

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council was held on March 2, 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
Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks
Councilmember April Moran
Mayor Bob Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Building Official Jeff Baker, Public Works Director George Linngren, Sergeant Richard Kramer, Attorney John Thames, Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

VISITOR

Jaycee Kilborn	351 79 th Avenue NE	Spring Lake Park MN
Rich & Kristi Cobbs	8085 Jefferson Street NE	Spring Lake Park MN
Michelle Olek	700 Holland Lane NE	Spring Lake Park MN
Eric Julien	700 Holland Lane NE	Spring Lake Park MN
Beth Elliott	Stantec	
Chad Moren	1105 132 nd Lane NE	Blaine MN
Ashley & Kalene Haugen	467 83 rd Avenue NE	Spring Lake Park MN
C. Hanson	1075 County Hwy 10	Spring Lake Park MN
Matt Montain	Assistant Chief	

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Jaycee Kilbourn, 351 79th Avenue NE, expressed concern about what she described as disrespectful during the meeting. She voiced appreciation for Council Members Moran and Dircks for their efforts during the discussion. Kilbourn shared an incident involving her fiancé, an American-born citizen, who she stated was stopped by masked federal agents and asked to

provide proof of citizenship. She expressed concern about what she views as unlawful detentions and racial profiling by federal immigration authorities, noting that in her role as a notary she has encountered individuals who, she believes, were detained despite having legal status. Kilbourn urged the Council to acknowledge these issues and to make a public statement supporting community members. She concluded by stating that being talked over during the meeting felt disrespectful.

Kristi Cobbs, 8085 Jefferson Street NE and a 17-year resident of Spring Lake Park, expressed her concerns about interactions with federal agents in the community. She stated that she had been followed by federal agents on two separate occasions and reported the incidents to the Spring Lake Park Police Department. Cobbs stated she was advised to go home, lock her doors, and informed that federal agents could not harm her, which she felt did not adequately address her concerns about safety within the community.

Ms. Cobbs also shared her experience as a volunteer in local organizations and at the Woodcrest Elementary, expressing concern about the presence of federal agents near the school. She stated that many community members care deeply about their neighbors and that she is disappointed in what she perceives as a lack of acknowledgment from the City Council regarding these issues. She concluded by encouraging residents to vote in November.

Eric Julien, 700 Holland Lane, expressed support for the enforcement of federal laws and stated that he believes public safety requires consistent application of those laws. He voiced disagreement with earlier comments and with a proposed statement regarding welcoming residents of all backgrounds, noting his concern about criminal activity in the city.

Mr. Julien stated that while he is sympathetic to individuals who may have been treated inappropriately or made uncomfortable by enforcement actions, expressed his belief that federal laws must be upheld and that selective enforcement leads to problems. He noted that his family has lived in Spring Lake Park for 62 years and that he expects laws to be enforced to maintain safety for all residents.

Kaylee Ham, 467 83rd Avenue NE, shared that she and her wife have lived in Spring Lake Park for nearly two years. She stated that they were initially nervous about moving as a same-sex couple but have found their neighbors to be welcoming and supportive. Ham expressed her view that Council Member Moran's proposed statement is a simple affirmation of support for all residents and consistent with the values a community should exhibit.

Ms. Ham stated her disappointment that the proposed statement became a point of conflict among Council members and expressed concern about the tone of the discussion. She said she expected civil discourse from elected officials and felt the statement in question was neither political nor in conflict with state law. Ham concluded by expressing frustration that a basic message of community support had been politicized.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – February 17, 2026 City Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Right of Way Application – CenterPoint Energy – Multiple Locations
- C. Approval of Right of Way Application = Xcel Energy – 8001 Washington St NE
- D. Contractor’s Licenses
- E. Sign Permit

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Public Works Report

Director Linngren reported that the City experienced several minor snow and ice events, but crews were able to respond promptly and conditions did not require major plowing operations. He stated that tree trimming work continues, with crews finishing operations at Able Park and preparing to begin extensive tree removals at Lakeside Park ahead of Tower Days. Director Linngren stated that trees will be removed, stumps ground, and ground surfaces restored to prevent tripping hazards during the event.

Director Linngren stated that ice rinks have closed for the season. He noted that pothole repairs are ongoing using cold mix until hot mix becomes available. He stated that problem areas, which include locations near Middletown, 81st Avenue, and McDonald’s, have been addressed.

Administrator Buchholtz reported two opportunities for residents to help reforest the City. He said the Anoka County Soil and Water Conservation District is holding its annual tree sale, which offers small bare-root trees in bundles of 25 at a low cost for residents. He stated that the City will hold its own tree sale, with support from the Lions Club.

