

**CITY OF SHOREWOOD
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026**

**5755 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. CONVENE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Labadie called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Present. Mayor Labadie; Councilmembers Maddy, Sanschagrin, Gorham, and DiGruttolo; City Attorney Shepherd; City Administrator Nevinski; City Clerk/HR Director (via Zoom), Public Works Director Morreim; Park and Recreation Director Czech; City Engineer Budde; and Communications Coordinator Wilson.

Absent: None

C. Review Agenda

Sanschagrin moved, DiGruttolo seconded, approving the agenda as presented.

Motion passed 5/0.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Sanschagrin noted a question regarding Item 2.G. He stated that, as written, the memo says: "Staff will measure completed cracks as the contractor performs the work and direct the contractor to stop once the contracted amount has been reached." He asked how that decision will be made and whether there is a risk that the city will miss cracks in roads that need to be filled. Public Works Director Morreim explained that the roads are being done in the order of priority established by Public Works. To avoid the risk of a change order, the project is being done this way based on previous discussions with the Council. He noted that this will get the contractor to the point of addressing the worst streets first, but that is where the line was drawn for this year.

Councilmember Sanschagrin stated that there is some ambiguity regarding the project's stop. He asked what drives the costs. Public Works Director Morreim shared that it is a linear foot of crack, which is why every foot is being measured. That is how the contractors bid the project.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked how many linear feet the city could fill for \$47,000. Public Works Director Morreim shared that the city would get 60,000 linear feet.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked how many streets are estimated to be done with the 60,000 linear feet. Public Works Director Morreim stated that would be about 10 to 15 streets. Public Works had 25 to 30 streets ranked in order of priority, so about half will be done, beginning with the worst.

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Councilmember DiGruttolo noted questions on Item 2.D. She stated that, upon reviewing the Claims List, there appears to be a \$1,300 IRS charge for Federal Payroll Tax Deposit that was made 12 days late, and a late fee to Excel of \$146.32. City Administrator Nevinski shared that, with Finance Director Schmuck not there, he did not know whether he could answer specifically and provide all the details. He noted that, as part of the process, some items that had been missed were caught, and, unfortunately, there were fees. He explained that, to avoid similar situations in the future, the Staff hopes to implement Laserfiche for the accounts payable process. This process would help ensure the invoice goes to the correct department head and is tied to the financial software.

Sanschagrin moved, DiGruttolo seconded, Approving the Motions Contained on the Consent Agenda and Adopting the Resolutions Therein.

- A. City Council Work Session Minutes**
- B. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**
- C. May 19, 2026 Park Commission Meeting Minutes**
- D. Claims List**
- E. Tree Removal Quote and Service Agreement**
- F. Replacement of VFD, Southeast Well**
- G. 2026 Crack Seal Project, Project 26-02, Award to Allied Blacktop Company**

Motion passed.

3. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Labadie noted that there had been some issues with the audio for online viewers, so she encouraged any input to be sent via email or for people to drive to City Hall to have matters revisited at the end of the meeting.

No one wished to address the Council.

Mayor Labadie stated that, since no hands were raised online, there would be no need to reopen Matters from the Floor at the end of the meeting.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Tour de Tonka Presentation**

Kim Carlson, Executive Director of Minnetonka Community Education, said she would talk about Tour de Tonka, a community education program within the school district. She explained that Tour de Tonka has been around for 21 years, and every year there are sponsors for the program, including donated pizza, boots on the ground, and financial support. A picture of the sponsors was shared. She added that the sponsors help keep costs down for participants and give community education more flexibility in what can be offered. The sponsorships are greatly

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appreciated. She reviewed last year's event and shared that it focused on connecting communities. There are riders from 22 states and 113 cities, with 94 percent of ridership coming from cities across Minnesota. The event is well known, with examples of bike shop owners from other states who say their riders talk about it. She added that the event is very well run. A survey is taken after the event. One of the questions asked is: Was this event well organized and well planned? 99.4 percent of people who responded stated that it was definitely well organized, loved the music, and the community building and healthy activity are great. She shared that the 2026 event included some new features. There have been some safe, fun cheer zones added for families, each with activities. There is also a post-ride family zone at the high school to encourage families to come and have fun after the ride. There is also an online apparel shop with exclusive merchandise. Finally, instead of five routes, there are four: 16-, 24-, 40-, and 58-milers. The 100 will no longer be happening after much discussion and consideration of what would be best for everyone involved. She added that the routes have not changed, but many of them do pass through Shorewood, bringing roughly 1,500 through the city. She shared that there would still be bike mechanics at the event. She noted that the event gives back to the ICA Food Shelf every year. She showed a slide of the volunteers for the events, noting that about 400 volunteers are needed. Many people are willing to volunteer for the event because they enjoy it and want to support it. The event is really fun, and there is a great community response. The event is still looking for more volunteers for various roles. She shared that the safety partners have been phenomenal, and in the survey given to riders, they appreciate that safety is a priority. That has always been a big concern of hers. She thanked Lieutenant O'Keefe and the South Lake Metro Police Department, who have been a great support and have worked closely with the event. She hoped to see the Council at the event on August 1. If there were questions, to reach out. The hope is to have around 2,000 riders again this year.

Mayor Labadie asked whether the Council had any questions and noted that some Councilmembers had participated in the event.

Councilmember Gorham shared that there has been bad weather in the past. He asked how that is handled. Ms. Carlson stated that the event organizers work closely with the local weather people and the police department. The event is rain or shine.

Councilmember Gorham asked if attendance had been affected by the bad weather. Ms. Carlson noted that attendance in the past ten years has stayed steady. She shared that there could be a dip in the numbers since there would no longer be the 100-mile route, but they might also see a rise in the shorter routes. She added that last year there were 2,300 riders even with the high-quality air alerts. There is also a no-refund policy.

Mayor Labadie asked if people can register the morning of the event. Ms. Carlson stated that people can register the morning of the event, with the ride starting at 7:00 A.M.

Mayor Labadie reminded Shorewood residents to register under the City of Shorewood.

B. Cathcart Park Tennis Court Resurfacing

Park and Recreation Director Czech presented on the resurfacing of the Tennis Court at Cathcart Park as found in the Agenda Packet.

Mayor Labadie shared that she was glad to see the resurfacing would also include different-colored striping for pickleball courts.

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Councilmember Sanschagrin asked how long the resurfacing would last. Park and Recreation Director Czech stated that a resurfacing generally occurs every five to seven years, depending on court conditions and usage.

Councilmember Sanschagrin asked how often the tennis court is used. Parks and Recreation Director Czech noted that he does not have statistics on this, but he has heard from the neighboring community that the court is used quite frequently. He shared that the neighbor who stopped to talk to the Parks Commission during tours stated they would use the court more if it were in better condition.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked what the cost would be to properly fix the tennis court. She noted that she was unsure whether the resurfacing included removing the roots. Park and Recreation Director Czech explained that, with a resurface, if there are structural issues, they will return over time, but it will improve short-term playability. A full-court reconstruction would cost around \$80,000.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked if that would remove the tree roots and everything. Park and Recreation Director Czech noted that the \$80,000 would be used to correct structural issues and install all-new asphalt.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked whether a full reconstruction is included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Park and Recreation Director Czech shared that the project is not currently in there. At the next Council meeting, the CIP will be reviewed, and the reconstruction will be added for review and will be included in 2035.

Councilmember DiGruttolo wondered whether there could be a way to pick a priority target in the parks, focus on it until it is fixed, and then move on to the next target. She stated that there may be a better use for the money, or something that could be taken from to help fully fix the tennis court. She asked if any options like that had been looked at. Park and Recreation Director Czech explained that last year, while reviewing the Master Plan, a process was established to identify priorities. The Staff is trying to follow the Master Plan.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked whether, in the Master Plan, there is anything else used less than the tennis court, and whether the money could be deferred to the tennis court. She noted concern with having to fix the court again in five years and would rather do the full reconstruction to fix things properly. She asked if there would be another project that could be pushed off and the money used for the full-court reconstruction at Cathcart. Park and Recreation Director Czech explained that in 2026, if all of the allocated CIP funds were used, there would not be enough to do the full reconstruction.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked whether to proceed with the project in 2027 and use those funds, given that the cracks have been present for many years. Park and Recreation Director Czech shared that the Freeman North Playground needs to be replaced in 2027 and is a necessary project. Mayor Labadie noted that it is a huge project and that some of the equipment at Freeman North Park has been deemed end-of-life. Park and Recreation Director Czech added that, generally, for tennis courts, a city should plan to resurface every five to nine years, depending on condition. He pointed out that some of the courts have been removed from that rotation, causing them to deteriorate faster. The Parks Commission noted that investing in resurfacing will improve the quality of life at the court, thereby enabling future funding for a full reconstruction.

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Councilmember DiGruttolo asked if the full reconstruction was in the plan for the next five years. Park and Recreation Director Czech shared that it is not currently in the plan for the next five years. Councilmember DiGruttolo asked why the resurfacing is being done if it will not last until the reconstruction can be done. She asked whether this is the smartest use of City money or the best way to address the problem. Park and Recreation Director Czech explained that the CIP is evaluated every year. It was established from the Parks Master Plan that was developed. The Parks Commission is looking at the resurfacing as buying another five to seven years of quality play, allowing residents to utilize an amenity, and enabling the City to plan for a future investment, as funds are not available at this time.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked if the plan is to put the full reconstruction of the tennis court in the CIP for five years. Park and Recreation Director Czech shared that the CIP is reviewed annually, and beyond the five years, the projects shift based on need. He explained that if it looks like the tennis court will need a full replacement in five years, that would get moved up, and something else would be pushed out.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked whether the project would be pushed up even if the Parks Master Plan did not call for it. She noted that Park and Recreation Director Czech had stated that what the Parks Master Plan states cannot be changed. Park and Recreation Director Czech said it would be a Council decision if changes were desired. He noted that the process for obtaining the plan was complete. With the CIP, generally speaking, the first five years are an accurate representation. He added that, outside the five years, it is an estimate of the projects being planned. Many times projects will shift, as has happened in the past.

Councilmember Gorham pointed out that one issue with the Park's CIP is that it includes \$18,000 for tennis court resurfacing but no full replacement cost. Given that both are in the CIP, the Council may have found a different way to prioritize the projects. He noted that there may need to be a secondary review of the projects in the CIP; if any of them are temporary fixes, consider when the long-term fixes are scheduled. He added that his family has played pickleball on the court, and it needs some work. He noted that the city has been through the process and made a judgment call on what to do with the court and make a good temporary solution. He asked when the last thing was done to the tennis court at Cathcart. Park and Recreation Director Czech shared that resurfacing was completed in 2019.

Councilmember Gorham asked if this would be the last time a resurfacing could be done. Park and Recreation Director Czech explained that, based on the contractors' opinions, this may be the last time resurfacing can be done.

Councilmember Gorham asked how long a full reconstruction lasts before it has to be fixed. Park and Recreation Director Czech stated that his document notes that the Cathcart tennis court was installed in 1966, with a resurface in 2019. Councilmember Gorham pointed out that resurfacing may have been done at another time. Park and Recreation Director Czech shared that there were likely many resurfacings done throughout the timeframe.

Mayor Labadie stated that the Council agrees this is a band-aid fix and that it needs to be done more permanently. The reality is that, at the moment, there is money for the band-aid fix but not the permanent one. She pointed out that the Parks Commission had a 4-0 unanimous decision. She asked if that was done at Cathcart during the tours. Park and Recreation Director Czech stated that is what took place.

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Mayor Labadie shared she is okay with the fix for now. The courts do get used a lot and will need a more permanent fix, but she would rather the courts still get used and still get used safely. She added that she is looking to get the permanent fix into the CIP in a way that can be properly funded.

Councilmember Gorham noted that the total reconstruction would not be completed next year, and that the Council has an obligation to make the tennis court usable in the short term.

Gorham moved, Maddy seconded, Approving the Quote from ATE Recreation in the Amount of \$15,894.60 for the Resurfacing of the Cathcart Park Tennis Court.

Motion passed 5/0.

C. MN GreenStep Cities Fast Track Cohort

Communications/Recycling Coordinator Wilson presented on the MN GreenStep Cities Fast Track Cohort as found in the Agenda Packet.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked who would attend the cohort sessions. Mr. Wilson shared that he would attend and then bring the information back to the Staff.

Councilmember Gorham asked what questions Mr. Wilson has about the program. Mr. Wilson stated that he wants to review the City's current assessment and see what is actually being done. He noted being curious about what the city has already been doing that would count towards the process. He shared that the application for the GreenStep City is at a really good time, as the 2050 Comprehensive Plan is being formed and the sustainability goals are being built into it. He added that he would need to get more information about the program, since the city has not really participated in it.

Councilmember Gorham pointed out that he would be interested in knowing what fiscal commitment some of the steps would require. He asked what level of commitment the city could make. Mr. Wilson noted that this would be one of the big things to bring back to the Council, including determining what it would cost, in fiscal terms, to go to step three, given that the City is not yet in the process. He added that, in 2022, the Council decided not to proceed to step three. He asked what things look like now.

Councilmember Gorham shared that he would like to know what some cities do or do not go to step three. Mr. Wilson stated he could find out that information.

Councilmember Sanschagrín explained that, based on the materials, it seems like a heavy lift. There are many checklists and a lot of work, but many good ideas. He asked if there might be a way to view the process as a good idea generator rather than spending all the money on the administration it may require. Councilmember Gorham agreed that there could be another way to complete some of the GreenStep tasks for the city.

Councilmember Gorham clarified that the motion would be to explore the options. Mr. Wilson noted that to be correct. Mayor Labadie pointed out that, regarding the questions raised, Mr. Wilson could return to the Council with accurate information.

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Mr. Wilson shared that the cohort was intended for cities to reach step three by April, but Shorewood wants to use it as an exploratory step rather than commit to going straight to step three.

Councilmember Gorham asked whether the cohort includes other cities and whether the process is fast-tracked. Mr. Wilson shared that there are other cities and that the fast-track piece is due to the possibility of completing it in six months.

Councilmember Gorham asked whether the process would normally be longer. Mr. Wilson explained that step one could be argued to be fast, as it is writing an ordinance. The actual management is step three and implementing things on the checklist.

Councilmember DiGruttolo stated that she watched the video, which stated that Mr. Wilson would not have to attend every session if he knew the city was already done with some of the items on the checklist. She added that it would be useful information, and the decision can then be made based on a cost-benefit analysis.

Mayor Labadie shared that she is excited for the information to come back to the Council, since no one on the Council knows what all the steps entail.

Gorham moved, Maddy seconded, Authorizing Staff participation in the GreenStep Fast Track Cohort and directing Staff to report back on key learnings, completed actions, and opportunities identified through the program.

Motion passed 5/0.

D. Deephaven – Minnetonka Blvd Cost Share Agreement

City Engineer Budde presented on the Deephaven – Minnetonka Boulevard Cost Share Agreement as found in the Agenda Packet.

Councilmember Sanschagrín questioned why Shorewood would incur an additional 15 percent design fee if Deephaven is taking the lead on the project management. City Engineer Budde explained that Deephaven wants to be compensated for Shorewood's portion of the roadway.

Councilmember Sanschagrín asked if the 15 percent would be payable to Deephaven. City Engineer Budde stated that is correct.

Councilmember DiGruttolo questioned why the road was not included in the CIP, given its pavement condition rating of 29 out of 100. City Engineer Budde explained that because the road is on the shared municipal boundary, when the city worked with Visla, who does the AI routing, the road broke the lines of the municipal boundary and then did not graph them the first year they were looked at and was not caught the first year the Pavement Management Plan was done. Since then, Staff has noticed that, and the whole thing needs to be included in the Plan. He shared that the city had already committed to what was in there for 2025, that it would need to be included for 2027, and that it could also be included in the 2027 Pavement Improvement Project.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked whether, if the technology had picked up the project, it would have been included in this year's CIP. City Engineer Budde stated that he did not know off the top of his head and would have to look back at the numbers.

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City Administrator Nevinski shared that much of the previous work in Shorewood has focused on the western end. Next year's mill and overlay is much more focused on the east side of Shorewood because there is cost savings in mobilization. That would be part of the rationale for potentially including the project next year, or for taking the opportunity where the road is in two communities and the municipal line is awkward.

Councilmember Gorham pointed out that there is one good thing: the Council does have approval authority for change orders related to work in the City, and a change order cannot be issued without the Council's approval. He asked about communications and whether Deephaven would handle all communication to the Shorewood residents. City Engineer Budde explained that there has not been much discussion on the communication yet. The work is slated for the end of July, and there are not many homes directly on the road. He added that the city will have to reach out to Deephaven to see what communications they will push out and to reiterate those from the Shorewood side. There has been nothing specific yet.

