

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING WAS HELD PRIOR TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES CITY OF LEXINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2026– 7:00 P.M. 9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Murphy

- Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Mahr and Hunt

Mayor Murphy called to order the Regular Council meeting for February 19, 2026 at 7:40 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Hunt, and Mahr. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; City Council applicants, Christine Olson.

3. CITIZENS FORUM

*Christine Olson
3901 Lovell Road
Lexington, Mn.*

Ms. Olson was present to ask about the current situation with Blaine and the City's water system. Mayor Murphy stated that the City is in negotiations with the City of Blaine and a joint powers agreement to purchase treated water and are unable to comment on that progress. Discussion ensued.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

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

5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes – February 10, 2026
- B. Public Notice – Changing Council Workshop meeting – Prior to Regular Council meeting – February 19, 2026

No discussion on Letters and Communications

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes: February 5, 2026

B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:

Check #'s 53798 through 53850

Check #'s 16044 through 16057

C. Financial Reports

- Cash Balances

- Fund Summary – Budget to Actual

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

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Recommendation to approve _____ to fill vacated

Council position through December 31, 2026

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Brandon Winge to fill vacated Council position through December 31, 2026. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion.

Mayor Murphy called for a Roll Call vote:

Councilmember Devries – Yes; Councilmember Mahr – Yes, Councilmember Hunt – Yes; Mayor Murphy – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

B. SWEARING IN CEREMONY

- Councilmember _____

Petracek conducted the swearing in of Brandon Winge to fill the vacant Council position. Councilmember Winge took his seat on the Council.

C. Recommendation to approve Memorial Park ball field light replacement

project to NEO Electrical Solutions not to exceed \$144,800.00

Councilmember Mahr made a motion to approve Memorial Park ball field light replacement project to NEO Electrical Solutions not to exceed \$144,800.00. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Devries thanked Public Works for their excellent snowplowing this season. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Winge thanked the Council for approving his appointment to fill the vacant seat.

9. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT

Petracek encouraged the Council to consider the online training for the Local Board of Appeals and equalization. He stated that each City needs a minimum of one elected official to be trained for the Lexington City Council to hold the hearing on assessments. He added that they are encouraging all elected officials to get the training. 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 to go into closed session.

Councilmember Mahr made a motion to go into closed session at 8:00 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.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to reconvene into open session at 10:47 PM. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.