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## **CITY COUNCIL CLOSED MEETING SUMMARY**

**Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

**4:00 PM**

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Dan Mertes.

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Chery Pierzina, Carl Babich, Aurimy Groom.

### **BUSINESS:**

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3 (a), conduct a closed meeting to discuss annual performance review of City Administrator Tom Pagel.

Mayor Connelly stated the closed meeting here today is Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3 (a), conduct a closed meeting to discuss annual performance review of City Administrator Tom Pagel.

Motion by Councilor Blake, second by Councilor MacGregor to close the meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Blake, Mertes, Sutherland, MacGregor, Connelly. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

The Council's summary is as follows:

- 1.) Tom has done a thorough job.
- 2.) He has appropriately utilized his staff in providing the City Council beneficial information on his work to date.
- 3.) It was noted that he provided good solid information that he has to date to support his continued work.
- 4.) The Council appreciates the fact that he visited the Anoka Minnesota municipal dispensary to gain insight.
- 5.) They found his conservative approach towards potential income to be a value, adding that he obviously has put a lot of time and work into meeting this goal.
- 6.) They also believe that he has done his due diligence on this issue to the Council. Although the Council needs more information as to potential financial gain/loss, the information provided to date has been very helpful.
- 7.) They also found the *pro forma* information that he provided has been a great help to them.
- 8.) They ended by saying he has done his due diligence and provided active efforts towards meeting this goal and asked that he be directed to continue to keep working on this goal as 2026 progresses.

Motion by Councilor Mertes, second by Councilor MacGregor to close the closed meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: MacGregor, Sutherland, Mertes, Blake, Connelly. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Aurimy Groom, Administrative Assistant