



City of Blaine

City Council Workshop

February 10, 2025 | 3:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

MINUTES

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.01 of the Blaine City Charter, a Council Workshop meeting is scheduled for the following purpose:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at by Mayor Pro Tem Robertson at 3:00PM followed by Roll Call.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Tim Sanders (arrived at 3:20PM), Councilmembers Terra Fleming, Chris Ford, Leslie Larson (arrived at 3:09PM), Chris Massoglia (arrived at 3:08PM), Tom Newland, and Jess Robertson.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; Director of Administrative Services Scott Johnson; Safety Services Director/Police Chief Brian Podany; Director of Engineering Dan Schluender; Finance Director Jason Zimmerman; Finance Analyst Nikki Beckers; Human Resources Manager Lori Carbajal; Assistant Community Development Director Sheila Sellman; Senior Park & Recreation Manager Jerome Krieger; Public Works Director Nick Fleischhacker; and City Clerk Cathy Sorensen

3. New Business

- 3.1.** 2025-48 Alternative Revenue Sources & 2026 Budget
Sponsors: Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director

The council reviewed several elements of possible alternative revenue sources and 2026 budget. Council consensus was to explore implementation of franchise fees for special services, wetland credits, cannabis, electric, gas and streetlights.

- 3.2.** 2025-49 Visioning, Future Development and Procedures Discussion
Sponsors: Erik Thorvig, Community Development Director

The council reviewed and provided input on staff's presentation of visioning, future development, and procedures discussion for community development.

- 3.3.** 2025-50 Proposed Council Code of Conduct, Rules of Order and Procedure, and IT Use Policy Amendments
Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

The council reviewed and provided direction of proposed amendments to the council code of conduct, rules of order and procedure, and IT use policy for automatic email responses and provided staff direction for formal consideration and adoption at a future council meeting.

- 3.4.** 2025-51 Closed Session Pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05(3)(c)(3) - Discuss Potential Purchase of Portions of Land Identified as PIDs 11-31-23-12-0003 and 11-31-23-11-0001 Located at the Southwest Corner of 125th Avenue and Lexington Avenue
Sponsors: Erik Thorvig, Community Development Director

After a motion, second, and approval, council moved into closed session to discuss potential purchase of portions of land located at the southwest corner of 125th Avenue and Lexington Avenue.

4. Other Business

Councilmember Massoglia requested an item be added to a March workshop regarding budget policy, tax rates, and service levels.

5. Adjournment



Signed by

Tim Sanders, Mayor

Signed by

Catherine M. Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk

Mayor Sanders adjourned the council retreat at 9:15PM.