	1,275.00
76409	QC DANCE	2024 SUMMER CLASSES	\$	1,036.00
76410	SMITH SCHAFER & ASSOCIATES	FINAL BILLING FOR 2023 AUDIT	\$	1,800.00
76411	STANTEC	CONSULTING SERVICES	\$	53,841.25
76412	STREICHER'S	RANGE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	\$	90.00
76413	SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	RANGE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	\$	822.80
76414	THE TOONIES	07.03.24 PERFORMANCE 2ND HALF PMNT	\$	425.00
76415	WALTERS RECYCLING REFUSE SERV	MONTHLY RECYCLING SERVICES	\$	11,401.75
76416	XCEL ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	\$	984.25
76417	AMERITAS	PAYROLL	\$	62.60
76418	CENTRAL PENSION FUND	PAYROLL	\$	2,600.00
76419	DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	PAYROLL	\$	378.51
76420	HEALTH PARTNERS, INC	PAYROLL	\$	28,934.38
76421	LELS	PAYROLL	\$	634.50
76422	LOCAL 49	PAYROLL	\$ \$	175.00
76423	METLIFE	PAYROLL	\$	1,807.18
76424	NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS	PAYROLL	\$	32.00
76425	BARNA, GUZY & STEFFEN	INVESTIGATION (TB)	\$	12,420.00
76426	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	SUPPLIES	\$	382.95
76427	CENTRAL TURF & IRRIGATION SUPPLY	PARTS	\$	199.06
76428	CINTAS	FLOOR MATS	\$	108.25
76429	CITY OF FRIDLEY	WINTER / SPRING / SUMMER VOLLEYBALL	\$	5,570.21
76430	COMCAST	8251 ARTHUR ST MONTHLY UTILITIES	\$	113.07
76431	CONNEXUS ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	\$	301.98
76432	DAVE PERKINS CONTRACTING INC	JEFFERSON & SANBURNOL SEWER	\$	4,940.00
76433	ECM PUBLISHERS, INC.	09/23 PH KLAKEG VARIANCE	\$	59.12
76434	FASTENAL COMPANY	PARTS	\$	106.27
76435	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2518	PARTS	\$	1,171.66
76436	FRIENDLY CHEVROLET GEO. INC.	STEP PACKAGE	\$	637.50
76437	HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	WATER CHEMICALS	\$	5,210.43
76438	MENARDS - BLAINE	PARTS	\$	19.92
76439	METLIFE	COBRA DENTAL PMNT	\$	146.50
76440	MINNEAPOLIS SAW COMPANY, INC.	BLACK DIAMOND 2LB SPOOL	\$	161.97
76441	MINNESOTA PETROLEUM SERVICES	PARTS	\$	1,182.00
76442	MTI DISTRIBUTING INC	PARTS	Ś	172.47
76443	REFAYA HAMZA	ESCROW REFUND	Ś	146.55
76444	TURFCO MFG, INC	PULLEY, FLAT IDLER	\$	36.06
76445	TWIN CITIES BMEU WEST	3RD QTR UTILITY BILLING POSTAGE (MAIL 09/30	\$	800.00
76445 76446	WALTERS RECYCLING REFUSE SERV	6YD TRASH / 2YD ORGANICS SERVICES	\$	691.81
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76447 76448	ACM, LLC		\$ \$	89,227.65
76448	AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING	85TH/ SANBURNOL / ELM/ 83RD ST IMPROV.	ې	2,088.30

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	CLAIMS LIST AP	PROVED AND PAID	Page: 3	
	GENERAL	OPERATIONS	Claim Res. #24-17	
VOUCHER	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION		<u>AMOUNT</u>
76449	ANNE SCANLON	NATIONAL PARK TOUR REIMBURSEMENT	\$	3,109.31
76450	BOOKWORM GARDENS	BOOKWORM GARDENS TOUR GFG 2024	\$	390.00
76451	CAR WASH PARTNERS INC (dba: MISTER CAR V	A CAR WASHES	\$	104.00
76452	CENTRAL TURF & IRRIGATION SUPPLY	PARTS	\$	199.06
76453	CJ SPRAY INC	REPAIR KITS	\$	167.75
76454	COMPUTER INTERGRATION TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$	1,160.00
76455	DIAMOND VOGEL PAINTS	YELLOW FED ACR TRF	\$	310.00
76456	DUSTIN LEMKE	HY-VEE SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT	\$	40.96
76457	GENERATOR POWER SYSTEMS LLC	LEVEL 4 SERVICE-2HR LOAD BANK TEST	\$	825.00
76458	HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	WATER CHEMICALS	\$	60.00
76459	HEALTH PARTNERS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	MEDICAL EXPENSES-BULMAN	\$	757.00
76460	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	394.73
76461	JEREMIAH DRINKWINE	UNIFORM ALLOW-ON INC REIMBURSEMENT	\$	220.00
76462	LISA MURPHY	EE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON REIMBURSEMENT	\$	14.05
76463	MANSFIELD SERVICE PARTNERS SOUTH, LLC	UNLEADED FUEL	\$	1,674.06
76464	MICHAEL LEDMAN	ADULT YOGA -SEPT SESSION	\$	351.00
76465	NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$	550.84
76466	OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES	FIBER OPTICS	\$	44.60
76467	RICHARD KRAMER	MEAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$	13.76
76468	SCHWARTZ HOUSE	STILL BEND HOUSE TOUR GFG 2024	\$	760.00
76469	SHRED-IT USA	SHREDDING SERVICES	\$	143.59
76470	TASC	COBRA ADMIN FEE	\$	35.20
76472	TRAVEL ADVOCATES	HOTEL BOOKINGS FOR NTL PARK TOUR 2024	\$	49,272.51
76473	WISCONSIN MARITIME MUSEUM	MARITIME MUSEUM TOUR GFG 2024	\$	468.00
76474	XCEL ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	\$	3,750.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

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Claim Res. #24-17

THEREAS, the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park has considered the foregoing itemized list of sbursements; and	
THEREAS, the City Council has determined that all disbursements, as listed, with the following exceptions:	
e proper.	
OW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the City Council directs and approves the payment of the aforementioned disbursements is day of, 20	
Signed: Mayor	
ouncilmembers:	
ITEST:	

Daniel Buchholtz, Admin/Clerk-Treasurer



CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

1301 Eighty-First Avenue N.E. Spring Lake Park, MN 55432 Ph: 763-784-6491 Fax: 763-792-7257

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY APPLICATION

NAME/COMPANY:	SAP# 2024 LPO PROJECT MGC# 24-77225 CENTERPOINT ENERGY
	FG NO.: 0029
GOPHER 1-CALL R	
ADDRESS: 505 NICO	LLET MALL, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55459
PHONE: 612-321-445	9 FAX:
	kimberly.ignatowicz@centerpointenergy.com
NAME OF REPRES	ENTATIVE: KEVIN SCOTT
REPRESENTATIVE	PHONE NO'S.: 612-321-4454
	PROPOSED WORK: including a start date and completion date:
	G GAS SERVICES WITH 1/2" PLASTIC
START DATE: 11/1	COMPLETION DATE: 12/31/25
The City of Spring Lake	Park reserves the right to modify the schedule as necessary in the issuance of the permit.
Therefore, the dates st	ated on this application may not necessarily match actual approved dates.
EXPLANATION OF	RESTORATION: RESTORE TO PREVIOUS CONDITION OR BETTER
:	
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	Please waive permit
KAM AG	fees per franchise agreement 10/24/24
Autho	prized Representative Signature Date
	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
PROOF OF CER	TIFICATE OF INSURANCE: VERIFICATION DATE:
SCALED DRAWII	NG SHOWING LOCATION LETTER OF CREDIT OR CONST. BOND
	COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY (From M.P.U.C., State, or Federal Agency)
PERMIT FEES:	Excavation Hole - \$150.00
	Trench \$70.00/100'+Hole fee
Receipt No.	My Vingren Date: 10/31/24 Initials: Cox
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House	Street	City	Zip
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7717	ABLE ST NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-2810
7709	ABLE ST NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-2809
7801	ABLE ST NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-2812
7914	ABLE ST NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-2016
7725	ABLE ST NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-2810
375	LUND AVE NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-1148
383	LUND AVE NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-1148
400	MANOR DR NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-1107
408	MANOR DR NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-1107
482	MANOR DR NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-1107
458	MANOR DR NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-1107
450	MANOR DR NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-1107
416	MANOR DR NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-1107
474	MANOR DR NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-1107
374	MANOR DR NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-1105
366	MANOR DR NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-1105
466	MANOR DR NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-110
375	MAPLE ST NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-111
401	MAPLE ST NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-111
475	MAPLE ST NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-111
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367	MAPLE ST NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-111.
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466	MAPLE ST NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-111
467	MAPLE ST NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-111
451	MAPLE ST NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-111
416	SANBURNOL DR NE	SPRING LAKE PARK	55432-112

Spring Lake Park

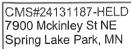
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PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY APPLICATION

NAME/COMPANY:	Telcom Construction for Lumen	Contact: Jane Brown	Phone: 320-365-0086
GOPHER 1-CALL R	REG. NO.: 98564		
ADDRESS, PO Box	189, Clearwater, MN 55320		
JOB ADDRESS: 7900			
		-a.v.	
PHONE: 320-365-008			<u> </u>
	jane.brown@telcomconstru		
	ENTATIVE: Jane Brown or Jen 9		
REPRESENTATIVE	PHONE NO'S.: 320-365-0086	or 320-293-9096	
DESCRIPTION OF	PROPOSED WORK:		
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START DATE: 10/3	31/24 COI	MPLETION DATE: 6	5/3/25
The City of Spring Lake	e Park reserves the right to modify t	ne schedule as necessa	ary in the issuance of the permit.
	ated on this application may not ne		
EXPLANATION OF	F RESTORATION:		
Please email permit to ja	ne.brown@telcomconstruction.com		
gano	Brown	10/30/	24
Auth	orized Representative Signature		Date
	FOR OFFICE	USE ONLY	150 00
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PERMIT FEES: Receipt No.:	Excavation Hole - \$150.00 Trench - \$70.00/100'+Hole		ergency Hole - \$55.00 truction Fee - \$50.00+.05/Ft. Initials:





City of Spring Lake Park 1301 81st Avenue NE Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Contractor's Licenses

November 4, 2024

Excavating Contractor

Integrity Sewer Solutions, LLC.

Mechanical Contractor

K&S Heating Holdings, Inc. dba K&S Heating, Air and Plumbing

Plumbing Contractor

AT Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, LLC.

Ike's Plumbing & Drain Cleaning, Inc.

K&S Heating Holdings, Inc. dba K&S Heating, Air and Plumbing

Kohler Co. dba Kohler Services

City of Spring Lake Park

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

RESLOLUTION APPROVING RENTAL LICENSE REVOCATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8025 Jackson St NE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 12.16.140 OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK CODE

WHEREAS, Bridge SFR IV BORROWER I LLC (Hereinafter "License Holder") is the legal owner of the real property at 8025 Jackson St NE Spring Lake Park MN, 55432; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code, 12.16.140 of the City of Spring Lake Park written notice setting forth the causes and reasons for the proposed council action contained herein and notice of a public hearing to be held on at 7:00 pm on November 4, 2024 was given to the license holder on October 14, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park that, in accordance with the foregoing, and all ordinances and regulations of the City of Spring Lake Park, the City Council adopts the following.

Findings of Fact

- That on or about July 16, 2024 Code Enforcement staff completed an initial rental housing inspection at the property of 8025 Jackson St NE in the City of Spring Lake Park MN. The property failed its rental inspection.
- 2. That on or about August 15, 2024 Code Enforcement staff completed a follow up inspection at the property of 8025 Jackson St NE in the City of Spring Lake Park MN. The property failed the re-inspection. The property manager failed to appear. Code enforcement was advised the property manager had been changed.
- 3. That on or about October 14, 2024 Code Enforcement staff completed a follow up inspection at the property of 8025 Jackson St NE in the City of Spring Lake Park MN. The property failed the re-inspection.
- 4. That on or about October 14, 2024 the property owner Bridge SFR IV Borrower I LLC and all tenants were notified of pre-council inspection scheduled to take place on November 4, 2024 at 10:00 am.
- 5. That based upon said records of the Code Enforcement, the following conditions and violations of the City Property Maintenance Code were found to exist, to-wit:
 - a. Failure of rental housing inspection on July 16, 2024.
 - b. Failure of rental housing inspection on August 15, 2024.
 - c. Failure of rental housing inspection on October 14, 2024.
- 6. That all parties, including the license holder and any occupants or tenants, have been given the appropriate notice of this hearing according to the provisions of the City Code, Chapter 12 Article 16.140 of the City of Spring Lake Park.

Order of Council

- The rental license belonging to the license holder described herein and identified as Bridge SFR IV Borrower I LLC is hereby revoked;
- 2. The City will post for the purpose of preventing occupancy a copy of this order on the buildings covered by the license held by license Holder;

Danie	l R. Buchholtz, Administrator
	
ATTES	ST:
	Robert Nelson, Mayor
N	ovember, 2024
	here the Mayor declared said resolution duly passed and adopted this the 4th day of
A	ita the following voted hay.
Δι	nd the following voted nay:
U	pon roll call, the following voted aye:
Tł	ne foregoing resolution as moved for adoption by Councilmember.
3.	All tenants shall remove themselves from the premises within 45 days from the first day of posting of this Order revoking the license as held by license Holder.



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

Cc: Dan Buchholtz, City Administrator

From: George Linngren, Public Works Director

Date: October 31, 2024

Subject: October 2024 Public Works Report

Here is my summary of our work activities that were carried out in October.

1. MPCA collection conference:

 Cory and myself completed the yearly conference in Brooklyn Park to maintain our sewer licenses.

2. 83rd Avenue and Sanburnol project:

This is complete and we have down the walk through for punch list items. They should have these done by the end of November and they will come back in the spring for some grass restoration.

3. Terrace Park:

• We have the playground pulled out and are bringing in fill to level it up for the poured in place concrete and getting it ready for

4. Street Patching

• We have been busy getting the bigger areas patched before winter so it is sealed up. Hoping to get another few days to finish up before it gets to cold.

5. The new loader.

o It is here. There was a glitch so we ended up bringing back the old one for a couple of weeks while they added the tire monitoring system that was not put on at the factory. Just in time for winter with the new plow on it.

6. Fall clean up:

• We had our recycling event at city hall and it was a great success. 4 hours long and people kept coming until the end. It is always successful each year.

7. Misc. Repairs:

• The repairs from the damages done while installing the new fiber/cable lines around town are done or will be in the next couple of weeks. I met with the contractor on Friday and went over their plan.

8. Fuel Tanks at City Hall:

 We had a contractor come and sand blast the tanks in preparation for painting. They cleaned up nicely and Terry got the tanks primed and painted and we will follow up with new warning stickers.

9. Meetings and Community Engagement:

- o I attended two council meetings and one work session.
- o I participated in weekly construction meetings for city hall.
- o I attended a zoom CCWD monthly meeting.



City of Spring lake Park Code Enforcement Division

1301 Eighty First Avenue Northeast Spring Lake Park, Minnesota 55432 (763) 783-6491 Fax: (763) 792-7257

REPORT

TO: Spring Lake Park City Council

FROM: Jeff Baker, Code Enforcement Official

RE: Code Enforcement Monthly Report for October 2024

DATE: October 30, 2024

The Spring Lake Park Code Enforcement department is the authority having jurisdiction for all fire, rental, property, nuisance, and zoning codes within Spring Lake Park.

In October, a total of 27 building, 1 Fire Suppression, 6 mechanical, 7 plumbing, 1 Certificate of Occupancy and 3 zoning for a total of 43 permits issued compared to a total of 68 in 2023. Code Enforcement conducted 192 inspections in the month of October including 96 building, 51 rental, 3 zoning, 24 nuisance and 18 fire. 4 Admin tickets were issued for non-compliance.

Inspector Morris and Permit Technician Pearson have been working diligently to complete inspections on all remaining rental properties. At present, 27 single-family properties and 23 multi-family properties still have not been inspected, despite each property owner having been notified at least five times through letters, emails, or phone calls.

I would like to extend my thanks to the City Council for adopting the ordinance that enables the city to contract plumbing plan reviews and electrical inspections. While we have a bit more work to manage on the front end, this transition is expected to run smoothly and ultimately benefit all residents and contractors. Additionally, this process is encouraging the Code Enforcement Department to connect with other cities running similar programs, providing us with invaluable insights and fostering strong relationships with neighboring communities.

In October of 2024, I also attended the following appointments:

- City Council meeting on October 7th & 21st.
- Department Head meeting on October 8th.
- Planning Commission Meeting October 28th.

This concludes the Code Enforcement monthly report for October 2024. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding my report, I would be happy to answer them at this time.



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: October 30, 2024

Subject: Resolution 2024-60, Certifying Outstanding Costs of Nuisance Abatement at

8064 Garfield Street NE

City Staff has calculated the outstanding costs associated with the nuisance abatement at 8064 Garfield Street NE.

Below is an accounting of those costs:

Costs Authorized by Anoka County District Court for Abatement of Nuisances at 8064 Garfield Street NE	\$40,269.32	
Minus - Sale of 1965 Chevrolet Corvette	(\$23,160.00)	
Minus - Sale of 1996 Chevrolet Blazer	(\$ 90.00)	
Minus - Miscellaneous currency found on site	<u>(\$ 142.97)</u>	
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$16,876,35	

The total outstanding will be collected with property taxes payable in 2025 and will be recorded as a receivable in the following funds:

Fund 112	\$ 699.30
Fund 227	\$ 7,454.76
Fund 101	\$ 8,722.29
Total	\$16,876.35

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2024-60.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-60

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING OUTSTANDING COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NUISANCES AT 8064 GARFIELD STREET NE

WHEREAS, the property located at 8064 Garfield Street NE, Spring Lake Park, Minnesota (the "Property"), owned by Peter Borowitz, was declared a hazardous building and public nuisance by the City, under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 463; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Lake Park obtained a court order on June 12, 2023 authorizing the City to abate the hazardous and nuisance conditions on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the abatement process included the demolition of the structure and the removal of all hazardous materials, at a total cost of \$36,424.38, along with attorney fees of \$3,233.51 and additional costs of \$611.43, for a combined total of \$40,269.32; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the court's findings, any remaining unclaimed personal property, such as vehicles or items deemed to have negligible value, was either reclaimed by the owner, auctioned, or disposed of, with any proceeds applied toward reducing the City's expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City retained a total of \$23,250 in proceeds from the auction of a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer and a 1965 Chevrolet Corvette, as well as \$142.97 in currency found at the property; and

WHEREAS, subtracting these proceeds, the total owed to the City is \$16,876.35; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Court order, the City is entitled to recover these abatement costs and fees and may certify any unpaid balance for collection as a special assessment on the property taxes for the Property, if not paid within 30 days from the date of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park that the outstanding costs and fees associated with the abatement of hazardous nuisances at 8064 Garfield Street NE (PID #: 01-30-24-42-0068), in the total amount of \$16,876.35, are hereby determined to be liens against the Property and that the same shall and is hereby certified to the Anoka County Auditor pursuant to Minnesota Statute Chapter 463 and the Court Order dated July 31, 2024.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember.

Upon Vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereon the Mayor declared said Resolution du	ly passed and adopted the 4th day of November 2024
	APPROVED BY:
ATTEST:	Robert Nelson, Mayor
Daniel R. Buchholtz, City Administrator	



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: October 30, 2024

Subject: Resolution 2024-60, Certifying Outstanding Costs of Nuisance Abatement at

8064 Garfield Street NE

The current franchise the City holds with CenterPoint Energy expires this year. Ordinance No. 497 is the proposed renewal of Gas Franchise Ordinance with CenterPoint Energy. This ordinance grants CenterPoint Energy the right to construct, operate, and maintain gas distribution facilities within the City of Spring Lake Park for a 20-year period. This nonexclusive franchise allows CenterPoint to utilize the City's public ways and grounds under a structured agreement, balancing the company's operational needs with the City's regulatory oversight and public infrastructure interests.

CenterPoint Energy is the primary provider of natural gas in Spring Lake Park, supplying energy to both public and private users. The current franchise arrangement with CenterPoint has expired, necessitating the establishment of an updated ordinance. The proposed ordinance incorporates current regulatory requirements, including those set by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC), and aligns with the City's goals to manage public right-of-way usage efficiently.

Key Provisions of the Ordinance

1. Grant of Franchise

The ordinance grants CenterPoint Energy a nonexclusive right to operate within Spring Lake Park, ensuring they can continue to supply gas energy to residents and businesses. This franchise is set for a term of 20 years, with specific provisions for termination and renewal processes.

2. Franchise Fee

The ordinance has no effect on the City's existing franchise fee ordinance.

3. Maintenance and Restoration Obligations

CenterPoint is responsible for restoring any public way or public ground impacted by their activities, ensuring that these areas are returned to city standards following any work. This includes provisions for restoration timeframes, required quality of work, and maintenance responsibilities, safeguarding public infrastructure and minimizing inconvenience for city residents and businesses.

4. Relocation Requirements

To accommodate City infrastructure projects or changes, the ordinance requires CenterPoint to relocate gas facilities within public ways at their expense when deemed necessary by the City. This provision ensures that the City can proceed with public works projects without undue delay or additional costs related to existing utility infrastructure.

5. Service Reliability and Emergency Response

The ordinance outlines expectations for service reliability and emergency response. CenterPoint must respond promptly to emergencies and work in collaboration with the City's first responders to address any public safety concerns related to gas facilities.

6. Dispute Resolution Mechanisms

A structured dispute resolution process is outlined to address potential disagreements under the franchise agreement. The initial approach is through mediation to promote a cooperative solution. If mediation does not result in a resolution, either party may bring the matter to district court for further action.

7. Franchise Continuation and Termination

Should the franchise reach its expiration without a new agreement, this ordinance provides for a continuation of the existing franchise terms until a new franchise is agreed upon or until 90 days after a party to the franchise provides written notice of its intent for the franchise to expire.

The proposed ordinance has been negotiated and reviewed by the City Attorney to ensure compliance with state regulations and alignment with the City's interests. The City Attorney recommends approval. He will be present at the City Council meeting to address any questions that you may have.

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 497, the Gas Franchise Ordinance with CenterPoint Energy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.

CenterPoint Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, ANOKA AND RAMSEY COUNTIES, MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP. d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNESOTA GAS ("CENTERPOINT ENERGY"), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, REPAIR AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF GAS ENERGY FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USE AND TO USE THE PUBLIC WAYS AND GROUNDS OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, ANOKA AND RAMSEY COUNTIES, MINNESOTA, FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND, PRESCRIBING CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, ANOKA AND RAMSEY COUNTIES, MINNESOTA, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following capitalized terms listed in alphabetical order shall have the following meanings:

City. The City of Spring Lake Park, Counties of Anoka and Ramsey, State of Minnesota.

City Utility System. Facilities used for providing public utility service owned or operated by City or agency thereof, including sewer, storm sewer, water service, street lighting and traffic signals, but excluding facilities for providing heating, lighting, or other forms of energy.

Commission. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, or any successor agency or agencies, including an agency of the federal government, which preempts all or part of the authority to regulate gas retail rates now vested in the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Company. CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas its successors and assigns including all successors or assigns that own or operate any part or parts of the Gas Facilities subject to this Franchise.

Gas Energy. Gas Energy includes both retail and wholesale natural, manufactured or mixed gas.

Model Franchise Ordinance – CenterPoint Energy – Updated 03.02.2023

Gas Facilities. Gas transmission and distribution pipes, lines, ducts, fixtures and all necessary equipment and appurtenances owned or operated by the Company for the purpose of providing Gas Energy for retail or wholesale use.

Notice. A writing served by any party or parties on any other party or parties. Notice to Company shall be mailed to CenterPoint Energy, Minnesota Division Vice President, 505 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55402. Notice to the City shall be mailed to City of Spring Lake Park, Attn: City Administrator, 1301 81st Ave. NE, Spring Lake Park, Minnesota, 55432. Any party may change its respective address for the purpose of this Ordinance by written Notice to the other parties.

Ordinance. This gas franchise ordinance, also referred to as the Franchise.

Public Way. Any highway, street, alley or other public right-of-way within the City.

Public Ground. Land owned or otherwise controlled by the City for utility easements, park, trail, walkway, open space or other public property, which is held for use in common by the public or for public benefit. For the purposes of this paragraph, land is deemed to be "controlled by the City" with regard to a particular use or location if the City maintains unqualified authority in that area to permit the proposed use or location.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF FRANCHISE

- Grant of Franchise. City hereby grants Company, for a period of twenty (20) years from the date this Ordinance is passed and approved by the City, the right to import, manufacture, distribute and sell Gas Energy for public and private use within and through the limits of the City as its boundaries now exist or as they may be extended in the future and also the right to transport Gas Energy through the limits of the City for use outside of the City limits. For these purposes, Company may construct, operate, repair and maintain Gas Facilities in, on, over, under and across the Public Ways and Public Grounds, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance. Company may do all reasonable things necessary or customary to accomplish these purposes, subject, however, to such reasonable regulations as may be imposed by the City pursuant to ordinance or permit requirements and to the further provisions of this Franchise all which are compliant with state law.
- 2.2 **Effective Date; Written Acceptance.** This Franchise shall be in force and effect from and after the passage of this Ordinance and publication as required by law and its acceptance in writing by Company. If the Company does not file a written acceptance with the City within sixty (60) days after the City Council adopts this Ordinance, or otherwise informs the City, at any time, that the Company does not accept this Franchise, the City Council by resolution may revoke this Franchise or seek its enforcement in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 2.3. <u>Service and Gas Rates</u>. The terms and conditions of service and the rates to be charged by Company for Gas Energy in City are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 2.4. **Publication Expense.** Company shall pay the expense of publication of this Ordinance.

- 2.5. <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. If either party asserts that the other party is in default in the performance of any obligation hereunder, the complaining party shall notify the other party of the default and the desired remedy. The notification shall be written. Representatives of the parties must promptly meet and attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute. If the dispute is not resolved within thirty (30) days of the written Notice, the parties may jointly select a mediator to facilitate further discussion. The parties will equally share the fees and expenses of this mediator. If a mediator is not used or if the parties are unable to resolve the dispute within thirty (30) days after first meeting with the selected mediator, either party may commence an action in District Court to interpret and enforce this Franchise or for such other relief as may be permitted by law or equity.
- 2.6. <u>Continuation of Franchise</u>. If the City and the Company are unable to agree on the terms of a new franchise by the time this Franchise expires, this Franchise will remain in effect until a new franchise is agreed upon, or until ninety (90) days after the City or the Company serves written Notice to the other party of its intention to allow Franchise to expire.

SECTION 3. LOCATION, OTHER REGULATIONS

- 3.1. <u>Location of Facilities</u>. Gas Facilities shall be located, constructed, and maintained so as not to interfere with the safety and convenience of ordinary travel along and over Public Ways and so as not to disrupt normal operation of any City Utility System. Gas Facilities may be located on Public Grounds in a location to be mutually agreed by the City and the Company. Company's construction, reconstruction, operation, repair, maintenance, location and relocation of Gas Facilities shall be subject to reasonable regulations of the City consistent with authority granted the City to manage its Public Ways and Public Grounds under state law, to the extent not inconsistent with a specific term of this Franchise.
- 3.2. Street Openings. Company shall not open or disturb the surface of any Public Way or Public Ground for any purpose without first having obtained a permit from the City, if required by a separate ordinance, for which the City may impose a reasonable fee, unless the City is receiving a franchise fee pursuant to this Ordinance, in which case all permit fees will be waived. Permit conditions imposed on Company shall not be more burdensome than those imposed on other public right-of-way users for similar facilities or work. Company may, however, open and disturb the surface of any Public Way or Public Ground without a permit if (i) an emergency exists requiring the immediate repair of Gas Facilities and (ii) Company gives telephone, email or similar Notice to the City before commencement of the emergency repair, if reasonably possible. Within two (2) business days after commencing the repair, Company shall apply for any required permits and pay any required fees.
- 3.3. **Restoration.** After undertaking any work requiring the opening of any Public Way or Public Ground, the Company shall restore the Public Ways or Public Grounds in accordance with Minnesota Rules, 7819.1100 and applicable City ordinances consistent with the same. Company shall restore the Public Ground to as good a condition as formerly existed, and shall maintain the surface in good condition for six (6) months thereafter. All work shall be completed as promptly as weather permits, and if Company shall not promptly perform and complete the work, remove all dirt, rubbish, equipment and material, and put the Public Ground in the said condition, the City shall have, after

demand to Company to cure and the passage of a reasonable period of time following the demand, but not to exceed five (5) days, the right to make the restoration of the Public Ways or Public Grounds at the expense of Company. Company shall pay to the City the cost of such work done for or performed by the City. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedy available to the City for non-compliance with this Section 3.3. The Company shall be bound by the requirements of Minnesota Rules parts 7819.3000 and 7819.0100, subpart 6. However, the Company may request a waiver of the requirement to post a construction performance bond on an individual project basis and the City shall timely review such requests in good faith.

- 3.4. Avoid Damage to Gas Facilities. The Company must take reasonable measures to prevent the Gas Facilities from causing damage to persons or property. The Company must take reasonable measures to protect the Gas Facilities from damage that could be inflicted on the Gas Facilities by persons, property or the elements. The Company must take protective measures when the City performs work near the Gas Facilities, if given reasonable notice by the City of such work. Per Minnesota Statute § 216D.05, the City must take protective measures when it performs work near the Gas Facilities.
- 3.5. Notice of Improvements to Streets. The City will give Company reasonable written Notice of plans for improvements to Public Ways and Public Grounds where the City has reason to believe that Gas Facilities may affect or be affected by the improvement. The Notice will contain: (i) the nature and character of the improvements, (ii) the Public Ways or Public Grounds upon which the improvements are to be made, (iii) the extent of the improvements, (iv) the time when the City will start the work, and (v) if more than one Public Way or Public Grounds is involved, the order in which the work is to proceed. The Notice will be given to Company a minimum of eight (8) weeks' time, considering seasonal working conditions, in advance of the actual commencement of the work to permit Company to make any additions, alterations or repairs to its Gas Facilities Company deems necessary.
- 3.6 <u>Mapping Information</u>. If requested by City, Company must promptly provide complete and accurate mapping information for any of its Gas Facilities in accordance with the requirements of Minnesota Rules 7819.4000 and 7819.4100.
- 3.7. **Emergency Response.** As emergency first responders, when a public safety concern exists both the City and Company shall respond to gas emergencies within the City without additional direct fee or expense to either City or Company. However, this Section 3.7 shall not relieve either party from any liability for gas emergencies which are directly attributable to the negligence or willful misconduct of that party.

SECTION 4. RELOCATIONS

- 4.1. **Relocation in Public Ways.** The Company and City shall comply with the provisions of Minnesota Rules 7819.3100 and applicable City ordinances consistent with law with respect to requests for the Company to relocate Gas Facilities located in Public Ways.
- 4.2 **Relocation in Public Grounds.** City may require Company at Company's expense to relocate or remove its Gas Facilities from Public Grounds upon a finding by City that the Gas Model Franchise Ordinance CenterPoint Energy Updated 03.02.2023

Facilities have become or will become a substantial impairment to the existing or proposed public use of the Public Grounds. Nothing in this Section 4.2 shall be construed so as to invalidate or impair any existing easements in Public Grounds which are in favor of the Company and provide for exclusive Company use. Relocation shall comply with applicable city ordinances consistent with law.

4.3. **Projects with Federal Funding.** Relocation, removal or rearrangement of any Company Gas Facilities made necessary because of the extension into or through City of a federally aided highway project shall be governed by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes §§ 161.45 and 161.46.

SECTION 5. <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>

- 5.1. <u>Indemnity of City.</u> Company shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from any and all liability, on account of injury to persons or damage to property occasioned by the construction, maintenance, repair, inspection, the issuance of permits or the operation of the Gas Facilities located in the Public Ways and Public Grounds. The City shall not be indemnified for losses or claims occasioned through its own negligence or otherwise wrongful act or omission except for losses or claims arising out of or alleging the City's negligence as to the issuance of permits for, or inspection of, Company's plans or work.
- 5.2. <u>Defense of City.</u> In the event a suit is brought against the City under circumstances where this agreement to indemnify applies, Company at its sole cost and expense shall defend the City in such suit if written Notice thereof is promptly given to Company within a period wherein Company is not prejudiced by lack of such Notice. If Company is required to indemnify and defend, it will thereafter have control of such litigation, but Company may not settle such litigation without the consent of the City, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. This section is not, as to third parties, a waiver of any defense or immunity otherwise available to the City. The Company, in defending any action on behalf of the City, shall be entitled to assert in any action every defense or immunity that the City could assert in its own behalf. This Franchise agreement shall not be interpreted to constitute a waiver by the City of any of its defenses of immunity or limitations on liability under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466.

SECTION 6. VACATION OF PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC GROUNDS

The City shall give Company at least two weeks prior written Notice of a proposed vacation of a Public Way or Public Ground which the City knows is occupied by Company Gas Facilities. The City and the Company shall comply with Minnesota Rules 7819.3100 and 7819.3200 and applicable ordinances consistent with law with respect to any request for vacation.

SECTION 7. CHANGE IN FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Any change in the form of government of the City shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance. Any governmental unit succeeding the City shall, without the consent of Company, succeed to all of the rights and obligations of the City provided in this Ordinance.

Model Franchise Ordinance – CenterPoint Energy – Updated 03.02.2023

SECTION 8. FRANCHISE FEE

- 8.1. **Form.** During the term of the franchise hereby granted, the City may charge the Company a franchise fee. The Company will administer the collection and payment of franchise fees to City in lieu of permit fees or other fees that may otherwise be imposed on the Company in relation to its operations as a public utility in the City. The fee may be (i) a percentage of gross revenue received by the Company for its operations within the City, or (ii) a flat fee per customer based on metered service to retail customers within the City or on some other similar basis, or (iii) a fee based on units of energy delivered to any class of retail customers within the corporate limits of the City. The method of imposing the franchise fee, the percentage of revenue rate, or the flat rate based on metered service may differ for each customer class or combine the methods described in (i) – (iii) above in assessing the fee. The City will seek to use a formula that provides a stable and predictable amount of fees, without placing the Company at a competitive disadvantage. Such fee shall not exceed any amount that the Company may legally charge to its customers prior to payment to the City and be consistent with the Minnesota Public Utility Commission's March 23, 2011, Order establishing franchise fee filing requirements in Docket No. E,G999/CI-09-970. If the Company claims that the City required fee formula is discriminatory or otherwise places the Company at a competitive disadvantage, the Company will provide a formula that will produce a substantially similar fee amount to the City and reimburse the City's reasonable fees and costs in reviewing and implementing the formula. The City will attempt to accommodate the Company but is under no Franchise obligation to adopt the Company-proposed franchise fee formula and each review will not delay the implementation of the City-imposed fee. If the City and Company are unable to agree, the disagreement shall be subject to the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Ordinance.
- 8.2. **Separate Ordinance.** The franchise fee shall be imposed by separate ordinance duly adopted by the City Council. The effective date of the franchise fee ordinance shall be no less than ninety (90) days after written Notice enclosing a copy of the duly adopted and approved ordinance has been mailed to the Company by Certified mail. The Company is not required to collect a franchise fee if the terms of the fee agreement are inconsistent with this franchise or state law, provided the Company notifies the City Council of the same promptly and within the ninety (90) day period.
- 8.3. <u>Condition of Fee.</u> The separate ordinance imposing the fee shall not be effective against the Company unless it lawfully imposes a fee of the same or substantially similar amount on the sale of energy within the City by any other energy supplier, provided that, as to such supplier, the City has the authority or contractual right to require a franchise fee or similar fee through a previously agreed-upon franchise.
- 8.4. <u>Collection of Fee.</u> The franchise fee shall be payable not less than quarterly during complete billing months of the period for which payment is to be made. The franchise fee formula may be changed from time to time, however, the change shall meet the same Notice requirements and the fee may not be changed more often than annually. Such fee shall not exceed any amount that the Company may legally charge to its customers prior to payment to the City and be consistent with Minnesota Public Utility Commission's March 23, 2011, Order establishing franchise fee filing requirements in Docket No. E,G999/CI-09-970. Such fee is subject to subsequent reductions to account for uncollectibles and customer refunds incurred by the Company. The Company shall not

be responsible to pay City fees that Company is unable to collect under Commission rules or order. Company agrees to make available for inspection by City at reasonable times all records necessary to audit Company's determination of the franchise fee payments.

8.5. <u>Continuation of Franchise Fee.</u> If this franchise expires and the City and the Company are unable to agree upon terms of a new franchise, the franchise fee, if any being imposed by the City at the time this franchise expires, will remain in effect until a new franchise is agreed upon. If for any reason the franchise terminates, the franchise fee will terminate at the same time.

SECTION 9. ABANDONED FACILITIES

The Company shall comply with all applicable City ordinances consistent with law, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 216D, Minnesota Rules, Part 7819.3300, as they may be amended from time to time with respect to abandoned facilities in Public Ways and Public Grounds. The Company shall maintain records describing the location of all abandoned and retired Gas Facilities within the Public Ways and Public Grounds, produce such records at the City's request and comply with the location requirements of Minnesota Statutes § 216D.04 with respect to all Gas Facilities, including abandoned and retired Gas Facilities, located in Public Ways and Public Grounds.

SECTION 10. PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE

- 10.1. <u>Severability</u>. Every section, provision or part of this Ordinance is declared separate from every other section, provision or part; and if any section, provision or part shall be held invalid, it shall not affect any other section, provision or part. Where a provision of any other City ordinance is inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail.
- 10.2. <u>Limitation on Applicability</u>. This Ordinance constitutes a franchise agreement between City and Company as the only parties. No provisions herein shall in any way inure to the benefit of any third person (including the public at large) so as to constitute any such person as a third-party beneficiary of this Ordinance or of any one or more of the terms hereof, or otherwise give rise to any cause of action in any person not a party hereto.

SECTION 11. AMENDMENT-PROCEDURE

Either party may propose at any time that this Franchise Ordinance be amended. Franchise Ordinance may be amended at any time by the City passing a subsequent ordinance declaring the provisions of the amendment, which amendatory ordinance shall become effective upon the filing of Company's written consent thereto with the City Clerk within ninety (90) days after the effective date of the amendatory ordinance.

Passed and approved:, 20_				
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Councilmember Wendling				
Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff				
Councilmember Dircks				
Councilmember Moran		_	_	
Mayor Nelson		_		
	APPRO	VED BY:		
	Robert N	elson		
	Mayor			
Attest:				
Daniel R. Buchholtz				
Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer				

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-61

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 497, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP. d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNESOTA GAS ("CENTERPOINT ENERGY"), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, REPAIR AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF GAS ENERGY FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USE AND TO USE THE PUBLIC WAYS AND GROUNDS OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, ANOKA AND RAMSEY COUNTIES, MINNESOTA, FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND, PRESCRIBING CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF

WHEREAS, as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 412.191, subd. 4, the City Council has determined that publication of the title and summary of Ordinance 497 will clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a printed copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection during regular office hours in the office of the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota that the following summary of Ordinance No. 497 is approved for publication:

"On November 4, 2024, the Spring Lake Park City Council approved Ordinance No. 497, entitled 'An Ordinance Granting Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a Centerpoint Energy Minnesota Gas ("Centerpoint Energy"), Its Successors And Assigns, A Nonexclusive Franchise to Construct, Operate, Repair And Maintain Facilities And Equipment for the Transportation, Distribution, Manufacture and Sale of Gas Energy for Public and Private Use and to Use the Public Ways and Grounds of the City Of Spring Lake Park, Anoka And Ramsey Counties, Minnesota, for Such Purpose; and, Prescribing Certain Terms and Conditions Thereof'

The following is a summary of Ordinance No. 497, a copy of which is available in its entirety for review during regular office hours at the City of Spring Lake Park, 1301 81st Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park, MN, or for review on the City's website, www.slpmn.org.

The Ordinance grants CenterPoint Energy a 20-year, nonexclusive franchise to operate gas distribution facilities within city limits. This Ordinance permits CenterPoint Energy to use public rights-of-way for gas infrastructure, subject to restoration requirements, relocation obligations, and City regulatory oversight. The Ordinance retains the City's existing franchise fee. Additionally, the ordinance outlines dispute resolution processes, emergency response responsibilities, and service standards.

The Ordinance takes effect upon publication in the City's newspaper of record."

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember .
Upon Vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:
And the following voted against the same:
Whereon the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted the 4th day of November, 2024.
APPROVED BY:
Robert Nelson, Mayor
ATTEST:
Daniel R. Buchholtz, City Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-62

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR A DRIVEWAY EXPANSION AT 673 81ST AVENUE NE

WHEREAS, Hany Omar, YSMN Investment, LLC, ("Applicant") have made application for a variance from SLPC 16.40.030, which requires a minimum side yard setback of 5 feet for a driveway; and

WHEREAS, the property, 673 81st Avenue NE, is legally described as follows:

Lot 30 Block 11, Beaufeauxs Addition Plat 2, subject to easement of record; and

WHEREAS, mailed and published notice of a public hearing to consider the proposed variance was given; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider the proposed variance was held on October 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the request was made for a variance allowing the applicant to widen his driveway by 5 feet, resulting in a setback of 0 feet; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has considered the application against the practical difficulties test as outlined in Section 16.60.040 of the Spring Lake Park Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended approval based on the following findings of fact:

- 1. The proposed driveway expansion will not alter the character of the neighborhood as there are other driveways within the vicinity of this property that are located within the required side yard setback.
- 2. The proposed driveway expansion is not done for purely economic reasons.
- 3. The SLPC code language anticipates periodically approving variances for driveways.

WHEREAS, the Spring Lake Park City Council has reviewed the application and hereby accepts the findings and recommendations of the Spring Lake Park Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota that the City Council hereby approves the request of Hany Omar, YSMN Investment, LLC, 673 81st Avenue NE, for a variance from the minimum side yard setback for a driveway from 5 feet to 0 feet, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Driveway modifications must be constructed pursuant to the standards set forth by the City of Spring Lake Park. Applicant must secure a zoning permit from the Code Enforcement Department prior to construction of the expanded driveway.
- 2. Drainage must be handled in such a way not to deposit storm water or snow onto the neighboring property.

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City of Spring Lake Park
1301 81st Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
763-784-6491 (p) 763-792-7257 (f)
info@slpmn.org

For Office Use O	nly	
Case Number:		
Fee Paid: 500		
Received by: 43		
Date Filed:		
Date Complete:		
Base Fee: 200	Escrow: 300	

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

TYPE OF APPLICATION (Check All	That Apply)			
☐ Appeal ☐ Comprehensive Plan Amendment ☐ Ordinance Amendment (Text) ☐ Rezoning ☐ Planned Unit Development	☐ Site Plan/Building Plan Review ☐ Conceptual Plan Review ☐ Conditional Use Permit ☐ Variance ☐ Street or Easement Vacation ☐ Other			
PROPERTY INFORMATION		A A A		
Street Address: 673 8/2 a	ve SPri	9 looke Park 1	1N55432	
Property Identification Number (PIN#):	02-30	24-13-0073CU	irrent Zoning:	
Legal Description				
(Attach if necessary):				
APPLICANT INFORMATION				
Name: Hany Omas		Business Name:		
Address: 6207 Heather Place	NEF	nichen		
City Fridley	73.	State: M N	Zip Code: 55432	
	07424	Fax:	E-mail: hary Omer of 2 509 n	mai
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OWNER INFORMATION (if different from	n applicant)			
Name:		Business Name:		
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City		State:	Zip Code:	
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APPLICATION FEES AND EXPENSES:

The City of Spring Lake Park requires all applicants to reimburse the City for any and all costs incurred by the City to review and act upon applications.

The application fee includes administrative costs which are necessary to process the application. The escrow fee will include all charges for staff time by the City Planner, City Engineer, City Attorney, and/or any other consultants as needed to process the application.

Minnesota Statute § 471.462 requires all cities to provide, upon request, a nonbinding estimate of consulting fees in connection with applications for permits, licenses, or other approvals relating to real estate development or construction. If the applicant requests the estimate, the application shall not be deemed complete until the City has (1) provided an estimate to the applicant; (2) received the required application fees, as specified by the City; (3) received a signed acceptance of the fee estimate from the applicant; and (4) received a signed statement that the applicant has not relied on the estimate of fees in its decision to proceed with the final application from the applicant.

The City will track all consultant costs associated with the application. If these costs are projected to exceed the money initially deposited to your escrow account, you will be notified in the manner that you have identified below that additional monies are required in order for your application process to continue. If you choose to terminate the application (notice must be in writing), you will be responsible for all costs incurred to that point. If you choose to continue the process you will be billed for the additional monies and an explanation of expenses will be furnished. Remittance of these additional fees will be due within thirty (30) days from the date the invoice is mailed. If payment is not received as required by this agreement, the City may approve a special assessment for which the property owner specifically agrees to be to be assessed for 100 percent per annum and waives any and all appeals under Minnesota Statutes Section 429.081 as amended. *All fees and expenses are due whether the application is approved or denied.*

With my signature below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read this agreement in its entirety and understand the terms herein. I agree to pay to the City all costs incurred during the review process as set forth in this Agreement. This includes any and all expenses that exceed the initial Escrow Deposit to be paid within 30 days of billing notification. I further understand that the application process will be terminated if payment is not made and application may be denied for failure to reimburse City for costs. I further understand that the City may approve a special assessment against my property for any unpaid escrows and that I specifically waive any and all appeals under Minnesota Statutes 429.081, as amended.

I wish to be notified of additional costs in the following manner (select one):	
E-mail hary mar Ø2 ognal. 6m	USPS – Certified Mail

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for the considerations described above and declare that the information and materials submitted in support of this application are in compliance with adopted City policy and ordinance requirements are complete to the best of my knowledge.

I acknowledge that I have read the statement entitled "Application Fees and Expenses" as listed above.

I understand that this application will be processed in accordance with established City review procedures and Minnesota Statutes Section 15.99 as amended, at such time as it is determined to be complete. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 15.99, the City will notify the applicant within fifteen (15) business days from the filing date of any incomplete or other information necessary to complete the application, including all four requirements of Minnesota Statute § 471.462, should I request a written estimate of consultant fees. Failure on my part to supply all necessary information as requested by the City may be cause for denying this application.

Applicant: _	Hany Oman	Date: 9/20/2024
Owner:	Hany Omar	Date: 9/20/2024

NOTE: Applications only accepted with ALL required support documents.

See City Code

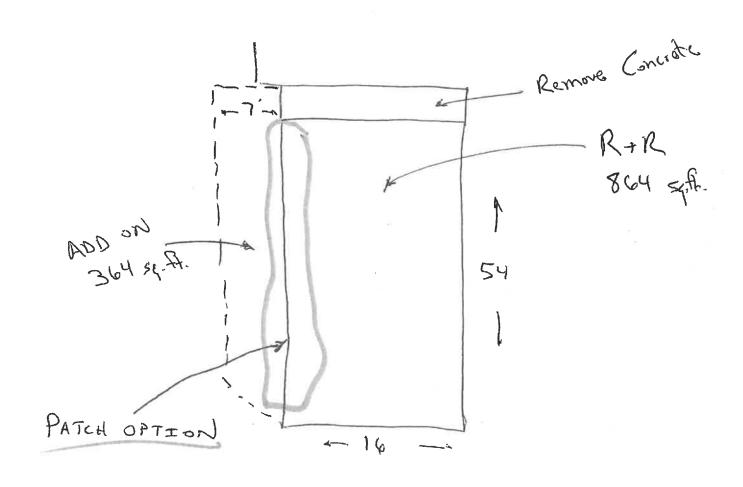
City of Spring Lake Park Variance Application

A variance cannot be approved unless the Planning Commission and City Council find that the "practical difficulties" standard has been met. Please provide a response as to how/why your project will meet the following criteria. Use additional sheets if necessary and consult with the Zoning Administrator if you need clarification on the intent of any of the standards set below.

1.	Applicant Information:	1.0
	Name: Hany Omas (6207 heather	Telephone: 6/27307424
	Address: 673 8/stave Sping 534	Cell Phone: 6/27307424
	City/State/Zip: Spinglake MN 55432	E-mail:
2.	Property Owner Information (if different from above):	
	Name:	Telephone:
	Address:	Cell Phone:
	City/State/Zip:	E-mail:
3.	Project Location (Address and Legal Description): 673	81 stove Spiglake 5543
4.	Present Use of Property: Rental	
5.	Description of Project: single family home	
6.	Specify Section of the Ordinance from which variance is sought:	extend drive way 7 feet B be boat 16 be purhed.
7.	Explain how you wish to vary from the applicable provisions of t	his Ordinance: Currently Phere is
5 Do	feet required from property line, I will once, asphalt will be up to property line	I Baxtend drive way on ct.
8.	Please attach a site plan or accurate survey as may be required	by Ordinance.
	Practical Difficulties Test: Please answer the following question variance request.	
	a. In your opinion, is the variance in harmony with the purpose Yes No Why or why not? The asphalt will be done professionally a Space land will make morety more mess	Ilruing better store purking

	b. In your opinion, is the variance consistent with the Yes \(\begin{align*}\Delta \text{No} & \text{Why or why not?}\end{align*}\)	e Comprehensive Plan?
	this will bring property to to new drive way, and bette organized US a boost perked in for	better view for Street due parker Space will be better into Garage.
	c. In your opinion, does the proposal put property to Yes No Why or why not?. the work will be done by refer	use in a reasonable manner?
	d. In your opinion, are there circumstances unique to the property – i.e. sloping topography or other nate. Yes No Why or why not?	
	e. In your opinion, will the variance maintain the esset Yes A No Why or why not?	ential character of the locality?
order to	nning Commission must make an affirmative finding on grant a variance. The applicant for a variance has the listed above have been satisfied.	all of the five criteria listed above in burden of proof to show that all of the
The und	dersigned certifies that they are familiar with applicatio e procedural requirements of the City Code and other a	n fees and other associated costs and also pplicable ordinances.
- /X	nt Signature: ner's (Property Owner) Signature:	Date: 9/20/2024 Date: 9/20/2024
	fy the	9/20/2024

HANY OMAR Addiess: 673 81 st AVE NE Spring Lake Park



Total NEW Drive Approx 1228 sq.A.



Czars of Tar Inc.

1345 157th Avenue Northeast | Ham Lake, Minnesota 55304 763-421-6417 | office@czarsoftar.com | www.czarsoftar.com

RECIPIENT:

Hany Omar

673 81st Avenue Northeast Minneapolis, Minnesota 55432

Quote #1489	
Sent on	Sep 12, 2024
Total	\$6,400.00

Product/Service	Description	Qty.	Unit Price	Total
Remove and Replace driveway / add on area	- see attached site map	1228	\$5.21173	\$6,400.00
	 Remove and Haul away existing asphalt, broken concrete apron and sod / dirt in add on area. Excavate in add on area 7" below finish grade. Install 4" compacted base using MNDOT spec Class 5 foundation material. Grade and compact existing base under asphalt driveway adding foundation material as needed. Pave 3" compacted mat using MNDOT spec MV4R hot mix asphalt. 			
Option to Patch along left edge of driveway where erosion is taking place	 see site map This option to just patch as needed along left side of drive = \$1500. area approx 4'x54' 	1	\$0.00	\$0.00

A deposit of \$3,200.00 will be required to begin.

Total

\$6,400.00



City of Spring Lake Park 1301 81st Ave NE Spring Lake Park, MN 55432 763-784-6491

Receipt: 0000005192 **Receipt:** 09/20/24

Cashier: WBROWN

Received Of: YSMN INVESTMENT LLC

6207 HEATHER PL NE FRIDLEY MN 55432

The sum of: \$200.00

BDINV 000000444

\$200.00

Remaining Balance: \$150.00

Total: \$200.00

TENDERED: Check

2776

Application

\$200.00



City of Spring Lake Park 1301 81st Ave NE Spring Lake Park, MN 55432 763-784-6491

 Receipt:
 0000005194

 Receipt:
 09/20/24

 Cashier:
 WBROWN

Received Of: HANY OMAR

673 81ST AVE NE

SPRING LAKE PARK MN 55432-1906

The sum of: \$300.00

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TENDERED: Check 2776 \$300.00

Escraw



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: October 24, 2024

Subject: Variance – 673 81st Avenue NE

Background

Hany Omar, representing YSMN Investment, LLC has submitted an application for a variance from the side yard setback for a driveway addition to his property at 673 81st Avenue NE.

The applicant is seeking a variance from the 5 foot side yard setback requirement, as set forth in SLPC 16.40.030 of the Spring Lake Park City Code.

The site is located on the 600 block of 81st Avenue NE. The



property is guided for low density residential in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The property is zoned R-1, Single Family Residential – allowed uses include single-family homes and duplexes. Property records show that the house on the property was constructed in 1958. The property is a licensed rental property in the City.

The City's current yard setback standards for the R-1 zoning district is as follows:

Dwelling, single family - front yard	35 feet
Dwelling, single family - rear yard	40 feet
Dwelling, single family - side yard	10 feet
Accessory uses, rear yard	5 feet
Accessory uses, side yard	5 feet

SLPC 16.40.030 governs parking and loading spaces.

§ 16.40.030 Yards; Setbacks

Off-street parking and loading facilities shall be subject to the front yard, side yard, and rear yard regulations for the use district in which the parking is located, with the following exceptions.

In any of the residence districts, no parking or loading space shall be located within 15 feet of any property line. Driveways, garages and carports in conjunction with any single- or two-family residence shall be exempted from this requirement; however, they shall not be located less than five feet from the property line, except by variance obtained in the manner provided in this code. Variances in the case of driveways may be allowed down to zero feet setback from the property line. Recreational vehicles parked in conformance with SLPC 16.20.120 paragraph B,2 are also exempted from the above yard setback regulations.

The applicant is seeking a 5 foot variance from the side yard setback (0 feet from the western property line instead of 5 feet). This will allow the tenant residing in this property to park a small boat on an approved surface.

Previous applications: None

Variance

Section §16.60.040 of the City of Spring Lake Park's zoning code outlines the criteria for considering variances:

"The City Council may grant a variance from the strict application of this title and impose conditions and safeguards on the variance so granted only in instances where their strict enforcement would cause practical difficulties in complying with the official control because of circumstances unique to the individual property under consideration, and may grant a variance only when it is demonstrated that such actions will be in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this title and when the variances are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. "Practical difficulties" as used in connection with granting of a variance means that the property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by an official control, the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner, and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. Economic considerations alone do not constitute practical difficulties. Practical difficulties also includes, but is not limited to, direct sunlight for solar energy systems. A variance shall not be granted to allow a use that is not allowed in the zoning district involved."

Recommendations

Staff recommended approval of the variance. Staff's analysis of the application shows that the proposed driveway expansion will not alter the character of the neighborhood as there are other driveways in the vicinity of this property that are located within the side yard setback, including the neighbor to the north.

The Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the variance, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Driveway modifications must be constructed pursuant to the standards set forth by the City of Spring Lake Park. Applicant must secure a zoning permit, after the fact, from the Code Enforcement Department for the expanded driveway.
- 2. Drainage must be handled in such a way not to deposit storm water or snow onto a neighboring property.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.



City of Spring Lake Park Feasibility Report

2025 Street Improvements Project

79th Avenue NE (between Able St. and TH 65) and Taylor Street (between 79th Ave and Osborne Rd.)

October 2024

Stantec Project No. 193807275





Stantec Consulting Services Inc. 733 Marquette Avenue, Suite 1000 Minneapolis MN 55402

Tel: (612) 712-2000

October 29, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Spring Lake Park 1301 81st Avenue NE Spring Lake Park, MN 55432-2116

Re: Feasibility Report

2025 Street Improvements Project - 79th Avenue and Taylor Street

Stantec Project No.: 193807275

Dear Mayor and Council:

Submitted herewith is our Report on providing improvements on 79th Avenue NE and Taylor Street NE. The The 79th Avenue portion of the report was authorized by the City Council on September 3, 2024. The Taylor Street portion of the report was authorized by the City Council on October 21, 2024.

The Report includes a discussion of the existing condition of the streets, as well as a description of the improvements recommended for inclusion in this project. The improvements primarily include street rehabilitation (mill and overlay) and select repairs to the existing concrete curb and gutter.

A planning-level cost estimate for the recommended improvements is also included in the Report, along with a possible method of cost allocation for division of costs between the City and properties that will benefit from the improvements.

Note that the report has determined that the segment of 79th Avenue NE between Monroe St. and Able St. that was originally considered is not recommended for improvements in 2025. We would be pleased to meet with the City Council and Staff at any mutually convenient time to discuss the findings of this Report.

Sincerely, STANTEC

Phil Gravel, City Engineer

I hereby certify that this report, plan, or specification was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Registered Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Phil Gravel, PE

Pail Gravel

Date: October 29, 2024 Registration No. 19864

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Executive Summary

Since the late 1990's, the City of Spring Lake Park has undertaken a comprehensive city-wide street maintenance program. Street Improvement Projects have occurred regularly since that time. Recent projects were completed in 2014-2015, 2022, and 2024. This report presents information for completing improvements on the following:

- 79th Avenue NE between Monroe St. and TH-65 (last paved in 1997 and 2003).
- Taylor Street NE between 79th Avenue and Osborne Road (last paved in 2003).

