



City of Blaine

City Council Workshop

August 17, 2026 | 5:30 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

AGENDA

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**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1. 2026-385 State Lobbying Agreement Discussion
Sponsors: Scott Johnson, Director of Administrative Services
4. **Other Business**
5. **Adjournment**



City of Blaine Staff Report

File Number: 2026-385

Agenda Date

August 17, 2026

Status

In Control

City Council

File Type

Workshop Item

New Business - Erik Thorvig, City Manager, Scott Johnson, Director of Administrative Services

Agenda Item # 3.1

State Lobbying Agreement Discussion

Executive Summary

Background

The city's current state lobbying contract expires at the end of 2026. The current contract is with Lockridge, Grindal, and Nauen. Requests for proposals were solicited in June for lobbying services in 2027 (and beyond depending on the length of contract). The firms who responded to the RFP are Lockridge, Grindal, and Nauen, and Capitol Hill Associates. Below are the proposed RFP amounts:

Lockridge, Grindal, and Nauen - \$38,000 per year

Capitol Hill Associates - \$42,000 per year

Staff has requested two 20-minute presentations from the firms who responded to the RFP. Staff will request the firms leave the workshop after their presentations to allow for City Council discussion/direction on the top choice. A formal contract will be considered at a later date.

Strategic Plan Relationship

Board/Commission Review

Financial Impact

Public Outreach/Input

Staff Recommendation

Discussion and provide feedback regarding state lobbying services.

Attachment List

None