

# CITY OF HAM LAKE

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## CITY OF HAM LAKE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

The Ham Lake City Council met for a budget workshop meeting on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room 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, Mike Van Kirk, Al Parranto and Andrew Hallberg (arrived at 5:24 p.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Finance Director, Andrea Murff; City Administrator, Denise Webster; Fire Chief, Mike Raczkowski; and Public Works Superintendent, John Witkowski

### 1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Kirkham called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

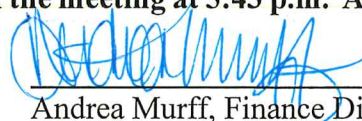
### 2.0 Discussion of the Proposed 2026 Budget and CIP Review

Finance Director Murff went over the Proposed 2026 General Fund Budget stating expenditures without transfers were going to increase 1.15 percent or \$67,690 from 2025 even after going through the budget and making cuts to the Fire Department, Public Works Department, and Parks Department and transfers would increase \$110,000 with the Revolving Street Fund increasing \$100,000 and the transfer to the Fire Department Equipment Fund increasing \$10,000. Finance Director Murff continued the most significant increase to the Budget was Anoka County Sheriff's Contract increasing \$115,155 to \$1,682,278, which includes a 0.5 FTE Investigator. Finance Director Murff also stated the Cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase presented this year for employees was 4.50 percent due to doing a comparison from surrounding Cities. Finance Director Murff then presented 3 options for the 2026 tax levy stating a 3.00 percent levy increase would require using \$195,463 of reserves to fund the budget, a 6.00 percent levy increase would require using \$1,589 of reserves, and a balanced budget would increase the levy to 6.02 percent and no reserves would be used to fund the budget. Finance Director Murff stated this was just preliminary estimates and that things may change from now to August and plans to do a more thorough budget presentation in August with how these levies would impact the tax capacity rate for the City. Mayor Kirkham requested to have a new 5-year plan done for roads by the next budget meeting. **It was the consensus of the City Council to keep the 4.50 percent Cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase for wages and to do a balanced budget for the preliminary budget, along as it does not go over the 6.02 percent levy.**

### 3.0 Discussion of the 2026 Law Enforcement Contract

The City Council discussed the 2026 Anoka County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Contract for 2026. **It was the consensus of the City Council to move forward with the 0.5 FTE Investigator option.**

**Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Parranto, to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.**

  
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Andrea Murff, Finance Director