

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on July 20, 2026 at Spring Lake Park Community Center, 1301 81st Avenue N.E., at 7:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Ken Wendling (7:09 PM)

Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff

Councilmember Lisa Dircks

Councilmember April Moran

Mayor Robert Nelson

STAFF PRESENT

Sergeant Kramer, Parks and Recreation Director Anne Scanlon, Attorney Thames, City Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

VISITORS

Derek Lind

ACEIT

Kathy Monroe

1536 Wyldwood Lane

Spring Lake Park

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Administrator Buchholtz request Item 9B, Lakeside Lions Park Camera Equipment, be added to the agenda.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Derek Lind from the Anoka County Election Integrity Team provided an update on issues surrounding electronic poll pads. He reported that the City of Oak Grove voted to use paper poll pads, but Anoka County responded by stating this would be a felony and sent that warning to all cities. He stated that The Upper Midwest Law Center is representing Oak Grove in a legal case about whether cities or the county have authority over poll pad use; the case may reach the Minnesota Supreme Court in September. Lind emphasized the issue as one of city autonomy. He noted recent public comments raising concerns about poll pads and mentioned a documentary, "Minnesota Mao," which covers the Oak Grove situation. The Council asked about the potential impact on upcoming elections; it was clarified that the primary will use

electronic poll pads, while the general election could use paper in Oak Grove if the city prevails in court. Mr. Lind concluded by reiterating that the core concern is who decides poll pad usage—cities or the county.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – City Council Work Session Meeting – July 6, 2026
- B. Approval of Minutes – City Council Meeting – July 6, 2026
- C. Approval of June Claims List – General Disbursement #26-11 - \$442,146.39
- D. Revenue and Expenditure Report – June 2026
- E. Statement of Fund Balance – June 2026
- F. Contractor's License
- G. Business Licenses

Motion made by Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff to approve Consent Agenda.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police Report

Sergeant Kramer reported that the Spring Lake Park Police Department responded to 765 calls for service in June 2026, compared to 783 calls in June 2025. He stated that Detective Imig worked 12 new cases during the month, including 12 felony cases and two gross misdemeanors, and continues to monitor five forfeiture cases. He noted that Detective Imig participated in several auto theft task force details.

Sergeant Kramer noted that School Resource Officer Smith submitted her annual report and stated that it was a good school year, with anticipation for the 2026–2027 year. The Department assisted with the Tower Days Parade on June 4, 2026. He thanked Officer Dustin Lemke for coordinating the Department's involvement, as well as the officers and sergeants who contributed. He also expressed appreciation to the assisting agencies: Anoka Police, Anoka County Sheriff, Blaine Police, Coon Rapids Police, Fridley, Lino Lakes, and Ramsey Police Departments for providing reserves and explorers.

B. Parks and Recreation Report

Parks and Recreation Director Scanlon reported that June began strongly with the launch of the full-day summer camp at Able Park, which continues to receive new registrations. She stated that the pavilion and park building rentals were busy with graduation and birthday parties

Director Scanlon stated that the Department started 41 classes and programs in June with a total of 448 participants. She said recent community events included the Cops and Bobbers program, which had good participation. She noted that the upcoming events include the remaining Music in the Park performances: Thief River Band and Fiddle and Flannels, with the Relish Brothers Hot Dog Stand present at both.

8. ORDINANCES AN/OR RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2026-30, Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for the Terrace Park Building Replacement Project

Administrator Buchholtz presented Resolution 2026-30, requesting approval for staff and Stantec to finalize plans, prepare specifications, and solicit bids for the Terrace Park Building Replacement Project. He said the project will be supported by a \$450,000 Community Development Block Grant, supplemented with local funds, and constructed in partnership with the High School trades program. He noted that a general contractor will oversee subcontracted work such as plumbing and electrical.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for August 5, followed by a bid opening on August 18. He said a special City Council meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on August 24 to consider awarding the bids. Administrator Buchholtz noted that the project is progressing well and will result in a long-lasting community asset.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Resolution 2026-30, Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for the Terrace Park Building Replacement Project.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance 508, An Interim Ordinance Prohibiting New Communication Towers and Antenna Support Structures to Allow for the Study, Adoption or Amendment of Official Controls Related to the City Code and Zoning Code