The proposed improvements presented herein are similar to previous street improvement projects.

The estimated total project cost is \$405,000. The estimated amount to be assessed is \$272,015.63. The net estimated City of Spring Lake Park share of the project \$132,984.37 (total project cost less proposed assessments).

The proposed assessment rates presented herein are consistent with the city's assessment practice. The proposed assessment rates are similar to rates from previous projects when adjusted for inflation. If the Council wishes to proceed with the project, the next steps include preparation of a detailed financial analysis, sharing information with the public, and final preparation of plans and specifications.

Introduction and Existing Roadway Conditions

The City Council authorized preparation of a Feasibility Report to complete a street improvements project on the streets in the project area on September 3, 2024 and October 21, 2024.

The streets in the project areas are existing urban, bituminous roadways with concrete curb and gutter. The streets are 32-feet wide (face of curb to face of curb).

Taylor Street from 79th Avenue to Osborne Road was last paved in 2003 as a mill and overlay.

79th Avenue NE between Monroe St. and Able St was last paved in 2003 as part of a full street reconstruction project.

79th Avenue NE between Able St. and TH-64 was last paved in 1997. The block between Able Tyler was a 1.5-inch mill and overlay project. The two blocks east of Tyler were fully reconstructed.

Existing street information is presented below.

79th Avenue NE from Monroe St. to Able St.: (note - this segment not recommended for final project)

Street Width 32-feet (face of curb to face of curb)

Bituminous Wear 1.5-inches (from 2003) Bituminous Base 2.0-inches (from 2003)

Aggregate Base Variable depth of reclaimed material from 2003

Number of Driving Lanes 2 (one in each direction)

Sidewalk On south side of 79th (None on north side)

79th Avenue NE from Able St. to Tyler Ave.:

Street Width 32-feet (face of curb to face of curb)

Bituminous Wear 1.5-inches (from 1997)

Bituminous Base Unknown depth from prior to 1997 Aggregate Base Unknown depth from prior to 1997

Number of Driving Lanes 2 (one in each direction)

Sidewalk On north side of 79th (None on south side)



79th Avenue NE from Tyler Ave. to TH-65.:

Street Width 32-feet (face of curb to face of curb)

Bituminous Wear 1.5-inches (from 1997) Bituminous Base 2.0-inches (from 1997)

Aggregate Base +/- 6-inches of reclaimed material (from 1997)

Number of Driving Lanes 2 (one in each direction)

Sidewalk On north side of 79th (None on south side)

Taylor Street NE from 79th Avenue to Osborne Road:

Street Width 32-feet (face of curb to face of curb)

Bituminous Wear 1.5-inches (from 2003) Bituminous Base 2.0-inches (from 2003)

Aggregate Base Variable depth of reclaimed material from prior to 2003

Number of Driving Lanes 2 (one in each direction)

Sidewalk None

The existing curb and gutter along the roads is generally in fair condition. Minor cracks and settlements exist in spot locations.

In place storm sewer catch basin structures in the project area may need repair or replacement. The Public Works Supt. will determine which structures require repairs or replacement.

Geotechnical Investigation

Because the project is limited to surface replacement work, no geotechnical investigation or environmental sampling has been completed.

Roadway Design Considerations

STREET SECTION - 79th AVENUE NE

According to available record documents, the existing bituminous section on 79th Avenue NE in the project area is 3.5-inches of bituminous over +/- 6-inches of reclaimed aggregate material and/or Class 5 aggregate.

Upon review as part of the process of preparing this report, the surface condition of 79th Avenue between Monroe St. and Able Street was reviewed. It was determined that seal coat and crack repair maintenance should be sufficient to meet the needs of the city's pavement maintenance program.

The proposed construction on 79th Avenue Able St. and TH-65 will include removing the top layer of bituminous by milling. The mill thickness will be 2-inches between After milling, patching of any areas of distress will occur. Finally, the road will be resurfaced by placing a new 2-inch thick bituminous mat.

STREET SECTION - TAYLOR STREET NE

According to available record documents, the existing bituminous section on Taylor Street NE 3.5-inches of bituminous over +/- 6-inches of reclaimed aggregate material and/or Class 5 aggregate.

The proposed construction will include removing the top layer of bituminous by milling. The mill thickness will be 2-inche maximum. After milling, patching of any areas of distress will occur. Finally, the road will be resurfaced by placing a new 2-inch thick bituminous mat.



CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER

The streets included in this project have existing B618 (high back) concrete curb and gutter. Based on a field review and discussions with the Public Works Director, the majority of the curb appears to be in satisfactory condition. The City has indicated that they prefer to save the curb and gutter if possible. Therefore, it is proposed to limit the replacement of curb and gutter to spot areas. Proposed curb replacement segments include those sections currently showing damage or deterioration and at those locations where storm sewer repairs and pedestrian ramp replacements are proposed.

SIDEWALK

Concrete sidewalk currently exists on one side of 79th Avenue within the project area. Based on discussions with the Public Works Director, the pedestrian curb ramps that do not presently include truncated domes are to be replaced. The majority of the mainline existing sidewalk appears to be in satisfactory condition. Since the existing sidewalk is in adequate condition, only minimal spot repairs and some pedestrian ramp repairs are proposed.

Storm Sewer

No storm sewer work is proposed. The existing storm sewer structures have been inspected by the Public Works Director to determine pipe conditions and identify necessary repairs. There are only a few catch basins in the project area, and they are located in the segment of 79th Avenue that is not proposed to be in the final project.

Water Main

No water main work is proposed. The existing water distribution system in the project area is deemed to be in an acceptable condition based on the history of past repairs in the project area and discussions with the Public Works Director. No improvements or extensions will be made to the water distribution system as part of this project. Work on the system will be limited to adjustment of valve boxes or hydrants as part of the street improvements.

Sanitary Sewer

No sanitary sewer work is proposed. Sanitary sewer mains exist along the length of the streets in the project area. The existing sewer mains have all been lined as part of past sewer lining projects. No extensions or upgrades to the sanitary sewer system are proposed as part of this project.

Permits

To construct the proposed improvements discussed herein, it is anticipated the following permits will need to be obtained prior to the start of construction:

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency: A NPDES General Storm Water Permit for Construction Activities will be required from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.
- Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD):
 Per the current CCWD rules (Effective 01/01/2023), an erosion and sediment control plan will be required, but a Rule 3 (Stormwater Management) permit should not be required because the method of construction proposed (milling and patching) does not meet the CCWD definition of Full Reconstruction.

CCWD Rule 3 - Stormwater Management

Fully Reconstructed Impervious Surface. An area where impervious surface is removed down to the underlying
native soil, and the underlying native soil (as distinguished from roadway subbase material) is disturbed. The



following are among those actions that do not constitute impervious surface reconstruction: structure renovation; impervious surface mill, reclamation and overlay; paving of an existing gravel road that will remain rural-section road; hard surface removal and replacement associated with an isolated maintenance activity (as opposed to broader-scale replacement) such as repair of a catch basin or pipe section or replacement at the same hydraulic capacity; and pedestrian ramp installation.

Project Schedule

The following schedule outlines the major project tasks necessary to complete the project.

Authorize Feasibility Report

Accept Report and Call for Improvement Hearing

Public Improvement Hearing

Authorize Preparation of Plans and Specifications

City Council Approve Plans and Specifications

Open Bids

Declare Costs and Order Final Assessment Roll

Receive Assessment Roll & Order Assessment Hearing February 18, 2025

Public Assessment Hearing Award Contract (Award Bid)

Begin Construction

September 3rd and October 21st

November 4, 2024

December 2nd or December 16th December 2nd or December 16th

January 21, 2025 February 2025 March 3, 2025 February 18, 2025 April 21, 2025

April 21, 2025 April 21, 2025

June 2025 (after school year and parade)

Opinion of Probable Project Costs

An opinion of Probable Project Costs has been prepared for the proposed improvements based on current information, including an allowance for engineering, administrative fees, and financing. Costs are not included for capitalized interest that will accrue. It is understood that a separate financing analysis of the project will be prepared when funding and financing decisions are made.

A detailed list of the estimated improvement costs is included in an attachment to this report. The total estimated project cost is \$405,000.

Cost Allocation and Assessments

The costs for the improvements will be recovered through a combination of assessments to the properties benefiting from this project and City funding.

CITY ASSESSMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE

The City Council adopted Resolution 98-48 on November 16, 1998 establishing a Pavement Management Policy. The City adopted an addendum to the policy in January 1999 to clarify construction issues. Resolution 98-48 established assessment policy to be applied to street improvement projects.

The policy provides that commercial, industrial, school, and church properties shall pay 100 percent of the actual cost based on the front footage of the property adjacent to the streets being improved. On previous city improvement projects, public land (city property) is treated the same as school and church properties.

For residential properties, the policy says that costs will be split, with approximately 45% being assigned to the residential properties, and approximately 55% being funded by the City. The assignment of costs to residential properties will be made on a per single family residential equivalent unit basis. For this method, a single-family lot is assigned a value of one unit. Per the policy, single family corner lots are to be assessed for improvements on the street in front (shorter length side), and not on the side street (longer length side).



There are two corner lots within the 2025 Project that have the side (not front) of the lot facing 79th Avenue and are therefore not proposed to be assessed under this project.

Multiple housing lots are counted as proportions of equivalent single-family lots. Duplex units are counted at a rate of 0.8 single-family lots per unit, town homes are counted at a rate of 0.6 single-family lots per unit, and apartments are counted as 0.4 single-family lots per unit. No differentiation is made between attached and detached town home units.

In accordance with recent city practice, costs of public utility improvements incurred on a project (sanitary sewer, water main, and storm sewer), will be completely funded by the City, with no portion assessed.

ASSESSMENT RATE ASSUMPTIONS FOR THIS PROJECT

The 2025 Street Improvement work proposed for 79th Avenue NE and Taylor Street NE does not include any oversizing beyond that of a typical residential street. The proposed assessments herein do not include any reduction for oversizing.

The townhomes on Taylor St. include common space Outlot parcels, These Outlots are not proposed to be assessed.

Sidewalk repair and pedestrian curb ramp replacements are not included in the assessable costs.

ASSESSMENT RATE CALCULATIONS

To determine the proposed assessment rates for this project, a cost estimate was determined for the proposed pavement preservation (mill and overlay). A copy of Opinion of Probable Construction Costs is attached to this report. The non-assessable construction costs are separated from the assessable costs. The assessable project costs amount was used as the assessable project cost for determining assessments.

For residential properties, the City assessment practice calls for assessing 45% of the assessable project cost on a per parcel basis.

For non-residential properties, the City Assessment call for assessing on a front foot basis. The front footage assessment rate is based on 100% of the assessable project costs. The total front footage lengths were determined from Anoka County mapping.

PROPOSED ASSESSMENT RATES

Based on the assumptions and methodology presented above, the resulting estimated assessment rates for a standard residential street are shown below. An analysis of financing and funding options should be prepared based on the information contained herein.

Proposed Assessment Rates: 2025 Street Improvements Project

Single Family Unit Rate \$2,850.00 / parcel
Town Home Unit Rate \$1,710.00 / parcel
Per Front Foot Rate \$84.88 per front foot

Estimated Total Assessments: 2025 Street Improvements Project

79th Ave & Taylor St. Assessments \$275,015.63 **Total Estimated Assessments** \$275,015.63



Assessment Rate Comparison Past Projects in Spring Lake Park

Project	Unit Rate	Frontage Rate
2024 Street Improvements Project	\$2,291.28	\$67.89
2022 Street Improvements Project	\$2,726.00	N/A
2014-2015 Street Imp. Project	\$3,079.55	\$68.22
Able Street/Terrace Road (actual 2011 rates)	\$2,992.93	\$67.92
CSAH 10 Frontage Roads (inflated from 2007)	N/A	\$72.08
81st Avenue (inflated from 2005)	\$3,119.39	\$71.55
2004 Street Improvement Project (inflated)	\$3,055.77	\$70.50
2003 Street Improvement Project (inflated)	\$3,205.53	\$73.55

AREA TO BE ASSESSED

The area proposed to be assessed includes the parcels adjacent to the improvements. The area to be assessed is shown on Figures 1 and 2 of this report. The parcels are listed in the Preliminary Assessment Roll.

Conclusions and Recommendations

This Feasibility Report was ordered by the City Council based on the age and condition of streets included in the project. It has been determined that a capital improvement project to reconstruct these streets should be undertaken.

Note that this report has determined that the segment of 79th Avenue NE between Monroe St. and Able St. that was originally considered is not recommended for improvements in 2025. The preliminary cost and assessment information contained herein assumes that 79th Avenue NE between Monroe St. and Able St. is not part of the 2025 project.

The proposed improvements described in this report are feasible as they relate to general engineering principals and construction procedures. The feasibility of the project as a whole is subject to financial review. The improvements proposed are necessary to improve the condition of the roadway per the City's city-wide street maintenance practice. The improvements proposed are cost effective and feasible based on proven methods for street construction.

A project schedule has been presented for completing the improvements in one construction season. The following recommendations are presented for consideration by the Spring Lake Park City Council:

- A financing analysis for the project should be prepared.
- The City should accept this Report and adopt it as a guide for completion of the proposed improvements.
- The City should consider assessing a portion of the cost of this project to abutting properties in accordance with approved City policy.
- The City should schedule a public improvement hearing to receive input on the proposed improvements.
- Upon completion of the public hearing, if the City wishes to proceed, the City Council should formally order the project.



Figure 1.

City of Spring Lake Park 2025 Street Improvements Project 79th Avenue NE Area to be Assessed



Figure 2.

City of Spring Lake Park 2025 Street Improvements Project Taylor Street NE Area to be Assessed





Opinion of Probable Project Costs - 2025 Street Improvements Project City of Spring Lake Park

October 2024

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Item	Item	Units	Qaantity	Unit Price	Total
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
2	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LS	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
3	SAW BITUMINOUS (FULL DEPTH)	LF	1700	\$5.00	\$8,500.00
4	SAW CONCRETE	LF	600	\$10.00	\$6,000.00
5	INLET PROTECTION	EACH	5	\$100.00	\$500.00
6	ADJUST EX VALVE BOX	EACH	4	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
7	ADJUST EX FRAME & RING CASTING	EACH	5	\$1,200.00	\$6,000.00
8	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SQ YD	1000	\$24.00	\$24,000.00
9	REMOVE CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER	LIN FT	510	\$10.00	\$5,100.00
10	CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER	LIN FT	510	\$40.00	\$20,400.00
11	MILL BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SQ YD	8200	\$2.00	\$16,400.00
12	PREPARE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT FOR OVERLAY	SQ YD	8200	\$0.50	\$4,100.00
13	TYPE SP 9.5 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (3,C)	TON	990	\$100.00	\$99,000.00
14	BITUMINOUS TACK COAT	GAL	550	\$1.00	\$550.00
15	TYPE SP 12.5 NON WEAR 3 INCH STREET PATCH	SQ YD	1000	\$61.00	\$61,000.00
16	5" LOAM TOPSOIL, SEED, FERTILIZER, & HYDROMULCH	SQ YD	300	\$15.00	\$4,500.00
17	PAVEMENT MARKINGS - EPOXY	LS	1	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
18	CONTINGENCY	LS	1	\$11,300.00	\$11,300.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION			_	\$300,400.00
	Administration				\$95,000.00
	Total Estimated Assessable Project Cost			_	\$395,400.00
	Non-asessable sidewalk and storm sewer			_	\$ 10,000.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST			_	\$405,400.00

Assumes standard SLP street.

2.0-inch mill and overlay. 10% curb repair. 12% base patch.

Front foot assmt. rate is total assessable cost divided by 4658.5 front feet = \$84.88 per front foot

Per parcel assessment rate for residential lot of 74.63-feet

frontage and city policy of assessing 45% of cost is 0.45 * front foot rate * 74.63 = \$2,850.47

Round to: **\$2,850.00** per single family parcel

Townhome rate is 60% of single family rate = \$1,710.00 per townhome

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL 79th Avenue - 2025 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

SPRING LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA

OCTOBER 2024

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79th Avenue NE total assessments \$ 272,015.63

Frontage is 4517.5-feet plus 141-feet for cross streets = 4658.50

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-63

RESOLUTION RECEIVING FEASIBILITY REPORT AND CALLING HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2024-51 and Resolution 2024-57, approved by the City Council on September 3, 2024 and October 21, 2024 respectively, a report has been prepared by Stantec with reference to the proposed 2025 Street Improvement Project, the improvement of 79th Avenue between the right of way line of Highway 65 to the centerline of Able Street and the improvement of Taylor Street between the centerline of 79th Avenue to the right of way line of Osborne Road by rehabilitating said streets, along with any needed sanitary sewer, storm sewer, sidewalk and water system repairs discovered during the project; and

WHEREAS, the report was received by the City Council on the 4th day of November, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the report provides information regarding whether the proposed improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible; whether it should best be made as proposed or in connection with some other improvement; the estimated cost of the improvement as recommended; and a description of the methodology used to calculate individual assessments for affected parcels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota:

- 1. The council will consider the improvement of such streets in accordance with the report and the assessment of abutting property for all or a portion of the cost of the improvement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429 at an estimated total cost of the improvement of \$405,000.
- 2. A public hearing shall be held on such proposed improvement on the 2nd day of December, 2024 at the Able Park Building, 8200 Able Street NE, at 7:00pm, or as soon thereafter as practical, and the Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer shall give mailed and published notice of such hearing and improvement as required by law.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember.

Upon roll call, the following voted aye:.

And the following voted nay:

Whereupon the Mayor declared said reso November, 2024.	olution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of
	Robert Nelson, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator	

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK NOTICE OF HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the Spring Lake Park City Council will meet in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 7:00pm, or as soon thereafter, on Monday, October 2, 2023 to consider the making of the 2025 Street Improvement Project, the improvement of 79th Avenue between the right of way line of Highway 65 to the centerline of Able Street and the improvement of Taylor Street between the centerline of 79th Avenue to the right of way line of Osborne Road by rehabilitating said streets, along with any needed sanitary sewer, storm sewer, sidewalk and water system repairs discovered during the project, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 429.011 to 429.111. The area to be assessed for such improvement is all properties abutting the project area. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$405,000. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing. Such persons who desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting.

Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Published in the Blaine/SLP Life on November 15, 2024 and November 22, 2024.



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: October 31, 2024

Subject: Computer Refresh - Phase 2

Staff is seeking approval to begin the next step of the computer refresh cycle. Computers were last replaced in 2019. We cycle the computer infrastructure on a 5 year cycle to maintain operational efficiency and security.

Phase 1 replaced all of the computers in the Police Department. Phase 2 will replace all of the computers in the Administration and Recreation Departments. This phase will continue the transition to laptops to support remote work options. The planned acquisitions are as follows:

- 1. HP Laptops and Docking Stations (qty 14)
 - Assigned to Administrator Buchholtz, Deputy Clerk Brown, Accountant Barker, Utility Billing Clerk Brown, Permit Technician Pearson, Building Official Baker, Code Enforcement Official Morris, Accounting Clerk Morrison, Recreation Director Okey, Recreation Supervisor Goldberg, Recreation Supervisor Scanlon, Recreation Receptionist Olden, and Public Works Director Linngren
 - 1 assigned for general use in the Recreation Department
- 2. HP Desktops (qty 2)
 - 1 desktop will be in a cubicle to scan documents into Laserfiche
 - 1 desktop for the Public Works Facility

The computers will be sent to our IT consultant, Computer Integrated Technologies, for setup and programming prior to deployment. That work will be done under the hourly service rate set forth under our IT contract.

Staff will be purchasing keyboards separately to accompany the docking stations. Computer monitors will be replaced as needed.

Funds for the computer refresh were included in the City Hall Renovation/Expansion project budget.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.



HP Workstations Quote # 033425

Date Issued: 10.30.2024 Date Expires: 01.20.2025

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(651) 255-5732 colton.jesse@cit-net.com

Laptops

Description	Qty	Price	Ext. Price
HP ProBook 440 G11 14" Notebook - WUXGA - Intel Core Ultra 7 155U - vPro Technology - 16 GB - 512 GB SSD - English Keyboard - Pike Silver - Intel Chip - 1920 x 1200 - Windows 11 Pro - Intel - In-plane Switching (IPS) Technology - IEEE 802.11ax Wireless LA	14	\$1,080.00	\$15,120.00

Replaces:

Dan – SLP08 - i5 256 Wanda – SLP01 - i5 256 Melissa – SLP04 - i5 256 Breanna – SLP02 - i5 256 George – SLPWKS01 - i5 256 Kristine – SLP06 - i5 256 Jeff – SLP10 - i5 256 Walter – SLP11 - i5 256 Haley = SLP05 - i5 256 Kay – SLP09 - i5 256 Wesley – no label on computer - i5 256 Anne – SLPREC03 - i5 256 Mara - SLPREC 02 - i5 256

HP Care Pack Premium Onsite Support - 3 Year - Warranty - 9 14 \$120.00 \$1,680.00 x 5 x Next Business Day - On-site - Maintenance - Labor

Subtotal: \$16,800.00

Desktops

Description	Qty	Price	Ext. Price
HP Pro Mini 400 G9 Desktop Computer - Intel Core i7 14th Gen i7-14700T - vPro Technology - 16 GB - 256 GB SSD - Desktop Mini - Intel Q670 Chip - Windows 11 Pro - Intel UHD Graphics 770 DDR5 SDRAM - English Keyboard - IEEE 802.11ax - 90 W	2	\$1,109.00	\$2,218.00
Replaces:			
Laserfiche – SLP07 - i7 256 16gb Public Works Garage - new i5 256 16gb			
HP Care Pack Hardware Support - Extended Warranty - 3 Year - Warranty - 9 x 5 x Next Business Day - On-site - Maintenance - Parts & Labor	2	\$45.00	\$90.00
		Subtotal:	\$2,308.00

Docking Stations

Description	Qty	Price	Ext. Price
HP USB-C Dock G5 for business - for Notebook - USB Type C - 3 Displays Supported - 4K, QHD, Full HD - 4 x USB Type-A Ports - USB Type-A - USB Type-C - 1 x RJ-45 Ports - Network (RJ-45) - HDMI - DisplayPort - Black - Wired - Ethernet - Windows 10, Windows	14	\$215.00	\$3,010.00
		Subtotal:	\$3,010,00

Subtotal: \$3,010.00

Shipping & Handling

Description	Qty	Price	Ext. Price
Shipping & Handling	1	\$236.80	\$236.80
		Subtotal:	\$236.80

Quote Summary

Description		Amount
Laptops		\$16,800.00
Desktops		\$2,308.00
Docking Stations		\$3,010.00
	Subtotal:	\$22,118.00
	Shipping:	\$236.80
	Total:	\$22,354.80

By signing this quote, it is assumed that CIT will proceed with placing orders for the recommended products and services. Quoted prices are based upon market pricing at the time of the quote. Due to fluctuating market conditions, pricing for third-party hardware, services, and related products are subject to change due to the market pricing in effect at the time of delivery. CIT will make commercially reasonable efforts to communicate with the customer for material price increases prior to delivery.

Beyond the standard configuration and deployment of the tool/service, additional configuration, tuning will be billed T&M.

Quotes are subject to customer credit terms and conditions.

Each of the parties hereto has caused this Schedule to be duly executed by their authorized representatives on the date expressed below. The terms of this project proposal ("Schedule") by and between Computer Integration Technologies, Inc., ("CIT") and Customer are part of, and are hereby incorporated into, the Master Service Agreement executed by CIT and Customer.

Please do not pay from quote; taxes, shipping, handling, and other fees may apply. Not all items are available for refund or exchange and must be approved by CIT prior to product return. Customers may need to work directly with manufacturers for item returns.

*Dell now prohibits returns on all products regardless of reason.

CIT requires 50% down payment upon acceptance on all orders over \$10,000 unless prior approval has been given. Additional down payment may be required if customer credit line is insufficient. Due to changing market conditions, partial invoices may be created as the hardware is shipped

Computer Integration Technologies, Inc. City of Spring Lake Park

Signature:	Colton Jesse	Signature:	
Name:	Colton Jesse	Name:	Daniel Buchholtz
Title:	Sr. Account Executive	Initials:	
Date:	10/30/2024	Date:	
		IP Address:	
		Email Address:	
		PO Number:	



City of Spring Lake Park Engineer's Project Status Report

To: Council Members and Staff Re: Status Report for 11.04.24 Meeting

From: Phil Gravel File No.: R-18GEN

Note: Updated information is shown in *italics*.

2024 MS4 Permit and SWPPP Update (193801776 Task 450). Pond, structural BMP, and outfall inspections are due annually. Program analysis and annual training is due by December. Annual meeting is usually held in June but can be held anytime. Annual Reports to the MPCA are generally due in June (MPCA is not requiring a report in 2024). We have prepared a list MS4 requirements that still need to be completed in 2024 (training and annual meeting). City Staff met on October 30th to review 2024 requirements.

City Hall Building (193806049). Design started in January 2023. City Council updated at workshops. Public Open House was held on May 8th. Plans were approved by Council on October 16, 2023. Bids were opened on November 20, 2023. Contract was awarded on February 5, 2024. *Construction is on or ahead of schedule.*

2024 Sanburnol Drive NE, Elm Drive NE, and 83rd Avenue NE (193806347). Sanburnol Drive (AKA 85th Ave. NE) is a shared road between Spring Lake Park and Blaine. Spring Lake Park is the lead agency on this project, but it is a cooperative project between Blaine and Spring Lake Park.

Construction on Sanburnol and Elm started on June 10th. CenterPoint Energy gas main replacement on Sanburnol caused a delay. The contractor has completed the final paving and pavement markings. *Miscellaneous clean-up and punch list work remains*.

Geographic Information System (GIS) and Mapping (193806747). Staff has completed the implementation of an online ArcGIS system to maintain public works documents and provide mapping of infrastructure. Training continues as requested. Updates can be completed if issues are identified.

Possible Future Storm Sewer Lining Project (19380xxxx). The Capital Improvement Plan includes future lining of storm sewers. Public works is evaluating sewers for a possible lining project in 2025.

2025 Street 79th **Avenue and Taylor Street NE Mill and Overly Project (193807275).** The PW Director has identified 79th Avenue (between Monroe St. and TH-65) and Taylor Street NE (between 79th Ave and Osborne Rd.) as segments for a potential mill and overlay project for 2025. *Next step is to Receive the Feasibility Report and call for the Public Improvement Hearing.*

1-Year Warranty Televising for 2023-2024 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project (193805871). Quotes will be obtained for the televising and report.

2025 Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project (19380xxxx). Project includes streets north of Osborne Rd, east of Monroe St., and west of TH-65. Will also include Univ Serv Dr. and Terrace north of 81st Ave. .

Please contact Phil Carlson, Bruce Paulson, Zach Naslund, or me if you have questions or require additional information.





Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: October 31, 2024

Subject: City Hall renovation update

Staff wanted to provide the City Council with a brief renovation update.

- Phase 2 demolition is almost complete, and new walls are being constructed as planned. The IT room is now built and is being prepared to host the City's IT server backbone, enabling further construction in the Administration area.
- With the IT room ready, CIT (the City's IT provider) and Zayo (operator of the Anoka County Fiber Ring) will be on-site on November 1, 2024, at 9:30 p.m. to relocate the IT cabinet to the new server room. This move will cause a network outage lasting approximately four hours. Sgt. Kramer and I will be on-site to assist CIT and Zayo with the transition and confirm network functionality before they depart.
- Metal panels have been installed on the building's front facade, receiving many positive comments from residents.
- We are awaiting delivery of the holding cell fixtures, expected by mid-December. Until
 then, the holding cell cannot be used, and Chief Antoine has implemented a plan to
 manage this.
- Installation of card access for the exterior doors and the interior camera system in Phase 1 is scheduled for this week.

The 3-week look ahead is included with this memorandum.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763.784.6491.

Three Week Look Ahead Schedule

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Period:

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10/28 - 11/15

Spring Lake Park Job # 7088 PM: Jason H

Contractor	Activity		10/29	10/30	10/31			11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7			# 11/11				11/15	#Remarks
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PBS Aluminum panels	Install Aluminum panels	X	X	X															
Acoustics door	Install after carpet???? After Phase 2 is done																		
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Brush Masters	Paint exterior & punch list		X	X	X	X													
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Retrofit Electrical	Finish loose ends phase 1	X	X	X	X	X	+												
	Demo Phase 2	X	X	X															
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Spring Lake Park – Blaine – Mounds View Fire Department

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Administrative Headquarters

Station One

1710 County Highway 10 NE Spring Lake Park, MN 55432 763-786-4436 • 763-786-9617 Fax

Training Facility

Station Three
11920 Ulysses Street
Blaine, MN 55434
763-767-4003 • 763-767-4001 Fax

DATE:

October 29, 2024

TO:

All Personnel

FROM:

Fire Chief / CEO Dan Retka

SUBJECT:

Acting Chief

I will be out of the office Tuesday October 29, 2024, through Monday November 4, 2024. During my absence, Deputy Chief Matt Grantz will be acting Chief. Thank you.

Cc:

SBM Fire Board



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October 31, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Jeff Ronneberg
Spring Lake Park - Independent School District #16
1415 81st Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432-2111

RE: Petroleum Tank Release Site File Closure

Site: Park Terrace Elementary School, 9301 Terrace Rd NE, Spring Lake Park, Anoka County 55432

MPCA Site ID: LS0022018

Dear Jeff Ronneberg:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is pleased to let you know it has determined your investigation and/or cleanup have adequately addressed the petroleum tank release at the site listed above. Based on the information provided, the MPCA has closed the petroleum tank release site file.

The closure of the petroleum tank release site file means the MPCA does not require any additional investigation and/or clean-up work at this time or in the foreseeable future. Please be aware that file closure does not necessarily mean that all petroleum contamination has been removed from this site. However, the MPCA has concluded that any remaining contamination, if present, does not appear to pose a threat to public health or the environment under current conditions.

The MPCA reserves the right to reopen this file and to require additional investigation and/or clean-up work if new information, changing regulatory requirements, or changed land use makes additional work necessary. If you or other parties discover additional contamination (either petroleum or non-petroleum) that was not previously reported, Minnesota state law requires that the MPCA be notified immediately.

You should understand this letter does not release any party from liability for the petroleum contamination under Minn. Stat. § 115C.021, subd. 1 or any other applicable state or federal law. In addition, this letter does not release any party from liability for non-petroleum contamination, if present, under Minn. Stat. § 115B, the Minnesota Environmental Response and Liability Act.

As a result of performing the requested work you may be eligible to apply to the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund (Petrofund) for partial reimbursement of the costs you have incurred in investigating and cleaning up this petroleum tank release. The Petrofund is administered by the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (Petro Board) and the Minnesota Department of Commerce. To learn more about who is eligible, the types of work, and the amount of reimbursement available, please contact the Petrofund at 651-539-1515 or 800-638-0418.

If future development of this property or the surrounding area is planned, it should be assumed that petroleum contamination may still be present. If petroleum contamination is encountered during future development work, the MPCA should be notified immediately.

Jeff Ronneberg Page 2 October 31, 2024

Thank you for your response to this petroleum tank release and for your cooperation with the MPCA to protect public health and the environment. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 651-757-2322 or by email at wesley.knox@state.mn.us. Please reference the above MPCA Site ID in all correspondence. You may also reach the MPCA by calling 651-296-6300 or 800-657-3864.

Sincerely,

Wesley Knox
This document has been electronically signed.

Wesley Knox Environmental Specialist Remediation Division

WK:mh

cc: Daniel Buchholtz, Spring Lake Park City Clerk (electronic)

Dan Retka, SMB Fire Chief (electronic)

Elizabeth Lyons, Anoka County Environmental Services (electronic)

Chris Loch, Carlson McCain Inc. (electronic)

Shane Givens, Park Terrace Elementary (electronic)

Daniel Buchholtz

From: Margaret Donahoe <margaret@transportationalliance.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 9:37 AM

To: Daniel Buchholtz

Subject: Construction Forecast and Transportation Award Winners Nov 14

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2024 Annual Meeting & Construction Forecast

Thursday, November 14th, 2024

Location:

Minneapolis Marriott Northwest 7025 Northland Drive North, Brooklyn Park

The Minnesota Transportation Alliance
Annual Membership Meeting
And Construction Forecast
Thursday, November 14, 2024



"Election Analysis/" 2025 Session Preview

Register Today!

9:30 am Registration/Continental Breakfast

10:00 am Welcome

Steve Bot, City of St. Michael, Transportation

Alliance President

Annual Meeting/Board Elections

10:30 am Alternative Transportation Funding Sources: How states are moving beyond the fuel tax with options like the delivery fee and what it means for future revenue.

Andrew McLean, CDM Smith

11:00 am 2024 Election Results & 2025 Session Preview

What does it mean for Transportation?

Brian McDaniel, Hylden Law

11:15 am **Legislative Studies -** Updates on studies including GHG Assessment, traffic safety and MN Advisory Council on Infrastructure

Erik Rudeen, Jennifer Witt, MnDOT

11:30 am Lunch & Transportation Advocate Awards

Matt Zeller, CPAM, Mathiowetz Award
Wayne Johnson, Otter Tail County – Koniarski Award
Scott Pedersen – Transportation Advocate (posthumous)
Joe Perske – Transportation Advocate
Kaye Bieniek – Transportation Advocate
Senator John Jasinski – Legislator Award

12:30 pm **Construction Forecast – Upcoming Projects and Funding Estimates**

[&]quot; Updates on Transportation Funding

"Construction Forecast for 2025

"Transportation Advocate Awards

Great networking!
Join your colleagues as we prepare for 2025!

<u>Update on Transportation Funding Outlook</u> - **Josh Knatterud-Hubinger**, Chief Financial Officer, MnDOT

<u>MnDOT State Construction Program/Corridors of Commerce</u> – **Patrick Weideman,** Transportation Planning Director, MnDOT & **Nicole Westadt**

<u>Local Road and Bridge Funding Update –</u> **Ted Schoenecker**, Assistant Division Director, State Aid, MnDOT

<u>MnDOT Corridor Planning Initiative - Fay Simer, MnDOT</u>

Metropolitan Area Transitway Projects

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm **Networking Reception**

Join Colleagues who have already registered:

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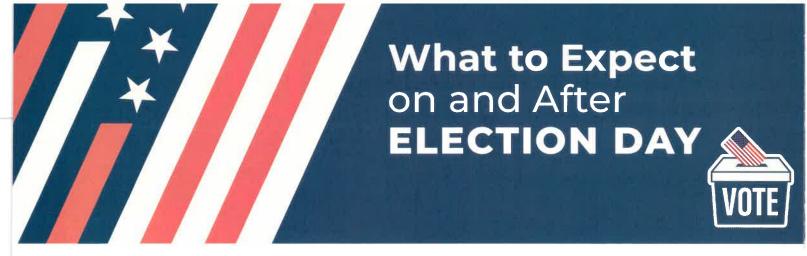


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lection Day is fast approaching on Nov. 5 — there are only a few more weeks before people around the nation head to polling places to cast votes for candidates in a myriad of races.

While this year's presidential contest is garnering the most attention, there are plenty of other races to be decided at the state, county, municipal, and school district level.

Those who want to know which candidates and questions are on their respective ballots can visit the Minnesota Secretary of State website:

sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot Here, voters can view their sample ballot by entering their zip code and street address.

On Election Day

Prior to heading out the door to vote, it's a good idea to look up the location of your polling place, especially if you're new to an area and haven't voted in that precinct yet. The state's online polling place finder can be accessed at www.pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us — again, the only information needed is a person's zip code and street address.

All polling locations are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, and Minnesota law stipulates that all employers need to give employees time off to vote, without penalty or deduction in salary or wages. This law also applies to absentee or early voting, which started Sept. 20.

When voters arrive at their Anoka County polling locations, they'll be greeted by election workers and asked to sign in at any available line on an electronic pollbook, which is a secure voter verification system that is never

connected to the voting machines.

After being verified on the pollbook, voters are presented with their ballots and head to voting booths. All voters in Anoka County use paper ballots, creating an auditable paper trail that allows for independent verification of election results using hand-count methods.

Once ballots are filled out, voters feed them into ES&S Digital Scan 200 voting machines to count and tabulate ballots. Digital Scan 450 & 850 machines are used for central counting of absentee ballots. ES&S is one of three vendors with ballot counters that have been tested and certified by test labs accredited by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and tested and certified by the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State for use in Minnesota elections.

Post-Election Activities

After the polls have closed and vote totals are tallied, there's a meeting of the Anoka County Canvassing Board, at which election results are reviewed and certified. The canvassing board also randomly selects a minimum of four precincts to participate in the Post Election Review (PER). The PER is a hand-count audit following state general elections to ensure the ballot counter results are accurate. At the PER, teams of election judges hand-count the absentee and polling place ballots for each precinct. The hand count must differ by no more than one-half of one percent of the machine count, otherwise additional review(s) are triggered. The PER is held at the Anoka County Government Center and is open to the public.



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At a Glance: 2025 HIGHWAY PROJECTS

1. 44th Ave. NE from East River Rd. to Main St. NE, Fridley

Reconstruct existing bridge deck, widen pedestrian accommodations, and bridge approach improvements. Project includes signal replacement at East River Road. Construction: winter-fall.

- **2. Mississippi St. at Old Central Ave., Fridley** New roundabout. Construction: summer-fall.
- **3. Mississippi St. at 7th Ave., Fridley** New roundabout. Construction: summer-fall.
- **4. Viking Blvd. from Rum River Bridge to Lake George Blvd., Oak Grove**Reconstruct roadway surface with concrete pavement. Construction: spring-summer.

5. Rum River Blvd. at Seelye Brook, Oak Grove Replace existing timber bridge. Construction: fall.

6. Bunker Lake Blvd. from Round Lake Blvd. to Hanson Blvd., Andover

Pavement surface mill and overlay, existing traffic control signal system improvements, and pedestrian/bicyclist facility ADA improvements. Construction: summer-fall.

7. Crosstown Blvd. NW at Nightingale St. NW, Andover New roundabout. Construction: spring-fall.

8. County Road J at I-35E interchange improvement, Lino Lakes
Construction of new, full-access interchange over I35-E — project will include new bridge over I35-E, southbound on and off ramps and new roundabouts at

Centerville Road, 20th Avenue South, and Otter Lake Road. Construction: summer 2025-fall 2026.

