



EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
(MN STAT. § 13D.04, SUBD. 3)
City Hall—Shared Vision Room, 3989 Central Ave NE
Friday, February 06, 2026
4:00 PM

Mayor
Amáda Márquez Simula
Councilmembers
Connie Buesgens
Rachel James
Justice Spriggs
Laurel Deneen
City Manager
Aaron Chirpich

MINUTES

The following are the minutes for the emergency meeting of the City Council held at 4:00 pm on February 6, 2026, in the Shared Vision Room, City Hall, 3989 Central Avenue NE, Columbia Heights, Minnesota. This meeting was held pursuant to Minnesota State Statute §13D.04 and §13D.05 Subd. 3(d).

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Council President James called the emergency meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Márquez Simula (via Teams), Councilmembers Buesgens, Deneen (via Teams), James and Spriggs.

Also Present: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager; Sara Ion, City Clerk; Matt Markham, Police Chief (via Teams).

Executive Session: Reviewing Security Issues Related to Unrest. Closed per Minn. Stat. 13D.05, Subdivision 3(d).

This meeting was closed pursuant to Minnesota Statute §13D.05 Subd. 3(d) for the council to receive security briefings and reports related to emergency response procedures and recommendations related to public safety. This discussion included logistics of police service which would pose a danger to public safety and compromise security procedures if discussed during an open session.

Motion by Councilmember Spriggs, seconded by Councilmember Buesgens, to move to a closed session at 4:07pm. All Ayes, Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by Councilmember Spriggs, seconded by Councilmember Buesgens to reconvene the open session at 5:33pm. All Ayes, Motion Carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Spriggs, seconded by Councilmember Buesgens to adjourn. All Ayes, Motion Carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Ion, City Clerk/Council Secretary