

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 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 May 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Hunt, Mahr, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Jim Mork, Police Chief; Brian Goetzke, Police Sergeant; Steve Winter, City Engineer; Keith Dahl, Ehler's & Associates, Dan Retka, SBM Fire Chief; Matt Montaine, SBM Deputy Fire Chief; Quad Press; Centennial High School Students, other members of the public.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to limit the discussion in Citizens Forum to 3- minutes per person. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. CITIZENS FORUM

*Julie Morris
Shoreview, MN*

Lexington Fire Auxilliary is frustrated with the administration. She stated that the administrator has manipulated the information and the Lexington Fire Chief facts have been distorted. She explained the many things that the Lexington Fire Department do that is good for the community– food collection for food shelf, etc. She added that business has been conducted behind closed doors and hopes SBM Fire Department does a good job going forward.

*Diane Harris
Centerwood Rd.
Lexington, MN.*

Harris asked if an interim fire chief was even considered. The city administrator hasn't convinced me of the need to shut down the fire department.

*Maria Nelson
Resident of Shoreview*

Nelson asked what the City receives for the \$700,000 capital buy-in and \$345,000 annual expense for SBM Fire Department services. Discussion ensued.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Mahr made a motion to approve the agenda without changes or corrections. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Planning & Zoning Minutes – May 12, 2026

No discussion on Letters and Communications.

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Board of Review & Council Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2026
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 54091 through 54139
Check #'s 16150 through 16167
- 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 5-0.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Planning and Zoning Recommendation to Approve the Appointment of Daniel Johnson to Fill the Vacant Position on the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Daniel Johnson to Fill the Vacant Position on the Planning Commission. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Recommendation to Approve an Escrow Agreement for Cell Tower Lease Renegotiations with American Tower Corporation.

Councilmember Mahr made a motion to Approve an Escrow Agreement for Cell Tower Lease Renegotiations with American Tower Corporation. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Recommendation to Approve a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) by and Between the City of Lexington and the City of Blaine Relating to the Connection of Water Utility Systems.

Keith Dahl, Ehler's and Associates, provided the final utility rate study that was calculated for the negotiated joint powers agreement with the City of Blaine to purchase filtered water.

Dahl explained that the best way to determine appropriate utility rates to charge your users to purchase filtered water from the City of Blaine is to conduct a utility rate study. Dahl provided an explanation of the rates that were determined by Ehler's and Associates to be charged over the next 7 years that would provide enough revenue to purchase filtered water and maintain a healthy fund balance in the water utility fund. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Mahr asked if the water usage from the new buildings were calculated into this study. Dahl explained that the study included the City of Lexington's current water usage, which includes all of the new apartments. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Mahr made a motion to Approve a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) by and Between the City of Lexington and the City of Blaine Relating to the Connection of Water Utility Systems. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Winge stated that Lovell Rd. looks great. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Murphy wished everyone a good Memorial Day weekend.

9. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT

No input from the city administrator.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Devries made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.