



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT
MEETING DATE	JANUARY 12, 2026

ITEM:	Designation of Legal Newspaper for 2026.		
<i>Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager</i>			
DEPARTMENT: Administration		BY/DATE: Sara Ion / January 7, 2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
_ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		_ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
_ High Quality Public Spaces		_ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
_ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		X Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

Annually the City Council designates an official newspaper for the publishing of legal notices and other required publications. The City Charter Chapter 12, Section 10 and State Statute 331A address the requirements of a legal newspaper, some of the requirements include that the newspaper:

- Be published at least twice a month.
- Be registered with the Secretary of State’s office.
- Be circulated in the political subdivision which it purports to serve.
- Have its known office of issue established in either the county in which it lies, or the political subdivision which the newspaper purports to serve.
- File a copy of each issue immediately with the State Historical Society.
- Submit to the secretary of state by December 31 a filing containing the newspaper’s name, address of its known office of issue, telephone number, and a statement that it has complied with all of the requirements of this section and paid the fee.
- It shall annually designate a newspaper of general circulation in the city as the official paper in which shall be published such measures and matters as are by the constitution and laws of this state required to be so published, and such other matters as the council may deem it wise to have published in this matter, or in lieu thereof it may establish a municipal publication, which shall then be the official newspaper.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

Council reviewed the options for the Legal Newspaper at the January 5, 2026 City Council Work Session.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend moving forward with designating Life (APG) as the official newspaper for 2026

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):
MOTION: Move to designate Life as the City of Columbia Heights official legal newspaper for 2026.