

**Minutes
City of Minnetonka
Study Session
Monday, February 9, 2026**

Council Present: Patsy Foster-Bolton, Paula Ramaley, Kissy Coakley, Deb Calvert, Kimberly Wilburn, and Rebecca Schack

Staff: Mike Funk, Moranda Dammann, Erik Nilsson, Sarissa Seracki, Will Manchester and Phil Olson

1. Call to Order

Mayor Schack called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Introduction/ Roll Call

Council, staff, guest presenters, and residents introduced themselves.

3. Business Items:

A. 2026 community survey review

Senior Management Coordinator Sarissa Falk provided an overview of the annual community survey. Peter Leatherman of the Morris Leatherman Company attended the session to gather themes and feedback from council to prepare in determining questions for the 2026 community survey.

The city council provided thoughts and feedback about this year's survey questions.

B. Three Rivers Park District Update: Bryant Lake and Eagle Lake Regional Trails

Public Works Director Will Manchester introduced the topic. Danny McCullough (Regional Trail System Manager), Josh Bowe (Senior Manager of Engineering/Interim Director of Design), and Blake Hansen (Project Manager) from Three Rivers Park District discussed updates on the Bryant Lake and Eagle Lake Regional Trail projects planned for construction in 2027 and 2028.

The projects will complete priority regional trail gaps in Minnetonka, connecting Eagle Lake in Maple Grove to Bryant Lake in Eden Prairie and enhancing safety, walkability and system connectivity. The city council provided feedback on the projects and direction regarding potential funding participation for burial of overhead power lines along the trail corridors.

C. 2026/2027 trail, street and major Capital Improvement Program project review

City Engineer Phil Olson introduced the topic and provided an overview of the 2026/2027 trail, street, and major Capital Improvement Program projects planned for design and construction. This includes 37 city- and outside agency-led efforts ranging from roadway and utility improvements to regional trail, lift station, drainage, and mill and overlay projects.

Olson highlighted the Excelsior Boulevard (County Road 3) Improvement Project between County Road 101 and Williston Road, which includes roadway reconstruction, watermain

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replacement, storm sewer and water quality upgrades, overhead power burial, and multi-use trail construction, with coordination from Hennepin County and Xcel Energy.

Olson reviewed public engagement feedback, trail feasibility options, associated easement and cost implications, and potential schedule impacts if additional outreach is required.

City council provided feedback on project priorities, trail configuration along Excelsior Boulevard, and the proposed communication plan and timeline.

D. Ward 2 City Council vacancy determination for scoring review and selection for interviews

Assistant City Manager Moranda Dammann introduced the topic and reviewed the appointment process and timeline to fill the Ward 2 City Council vacancy created by the election of Rebeca Schack as mayor. Dammann summarized outreach efforts, confirmed that 20 applicants met the City Charter eligibility requirements, and outlined options for selecting finalists for interviews, including forming a subcommittee or conducting scoring as a full council.

Following discussion, the council chose to form a subcommittee to review applications and recommend candidates to advance to interviews. The subcommittee was determined by lot and is made up of Councilmember Ramaley, Councilmember Coakley, and Mayor Schack.

E. March study session topics

City Manager Mike Funk confirmed the upcoming study session agenda items and study session schedule.

4. Adjournment

Schack adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Koosman

City Clerk