

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LEXINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 2, 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 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Hunt, Mahr, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Dan Retka, SBM Fire Chief; Mark Kurth, Lexington Fire Relief Charitable Gambling Manager; Quad Press; Justin Willerbring at 9116 Lexington Ave.*

**3. CITIZENS FORUM**

*Justin Willerbring  
9164 Lexington Ave.  
Lexington Mn.*

*Justin stated that this is a small community and word has spread around that Lexington Fire Department is being dissolved and Fire Chief Mohler was fired. He stated that a Resolution was passed behind closed doors. He added that you guys are cowardly. He stated that his taxes better stay down; in White Bear Lake a vote has to be taken by a referendum. Discussion ensued.*

*Attorney Glaser explained the purpose of the closed session. Justin stated that you all better resign by November. Justin walked out of the room.*

**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 5-0.*

**5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

- A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – *Councilmember Devries stated the next meeting is in June*
- B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Mahr) *Quarterly meetings – Councilmember Mahr stated that they have a strategic planning meeting in June.*
- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *Petracek stated city hall is closed tomorrow. He also added he would be gone from April 9th through the 14th.*

Choose a building block.

**6. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

*No discussion on Letters and Communications.*

**7. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:  
Council Meeting – March 19, 2026
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:  
Check #'s 53935 through 53976  
Check #'s 16094 through 16106

***Councilmember Mahr made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

**8. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to approve a Premises Permit Application for Circle Pines -Lexington Lions Club to Utilize Cowboy's Saloon as their Charitable Gambling Site.

***Mark Kurth, Charitable Gambling Manager, stated that the Lexington Fire Relief Association can no longer function without the Lexington Fire Department. With the Council's approval, they would begin the process of winding down the fire relief association by transitioning the gambling license to Lexington/Circle Pines Lions Club.***

***Kurth also explained that the past leadership of the Lions Club left it with financial hardship. He stated that startup costs are expensive for charitable gambling. He intends to ask the City Council for a donation from the equipment replacement fund (charitable gambling funds) to the Lion's club to help with these costs. Discussion ensued.***

***Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve a Premises Permit Application for Circle Pines - Lexington Lions Club to Utilize Cowboy's Saloon as their Charitable Gambling Site. Councilmember Mahr seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

- B. First reading of Ordinance NO. 26-01 An Ordinance to Revise Chapter 5 – Lawful Gambling

***Councilmember Mahr made a motion to adopt Ordinance No 26-01, as recommended by Mahr. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

- C. Recommendation to Accept the Enacted Interim Fire Department Management and Operations Agreement with SBM Fire Department.

***The city attorney explained the need to ratify the agreement with SBM Fire Department that was approved in closed session last meeting, in open session. Discussion ensued.***

***Councilmember Mahr stated that the City Council gave this proper discussion and there are numerous reasons we acted on this contract. Discussion ensued.***

*Councilmember Devries made a motion to Accept the Enacted Interim Fire Department Management and Operations Agreement with SBM Fire Department. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

## **9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT**

*Councilmember Hunt stated that nothing has been done with the cars being parked on front and backyard lawns. Discussion ensued.*

## **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.

*Mayor Murphy explained the need for the City Council to go into closed session.*

*Councilmember Mahr made a motion to go into closed session at 7:32 pm. 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. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Councilmember Mahr made a motion to reconvene into open session at 8:26 pm. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mayor Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Councilmember Mahr seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*