

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rick Von Holdt with the following Council Members present: Amy Woitalewicz, Mike Kuhle, Chris Kielblock, Dennis Weber, Amy Ernst.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Hyunmyeong Goo, City Engineer; Matt Selof, Community Development Director; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Cristina Adame, Community Relations & Communications; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others Present: Quentin Burns, Cable 3 TV; Ryan McGaughey, Radio Works; Chloe Farnsworth, *The Globe*.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVED WITH ADDITIONS/CHANGES

A motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Kuhle and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2026
- Water & Light Commission Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2026
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2026
- Application for On-Sale Liquor License for the Worthington Hockey Association on Friday, July 3, 2026
- Application for On-Sale Liquor License for St. Mary's Church of Worthington on May 15, 2026
- Girl's Softball Agreement
- 2026 Worthington Soccer League Agreement
- Bills Payable Totaling \$1,779,897.35

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO VACATE PART OF PLATTED PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1, SIX FAIRWAY VIEW ADDITION

Pursuant to published notice this is the time and date set for the second reading of a proposed ordinance to Vacate Part of Platted Public Utility Easement on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Six Fairway View Addition.

A complete copy of the ordinance was provided in the March 23, 2026 Council Agenda.

The motion was made by Council Member Kuhle, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried to give a second reading to the proposed ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-18 ADOPTED APPOINTING CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERS

Steve Robinson, City Administrator reported on March 23, 2026, City Council approved the Nominating Committee Appointment Recommendations for the Charter Commission.

In addition, under Minnesota Statutes §410.05, Subdivision 3, the City Council of the City of Worthington must also, by resolution, nominate the eligible individuals and submit a petition to the district court to appoint them as members of the Worthington City Charter Commission.

The motion was made by Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-18

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERS

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-19 ACCEPTING A DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, reported the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee has received a request from an individual to place a bench along the bike trail. The request is as follows:

- Lee McAllister in memory of Betty Ann McAllister.

The donation meets all the requirements as set forth in the Park Donation policy adopted by City Council. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board recommends, the City Council accept the donation.

The motion was made by Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Woitalewicz and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-19

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

APPROVED 2026 BEACH NOOK CONTRACT

Mr. Wietzema reported the Park and Recreation Advisory Board has endorsed the proposed contract with Patricia Arnt (Lessee) to operate the Beach Nook. The Lessee shall be paid a sum of \$5,000.00 in exchange for maintaining the restroom facilities, the beach area, and the concession area during the term of the lease. The term of this contract is for 1 year with an option for annual renewal if agreed upon by both parties. Ms. Arnt must also obtain a Concession License from the City.

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Woitalewicz and unanimously carried to approve the Beach Nook lease as presented, with the Lessee obtaining a Concession License prior to opening.

APPROVED TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

Hyunmyeong Goo, City Engineer, reported as part of the upcoming Highway 59 reconstruction, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has proposed to acquire a temporary construction easement from the City of Worthington for a strip of property between B & J Oil Company at 2095 Highway 59 and Norwood Inn at 2015 Highway 59. MnDOT proposed to pay the City \$500.00 in exchange for this temporary easement, which was based on an appraisal of the subject property.

The proposed easement area encompasses a gap between the south property line of B & J Oil and the north property line of Norwood Inn's parcel. The area is due to some gap in the legal descriptions on past deeds. Mr. Goo noted staff was unaware that the City held any fee interest in this property but MnDOT has provided a title opinion that concludes the City is the owner.

The motion was made by Council Member Woitalewicz, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried to approve the temporary construction easement.

APPROVED TASK ORDER NO. 39 WITH BOLTON & MENK FOR FEASIBILITY REPORT, FINAL DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND BIDDING SERVICES

Mr. Goo presented Task Order No. 39 with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for engineering services related to the East Flower Lane extension.

He stated the project will extend the existing roadway west to connect with the railroad crossing. The City recently acquired the remaining parcel needed to complete the connection. Bolton & Menk, Inc.'s prior involvement in the original design will support project continuity and efficiency.

The scope includes survey, feasibility report preparation, final design, permitting, and bidding assistance. City staff will complete annexation and platting prior to bidding, and will perform construction management and inspection services.

Task Order No. 39 establishes a not-to-exceed amount of \$64,500, with work anticipated to begin in May 2026. The feasibility report is expected between June and August 2026, with Council review in September and an improvement hearing in October 2026. Final design is scheduled through January 2027, with bidding in early 2027 and completion of services by March 30, 2027.

The motion was made by Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to approve Task Order No. 39 with Bolton & Menk.

AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR SIXTH AVENUE STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Mr. Goo reported that the bid opening for the Sixth Avenue Street Reconstruction project was held on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Bid results will be formally made public upon award of the contract by the City Council.

One bid was submitted by Hulstein Excavating, LLC, in the amount of \$705,849.00, which is approximately 20 percent below the engineer's estimate.

A motion was made by Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Woitalewicz and unanimously carried to award the contract to Hulstein Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$705,849.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-20 ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS BUILDING LOCATED AT 900 7th AVENUE

Matt Selof, Community Development Director, reported on November 24, 2025, the City's Community Service Officer issued an exterior structure notice pursuant to City Code Chapter 92, ordering the repair or removal of a small detached garage located at 900 7th Avenue. The structure was found to be in significant disrepair, including holes in the roof and walls, missing window panes, peeling paint, and deteriorated wood, leaving the interior exposed to the elements.

The property owner contacted the Community Service Officer on December 19, 2025, indicating an intent to secure a contractor for repairs; however, no further communication has been received.

The matter was subsequently referred to Community Development. On January 23, 2026, a follow-up letter was sent to the property owner outlining the City's intent to pursue demolition of the structure through court order, as authorized under Minnesota Statute 463, while also expressing a willingness to work with the owner to establish a plan for abatement. No response has been received.

The City Attorney has prepared a resolution declaring the structure a hazardous building and

authorizing staff and legal counsel to take all necessary actions to achieve compliance. Anticipated next steps include seeking a court order to proceed with demolition and assessing associated costs to the property.

The morion was made by Council Member Weber, seconded by Council Member Kielblock and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS BUILDING
LOCATED AT 900 7TH AVENUE

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Rick Von Holdt – No report.

Council Member Ernst – No report.

Council Member Weber - No report.

Council Member Woitalewicz – A YMCA Operational Assessment meeting is going to be held.

Council Member Kuhle – The HRA Section 8 Housing waiting list is going to be limited to one year. As of right now 200 Section 8 vouchers are being processed per month.

Council Member Kielblock – No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Robinson reported last week city and school staff met with the architect on the schematic plan for the Ice Arena.

Our current HVAC Company had reported that one of the roof top compressors on City Hall had failed. Staff requested a local HVAC Company look at it and confirmed everything was working as it should.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Mindy Eggers, MCMC
City Clerk