



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 17, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Jahn Dyvik, Mike Feldmann, Dierdre Kvale, and Todd Newcomer

Staff Present: City Administrator: Amanda Nowezki; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – LONG LAKE NEWS, MEETING REVIEW, AND UPDATES

Mayor Miner reminded residents that MnDOT will be holding an open house on February 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Wayzata City Hall regarding their upcoming Highway 12 construction project.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Feldmann, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approve Minutes of February 4, 2026 City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- C. Ratify the Termination of Public Works Maintenance Worker II Jesse Laumann Effective February 9, 2026
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-13 Accepting the Donation of Four Dell UltraSharp 27" (U2719D) Monitors to the City of Long Lake

A motion was made by Kvale, seconded by Newcomer, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Approve Liquor Licenses for Palm & Pine Hospitality LLC DBA San Pancho Restaurante

City Clerk Moeller reported that Angel Luna Lopez and Finesse Luna, Palm & Pine Hospitality LLC, recently purchased the San Pancho Mexican Restaurant and are in the process of rebranding under the name San Pancho Restaurante. They submitted a completed liquor license application and were allowed to continue to operate under the existing licensing through an interim management agreement.

A background investigation of both owners has been completed as required by City ordinance, and staff recommends approval of the liquor licenses requested. She welcomed Mr. Luna's attendance at the meeting, and invited him to come up to the podium to address the Council or answer any questions.

Angel Luna Lopez introduced himself and indicated that they would like to continue forward with San Pancho as a community-friendly, casual service restaurant with a focus on good quality traditional Mexican food. He explained some of their planned menu changes and noted that they would be making things from scratch, including fresh homemade tortillas.

Moeller mentioned that she had sent the Council a link to the restaurant's updated website so Councilmembers could view the updated menu and new branding.

Mr. Lopez stated that living in the area has helped them understand what the community needs, and they would like to eventually add brunch and coffee/pastry options for the mornings.

A motion was made by Kvale, seconded by Feldmann, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-12 approving issuance of liquor licenses for Palm & Pine Hospitality LLC doing business as San Pancho Restaurante. Ayes: all.

B. Approve a Proposal from Capstone Public Sector Solutions for Fire Service Consulting Services Benefitting the Shoreline Fire Department (2024 Fire Service Planning Grant)

City Administrator Nowezki recalled that the City had previously been awarded a \$40,000 grant to help support administrative costs associated with identifying future service improvements and efficiencies among fire departments. She recommended that the City enter into an agreement with Capstone Public Sector Solutions based on the proposal they had submitted for services that would benefit the Shoreline Fire Department. Staff was also proposing that the grant funds the City was awarded be used to pay for the contract expense. The terms of the grant required a local match of \$4,000, and the Shoreline Fire Department Board has authorized the matching funds to be paid by the Shoreline Fire Department, resulting in there being no out of pocket costs to the City. She added that after speaking with City Attorney Thames today, he would likely be making some minor tweaks to some of the language in the agreement.

The Council discussed the agreement language pertaining to ownership of final reports, usage rights, and deliverables; and the upcoming expiration of the grant funds.

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Newcomer, to approve the proposal from Capstone Public Sector Solutions for Fire Service Consulting, and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the agreement, subject to final amendments by the City Attorney. Ayes: all.

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Feldmann, to approve the use of 2024 Fire Service Planning Grant funds for consulting services provided by Capstone Public Sector Solutions for the Shoreline Fire Department. Ayes: all.

C. Approve the Greater Lake Minnetonka Area Legislative Coalition Cost Sharing Proposal for Legislative Representation

Mayor Miner provided background information on recent discussions between several Lake Minnetonka area cities regarding collaborating on mutual interests and cost-sharing to engage representation that would be able to advocate for the cities' common goals collectively and lobby at the legislative level.

Thus far, nine Lake Minnetonka area communities are part of this effort, and the City of Deephaven had agreed to administer the contract with the law firm.

