



City of Blaine

City Council Workshop

August 25, 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 3:15PM by Mayor Pro Tem Robertson.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Sanders (arrived at 3:17PM), Councilmembers Fleming, Ford, Larson, Massoglia, Newland, and Robertson.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager/Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; Director of Administrative Services Scott Johnson; Economic Development Specialist Ruth Tucker; Assistant Community Development Director Sheila Sellman; Captain Russ Clark; and City Clerk Cathy Sorensen

3. New Business

- 3.1. 2025-190** Municipal Cannabis Retail Request for Professional Services – Evaluation Results and Operator Selection
Sponsors: Ruth Tucker, Economic Development Specialist

Interim City Manager/Community Development Director Thorvig said that based on council direction, staff submitted an application for a municipal cannabis retailer license to the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) during the application period in March. Although the state has not yet issued the municipal license, the City has received preliminary approval from OCM and is on track to receive the license within the 18-month timeframe allowed by statute.

In anticipation of the license being awarded, the City issued a Request for Professional Services (RFP) – Municipal Cannabis Store Operator in early June to organizations that had previously expressed interest in partnering with the City under the municipal cannabis program. Proposals were due by June 27, 2025. The City received three submissions:

Voyageur Cannabis Services, Higher Yields Consulting, and Drift North Dispensary. Council interviewed the three applicants and allowed them time to present information about their companies and a potential partnership with the city. He noted should council choose a partner, various agreements would be drafted prior to moving forward.

4. Other Business

None.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Sanders adjourned the workshop at ___PM.