Councilmember Gorham stated that the agreement authorizes Deephaven to communicate on the City's behalf, which seems sound, but the city should overlay that as well. City Engineer Budde added that Deephaven should at least be notified before they do it. Councilmember Gorham noted that we should at least make sure that Deephaven is communicating, because the Shorewood residents will come to the Council and Staff for answers.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked when Deephaven came to Shorewood with the offer. City Engineer Budde shared that most neighboring communities do not have a CIP like Shorewood's, which would make planning more structured and fairly predictable a few years in advance. Most smaller communities are very responsive to their residents, and when they receive enough calls, they decide to undertake a project. He noted that it has happened to Shorewood a few times, where another city is in the middle of design and then comes to Shorewood to see if the city is interested. That is usually well past the time when the project could have been included in the CIP. He stated that the Staff has shared the concerns on timing with the other communities. For this project, Deephaven reached out during the design phase to see whether Shorewood was interested. Deephaven includes Shorewood in the bid. He shared that he was unsure what Deephaven would do if the city said it did not want to proceed with the project.

Sanschagrín moved, Gorham seconded, Adopting RESOLUTION NO. 26-41, "A Resolution Approving Agreement with the City of Deephaven for Minnetonka Boulevard Improvements."

Motion passed 4-1 (DiGruttolo).

E. Shorewood Lane Ravine Update

City Engineer Budde presented on the Shorewood Lane Ravine project as found in the Agenda Packet.

Councilmember Sanschagrín asked how much of the project is on private property versus public property. City Engineer Budde explained that all the property is private. Still, a portion of it has an existing drainage utility easement that the City does not need to acquire any rights to. The rest of it is all private.

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Councilmember Sanschagrin asked if there was any eminent danger to the homes. City Engineer Budde stated that there is currently no eminent danger. If this were left unattended, the homes on the north slope would be the closest to danger.

Councilmember Sanschagrin asked whether there have been any thoughts about looking upstream to the source of the water in the Badger Park areas. City Engineer Budde shared that it has been looked at. The area is very challenging. He used a picture to explain where the watershed is located and where the water is coming from and going to. Ultimately, the Staff did look at it during high-water events; water backs up in the stream and gets precariously close to City Hall's basement. He shared that there has been water in the basement of City Hall, so Staff looked at how at-risk City Hall is for flooding. He explained that based on the modeling, there is still a maintained two-foot freeboard, which meets the City's requirements and the Watershed's requirements. He pointed out that there is still risk, but the model still shows the two-foot separation. He added that the problem is that there is no storage in the watershed, and the only way to improve that is to release more water quickly, which no permitting agency will allow the city to do. The water must be released at the current rates, but it must also stabilize the downstream channel against erosion. To improve that, the stream profile will be flattened. He used a picture to show how and where that is being done to slow the velocity and significantly reduce shear stresses. He noted that a large portion of the vertical drops is where the energy dissipates and explained where the rock gabion would be located.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked what the consequence would be under ordinary rainfall, not the 100-year rainfall scenario. She clarified that a rainfall event is less significant than a 100-year rainfall. City Engineer Budde stated that there would be nothing really. The ponds and wetlands fill up just the way they are supposed to. He added that this is with the assumption that water is still being released through the channel.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked whether the risks associated with tree and habitat removal have been considered at all. She expressed concern about healthy trees being removed to get the equipment in to carry out the project. City Engineer Budde stated that, for the project to be completed and equipment to be brought in, some trees will need to be removed along both banks. He noted that he has not found a solution to the problem without removing the trees. He explained that the city will try to utilize the trees in the project by harvesting them and laying them down at the bottom of the channel to help protect the bank from erosion. He understood that the project had environmental consequences, but even if left alone, many of the trees would die anyway.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked whether the \$800,000 includes everything needed to complete the project. City Engineer Budde explained that the costs include all engineering and construction, potentially including easements. He has not negotiated the easements, so he was unsure of the cost. It would include total project costs. He noted that, from a maintenance perspective, one of the goals was to make the ravine as resilient as possible. He pointed out that many of the things will last for 20 to 30 years and beyond, but it may take a little maintenance of the vegetation to ensure the plants are healthy and growing where they should. The gabion rock baskets should easily last over 30 years.

Councilmember DiGruttolo stated that the memo read up to 55 percent for the State Aid. She asked what the city would do if only five percent could be guaranteed. She also asked whether some of the grants have expiration dates and how the city ensures it does not lose the grant. City Engineer Budde pointed out that all the grants would also allow construction in 2027. The City is

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trying to build in 2026 because, if construction starts on many of the grants, the project will still be eligible. He noted that, as for the 55%, he has an email from the State Aid Hydraulics Engineer stating that the project is eligible for 55% of construction costs.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked how much has already been spent on the project and whether that amount is a sunk cost or part of the \$800,000 for the whole project. City Engineer Budde stated that the City's fees for the project are \$150,000 and, at this point, are sunk costs. The projects are challenging because of certain nuances. Due to certain aspects of the project's permitting, it is challenging to meet all needs. He added that some of the initial costs were due to the effort to pursue outside funding.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked when the project would begin. City Engineer Budde noted that, ideally, the project would start in late fall of 2026.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked if this project is in the CIP budget. City Engineer Budde shared that it has been there since 2020, maybe even before that.

Councilmember Sanschagrín asked whether City Engineer Budde was aware of a drone video taken in 2014 and whether it is available online to the public. City Engineer Budde stated that the video is not online but could be. Councilmember Maddy pointed out that it could show the difference between how it looked in 2014 and how it looks today. Councilmember Sanschagrín noted he would like to see the footage.

Councilmember Sanschagrín stated that, in the future, it would be important for the Council to discuss funding, since this project is on private property and the City is improving the property. There should be a discussion about who should pay in these scenarios.

Councilmember Maddy stated that the point of reducing flooding risk in the Badger Park area is to move the water more quickly under 19. He asked whether that has to be drained more quickly to prevent upstream flooding. City Engineer Budde stated that the flow is not increasing. Councilmember Maddy asked how the city would reduce the risk of flooding if the flow is not being increased. City Engineer Budde explained that he was trying to provide background on Councilmember Sanschagrín's questions about whether the issues could be solved upstream. The way to solve things upstream is to create more storage so that water is held longer and released more slowly. He pointed out that there is not that option in this watershed. Councilmember Maddy asked how the city would reduce the risk of flooding if it cannot increase storage. City Engineer Budde pointed out that the goal of the project is not to necessarily reduce flooding risks around City Hall. The goal is to maintain the channel from its outlet to the wetland and to ensure that, during large rain events when water does flow through, this can be done without continually eroding and potentially causing downstream issues. Councilmember Maddy clarified that this is not a flood project; it is an erosion project.

Mayor Labadie noted that no formal action was requested; it was just an update. She thanked City Engineer Budde for his update.

5. STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Staff

i. Quarter 2 Communications Report

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Mr. Wilson noted that he would let the report stand on its own merits and take any Council questions.

Councilmember Sanschagrín asked how the city is capturing resident feedback from the system. Mr. Wilson noted that resident feedback comes mostly through the citizen request tracker. He added that various feedback forms are used, including the budget feedback form. He added that this is not doing the anecdote piece of it.

Councilmember Sanschagrín asked how the city is replicating Click Fix's functionality within the system. Mr. Wilson asked whether Councilmember Sanschagrín was referring to the request tracker. Councilmember Sanschagrín agreed and added that the information should be made more publicly available. Mr. Wilson shared that the report given at the Council meeting was making the information publicly available.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked whether any resident groups were underreached. She shared concern that outputs are not the same as outcomes. Mr. Wilson stated that since electronics generally do not appeal to older generations, they would be an underserved segment. That is the hope of the print materials that the older generations are being reached. He shared that there is no mechanism to know who is actually reading the information. He added that he delivers the Shorewood Report to the Shorewood Landing to save on costs.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked if Mr. Wilson has received any feedback from the Shorewood Landing. Mr. Wilson noted that he has heard from the staff that they appreciate the city bringing the Shorewood Report to them. He added that the Coffee with the Mayor has helped to bring things to the Shorewood Landing.

Councilmember DiGruttolo pointed out that, in highlighting things, bringing the Shorewood Report and elections to seniors is worth mentioning.

ii. Tentative Upcoming Agenda Topics

City Administrator Nevinski stated that there were no updates on the agenda, only a sharing of what was tentatively scheduled for the upcoming meetings.

Park and Recreation Director Czech stated that last week the second task force meeting for the SCEC facility analysis took place. There was a lot of great discussion, and the consultant will begin drafting preliminary recommendations on what the facility could look like going forward. He noted that the annual Concert in the Park was Thursday at 6:00 P.M. in Freeman Park. Many fun activities are planned, and he invited the Council to enjoy the event. Midco sponsors the event. He updated that Safety Camp is officially full for the summer, so partnering with Minnetonka Community Education has been wonderful, and 40 kids will be able to participate in August.

Mr. Wilson shared that tree sales will be happening soon, and the trees for those sales will be announced as well. He noted that the back-to-school supply drive is underway, and supplies can be dropped off at City Hall through August 13. He stated that the Recycling Committee is working on scheduling a tour of the WM Murph site in the next couple of months. Once the date is finalized, it will be announced.

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City Administrator Nevinski shared that, at Concert in the Park, there would be a pop-up event for the Comprehensive Plan, and he asked the Council to encourage residents to stop by to talk with the planners about Shorewood and what it might look like in the future. He stated that the Staff has been working on the City and Public Safety budgets, which has been taking up a fair amount of time. He added that Nite to Unite is coming up on August 4, and if a neighborhood would like police or fire to stop by, they should contact the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department to schedule it. In the past, the Mayor, the Council, and Staff have gone out with the police or the fire department. If that is something the Council is interested in, they should let him know so he can share with the police and fire to get them in a group.

B. Mayor and City Council

Councilmember DiGruttolo stated that a resident pointed out on Google that the SCEC hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. She asked if those hours are correct. Park and Recreation Director Czech stated that generally speaking, the building is open when it is in use. That is being discussed with the task force of what that should look like. He added that the hours are generally during senior programming, and there would be guaranteed staff in the building. He added that if there is a rental, the building will be open; otherwise, it is closed.

Councilmember Gorham stated that earlier in the discussion of the ravine project, he mentioned possibly looking at the root cause analysis of how engineering costs for this project, as a microcosm, have evolved; the relationship between consultant costs and construction projects; and what the approval process looks like. He stated that the report involves a lot of good history in the ravine. He asked how that relates to the \$150,000 in sunk costs and how to get visibility to that number as well. He suggested that, in a future meeting, there could be a discussion of how engineering costs are controlled in a capital-cost environment, and that the ravine project could serve as a case study for improving visibility. City Administrator Nevinski added monitoring of project costs as projects evolve.

Councilmember Gorham asked whether there is an internal threshold at which Council action must be requested. City Administrator Nevinski stated that in some cases, it is probably very clear as the process plays out. A project like the ravine, which has spanned 16 years and two consultants, is an unusual process. He noted that the question is: in whatever project is being done, what are the Staff's check-in points, and how to put visibility into where the Staff is at. He noted that it may be prescribed more often in certain cases and less often in others, and that it would need to be discussed at the front end of a project. He added that he could discuss it with Staff and bring it back to the Council to gather thoughts and reactions.

Councilmember Gorham asked if that would be something the Council would have to vote on. City Administrator Nevinski noted that he was not sure at the moment what he would bring back to the Council. Perhaps, as the discussion with engineering continues and there are check-in points with the Council, something could be wrapped into that discussion. The conversation may take place on the front end of some projects.

Councilmember Maddy noted that he attended the LMC conference and, as always, it was a great conference with great learning.

Mayor Labadie stated that the SLMPD coordinating committee met last week and the 2025 audit is complete. The SLMPD received a clean opinion from Abdo, which is a new auditor. She noted that all the organizations involved in the Fourth of July festivities will hold a debriefing to discuss

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the event. She added that the SLMPD budget is still under discussion; Shorewood will see a significant increase. The big expenses will be the flat roof, the replacement backup battery systems for the SLMPD, the records management system, vehicle replacement, and the addition of another officer.

Councilmember Gorham noted that it does not sound good. Mayor Labadie agreed and pointed out that costs are rising across the board. She noted that the SLMPD is funded through a formula, and one of the formula's terms is based on population. Shorewood's number is going from 49.7 percent to 52 percent. She added that the costs for Tonka Bay and Excelsior also went up. She shared that the police chief is attending the Council meeting on July 27, which is after the next coordinating committee meeting. If the Councilmembers had questions for the meeting, they were to let her know or attend the meeting as well. She pointed out that the JPA for the SLMPD states that the members of the coordinating committee shall be the mayors of each city and the members of the operating committee shall be the city administrator or manager. Greenwood does not have a city administrator, but does have someone who works remotely on their behalf and has attended different things remotely. She added that there have been discussions about this for over a year, that an attorney was hired to render an opinion, and that the attorney stated it is improper for the administrator and the mayor to be the same person, since one is elected and one is not. She pointed out that having the same person on both committees makes it very difficult when that person can also fire the chief. She added that the mayors voted 3-1 that they no longer wanted Greenwood's mayor to attend the operating committee meetings, and Greenwood has disputed this. Greenwood stated at the last meeting that they have considered the Deephaven Police Department as an alternative and that the board is at an impasse. There could be some mediation options, as well as running it past the appropriate League of Minnesota Cities representatives.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked whether that would incur attorney fees. Mayor Labadie stated that things are only being explored at this point and that this is the question to be posed to the committee. As for mediation, Greenwood would be considered the aggrieved party, and the aggrieved party would pay for mediation. She noted that Greenwood denies that.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked whether that would come back to the Council before any decision is made to pay any costs. Mayor Labadie stated it absolutely would. She noted that until this point it has just been discussions.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked if this situation has caused problems in the past. She pointed out that if it has been operating this way for a long time, what changed to make things different now. Mayor Labadie noted those are difficult questions. City Administrator Nevinski pointed out that it has not been operating that way forever, but it has been some time. He noted that things had been operating the same way on the fire side, and that, historically, there had been an issue and nothing had changed. He added that some questions have been raised about the appropriateness of the arrangement. In State Statute, there is a term, "incompatible offices," that might be at issue in this situation. He noted that ultimately, how do all the cities come to some agreement, with all cities representing their cities? He added that he will be meeting with the League of Minnesota Cities about dispute resolution later in the week to discuss the issue and see if there is a fit.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked whether the situation is causing harm to the city. City Administrator Nevinski shared that some of the issues that have come up concern good governance and some confusion about whether the police chief is getting direction from the administrator or the board member. As administrators, there is no direction over the chief; they

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are merely there to advise, provide guidance, and offer support. He added that it is an awkward situation and there has not been a large problem in the past, but there could be in the future, as the other cities are saying.

Councilmember Sanschagrín asked whether a simple solution would be for Greenwood to appoint a resident volunteer to serve as administrator. Mayor Labadie stated that it was proposed but rejected by Greenwood. There have been many proposals that Greenwood has rejected. The member cities are working to make it work and are taking the next steps at no cost to resolve the situation, with any proposed costs to be put before the councils.

Councilmember DiGruttolo stated that, as a Mayor, she seems to be on the board rather than acting as the Mayor, and that she can separate those roles. She noted that it does not make sense to her why that person cannot operate clearly in different roles and capacities. She shared that when the person is a board member, they represent this equity, and when they are acting as an administrator, they are representing this equity. She added that it does not seem strange to her, especially for a small city. City Administrator Nevinski shared that Greenwood argues it lacks resources due to its size. He shared that the potential conflict arises when a board member in a position of authority is also functioning in an administrative capacity, and there is no clear line because that person is always an elected official.

Mayor Labadie noted that she had a meeting the week before with Senator Ann Johnson Stewart and her mayors. The Senator talked about e-bikes, property taxes, the housing bill, which did not pass this year and will be back, and would strip away local control, and that Highway 7 did not get any funding in the last Legislative session. She added that the Regional Council of Mayors had their superintendents with them, so, along with the mayor of Minnetonka and Greenwood, she took Superintendent David Law to the meeting. She shared that last week at the SCEC there was a blood drive, and she thanked everyone who helped. She stated that Larry Brown, a former City employee, passed away. He served approximately 27 years in various capacities with the City.

Councilmember Gorham noted that July 14 is the start of the filing period for City Council candidates. He asked whether Ms. Thone would notify the Council or whether the Secretary of State page should be refreshed. City Administrator Nevinski shared that he would have to ask Ms. Thone about what has been done in the past and would communicate with Council.

6. ADJOURN

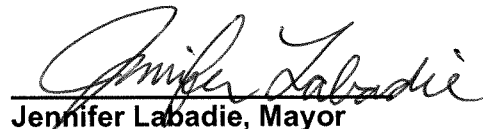
Sanschagrín moved, Maddy seconded, Adjourning the City Council Regular Meeting of July 9, 2026, at 8:53 P.M.

Motion passed 5/0.

ATTEST:



Sandie Thone, City Clerk


Jennifer Labadie, Mayor