Councilmember Kvale asked if, after this preliminary step, the thought was to create a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) in the future. She voiced that her biggest concern was that things could go off track and the lobbyists could start advocating for things that Long Lake wouldn't want.

Mayor Miner responded that creation of a JPA had been brought up in discussions, but for 2026, the three working goals listed in the staff report for this agenda item were the items that the area mayors had agreed they would focus on. He clarified that the engagement proposal was just for the 2026 legislative session.

Councilmember Kvale commented that she thought it was great that the communities had worked together in coordinating their messaging.

A motion was made by Miner, seconded by Dyvik, to authorize the City's participation in the 'Greater Lake Minnetonka Area Legislative Coalition'; to approve cost sharing in a proposal from Carnival Berns PA to provide legislative representation for the Coalition, with the City of Long Lake's share of the expense at approximately \$1,927; and to direct staff to work collaboratively with the City Administrator of the City of Deephaven as the Coalitions' designee. Ayes: all.

D. Appointment of Human Resources Subcommittee Members

Moeller noted that with staff working on updating the employee handbook, staff would like to reactivate the Human Resources Subcommittee to review the draft handbook when ready, and to be available to make recommendations related to personnel matters when warranted. Her expectation for the Human Resources Subcommittee would be that they would primarily meet when needed related to certain business items, beginning with the review of the employee handbook.

Nowezki also pointed out that staff reorganization situations had occurred and may continue, and she would like to make sure staff consults with the Human Resources Subcommittee to ensure staff titles and compensation are appropriate. She envisioned that the Human Resources Subcommittee could potentially meet on a more regular basis.

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Miner, to appoint Councilmember Newcomer, Councilmember Kvale, the City Administrator, and the City Clerk to the Human Resources Subcommittee for 2026. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

MN Strong Event - Councilmember Newcomer gave a shout-out to Kelly Grady for her organization of the MN Strong photo fundraiser that had taken place on Long Lake. He stated that it was a great community event and he commended her for her efforts.

Shoreline Fire Updates - Councilmember Feldmann reviewed topics discussed at the recent Shoreline Fire Board meeting. Councilmember Dyvik added that the Shoreline Fire Department was still finalizing their new logo, so the official rebranding on the trucks had not begun yet.

MCWD Planning / Other Water Quality Improvement Ideas – Councilmember Dyvik reported that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) had recently revealed a multi-year plan they have for

water quality improvements in the district. Their more immediate plans are focused on a goal of helping reduce the phosphorus and other Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) that flow into Long Lake. He noted that one of the things that had been brought up in recent meetings was implementing alum treatments, though opinions differ on when they could be most effective. The Long Lake Waters Association (LLWA) also held a meeting where they invited a representative from Lake Restoration to present information about a potential project that could be undertaken on Long Lake to significantly improve water quality and remove the lake from the impaired waters list. He offered to send the presentation materials to City Clerk Moeller so she could share them with the full Council. He noted that he would like Lake Restoration to give their presentation before the Council as well. Moeller stated that she would contact LLWA member Jane Davidson to try to schedule Lake Restoration to appear at an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Miner shared that he'd met with the MCWD recently to receive an update on what they were thinking about for Long Lake. They are planning to schedule a workshop meeting to invite feedback from the City, and to determine the City's commitment and interest in their proposed project to address run-off that occurs from Holbrook Park through the business/industrial district and into the lake.

Breakfast with Representative Morrison – Mayor Miner reported that he would be attending a breakfast meeting the following morning with Congresswoman Morrison and other Mayors to receive an update on things happening at the Federal level.

City Administrator Updates - Nowezki reported that the transfer of vehicle titles to the Shoreline Fire Department has begun, and the department now has their own social media presence. She also shared that the City had completed its 2025 annual audit last week and Abdo would most likely be presenting the report to the Council in about a month.

Absence From Next Meeting - Moeller mentioned that she likely would be absent from the next City Council meeting because she was scheduled to be caring for a family member following a knee surgery.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Nowezki
City Administrator