



## **Quarter 1 2026- Administrator Report**

### **Purpose**

This report highlights key administrative activities from the first quarter of 2026. It is intended to provide the City Council and the public with a concise, high-level snapshot of overall city operations and priorities.

### **Public Safety**

Work continued with the Fire Relief Association, staff focused on working with legal counsel, and Representative Robbins, and Senator Limmer, PERA, and the State Auditors office on Special Legislation.

Coordination with Hennepin County also continued emergency management systems and siren software updates.

### **Public Works & Infrastructure**

Q1 activities included responses to water main breaks, sewer repairs, and temporary water quality issues associated with scheduled system maintenance. Winter conditions contributed to challenging street conditions, with temporary repairs made as weather allowed and permanent repairs planned for spring. Staff also managed an increase in right-of-way activity related to utility and fiber installations.

### **Planning & Development**

Planning efforts remained active, particularly related to downtown redevelopment initiatives, creation of a TIF district, and Brownfields work tied to grant deadlines. Early-stage discussions with private developers continued, indicating renewed development interest. The City also began coordination with the Metropolitan Council on

the 2050 Comprehensive Plan, including pursuit of a Small Communities Grant to offset planning costs.

### **Community Standards & Communication**

Code enforcement remained primarily complaint-driven, focusing on nuisance concerns and rental licensing compliance. Communications improvements included updated utility bill formats, expanded use of notification tools, and the launch of online permitting to improve customer service and transparency.

### **Finance & Administration**

The annual audit was a big focus during the first quarter and will be presented to Council in May. Staff also began informal, early conversations regarding long-term City Hall space needs and continued internal work on technology, records organization, and process improvements.

### **Looking Ahead**

The first quarter focused on stabilizing complex operations, maintaining core services, and positioning the City for informed long-term planning. Future quarterly reports will continue to provide a concise overview of progress, priorities, and emerging issues.