

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on February 3, 2025 at the City Hall, 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

STAFF PRESENT

Building Official Jeff Baker, Public Works Director George Linngren, Police Chief Josh Antoine, Engineer Phil Gravel, Attorney John Thames, Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

VISITORS

Eric Julien	700 Holland Lane NE	Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
Representative Erin Koegel	5 th Floor Centennial Office Building	St. Paul, MN 55155

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

A. Legislative Preview from Rep. Erin Koegel

Representative Koegel announced her recent appointment as co-chair of the transportation committee. She highlighted her community outreach efforts, including Metro Transit tours and a visit to the Ramsey-Washington County Recycling and Energy Center. She noted the potential for Anoka County to participate in curbside composting once the new compost facility is operational. Additionally, she shared plans for an upcoming MSP airport tour to address safety concerns following recent incidents.

Representative Koegel also discussed investments in infrastructure to support job growth, the housing market, and the transportation budget. Representative Koegel provided updates on the University Corridor project and the sales tax exemption request for the City Hall Renovation/Expansion project.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes - January 21, 2024 City Council Meeting
- B. Contractor's Licenses
- C. Resolution 2025-05, Approving A Charitable Gambling Premises Permit within City of Spring Lake Park

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**

Public Works Director Linngren stated that January was a quiet month for the Public Works Department. He said that the slower pace allowed staff to move and organize materials and get caught up on cleanup and administrative tasks.

Public Works Director Linngren stated that the final grant approval for the street sweeper project was granted by BWSR for \$320,000. He stated that the grant provided a valuable opportunity to acquire the street sweeper at no cost.

B. Code Enforcement Report

Building Official Baker stated that building inspections were light for January, however the cold snap led to problems with heating and hot water in several units throughout the City. He said that property maintenance codes, does require hot water temperature (110 degrees for an adequate duration) and heating requirements (68 degrees in the middle of the living room).

Building Official Baker stated that there were some concerns about a few properties on the verge of being uninhabitable, with aggressive cleanup recommended to prevent further issues. He noted that no housing revocations have occurred in January, some properties were missed for scheduled inspections due to a software glitch. He said the issue has been addressed, and the affected properties were given extra time to comply.

8. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS**A. Ordinance 501, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16 of the Spring Lake Park City Code Relating to Sight Distance Triangles**

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the zoning code was found to have conflicting language regarding standards for site distance triangles, especially in relation to corner lots and

intersection visibility. He noted that the inconsistencies caused confusion for property owners about enforcement and maintenance responsibilities. Administrator Buchholtz said that to address the inconsistency issue, the city drafted a revised ordinance and presented it to the planning commission for their consideration in November 2024. He said that after receiving their feedback, which was that the original draft was too restrictive, so staff adjusted the ordinance. He said the revised ordinance was presented to the Planning Commission at the January 2025 meeting, where the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Administrator Buchholtz said the revised ordinance establishes a clear and consistent definition for site triangles. He noted the new standard measures the site triangle as two sides extending 30 feet from the curb lines at the intersection of two streets, with the third side connecting the points. He noted that the adjustment reduces the 50-foot measurement and replaces the property lines with curb lines, which makes it easier for residents to measure.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the ordinance sets a transparency standard, requiring at least 75% transparency within the site triangle. He noted that this will prioritize safety for both motorists and pedestrians. He said both the planning commission and staff recommend approval of the revised ordinance.

Mayor Nelson inquired about the properties that may not be following the new ordinance. Administrator Buchholtz stated that those properties in the triangle currently are grandfathered in place.

Motion made by Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff to schedule discussion on Ordinance 501, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16 of the Spring Lake Park City Code Relating to Sight Distance Triangles.

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

B. Resolution 2025-04, Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 501

Motion made Mayor Nelson to table Resolution 2025-04, Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 501.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. REPORTS

A. Attorney Report

Attorney Thames gave an update on the remediation work at 8478 and 8492 Highway 65. He stated tht the closing on 8478 Highway 65 will be scheduled shortly.

A. Engineer’s Report

Accepted as presented.

C. Administrator Report

No Report

11. OTHER

None

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 8:03 PM.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer