

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LEXINGTON  
BOARD OF REVIEW  
&  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 7, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.  
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

**AGENDA**

**BOARD OF REVIEW**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. CALL TO ORDER BOARD OF REVIEW – Mayor Murphy**

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

*Mayor Murphy called to order the Board of Review for May 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.*

*Councilmember's present: Devries, Hunt, Mahr, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Jim Mork, Police Chief; Brian Goetzke, Sergeant; Ted Anderson and Shane Gruek, Anoka County Assessor; Heidi and Jason Haakinson, Lexington; Diane and Keith Harris, Lexington; Mindy Feister, Circle Pines; Julie Morris, Shoreview; Maria Nelson; Quad Press; Numerous Centennial High School students.*

**3. INTRODUCTION OF COUNTY ASSESSOR**

*Ted Anderson, Anoka County Assessor, provided an overview of the LBAE process and statistics for property values that were provided in a handout.*

*Shane Gurek, Anoka County Assessor, discussed property pin #35312231540010. Gruek stated that the value for the property valued at \$35,000 was an appropriate value taking in to affect filling in the property and being a buildable lot. He added that the owner didn't agree with the value, and would be appealing the valuation to the Anoka County Board.*

**No action was taken.**

**4. CITIZENS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS ASSESSOR**

*No citizens were present to address the assessor.*

## 5. CLOSE BOARD OF REVIEW

*Councilmember Mahr made a motion to close the Board of Review at 7:14 p.m. Councilmember DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### 6. 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 7, 2026 at 7:15 p.m. Councilmember's present: DeVries, Hunt, Mahr, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Jim Mork, Police Chief; Brian Goetzke, Sergeant; Ted Anderson and Shane Gruek, Anoka County Assessor; Heidi and Jason Haakinson, Lexington; Diane and Keith Harris, Lexington; Mindy Feister, Circle Pines; Julie Morris, Shoreview; Maria Nelson; Quad Press; Numerous Centennial High School students.*

### 7. CITIZENS FORUM

*Mayor Murphy explained that the City Council is not discussing the fire department this evening and he is going to limit fire department discussion to three minutes per person.*

*Mayor Murphy made a motion to limit fire department debate to three minutes per person. Councilmember DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Heidi Haakinson  
9333 Griggs Ave  
Lexington, MN*

*Ms. Haakinson stated she served on Lexington Fire Department for 6 years and was the Lexington Fire Relief President for 4 years. Haakinson provided a prepared statement questioning the recent approval of the temporary contract with SBM Fire Department, the approval of the gambling site for the Lexington/Circle Pines Lions Club, and the firing of Fire Chief Mohler.*

*Julie Morris  
County Rd. J  
Shoreview, MN.*

*Ms. Morris began by asking why on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Murphy explained that the Council is not answering any questions. He explained that the presentation from SBM Fire will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, and the approval on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Murphy is asking that you attend that meeting to get the information. Discussion ensued.*

*Keith Harris  
3781 Centerwood Rd.  
Lexington, MN. 55014*

*Mr. Harris stated his questions and statements come from the Quad Press April 28 2026 edition. Mr. Harris discussed the service levels and responding to medical calls that SBM Fire provides. He also discussed the contract being temporary. He asked how can it be temporary when all of the fire fighters have resigned? Mr. Harris continued to question the Council on the Quad Press news article. Discussion ensued.*

*Jason Haakinson  
9333 Griggs Ave.  
Lexington, MN*

*Since they have lived here, we have gone through 3 fire chiefs – Gary Grote, Erik Edwards, and Mike Mohler. He explained that Gary Grote should have been fired and the city administrator swept it under the rug. He stated that the only consistent problem with the fire department is the city administrator. Why does he still have his job? Discussion ensued.*

*Maria Nelson  
Did not provide an address*

*Ms. Nelson stated she is a retired HR person and finance director. She has questions about how things have happened. She stated that she understands that there are certain things you cannot talk about regarding personnel. She doesn't believe it should be used as an excuse to not explain why things happened the way they happened. She felt that the police chief escort following his termination was uncalled for. Discussion ensued.*

## **8. 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.*

## **9. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

- A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – *No report given*
- B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Mahr) *Quarterly meetings – Councilmember Mahr discussed the strategic planning for NMTV Cable Commission and updated the Council on cable franchise fees.*
- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *Petracek stated that Anoka County will be doing a mill and overlay of Lovell Rd. beginning May 4th. He added that it will take approximately 3 weeks to complete the project.*

Choose a building block.

## **10. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

*No discussion on Letters and Communications.*

**11. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:  
Council Meeting – April 16, 2026
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:  
Check #'s 54025 through 54090  
Check #'s 16133 through 16145

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

**12. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to Approve Resolution 26-05 – A Resolution of the City Council of Lexington, Minnesota Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance 26-01

*Councilmember Devries made a motion to Approve Resolution 26-05 – A Resolution of the City Council of Lexington, Minnesota Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance 26-01. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

- B. Recommendation to Approve the hiring of Kelli Pote as the Administrative Assistant/Permit Technician - \$24.52/hr. (Probationary Status wage AFSCME CBA)

*Councilmember Mahr made a motion to Approve the hiring of Kelli Pote as the Administrative Assistant/Permit Technician - \$24.52/hr. (Probationary Status wage AFSCME CBA). Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

- C. Recommendation to approve Solicitors/Peddlers License Ace Solid Waste – Pending successful background check

*Councilmember Winge made a motion to approve Solicitors/Peddlers License Ace Solid Waste – Pending successful background check. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT**

*No input from the Mayor and City Council.*

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

*Councilmember Mahr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*