Administrator Buchholtz explained that Ordinance Number 508 would establish a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, review, approval, permitting, and construction of new communication towers and antenna support structures within the city. He noted that the city's current regulations are significantly outdated. He said the moratorium will provide time for staff to thoroughly evaluate and update those regulations to address modern technology, recent state and federal law changes, land-use compatibility, redevelopment considerations, public safety, and other relevant requirements. He added that implementing a moratorium in situations where existing controls are insufficient is a standard practice and will help ensure that the city has appropriate protections and guidelines in place moving forward.

Attorney Thames emphasized that the information needed to determine the most appropriate regulatory controls. He noted that the review may cover a wide range of considerations, including safety, building codes, and land-use issues. He said the moratorium itself simply preserves the city's ability to conduct this evaluation without committing to any specific regulatory changes at this time. He concluded that adopting the moratorium is an appropriate and prudent step.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Ordinance 508, An Interim Ordinance Prohibiting New Communication Towers and Antenna Support Structures to Allow for the Study, Adoption or Amendment of Official Controls Related to the City Code and Zoning Code.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

C. Resolution 2026-31, Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 508, An Interim Ordinance Prohibiting New Communication Towers and Antenna Support Structures

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Resolution 2026-31, Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 508, An Interim Ordinance Prohibiting New Communication Towers and Antenna Support Structures.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorization to Transition Server Virtualization Platform from VMware to Microsoft Hyper-V

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the City's servers currently operate on VMware's free virtualization platform, which has historically met all operational needs. He stated that following Broadcom's acquisition of VMware, the free version has been discontinued, and the new licensing structure would cost the City approximately \$25,000 annually. He said the staff recommends transitioning the City's virtual server environment to Microsoft Hyper-V, which is already available through existing Microsoft server licensing.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the one-time transition cost is estimated at \$23,000, significantly less than a single year of VMware's new licensing fees. Administrator Buchholtz noted that Hyper-V will fully meet the City's requirements.

Councilmember Dircks approved Authorization to Transition Server Virtualization Platform from VMware to Microsoft Hyper-V.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

B. Authorization to Purchase Replacement Cameras for Lakeside Lions Park

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the surveillance camera system at Lakeside Lions Park, installed in 2016, has experienced equipment failures and connectivity issues and is now inoperable. He stated that a replacement proposal from JSB was previously reviewed at a work session. He said that after further assessment of park coverage needs, staff recommends adding two additional cameras to address a blind spot at the far end of the park near the Lions Gazebo. He stated that the total cost of the updated proposal is \$17,925. Administrator Buchholtz noted that an electrician will also install an electrical outlet at the gazebo to support the new equipment. He confirmed that the City of Mounds View has approved the City's plan to proceed with the project.

Mayor Nelson made the motion to authorize the purchase and installation of the Lakeside Lions Park surveillance camera system from JSB Surveillance in the amount of \$17,925, authorize necessary electrical and incidental project expenses, and accept the City of Mounds View's proportionate share of the project cost.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

10. REPORTS

A. Attorney's Report

Attorney Thames provided two updates. He said that the City received results from PFAS testing conducted as part of a review to determine eligibility for potential settlement funds. He stated that the samples showed no contaminants, meaning the City will not pursue participation in the PFAS settlement unless circumstances change. Attorney Thames reported that the class action lawsuit challenging Xcel Energy's solar rate changes was dismissed at the district court level, and the Minnesota Court of Appeals upheld that dismissal. He stated that the Class counsel is currently evaluating whether to seek review from the Minnesota Supreme Court.

B. Engineer's Report - Report accepted as presented.

C. Administrator Report - None

11. OTHER

Mayor Nelson thanked the Police Department and staff for their efforts during the recent “Cops & Bobbers” event, noting the positive community engagement and the enjoyment shown by participating children. He reported that he has several donated fishing poles remaining from past Yellow Ribbon collections and intends to refurbish and provide approximately 20–30 poles for future community fishing activities.

Mayor Nelson also reminded the council that “Night to Unite” will take place on August 4.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer