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CITY OF HAM LAKE CITY COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

The Ham Lake City Council and Economic Development Authority met for its regular meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brian Kirkham and Councilmembers Jim Doyle and Andrew Hallberg and Al Parranto

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Mike Van Kirk

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney, Mark Berglund; City Engineer, Dave Krugler; City Administrator, Denise Webster; and Deputy City Clerk, Dawnette Shimek

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** - 6:00 P.M. – Pledge of Allegiance
- 2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
- 3.0 **SPECIAL APPEARANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

4.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**

These items are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in normal sequence. (All items listed on the Consent Agenda are recommended for approval.)

- 4.1 Approval of minutes of April 6, 2026 and Special City Council minutes of April 6, 2026
- 4.2 Approval of claims in the amount of \$206,507.71
- 4.3 Approval of scheduling a Workshop meeting for Monday, May 4, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
- 4.4 Approval of appointing Matt Holzworth to the open position of City Planner
- 4.5 Approval of accepting the resignation of Jonathan Fisher from the Planning Commission
- 4.6 Approval of appointing Lorrie Albers to the open position of the Planning Commission with a term of April 27, 2026 to March 15, 2029 and Michael Frid to the open position of the Planning Commission with a term of April 27, 2026 to March 15, 2027
- 4.7 Approval of a Large Assembly License for the Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce at Lion’s Park, 1220 157th Avenue NE, for the Freedom Festival on Saturday, June 27, 2026
- 4.8 Approval of an Off-Site Gambling Permit for the Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce to conduct bingo and pull-tabs on June 27, 2026 at Lion’s Park, 1220 157th Avenue NE, for Freedom Festival
- 4.9 Approval of Resolution No. 26-16 accepting a \$7,500 donation from the Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce

4.10 Approval of Resolution No. 26-17 supporting the displaying of the old state flag on city property

4.11 Approval of extending a Probationary offer to paid-on-call firefighter

Motion by Parranto, seconded by Doyle, to approve the Consent Agenda as written. All present in favor, motion carried.

5.0 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS – None

6.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – None

7.0 APPEARANCES – None

8.0 CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Berglund stated that he is working on getting information from Burger King to obtain an easement for the reconstruction of Crosstown Shopping Center. City Engineer Krugler stated that he is hoping to have this on the next City Council agenda requesting approval to advertise for bids for the Crosstown Shopping Center reconstruction project.

9.0 CITY ENGINEER – None

10.0 CITY ADMINISTRATOR – None

11.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

11.1 Committee Reports – None

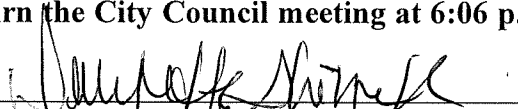
Councilmember Hallberg stated that he and Administrator Webster attended the North Metro Cable Commission meeting on April 15, 2026. Councilmember Hallberg stated he received an email inquiring about the status of Hidden Forest East Park. Mayor Kirkham stated that the Hidden Forest East Park improvements are coming soon.

11.2 Announcements and future agenda items

Mayor Kirkham stated the City Council recently approved the developments of South Shore Estates and South Shore Estates Second Addition and there are people that are concerned that the city has not adopted or updated the City Code with DNR Shoreland Ordinances since 1992. Mayor Kirkham stated that the Shoreland Ordinance will be reviewed by Engineer Krugler, Attorney Berglund, staff and the City Council. Attorney Berglund stated the developments of South Shore Estates and South Shore Estates Second Addition have already been approved and any future changes to the Shoreland Ordinance would not affect developments that have already been approved.

Councilmember Hallberg stated that he has seen complaints on social media regarding 4-Wheelers trespassing and driving on private property. Councilmember Hallberg stated that the city has a lenient code that allows residents to operate 4-Wheelers, Golf Carts, etc. on City Streets with a City Permit. Councilmember Hallberg stated that it is a privilege that residents are allowed to operate 4-Wheelers and Golf Carts on City streets with a city permit and would like to see residents follow the requirements of the city code.

Motion by Parranto, seconded by Hallberg, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:06 p.m. All present in favor, motion carried.


Dawnette Shimek, Deputy City Clerk