9. Highway 10 Ramsey Gateway, Ramsey

Construction of new grade-separated interchanges at Ramsey Boulevard and Sunfish Lake Boulevard that will replace existing signalized intersections. At-grade BNSF railway crossings on Ramsey Boulevard and Sunfish Lake Boulevard will also be grade-separated. Construction: spring 2024-fall 2025.







State law prohibits the placement of signs in the public right-of-way. Remember these tips:

- •Do not attach signs to any traffic control devices, such as signal poles, signal boxes, or signposts.
- Power poles and fences are usually located on or near the right-of-way lines and are a good reference for the width of the highway right-of-way; however, visit the Anoka County GIS website, gis.anokacountymn.gov/propertysearch/, to determine the right-of-way width prior to installing signs. Call 763-324-3100 for right-of-way questions.

COUNTY MOVING FORWARD on Plans for New Jail



The Anoka County Board of Commissioners, at its July 9 meeting, adopted a resolution authorizing the county to move forward with permit/plan submissions to the City of Anoka for approval of a new jail facility between Third and Fourth avenues in the city, where the county's parking ramp is currently located.

Several location options have been researched, and the Third/Fourth avenues option was deemed to be the lowest cost.

County and city staff have had discussions regarding the new jail and parking ramp for several years. In 2020, a Comprehensive Jail and Workhouse Study was conducted, which noted serious problems with the jail that are either very difficult to fix or can't be fixed. Some of those issues include

unacceptable risk of inmate escape, obscured visibility, capacity problems, and increased risk of violence among inmates and between inmates and staff. The jail is the oldest in the metro area and was originally built in 1983 to house 140 inmates. Since that time, the county has been allowed to double bunk up to 238 inmates, but the functional capacity of the jail is 180. The county cannot house all the inmates it needs to and contracts with other counties to house overflow inmates, at the expense of

Anoka County taxpayers.

PRE-SENTENCE INMATES

The current jail primarily houses pre-sentence inmates — housing federal inmates here is uncommon, and if they do come into the jail, they're not there for long. This will continue to

continue to be the practice

n a new jail facility



JAIL

POPULATION

population is 363,887. That number is projected to increase to approximately 440,420 by 2040.

A new jail facility can accommodate for higher inmate numbers, and there would be room to expand in the future

LOCATION

cost-effective location for a new jail facility is in downtown Anoka, at the site of the current county-owned parking ramp site near Third and Fourth avenues. This keeps the jail near the courthouse and transportation amenities



The Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) has inspected the jail and noted deficiencies and has expressed the need for urgent action. In 2022, the DOC provided the county with a report that stated the life expectancy was 25 to 30 years, and it's been operating for more than 40, which brings into question integral infrastructure items, such as cast-iron plumbing and electrical work.

Anoka County's seeks to house people who commit crimes in the county to ensure the public safety of Anoka County residents, staff and those who work and travel

through the area — the county strives to accomplish this goal in the most humane and fiscally responsible manner possible. The county will continue to work with all invested stakeholders on a jail facility that best serves the needs of the criminal justice system and county residents.

To read the resolution, visit tinyurl.com/ajzcrc7k

Headway Being Made on Veterans Death Certificate Issue

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution at its July 9 meeting that is meant to address a problem families of veterans are experiencing when it comes to the signing of death certificates by the Veterans Administration (VA).

The resolution calls upon the VA to create a uniform policy that requires VA physicians to sign death certificates within 72 hours. Under the VA's current policy, if an individual in their care has not

seen their primary doctor at the VA within
120 days, the VA will not sign a death
certificate. This moves the responsibility
onto medical/coroner's offices, which
must locate all medical records and
redetermine the cause of death.
Shifting this responsibility leads to
death certificate signing delays of six to

eight weeks. During that timeframe, grieving families could experience undue stress, unnecessary financial implications, inability to make burial and funeral preparations, and more.

"The Anoka County Board has raised the profile of this issue, and it has gained attention at the national level," said District 3 Anoka County Commissioner Jeff Reinert. "There's currently an appropriations bill going through Congress to fix this problem, and the hope is that it will be signed by the President by the end of the year. The men and women who have served our country deserve our utmost respect in life and in death, and this VA policy change that we're pushing for will ensure that respect and aid the families of the deceased."

ANOKA COUNTY'S New Hire: 'Deano'

Employees and visitors to the Anoka County Government Center may occasionally hear the padding of paws in the building as "Deano," Anoka County's facility dog, makes his way down the halls.

Deano has been with the county for just over a year and a half — he has been specially trained to provide comfort and support to the victims and witnesses going through the court process in Anoka County. He can attend court, meet with victims and witnesses before and after they testify, and he also helps with vicarious trauma for Anoka County staff. Deano has been trained in accordance with Assistance Dogs International (ADI) and has had extensive temperament training.

Facility dogs are professionally trained by an accredited assistance dog organization. Deano trained for two years at Can Do Canines, and then was donated to the ACAO where he fits right in among his co-workers. Therapy animals that partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need.

"Therapy animal teams play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through a human-animal bond," said District 7 Anoka County Commissioner Mandy Meisner, who serves as chair of the Human Services Committee. Deano's moniker comes from a war veteran named Dean. After Dean retired from the military, he continued to serve by assisting other veterans in his community, and now Deano is doing the same.

"Deano has been a necessary addition to our office and the work that we do," said Andrea Kohner, Victim Witness Specialist and one of Deano's handlers. "The individuals Deano meets with are usually experiencing some form of trauma and the option to have Deano present with these individuals can make the process not as scary. As soon as Deano enters a meeting, you can see the person's entire demeanor change. Having his support helps lessen the victim and witness's anxiety and stress while having to go through the criminal justice system."



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New County Administrator Starts

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners appointed Jim Dickinson as the county's new administrator at the board's July 23 meeting.

Dickinson was one of three finalists the board ultimately considered for the position after a monthslong search process conducted following the retirement of former administrator Rhonda Sivarajah.

Dickinson comes to Anoka County with decades of experience in government administration and accounting. For nearly the past 20 years, he served as the city administrator of Andover, and he previously served as that city's finance director and interim administrator for 5 years. Prior to those positions, Dickinson worked as an accounting manager for Anoka County, a city accountant for Cottage Grove, and an accountant/senior accountant with Anoka County. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Cloud State University. He has received several professional awards and acknowledgments for his work in the government financial sector.

"I think the search process for a new administrator went well," said Mike Gamache, chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners. "Jim stood out among the applicants because he has more than 30 years of experience in the public sector — as a city administrator, finance director, and he worked in accounting for Anoka County. He's a great addition to our leadership."

After a transition period, Dickinson officially started with Anoka County in mid-September.

"Being the new administrator in Anoka County is kind of a homecoming for me," Dickinson said. "Many of the faces have changed since I worked here last, but there are a few people who are still here. I'm excited to reconnect with them, and work with new staff and commissioners. I'm thankful for the opportunity, and I welcome the challenge."

ANOKA COUNTY DEPUTY Named 'Officer of the Year'

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) awarded Anoka County Sheriff's Office Dep. Tanner Shipman its 2024 "Officer of the Year" award for heroic actions he performed in Sturgis, South Dakota, in August of last year.

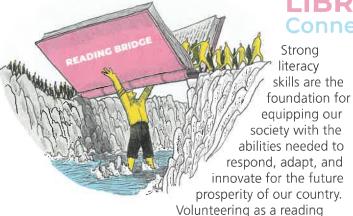
Dep. Shipman was on vacation in Sturgis when he noticed a male suspect engaged in an incident with a South Dakota State trooper. Nearby, the suspect was pointing and shooting a firearm at the trooper, which caused Dep. Shipman to promptly retrieve a firearm belonging to a family member with his group and assist the trooper who was on the ground. After identifying himself as law enforcement to the trooper, Dep. Shipman and the trooper saw the suspect attempt to get into the trooper's squad vehicle, and a shootout ensued. The suspect was ultimately taken into custody, and Dep. Shipman assisted with medical care until additional responders arrived. The suspect survived his injuries and later pled guilty to shooting at the trooper.

"Dep. Shipman's actions were heroic, selfless, and he faced danger head on without wavering," said District 2 Anoka County Commissioner Julie Braastad, who serves as the chair of the county's Public Safety Committee. "We're proud to have Dep. Shipman serving and representing the Anoka County Sheriff's Office — even when off duty, Dep. Shipman follows his calling to protect the public and his fellow law enforcement officers."

Anoka County Sheriff Brad Wise praised Dep. Shipman for his actions and bravery.

"Dep. Shipman's 18-year career with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office has countless stories of selfless actions and commitments to justice. It is not surprising that Dep. Shipman would instantly assist someone, even when it comes with great bodily risk, or even death. This well-deserved award from the MPPOA is the highest honor a member of law enforcement can receive, as it comes from law enforcement peers throughout Minnesota. Deputy Shipman is an inspiration to law enforcement, as well as all in our community."

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mentor through Anoka County's Reading Bridge program provides the opportunity to create a safe and fun environment for students to get extra reading practice. Readers in first, second, or third grade are paired with a volunteer mentor to meet once a week for 8-12 weeks (depending on season). Each 45-minute session includes time for reading, games, and activities designed to build literacy skills and goal setting for the week to come.

LIBRARY PROGRAM Connects Children, Mentors

Alternatively, if you feel your child could benefit from the Reading Bridge program, students must:

- Be in grades 1, 2, or 3.
- Reading below grade level.
- Live in or attend school in Anoka County.
- Be able to meet with their volunteer mentor at the library every week on the same day and time.



During Reading Bridge sessions, volunteer mentors and students will:

- Take turns reading aloud to each other.
- Discuss, draw, and write about what they are reading.
- Play literacy games to practice sight words, sounds, and spelling.

Reading Bridge is not:

- Help with homework assignments.
- Formal evaluation, diagnosis, or intervention for reading issues or disabilities.
- A replacement for school or other additional supports students are receiving.

How to Become a Reading mentor

To apply and for more information, visit anokacountymn.gov/4233/Reading-Bridge or scan the OR code.

Consistency and the relationship built between mentor and reader are critical to the success of Reading Bridge. Mentors must be able to commit to meeting with their student at the library each week at the same day and time during after-school hours for the Reading Bridge season.

Reading Bridge sessions

Fall: October-December Winter/Spring: February-April Summer: June-August

SPOTLIGHT ON OPIOIDS & OVERDOSE

SATURDAY NOV. 2

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Columbia Academy

900 49th Ave NE, Columbia Heights Gymnasium

Come and see how Anoka County is responding to the opioid epidemic. This **FREE** event aims to raise awareness about overdose prevention and provide support for individuals and families affected by substance abuse. A day filled with insightful education, discussions, informative sessions and networking opportunities.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Presentations by experts on opioids and addiction
- Naloxone training
- Panel of people who have lived through opicid addiction
- Over 30 vendors
- Free coffee* & pizza

Join us and be a part of this important conversation as we work towards creating a safer and healthier Anoka County.

*Coffee from Serenity Bean Coffee



For a full list of speakers/vendors and more information on Anoka County Opioid Solutions Initiative scan QR code or visit:

AnokaCountyMN.gov/ACOSI





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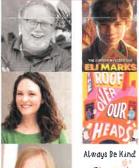
Featured Authors

Each fall we select local authors to be highlighted in our community over the coming year. tinyurl.com/ReadlocalACL

Find MN authors, illustrators, and music in the library catalog: tinyurl.com/ACLMNcreators

Find Featured Author programs on the event calendar: tinyurl.com/ACLFAevent

YOUTH FICTION



John Gaspard

The Curious Mysteries of Eli Marks

Nicole Kronzer

The Roof Over Our Heads



Elisa Sobolik

Always Be Kind



Mark Therrien

The Megavan

Mila Velimirovich Orianna's Legacy

YOUTH NONFICTION





Phuoc Thi Minh Tran All About Vietnam: Projects & Activities for Kids-Learn About Vietnamese Culture

ADULT FICTION



June Gossler Anderson The Other Side of Anoka: A Novel of Historical Fiction

Andrea Christenson How Sweet It Is



Denise Devine

The Bootlegger's Wife



Kathryn Tokar Haidet

Crashing Through the Windshield





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Joe Field

Finding Joe Adams



Postcards from Within: Random Ramblings of an Ordinary Human

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Rachel Jorgensen

Supporting Your Child with Special Needs: 50 Fundamental Tools for Families

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- HelpNow and JobNow powered by Brainfuse
 Online help with homework, college applications, resumes, and job interviews. Career coaches and live tutors daily 1 to 11 p.m., available in English and Spanish tinyurl.com/ACLhelpnow
- Hotspots available for checkout
 Place a hold tinyurl.com/ACLmobilehotspots
 Free WiFi available in library parking lots 24/7
- Free public computers and internet access
- Librarian recommends Submit a request for personalized book recommendations for school projects or books to read for fun tinyurl.com/ACLrecommend



Support the library on Give to the Max Day Donate to the Friends of Anoka County Library Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024 givemn.org/organization/Acl

PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Getting started with HelpNow and other school support resources sessions 11/16, 12/17 - Northtown Library

Maud Hart Lovelace book club

11/6, 12/4 - Northtown Library Students in grades K-8: Join the Maud Hart Lovelace reading challenge in Beanstack **anokacounty.beanstack.com**

Teen writing group 11/21, 12/19 - Northtown Library

BOOK CLUBS

Find monthly book clubs including True Crime, Romance, Bring Your Own Book, History, and more tinyurl.com/ACLadultbookclubs

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SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, March 1, 2025



8th Annual Local Author Fair Northtown Library 10:15 a.m. Keynote address by best-selling author, William Kent Krueger

Spirit Crossing, Krueger's newest book, is out now!

Don't miss Anoka County's literary event of the year, the highlight of Winter Reads. Seating is limited. Author Fair follows the keynote event. Meet writers from our community and purchase signed copies of their books.

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Anoka County Parks offers event spaces for graduation parties, holiday gatherings, and family events.

RIEDEL FARMHOUSE AT RIVERFRONT

ACTIVITIES CENTER AT BUNKER HILLS

BLUE HERON ROOM AT CHOMONIX

MEETING ROOM AT RUM RIVER NORTH

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WORK IN THE PARKS

The Parks Department encourages those looking for a rewarding work or volunteer experience to consider applying and joining a dedicated team connecting people to the outdoors.

- PARK MAINTENANCE
- **№** NATURAL RESOURCES
- ♠ PROGRAM & GUEST SERVICES
- BUNKER BEACH WATER PARK





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IN THE PARKS

WARGO NATURE CENTER • 7701 Main Street, Lino Lakes, MN

WINTER WILDLIFE EXPLORATIONS

Monday, December 23

Wargo Nature Center, 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Ages 8-10 It may be cold out, but wildlife are out and about all winter. Learn about the world of winter animals through outdoor exploration, games, and more! \$75/child +tax

WINTER RECREATION ADVENTURE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Wargo Nature Center, 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Ages 10-13 Let's explore and play in the wintery world of Wargo! Experience a fun-filled day of outdoor activities such as snowshoeing, kicksledding, and more. \$75/child +tax

WINTER WILDLIFE TRACKING

SATURDAYS December 14 • January 11 February 8 • February 15 • March 1 Wargo Nature Center, 10 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Ages 14+ Explore the winter landscape of Minnesota with one of Wargo's three certified wildlife trackers to learn how to distinguish the numerous tracks and signs of local wildlife.

\$10/person +tax per single session
\$45/person +tax for all sessions

FOREST BATHING

Saturday, November 16: 4 - 6 P.M. Saturday, December 14: 4 - 6 P.M. Friday, January 3: 5 - 7 P.M. Wargo Nature Center

Ages 12+ Awaken your senses and experience an immersive, meditative session of forest bathing with certified ANFT guide Kirsten Welge. **\$35/person +tax**

REGISTER TODAY 763-324-3350 ANOKACOUNTYPARKS.COM



WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Wargo Nature Center, 3 - 7 P.M.

All Ages Celebrate the shortest day and longest night of the year. Come explore on your own, try a self-guided activity, sit at the campfire, or join a naturalist for a silent night hike. **FREE!**

WINTER RECREATION SAMPLER

Sunday, December 22, 1-3 P.M. Wargo Nature Center

Ages 5+ Experience a variety of recreational activities including kick-sledding, snowshoeing, and discover tips on how to dress for cold weather.

Pre-registration required. \$10/adult, \$5/child +tax

SNOW DAY

Saturday, January 25, 1-4 P.M. Wargo Nature Center

All Ages Snow Day is an annual free event that allows participants of all ages to experience a variety of winter recreational activities. Along with outdoor activities like snowshoeing, kick-sledding and an ice fishing demo. There are indoor activities such as crafts, refreshments, a live animal presentation and interactive displays. **FREE!**

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 22, 12-2 P.M. Wargo Nature Center

All Ages Celebrate spring! Learn how to make maple syrup, maple crafts, and go on a scavenger hunt. Pre-registration required. \$5/person +tax





SNOWSHOE & KICK-SLED RENTAL AT WARGO \$5 for up to 2 hours - on site only

Discussions Progressing on County Budget, Levy



The Anoka County Board of Commissioners is currently in deep discussions about how much to levy in property taxes to fund next year's budget.

Just how much a home or business owner will pay depends on various factors, and property taxes don't always go up or down at the same percentage as local levies. Growth or decline in tax base, assessment trends, and the fact that there are a whole host of taxing authorities — state, county, school district, and several others — means your share of the "property tax pie" can and does fluctuate from year to year. (Read page 14 for information on how changes at the legislative level could affect your property taxes next year).

The Anoka County Board works to be as fiscally responsible as possible during budget time each year, while still adopting levies and budgets that allow the county to offer services to its residents, such as snow removal, policing, libraries, job training center services, park access and maintenance, assistance for county veterans, and more.

For 2025, county staff and the board have identified several strategic priorities:

- **Transportation:** Enhancing and protecting life by providing safe roads and eliminating congestion.
- Human Services: Working with people to improve lives.
- **Public Safety:** Protecting and serving the community in a manner that preserves public trust
- **Workforce:** Attracting and retaining an engaged, skilled county workforce.
- **Communication**: Providing clear, accurate and effective information to residents and staff about county initiatives.

Notably, the board kept the county's levy at zero percent from 2021 to 2023, and Anoka County's annual levy increase has been one of the lowest in the metro area. The 5-year average is less than 4 percent. This figure is lower than the pace of inflation, which was at 4.64 percent over the last 5 years.

For more information on how Anoka County spends and recieves money, check out the OpenGov Budget Explorer at anokacountymn.gov/2328/OpenGov-Budget-Explorer

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WORKSHOPS

Sharpen Your Skills! CareerForce now has in-person workshops on job searching, resume writing and interview skills along with links to several online resources. https://tinyurl.com/4ye2mr7m



RESUME REVIEW

Get resume tips from our expert team! CareerForce professionals will review your resume or cover letter and provide feedback. Email your resume to: careerforce.blaine@state.mn.us



JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE

One-on-one job search assistance! Schedule a job search appointment to meet in person, over the phone or online to get help with your job search and learn about other available resources. Schedule an appointment at www.careerforcemn.com/blaine us at or call 763-324-2300.

Cyclomedia Technology Allowing County to Remotely Inspect Properties

A national leader in providing street-level imagery, Cyclomedia, is now available for use to staff at Anoka County.

Cyclomedia captures data from the real world and transforms it into valuable information that will benefit county, municipal, and law enforcement partners. It will be used by staff throughout the county from the assessor's office, highway department, emergency services, and more.

Once the Cyclomedia vehicle completes a drive, staff in their respective departments have access to the imagery via Street Smart, a web application that allows users to remove, navigate, and inspect property without physical inspection. It will also provide emergency services an advanced look at property they may be visiting, which could increase safety for both staff and members of the public.

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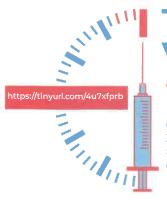
"Anoka County is always searching for ways to do more with less while being fiscally responsible," Anoka County Assessor Alex Guggenberger said. "Cyclomedia will give our assessors the ability to remotely view and inspect certain types of property without the need for physical inspection, while still meeting state statute requirements. This maximizes efficiency for staff while minimizing the interruption physical inspections often have on property owners' busy schedules."

Cyclomedia can provide assessment staff with multiple viewing angles and the ability to measure properties to find the length, width, and area within centimeters of accuracy.

"This service will greatly enhance the land records Anoka County maintains on an annual basis, while maximizing efficiency for the Highway Department and our Geographic Information Systems Department, said District 4 Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte.

Anoka County is very aware of and conscious of residents and their privacy. Artificial Intelligence software (AI) and an internal review team at Cyclomedia will blur facial features, license plates, as well as any open exterior garage door or children playing outdoors so that the contents are not visible.





TIME TO VACCINATE



Measles cases are rising and impacting many communities. The state has seen the most cases since 2017, with a significant number in the metro. Measles is a serious illness that can lead to hospitalization or even death.

PUBLIC IMMUNIZATION CLINIC SCHEDULE

Scan the QR code, enter the web address, or call 763-324-4240

Low-cost vaccinations available for uninsured/underinsured children and adults

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Property Tax Shifts - What Causes Them?

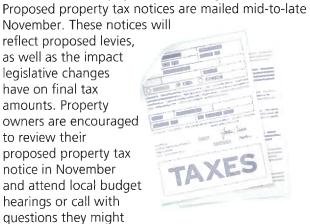
Legislative changes and changes to local budgets and levies at the county, city, school district, and special taxing district level, along with the assessed value of your residence or business, all impact how much you pay in property tax on an annual basis. Changes in one or more of those areas can result in a shift of the tax burden, making levy increases or decreases more impactful for certain types of property.

Property taxes payable in 2025 will be impacted by legislative changes made in 2023 where we saw the Homestead Market Value Exclusion threshold increase. Because more residential value is being excluded from taxation, the tax burden will shift, which will result in increases for commercial, industrial, and apartment-type property.

What should taxpayers be looking for?

November. These notices will reflect proposed levies, as well as the impact legislative changes have on final tax amounts. Property owners are encouraged to review their proposed property tax notice in November and attend local budget hearings or call with questions they might

have.





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facing mental health

challenges, it can feel easy to push our own

needs to the side. However, making time

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BUNKER HILLS COMPOST BARN



SUNDAY, NOV.3 PUMPKIN COLLECTION

Halloween is right around the corner, and you won't be needing those pumpkins for much longer. Drop by a county compost site on November 3rd with your jack-o-lanterns so that we can turn them into compost for you! Pick up a treat on that day as we celebrate the opening of the new Bunker Hills compost barn.

BUNKER HILLS

APR - NOV. | WEATHER PERMITTING MON. - FRI. | 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. SAT. | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. SUN. | Noon - 5 p.m. DEC. - MAR. | WEATHER PERMITTING SAT. | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. ONLY

RICE CREEK

APR. - NOV. | WEATHER PERMITTING

TUES. | 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. THURS. | 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. SAT. | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. SUN. | Noon - 5 p.m.

DEC. - MAR. | WEATHER PERMITTING SAT. | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. ONLY





Innovative new food scrap processing at the Bunker Hills and Rice Creek Compost Sites

The county has developed small-scale organics processing at the Bunker Hills and Rice Creek compost sites. Inside the new barn at both sites, we're turning your food scraps into compost, a valuable soil amendment. Compost benefits all soil types and improves moisture retention in sandy soil.

This innovative approach at a county compost site processes food scraps safely and effectively without having to transport the material off-site. Once the unscreened finished compost has cured and is ready, any Anoka County resident can pick it up free of charge (bring your own shovel).

Food scraps make up 25-35 percent of what we throw away, but they can be turned into compost at certain types of compost facilities, like at the new barns at the county compost sites. Compostable organic materials as noted below can be brought to the barn at either compost site anytime they are open to the public.

Organics are the compostable portion of trash including:

ALL FOOD SCRAPS

- Leftovers
- Peelings
- Spoiled food

FOOD SOILED, UNCOATED, NON-RECYCLABLE PAPERS

- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Coffee grounds/ filters
- Paper egg cartons

BPI-CERTIFIED COMPLOSTABLE PRODUCTS

- Food ware
- Silverware
- Bags



Join your neighbors and start recycling your food scraps today. For information on how to start recycling your food scraps through a curbside collection program or organics drop-off program call Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions at 763-324-3400 or go to AnokaCountyMN.gov/organics.

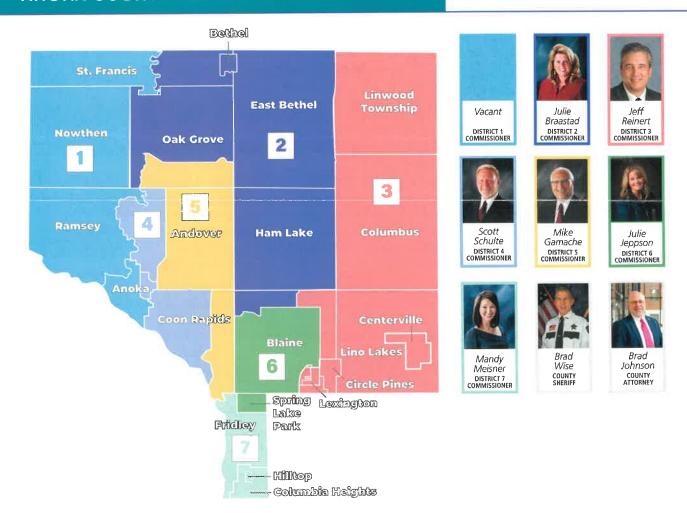


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RECYCLING & RESOURCE SOLUTIONS



ANOKA COUNTY LEADERSHIP

763-324-4700



County board meetings are generally held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. in

Room 705 of the Anoka County Government Center in Anoka. Watch board meetings live at anokacounty.us.

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- The 10-year U.S. Treasury bond yielded 4.24% at the end of last week
- Existing home sales declined 1.0% in September versus the prior month
- The Beige Book summarizes current economic conditions across the 12 Federal Reserve Districts

Top Three Market Headlines

Treasury Bond Yields Hit a Three-Month High: U.S. Treasury bond yields rose again last week, extending their recent ascent in the aftermath of the Federal Reserve's mid-September decision to cut its interest rate policy benchmark rate. The bellwether 10-year Treasury note closed the week yielding 4.24%, the highest level since mid-July and up from a year-to-date low of 3.62% on Sept. 16th, just prior to the Fed's decision to lower the target range for the federal funds rate. Notwithstanding the Fed's pivot to easier interest rate policy, recent

stronger-than-expected economic and inflation data have pressured

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Home Sales Fall to a 14-Year Low: Sales of existing homes in the U.S. fell in September for the sixth time in seven months, according to the National Association of Realtors. Declining 1% from the prior month, September sales totaled 3.84 million (seasonally adjusted annual rate), the lowest level in 14 years. Three out of four major regions in the U.S. experienced a drop in sales compared to August, with only the West seeing a rise. At the same time, the median existing home sales price increased 3.0% over the prior year to \$404,500, the 15th consecutive month of year-over-year price gains.

Beige Book Reports Steady Economic Activity: The Federal Reserve last week released its most recent Beige Book, a periodic compilation of anecdotal information summarizing economic conditions across the 12 Federal Reserve Districts. Compared to the last report in early September, most districts reported little growth in economic activity, due in part to declining manufacturing activity. Inflation continued to moderate in most districts, though some reported that consumers' composition of purchases moved towards less expensive alternatives. In terms of employment, more than half of the districts reported slight or modest growth with the rest reporting little or no change.

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MSCI All Country World	-1.30%	-0.70%	17.84%	
S&P 500	-0.96%	0.87%	23.14%	
Russell 2000	-2.99%	-0.95%	10.11%	
MSCI EAFE	-1.98%	-4.30%	8.13%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	-1.75%	-3.04%	13.31%	
FTSE NAREIT Equity	-1.76%	-1.33%	14.39%	
Bloomberg Commodity	2.13%	0.21%	6.08%	
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	-0.92%	-2.32%	2.03%	

Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors 10/23/2024. Federal Reserve Board 10/23/2024, Bloomberg 10/24/2024, Barron's 10/28/2024. Data from Morningstar Direct. Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized. Investment advisory, named and independent fiduciary services are offered through Gallagher Fiduciary Advisors, LLC, an SEC Registered Investment Adviser. Gallagher Fiduciary Advisors, LLC does not express an investment opinion regarding any specific commodity, sector or individual security. Unless otherwise expressly noted, the contents of this communication do not constitute securities or investment advice, nor should this communication be construed as an opinion regarding the appropriateness of any investment. Gallagher Fiduciary Advisors, LLC is a single-member, limited-liability company, with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. as its single member. Neither Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Gallagher Fiduciary Advisors, LLC nor their affiliates provide accounting, legal or tax advice. The information provided cannot take into account all the various factors that may affect your particular situation, therefore you should consult your Gallagher Fiduciary Advisors consultant before acting upon any information or recommendation contained herein to discuss the suitability of the information/recommendation for your specific situation.

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BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INCREASES DIVERSITY IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES

Building Strong Communities (BSC) was founded in 2021 to help promote women, people of color and veterans into the construction trades. The group's stated mission is aligning stakeholders to provide industry-driven, Apprenticeship readiness pathways into Union construction careers.

The BSC program is a 12-week, multi-trade pre-Apprenticeship pre-paratory program that helps give exposure and real training to enrolled candidates. Student participants will receive a variety of hands-on skills exercises and gain exposure at the various Union training centers including LIUNA Minnesota Training Center in Lino Lakes. The goal is for every BSC participant to successfully complete the program and become

BUILDING Strong Communities

registered Apprentices and begin their career in a trade that they are most excited about. BSC is a 501C3 nonprofit organization funded with support of the Minnesota Building Trades and the Fair Contracting Foundation of Minnesota.

As the BSC initiative expands, graduation results are also greatly improving resulting in more people starting careers in the various Union construction trades. On May 3, 2024, BSC held its largest graduation class in history with 167 graduates. The ceremony

recognized the collaborative efforts of various entities and included Union contractor partners who are critical in offering employment and additional mentoring. BSC also highlighted the efforts of their network of community-based organizations throughout the State of Minnesota who help refer and connect people into the program.

Rick Martagon, Executive Director for BSC has spent a lifetime in the trades and is very pleased with the success of the Building Strong initiative. "Honestly, I've been around in the trades for a long time, and this Building Strong Communities program is the best thing I've ever been a part of," said Martagon. "This program is changing lives. It gives people the education and skills to make informed career choices that will benefit themselves and their families."



BSC BY THE NUMBERS

- **107** Placements in 2023/24
- 21 Union Construction Trades Involved
- 18-50 Age variance of participants
- **12-Week Program** *Next Program Starts Feb. 2025*

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BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES...continued

In 2025, BSC will be working in partnership with the Union construction trades and North Hennepin Community College, who will provide support in interpersonal

Even though you've already received a job, the staff at Building Strong Communities is still there in your corner. They'il buy you boots, tools, and anything you need for your new found lifestyle.

Eric knew he needed a job that gave him a purpose, Building Strong Communities prepared him for a correer as a laborer and today he is a member of Laborers Local 563.

skills training and foundational construction math. Participants can earn 4 college credits. The next pre-Apprenticeship program class begins in February, 2025 with graduation

planned for May, 2025.

BSC is truly an innovative program that is eliminating barriers for some people and

improving outcomes for many others who may not have considered the Union construction trades as a viable career option. The industry is always in demand for great people and BSC will continue to build bridges for people to see their future. Information sessions for the February 2025 BSC program are already underway. Interested candidates and contractors/ stakeholders may attend. For more details, visit www.buildingstrong. org or contact Rick Martagon, Executive Director 651-253-3935 or RMartagon@BuildingStrong.org.



LECET SEEKS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With the upcoming retirement of the current Director, Minnesota Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (LECET) is seeking an Executive Director for the Fund. The position is affiliated with LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota and based out of St. Paul, MN.

LECET's core mission is to promote the many advantages of Union construction in the industry. This is an excellent opportunity for the new Director to continue building on the positive relationship between Union Signatory Contractors and LIUNA Members and lead the organization into the future. This

career position offers competitive pay commensurate with experience and the full Minnesota Laborers Fringe Benefit package. Interested candidates should contact Orion Search Joel Bergstrom. Group 952-345-1006 at or joelb@orionsearchgroup.com.

WELCOME NEW CONTRACTORS!

- American Fence Company Of Minneapolis LLC
- Blinderman Construction
- H2o Infrastructure Inc
- Mopping Man LLC
- NMC Companies

- Suemnick's Final Cut Tree Service LLC
- Waterproofing Experts

LECET Mission

The Minnesota Laborers-Employers
Cooperation & Education Trust
(LECET) fund was created in
1992 as a non-profit joint Labor/
Management cooperation effort
affiliated with the Minnesota
Laborers Union. LECET aims to
promote the many benefits of Union
construction while addressing a
number of initiatives that are of
mutual benefit to both signatory
Union Contractors and LiUNA
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EXPLAINING THE WORKER WELLNESS PROGRAM BENEFIT

The new Worker Wellness Program (WWP) benefit went into effect on May 1, 2024 replacing the new Earned Sick & Safe Time law that started January 1, 2024. WWP is fully implemented in only Minnesota approved Collective Bargaining Agreements. Eligible LIUNA member participants can start accessing their benefit now, adhering to certain requirements. The Laborer must experience a qualifying leave and enroll in the Zenith-American Solutions Participant Edge website portal to claim benefits.

With the program being very new, Laborers should understand that their WWP benefit account is in the process of gradually building up based on hours worked contributions.

For eligible Laborer participants, all WWP benefits remain in the Laborer's WWP account until claimed or forfeited. WWP Benefits are not lost when transferring between contributing employers and there is no cap on the amount of WWP benefits that may be accrued. WWP

is a pre-taxed fringe benefit and Laborers will pay the appropriate payroll taxes upon receiving the benefit (W-2 will be issued).

Qualifying leave events include:

- Vacation
- Holiday
- Individual or another's mental or physical illness, treatment, or preventative care.
- Absence due to domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking.
- Closure of your workplace or a Family Member's school due to weather or public emergency.
- Jury duty
- Funeral leave
- Any other reason for which a Laborer is unable to otherwise work on a normally scheduled day of work to care for oneself or another.

The Participant Edge portal will provide:

- Eligibility status
- Current WWP balance
- Contribution history
- The process to submit claims for WWP payments
- Steps to self-certify that a qualifying leave is being taken.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Minnesota LECET is pleased to announce their 2024-2025 LECET Scholarship program winners. Awarded winners each receive \$1,000 in financial assistance toward their approved construction industry related higher education degree or training. Minnesota LECET has delivered \$80,000 in financial assistance over the past 15 years to eligible candidates who have met the program requirements and plan to advance within the construction industry.

"We are proud to support these young people who are going to be future leaders in the Union construction industry," said Shawn Braford, LECET Chairman. "One of our key goals is to help people build great careers in construction and we have steadily been doing this since 2009."

2024-2025 Minnesota LECET Scholarship Winners	
Abel Girma	Ames Construction
*Ariel Corbett	Engineering & Construction Innovations
Garrett McCall	Ames Construction
Jaclyn Jarosz	Ryan Companies US Inc
Mikaela Prochnow	PCL Construction
Nathan Weckop	Bolander
Ryan Mattson	Ryan Companies US Inc
Seth Meikle	Ames Construction

*Ariel Corbett is also a member of LIUNA Local 563

USDOL ADOPTS STATE PREVAILING WAGE RATES

On June 7, 2024, the Branch of Wage Surveys at the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) adopted Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry's (DLI) commercial and highway/heavy prevailing wage rates for the building, heavy, and highway federal Davis-Bacon wage determinations. The announcement was made by Administrator Jessica Looman. This means that federal rates now reflect the labor classifications and prevailing wage rates adopted in Minnesota.

This is an important measure for the construction industry in Minnesota and for Union contractors bidding and performing federal work. In the past, the federal Davis – Bacon wage rates were surveyed so infrequently therefore causing the construction wage rates to be out of date.

Prevailing wage is the minimum hourly wage employers must pay

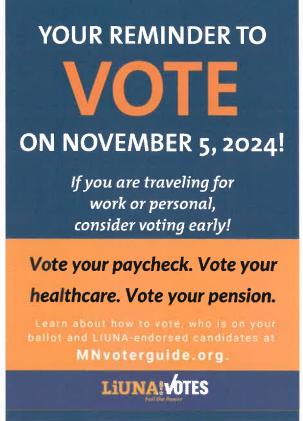
certain workers who work on construction and public works projects where state dollars are used to fund the construction. The prevailing wage includes the employer's cost of benefits. The Minnesota DLI sets the prevailing wage rates to be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the county where the project is located. These are called "certified" prevailing wage rates.¹

1 Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, www.dli.mn.gov/business/employment-practices/prevailing-wage-information, Oct, 2024.



Construction workers in Minnesota will benefit by having both state and federally funded construction projects using the same wage rate data that is updated annually.





LABORER SPOTLIGHT: LAURIE JOHNSON SERVING OTHERS FOR 35 YEARS



UNION HALL: LIUNA Local 563
JOINED LIUNA: 1989

RESIDES: St. Paul, MN

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- 35-year Career
- Former LIUNA 563 President

When Laurie Johnson retired in August, you would think she would have plans to start slowing down after a lengthy 35-year career as a Skilled Construction Craft Union Laborer. But for her, that simply is not an option. Johnson has built her life around a combination of working hard and community service and one might say she is just shifting gears.

Johnson joined LIUNA in April 1989 and never missed a day of work unless it was a planned event. At that time, the Laborers Training Center (LTC) Apprenticeship Training Program did not exist. However, as the LTC training curriculum developed, she took the opportunity to invest in herself and her future by logging over 700 training hours which she credits for broadening skills and opening the door for more work opportunities.

Johnson's career involved many industries from heavy highway work to sewer and water, and commercial building. She's built parking ramps, airports, stadiums, schools, hospitals and countless more. Her strong work

ethic and good communication abilities helped her become a Foreman for five years with Knutson Construction. "I always want to do things right, and do things well," added Johnson. "I believe that teamwork can be awesome when you are really working with people and going in the same direction."

In 2015 Johnson became an Auditor for LIUNA Laborers Local 563 in Minneapolis and on April 1, 2021, was appointed President, becoming the first female President in their 53-year history. It was one of her highest honors being deeply involved in an organization that she loves. She is an active supporter in LIUNA's community service efforts, Serving our Troops, the Laborers Family Fun-Raiser, Laborers Local 563 Coat Drive, disaster response assistance and more.

Johnson's passion for serving others parallels her working career. In 1990, she became involved in the Boy Scouts and now currently serves as Assistant Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 25 and Cubmaster for Cub Scout Pack 25 in St. Paul. For 34 years, she's volunteered regularly at several scout camps using her skills for repairs and improvements to make them safer and better for the scouts. She's a wonderful example of someone who practices the Boy Scout oath "to help other people at all times".

In addition, Johnson serves as a volunteer for Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in St. Paul and as a Eucharistic Minister, helping elderly people.

In 2023, Johnson was a finalist for **Top Women in Construction**, by Finance - Commerce News. She has participated in the local **Women Building Success** organization and the national **Tradeswomen Build**

Nations conference and advocates for women in the construction trades. "When I started, there weren't as many women like there are now," stated Johnson, "Women are totally capable of doing any job in construction and can advance to leadership positions."

Johnson is not motivated by awards or recognition. "It is nice to be recognized by others, but it is not something that drives me," said Johnson. She seems to have a sense of a higher calling that the work she is doing is making life better for someone else. "We're here to support and help each other and to just be a good person."

Laurie Johnson is at her core, a highly skilled Laborer. Even more, she is a community builder. Johnson is always dependable, rock solid and willing to use her talents to help others. "I guess you can say it's in my blood," said Johnson.











SAFETY DRIVEN THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

2nd Quarter 2024 Safety Driven Quarterly Award Winners

LABORER	CONTRACTOR	LABORER	CONTRACTOR
Jerod Oleson	Bituminous Roadways Inc	Zachary Johnson	Landwehr Construction Inc
Andrew Jerome	Carl Bolander & Sons	David Herda	Michels Corporation
Justin Meyer	Custom Drywall Inc	Isaiah Gilbert	MP Technologies
Andrew Hillesheim	Gopher State Cleaning	Troy Taylor	Northland Concrete & Masonry
Ron Spry	Gordon Construction of Mahnomen	Taylor Rolloff	Park Construction
John Schneider	J M F Construction Inc	Brandon Rapinac	S R Weidema Inc
Eric Christensen	Jewell Scanning & Coring LLC	Taqqee Abdul Quddoos	Sunram Construction Inc
Chad Bailey	Johnson-Nelson Masonry	Clinton Cole	Thomas and Sons Construction Inc
Jim Adair	Kelleher Construction Inc	Noah Paulson	Ulland Brothers
Dillon Hansen	Kuechle Underground Inc	Dylan Semborski	Veit & Company Inc

All winners receive their choice of a Quarterly Award prize and have been nominated by Union Contractors in accordance with the LECET Safety Driven Program rules.

TRAIN UP THE POWER TO EXCEL

Training Calendar



July

August

September Brandt Kilbourn

Note: Students are reminded that all day classes begin at 7:00 am at the LTC. Trainees must come to class dressed as if they were reporting to work at a construction site. This includes appropriate work boots, long pants and shirt. Failure to do so can result in being asked to leave and to reschedule the class at a later date.

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October 28, 2024 Lead Supervisor Refresher	Nov 01
November 04, 2024 Blueprint Reading General Construction/Flagging/Pro-10 Hazardous Waste Initial	Nov 04-08 Nov 04-08 Nov 04-08
@Duluth, MN - 1091 Hall Lead Worker Initial Mason Tending Pipelaying 1 Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid Lead Worker Refresher	Nov 04-06 Nov 04-08 Nov 04-14 Nov 04-08 Nov 08
November 11, 2024 Asbestos Worker Initial Concrete Practices/Insulated Forms Heavy Highway Skills/MnDOT Flag	Nov 11-14 Nov 11-15 Nov 11-15

Concrete Practices/Insulated Forms	Nov 11-15
Heavy Highway Skills/MnDOT Flag	Nov 11-15
@Rochester, Eagles Club	_
Line & Grade I	Nov 11-15
Mine Safety & Health Admin/CPRFA	Nov 11-13
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid	Nov 11-15
Scaffold Erecting Competent Person	Nov 11-15
Welding/Torch Cutting Air Arc	Nov 11-Dec 17
Fall Protection	Nov 14
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program	Nov 14
@Rochester, Eagles Club	
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher	Nov 15
Asbestos Worker Refresher	Nov 15
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November 18, 2024	
Asbestos Supervisor Initial	Nov 18-22
Blueprint Reading	Nov 18-22
General Construction/Flagging/Pro-10	Nov 18-22
Heavy Highway Skills/MnDOT Flag	Nov 18-22
Mason Tending	Nov 18-22
Pipelaying 1	Nov 18-22
Rigging & Signaling Qualified - 24 Hr	Nov 18-20
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid	Nov 18-22
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program	Nov 21

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Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program

November 25, 2024	
Air Sampling	Nov 25-26
CPR/First Aid	Nov 25
Gas Fusion	Nov 25
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Nov 25
Torch Cutting Demo Safety	Nov 25-26
Aerial Lift Training	Nov 26
Excavation Confined Space	Nov 26
Lead Renovator Initial	Nov 26-27
Mine Safety & Health Admin	Nov 26
Dingo Training	Nov 27
Fall Protection	Nov 27
Vacuum Trailer Training	Nov 27

December 02, 2024	
Asbestos Inspector Init	Dec 02-04
Blueprint Reading	Dec 02-06
Blueprint Reading	Dec 02-12
General Construction/Flagging/Pro-10	Dec 02-06
Hazardous Waste Initial	Dec 02-06
Line & Grade II	Dec 02-06
Pipeline Technology/MnDOT Flagging	Dec 02-06
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid	Dec 02-06
Asbestos Worker Refresher	Dec o6
Mine Safety & Health Admin	Dec o6
@Virginia, MN - 1097 Hall	

December 09, 2024	
Concrete Practices/Insulated Forms	Dec 09-13
Pipelaying 1	Dec 09-13
Plaster Tending	Dec 09-13
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid	Dec 09-13
Scaffold Erecting Competent Person	Dec 09-13
Supervisor Training & Education Program	Dec 09-13
Torch Cutting Demo Safety	Dec 09-10
Rigging & Signaling Qualified - 24 Hr	Dec 11-13

ITC ANNOUNCES NEW GPS TRAINING PARTNER

@Online Training

In 2025, the Laborers Training Center will be offering new training utilizing the Sitech Northland Trimble Global Positioning System (GPS) staff trainers and equipment. Sitech Northland will provide LIUNA member trainees with the latest equipment and training to succeed in the field with a basic or advanced understanding of how to effectively operate the equipment.

The course consists of understanding how GPS works, set up procedures, and hands on aspects of working with GPS in real world applications. Training will also include importing and exporting job files, staking points, layout process and quantities exporting and importing

materials. Prerequisite for this course offering is completion of both Line & Grade 1 and 2. Members shall contact the LTC registration office to reserve a spot at 651-653-6710.

SITECH NORTHLAND TRIMBLE GPS COURSE DATES AT THE LTC

> Feb 10 - 12, 2025 March 17-19, 2025 May 5-7, 2025

November 10-12, 2025







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RIBFEST RAISES \$60K FOR MILITARY MEMBERS & FAMILIES

The 2nd Annual Yellow Ribbon Ribfest hosted by the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council raised another \$60,000 to benefit Minnesota National Guard service members, families and military veterans on September 21 in Arden Hills, MN at the 34th Infantry Division. LIUNA Local 563, LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota and LECET are major supporters.

The Ribfest event featured 25 competitors who are all associated with the trades, friends of Labor or Yellow Ribbon Companies. Over 1,000 attendees enjoyed ribs and special treats, live music, with Ryan Companies US Inc., "Pork Lift Certified" Team taking home Grand Champion honors. The Laborers Training Center

"Union Crew BBQ" Team won the People's Choice award.

"In many ways, those of us in military and you in organized labor have something in common," said Minnesota National Guard Army Colonel Eduardo Suarez. "We all reach a point in our careers that the best decision we ever made was joining, whether it was the military or a trade union."

Proceeds raised go to benefit Building Strong Communities (Article on page 1) to support programs and events for deployed service members families, like materials and resources for home repairs completed by Union trades people at no cost to the military family.







ELECTION PREVIEW

The 2024 general election is two weeks from today. Instead of regurgitating the election previews that local media are generating (which are good and we encourage you to read them), we are going bold and doing the most inadvisable thing in politics – making predictions.

2024 Voter Guides

- Axios
- MinnPost
- Star Tribune

State Senate – District 45

This seat will determine control of the Minnesota Senate (at least for now). Currently sitting at a 33-33 partisan split, all eyes and dollars are on this race.

Both candidates in the race have previously run for the seat. DFL candidate Ann Johnson Stewart held the seat from 2021-2023, until she lost in a primary to Sen. Kelly Morrison. Kathleen Fowke, the Republican candidate, ran in 2022 and lost against Morrison.

SD45 is located in the western
Hennepin County suburbs and was
held by former Senator Kelly
Morrison (DFL-Deephaven), who is
expected to be elected to Congress
from Minnesota's Third
Congressional District.

Read more in the Star Tribune

Once thought of as swing territory, the 3rd Congressional district has been trending Democrats' way for the past several election cycles. Our team has a few different takes on the race:

Republicans win

"I think Republicans will take the Senate with a win in Senate District 45 on the effective message of 'restoring balance' at the Legislature. I don't think the district will swing Trump, but I'm anticipating a fair amount of Harris/Fowke/Myers ticket splitting from Republicans on the 45A side of the district that will help get her to the win."

Democrats hold

"Despite a stronger than expected showing, I think Democrats will retain their majority with Ann Johnson Stewart returning to the Minnesota Senate."

"DFL infrastructure and presidential voter turnout will keep Democrats in the MN Senate majority."

"The Senate will stay at a one-seat majority."



Mailers, door knocks and texts, oh my!

State Senate District 45 has been flooded with mail, door knocks and phone calls as political parties and outside groups target this race as well as one side of the district that Democrats in the House hope to pick up.

Minnesota House

The DFL path to hold the majority

The DFL have held the House majority for six years (since 2019) – a long time in the body that tends to be more volatile. Statewide, DFL campaigns have generally had three significant strengths: alignment in messaging, party infrastructure and money. This year is no different. State DFLers are doubling down on their middle class-focused agenda from 2023-24 legislative sessions, which they believe are popular and will drive voter turnout.



All 134 House seats are up for election

- The MN House stands at a functional 70-64 DFL majority.
- Republicans must win 4 or more seats to flip the majority.
- 68 seats are needed for a majority.

Quick look: House DFL playbook

- **1.** Put in a solid effort but accept defeat in two seats outside the metro area.
- 2. Hold all remaining seats.
- **3.** Expand in 3-4 suburban/exurban seats where national turnout might help.

To win in the House, Democrats will need to leave no voter unvoted. U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar traditionally lifts overall DFL turnout. Coupled with Gov. Walz in the vice-presidential slot, this is probably the House DFL Caucus's best shot to keep suburban turnout high. The DFL party infrastructure, powered by significant fundraising advantages over Republicans, was built for this.

The Republican path to flip the house

Republicans have been gaining ground in Greater Minnesota for years, knocking off all but a handful of rural DFLers. To battle the money advantage held by Democrats, Republicans will be focused on scooping up some remaining rural seats and DFL seats in regional centers across the state.

At the state level, Republican messaging is laserfocused on restoring balance to state government

The House Republican playbook looks similar to the DFL's:

- 1. Hold all current seats.
- **2.** Pick up 4-6 seats with a focus on Greater MN and regional centers.

and reckless, unchecked spending by Democrats over the past biennium. All national polling indicates that voters are very focused on their own sense of security – whether that be economic or social. If delivered in ways that resonate, this messaging could very well carry them into a Minnesota House majority.

How the national ticket plays down the ballot

One of the biggest questions for both parties to wrestle with is how national discourse and voter behavior will trickle down to state legislative seats. The polarization at the top of the ticket cuts both ways for both parties – Democrats in Greater Minnesota will struggle to be associated with the Harris-Walz ticket as suburban Republicans will struggle in their association to the Trump-Vance ticket.

State candidates try to carve a path to separate themselves from the national rhetoric and in Minnesota, it sometimes works. Both parties are making financial and messaging decisions based on how their local candidates historically have performed against their parties' national tickets.

Targeted districts

Seeing the party playbooks, it's probably not shocking that Republicans and Democrats are targeting just a handful of seats.

Here's a quick look at some of those seats and our take on the matchups.



Republican targets to hold – DFL targets to flip

3B

Rep. Natalie Zeleznikar R This district, which includes Hermantown and northern townships, was one of the closest races in 2022, with Rep. Zeleznikar beating incumbent Rep. Mary Murphy by only 33 votes. Rep. Zeleznikar took more moderate votes the past two years (clearly aware of her district). Munger is a retired judge and well-known community figure. Republicans probably have an edge here, but it's close.

Mark Munger D

41A

Wayne Johnson R This district includes part of Cottage Grove, Afton,
Lakeland and Lake Elmo. Incumbent Rep. Mark
Wiens retired to run for county commissioner, making
it an open race. As one of the only districts in the
state with a DFL senator and two Republican House
members, this is one of the DFL's top targets to flip.

Lucia Wroblewski D

41B

Tom Dippel R This district includes the other part of Cottage Grove and Hastings, another top target for the DFL after Rep. Shane Hudella retired. Fox is a Hastings City Council member and small business owner; Dippel has run in this area before, losing in 2022 to Sen. Judy Seeberger. This could be a situation where candidate personality could come into play – Fox is a fairly well-known, moderate candidate and Dippel has alignment with right-wing organizations.



45A



This district includes the western part of Lake Minnetonka and its suburbs. Rep. Myers is one of the most moderate Republicans in the House and votes accordingly. This area has been trending left since 2016, and democrats up and down the ticket are targeting it. A flip isn't out of the question, but with the district stretching out to some rural areas and power of incumbency, Republicans could hold this.

Tracey Breazeale D

DFL targets to hold – Republican targets to flip

7B

Lorrie Janatopoulos D This is the last DFL seat on the Iron Range, encompassing Virginia, Chisholm and Eveleth. Incumbent Rep. Dave Lislegard (DFL-Aurora) announced retirement after the end of session. The Iron Range used to be a DFL stronghold, but Republicans have flipped every single House seat except this one. With Trump on the ticket, expect Republicans to flip this seat.

Cal Warwas R

14B

Rep. Dan Wolgamott D This district contains the majority of Saint Cloud, a regional center that has slowly moved left. This district has been a Republican target since it started flipflopping in 2006. A strong Trump showing could be what is needed to flip it back to Republicans. With some demographic changes and targeted turnout efforts, we think Democrats have the edge here.



18A

Rep. Jeff Brand D This district includes North Mankato and Saint Peter.

The seat has changed hands in the past three elections, with Rep. Brand serving a non-consecutive second term. Rep. Brand won in 2022 by 2.5%, but the district is rural enough that nothing is a shoo-in for the DFL. With incumbency advantage the DFL has a slight edge, but this should be a top flip target for Republicans.

Erica Schwartz R

26A

Sarah Kruger D This district includes Winona and surrounding towns. For the first time in decades, this seat is open following the retirement of Rep. Gene Pelowski (DFL-Winona). Rep. Pelowski was the most moderate member of his caucus, and was willing to publicly criticize the DFL, usually winning reelection without a sweat. Kruger emerged as the DFL candidate after a viciously contested primary, where money spent totaled over \$100,000. If Republicans seize on Kruger's depleted campaign funds and some local-grown controversies, they should take this seat.

Aaron Repinski R

What to watch on election night

There will be no shortage of media coverage on election night. Here are a few things to check out:

1

Turnout and margins

Traditionally, the highest DFL margin comes out of a South Minneapolis race. Watch Rep. Emma Greenman's (DFL-Minneapolis) race in 63B. If it looks like she's getting more than 85 percent of the vote, it's probably been a strong turnout for the DFL.

Pro tip: Hennepin County will likely be the first DFL-majority county to come in. Ramsey, Dakota and Washington usually take a bit longer.

2

Suburban bellwethers

Rep. Ethan Cha in 43B or Rep. Ben Bakeberg in 54B might be good examples. These are both suburban seats with one-term legislators that aren't yet household names in their districts. These could be good measures of generic DFL vs. generic Republican in the suburbs.

3

Open, partisan strongholds

40B (formerly Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn) and 58B (formerly Rep. Pat Garofalo) both saw long-time representatives retire and are expected to be safe DFL and Republican seats, respectively. These could be an interesting gauge of turnout and partisan effect.

4

Practice patience

It could be a long night. We might not know the full breakdown of the House until the next morning, and it's likely we won't know the result of the presidential election for days.

Goff's crystal ball

We've come to the prediction section. Of course, if we were right, we knew all along, and if we were wrong, this was just for fun, and we didn't mean any of it.



"I think Democrats will keep control of the House with a 69-65 majority, winning most of their competitive northern suburban seats and picking up both open seats in District 41 due to strong DFL candidates in those races."



"I think the House will flip, giving it a 68-66 Republican majority. Trump has a strong showing in Minnesota, which helps Republicans sweep their Greater Minnesota pick-up opportunities and take the majority in the Minnesota House."



"Because of traditionally high DFL turnout in a presidential election year, I expect that Democrats will have a good night in Minnesota and the House DFL will hold a six- or seven-seat majority."



"I think the Minnesota House will end up 67-67 because this is the year that things can't get any weirder."



"I think a combination of cash advantage and presidential turnout will lead to a good night for the DFL. They will hold Senate District 45 and hold the Minnesota House. For better or worse, I think the margins will be the same: 70-64 with a DFL majority. The DFL will get wiped out on the Range and lose the Winona seat and pick up both 41A and 41B."



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As a City Councilmember and community leader in Spring Lake Park, I have had the privilege of supporting Manna Market and YouthWay Ministries. Under the dedicated leadership of Nancy and Forrest Gregory, these organizations have made an immense impact by helping those in need, not only in our community but throughout the metro area.

Manna Market has a long-standing history of providing food, care, and support to vulnerable individuals and families, reducing food waste and reducing our environmental impact by reducing CO₂ Emissions. Their programs have grown significantly, reflecting both the increasing need and the strong leadership and organizational skills of their team. The Gregorys have earned deep respect for running their operations with a high level of efficiency and effectiveness, which is why they continue to receive support from local churches and community leaders like myself.

As an elected official, I deeply value their ethical stewardship of the resources they receive. I am confident that they will make good use of the Federal Surplus property they are seeking with the same level of responsibility and integrity that has defined their work for many years.

In addition to providing food, Manna Market also ensures that their space is well-equipped to serve their mission. Through partnerships with various organizations, they have been able to expand their reach and impact. While it is unfortunate that the need for basic necessities like food continues to grow, we are fortunate to have compassionate leaders like the Gregorys, who run well-organized and effective programs to meet this challenge.

Manna Market and YouthWay Ministries are responsible partners who will responsibly re-use any asset they receive through the program. I fully support their efforts and trust that they will continue to be a vital asset to our community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 612-386-2496 or by email at ldircks@slpmn.org.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dircks

Councilmember