B. Code Enforcement Report

Building Official Baker thanked the Spring Lake Park Police Department for their assistance in posting a residential property as unfit for human occupancy. He stated that this home has been on the City’s radar for an extended period due to significant unsanitary conditions and an excessive interior fuel load. He stated that after the owner’s power of attorney granted access, the City attempted to give the occupants time to address the problems, but no progress was made. Building Official Baker said the property has now been formally posted, and the City continues to work closely with the power of attorney to ensure it remains secured and is brought back into compliance

Building Official Baker noted ongoing work to organize and stay current on CUPs, SUPs, and IUPs to ensure commercial properties remain compliant with their approved conditions. He provided updates on construction projects as well. He said Melt and Dip has resumed progress, with inspections taking place at 7777 Highway 65. He noted that the new laundromat also underwent two final inspections and is expected to open around April, depending on final cleaning and preparation.

Building Official Baker reported that 8406 Sunset—the former Rise building, now home to Optimized Physical Therapy and Elite Sport Performance—has submitted its application to move forward with construction of its volleyball and basketball facilities.

8. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2026-07, Adopting the 2025 Anoka County Mitigation Plan

Assistant Chief Montain reported that Anoka County has completed its updated Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is required to be reviewed and adopted every five years. He stated that the update reflects changing hazards, new community data, and a comprehensive assessment of resources and risks within the county. He said the 314-page plan was developed collaboratively with county agencies, police and fire departments, school districts, watershed districts, and other key partners. He explained that the updated plan incorporates current threat information, including natural, man-made, and technological hazards, and was supported by spatial analysis work from the University of Minnesota. Adoption of the plan ensures the county and its cities remain in federal compliance, which is necessary to qualify for federal assistance if a disaster is declared.

Assistant Chief Montain noted that major topics within the plan include all-hazard public education, emergency notification resources such as outdoor warning sirens and Everbridge, city regulations and code enforcement, and preparedness efforts for severe weather, extreme temperatures, flooding, wildfires, and other events. He emphasized the importance of ensuring the safety of residents and businesses, including coordination with schools and business inspections to support preparedness efforts. He noted that the plan serves as a broad framework for communication, coordination, and response, rather than a detailed, address-specific operational guide. The plan formalizes the strong working relationships among Spring Lake Park Police Department, SBM Fire, and the City of Spring Lake Park.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Resolution 2026-07, Adopting the 2025 Anoka County Mitigation Plan.

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

B. Resolution 2026-08 Granting Approval of an Interim Use Permit for Rec Direct to Permit Auto and Marine Sales at 1109 County Highway 10

Planner Beth Elliot presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve an Interim Use Permit for 1109 County Highway 10. The applicant plans to use 5,800 square feet of the existing C-2-zoned building to operate a boat and UTV showroom, with products built off-site and delivered for local pickup. She said the use is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and parking on-site exceeds requirements. She noted that City staff, Anoka County, and the watershed district reported no issues during review. She stated the business will have a fenced rear storage area and will apply for signage separately.

Planner Elliott stated that the applicant requested four outdoor display/storage stalls; however, the Planning Commission recommended allowing ten total stalls, with no more than six in front, to accommodate anticipated needs while maintaining screening. Ms. Elliot noted findings of fact and outlined the Council's options to approve, deny with findings, or table the request for additional information.

Mr. Chad Moren, Rec Direct, stated there will be security cameras, however the boats will be locked and the tires will be removed. He stated that all UTVs and golf carts will be stored inside the building overnight due to liability concerns. He added that the business has 24/7 remote monitoring from its Tennessee location, allowing staff to view live camera feeds and respond whenever sensors are triggered. Sergeant Kramer stated that the Police Department is available as a resource and noted that Day Shift Sergeant Karen Fisk has expertise in crime prevention. He added that, if desired, Sergeant Fisk could meet with the group, visit the property, and provide crime-prevention recommendations.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Resolution 2026-08 Granting Approval of an Interim Use Permit for Rec Direct to Permit Auto and Marine Sales at 1109 County Highway 10.

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

C. Resolution 2026-09, Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement – 2026 Street Improvement Project

Administrator Buchholtz reported that a feasibility report has been prepared for the proposed street improvements on Plaza Boulevard, Theorin Terrace, Center Drive, Sunset Road, and a portion of the Trunk Highway Service Drive near Oak Crest. He noted that the Council had authorized preparation of this report on November 3, 2025. Administrator Buchholtz recommended approval of the resolution accepting the feasibility report and setting an improvement hearing for April 6.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson approving Resolution 2026-09, Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement – 2026 Street Improvement Project.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS - None

10. REPORTS

- A. Attorney Report - None
- B. Engineer Report - Accept report as submitted
- C. Administrator Report - None

11. OTHER

- A. Closed Session to Develop or Consider Offers and Counteroffers Related to the Potential Lease of City-owned Property Located at 8480-8492 Central Avenue NE Pursuant to MS 13D.05, subd. 3(c)3

Motion made by Councilmember Moran adjourn the meeting to a closed session to develop or consider offers and counteroffers related to the potential lease of city-owned property located at 8480-8492 Central Avenue NE.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 8:17 PM.

Attorney Thames reported that the City Council held a closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subd. 3C(3) to develop or consider offers and counteroffers related to the potential lease of city-owned property located at 8466 Central Avenue NE. He stated that staff and Attorney has been provided direction.

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 8:18 PM.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer