

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LEXINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2026– 7:00 P.M.  
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. CALL TO ORDER:** – Mayor Murphy

A. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Mahr, Winge and Hunt

*Mayor Murphy called to order the Regular Council meeting for April 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Hunt, and Winge. Excused absence: Mahr. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Jim Mork, Police Chief; Nolan Wahlburg, Police Sergeant; Mindy Feister, Heidi Haakinson, Justin Willenbring, Maria Nelson, Quad Press, Centennial High School Students, other members of the public.*

**3. CITIZENS FORUM**

*Mayor Murphy provided a statement regarding the City of Lexington transitioning to SBM Fire Department.*

*Maria Nelson  
County Rd. J*

*Ms Nelson asked who is responsible for the oversight of training? Attorney Glaser stated that the fire chief, and then the city administrator over sees the fire chief regarding the hierarchy.*

*She also asked, "How do you see SBM providing better services?" Mayor Murphy discussed better response times coming out of station #4 in Circle Pines and better accessibility to equipment from other fire stations, etc.*

*Mayor Murphy stated that SBM Fire Department will be here on May 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss their proposal to provide fire services for Lexington residents. Discussion ensued.*

*Justin Willenbring  
9164 Lexington Ave.  
Lexington, MN*

*Willenbring stated that he heard people talking about him when he left the room last meeting and took what was said as disparaging toward a former firefighter of 7 years.*

*Mayor Murphy stated that you are spreading incorrect information and rumors about the fire department. You also accused us of being on the bankroll.*

*Willenbring stated he wants an answer to the closed meetings. Attorney Glaser explained the reason for closed meetings to protect employee's reputations during a disciplinary process.*

*Willenbring also stated that he applied for the Lexington Fire Department as a firefighter of 7 years and stated that the city administrator refused to hire him. Petracek asked Willenbring if he would like him to provide everyone in the Council Chambers a copy of his background check. Petracek explained that if everyone in the room saw your background check, they would understand exactly why you were not hired as a Lexington Firefighter. Petracek added that he could go into his office right now and get Willenbring's background check and make copies for everyone if he would like.*

*Willenbring stated the city administrator threatened him. Mayor Murphy disagreed.*

*Julie (did not provide last name)  
Shoreview, MN.*

*What is going to happen with the money from charitable gambling donations. Mayor Murphy stated at this time the City Council has not had any formal discussions about these funds. Petracek stated that at this point the recommendation would be to utilize the funds for the capital equipment buy-in to SBM Fire Department. Discussion ensued.*

*Heidi Fust  
9274 Griggs Ave.  
Lexington, MN.*

*Ms. Fust thanked the City Council for taking action and being responsible with taxpayers money. Having an interim fire department is great and is grateful for the new fire department.*

#### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS**

*Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the agenda without changes or corrections. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

#### **5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Park Board Minutes: April 6, 2026

*No discussion on Letters and Communications.*

#### **6. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes: **April 2, 2026**
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
  - Check #'s 53977 through 54024
  - Check #'s 16113 through 16129
- C. Financial Reports
  - Cash Balances
  - Fund Summary – Budget to Actual

***Councilmember Winge made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

**7. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. No Action Items

**8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT**

***No input from the Mayor or City Council***

**9. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT**

***Petracek provided an update on police union negotiations. He stated that we settled a contract with the sergeant's union, but they would be going to arbitration for the patrol and captain's unions.***

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

This portion of the meeting is being closed for the purpose of discussing personnel matters involving the performance of employees. The meeting will be closed pursuant to the personnel data exception under the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subdivision 2(a)(3). Confidentiality is required because the discussion will involve private personnel data related to employee performance, and the need to protect that data outweighs the purposes served by holding this portion of the meeting in public.

***The city attorney and city administrator stated there was no need for a closed session this evening.***

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

***Devries made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

**\*\*No Workshop\*\***