

City of Excelsior
City Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday, July 20, 2026

106 Center Street, Excelsior, MN 55331 – Entrance is located on Center Street

6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ringate called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

Present: Mayor Ringate and Councilmembers Caron, O'Hanlon, Bildsoe, and Vogel.

Also Present: City Manager Luger, Assistant City Manager Lindberg, City Clerk Vokovan, City Engineer Dawley, and City Attorney Tolar.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bildsoe moved to approve the agenda. Vogel seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) June 15, 2026 Work Session Minutes

(b) June 15, 2026 City Council Minutes

Bildsoe moved approval of both sets of minutes. O'Hanlon seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

4. OPEN FORUM

This is the time for the public to speak. Open forum will be limited to one-half hour. No person may speak more than 5 minutes or more than once. Each subject will have a limit of 10 minutes. Council members may ask questions of the speaker. With the agreement of the Council, such matters taken up during the "Open Forum" may be scheduled on the current or future Agenda. Members of the public interested in speaking on an agenda item may direct a request to be recognized to the Mayor.

Teena Bolin, 723 Water Street expressed concerns about traffic and signage near The Waters.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS, QUESTIONS AND REPORTS

(a) Council Work Group Updates

O'Hanlon provided an update on the Mini Master Plan.

(b) Elections Update

Clerk Vokovan provided an elections update.

(c) Public Works Construction Updates

City Engineer Dawley provided a construction update.

(d) South Lake Minnetonka Police Department update

6. MEET EXCELSIOR

None.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Review Verified Claims under \$20,000 and Approve Verified Claims over \$20,000
- (b) Resolution 2026-38 Calling for Public Hearing on Assessment for 2022-2023 Street and Utility Improvements Project (MCES L20)
- (c) Second Reading and Approval of Ordinance No. 696 Amending City Ordinance, Appendix E, Section 24 Signs
- (d) Resolution 2026-37 Appointing Election Judges and Absentee Ballot Board for the 2026 State Primary and General Election
- (e) 2026 Goal Report – Second Quarter
- (f) May Financials
- (g) Second Quarter Gambling Report
- (h) FOG Ordinance (Rescheduled)
- (i) Division Street Watermain Lining Project – Approve Pay Voucher No. 1
- (j) Third and Center Street SUIP – Approve Pay Voucher No. 1
- (k) PNR Bench Donation – John “Punk” Seamans
- (l) PNR Bench Donation – Michael McNulty

O’Hanlon pulled item (d) Resolution 2026-37 relating to election judges.

Bildsoe commented on items (k) and (l) relating to the Park Bench Donations.

Bildsoe moved approval of the Consent Agenda. O’Hanlon seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

8. Public Hearings

- (a) Appeal of HPC Decision to Deny Site Alteration Permit for Partial Demolition of the Tonka Theatre Building, 26 Water Street.

Community Development Director Mullin addressed the Council on the project. The applicant Matt Mitthun and representatives addressed the Council. Mayor Ringate opened the public hearing.

Tom Ferris, owner of Lagos Tacos spoke in favor of the project.

Mike Slater, Co-owner of Lagos Tacos spoke in favor of the project.

Bruce Kelly, 165 Maple Street, spoke in favor of the project.

Bruce Noll, 214 1st street, spoke in favor of the project.

Ryan Sather, manager of Excelsior Shores, spoke in favor of the project.

Cindy Graham, 603 Lake Street, spoke in favor of the project.

Chad Babcock, 44 Center Street, spoke in favor of the project.

Sharon Dahlstrom, 233 Center, spoke in favor of the project.

Mayor Ringate closed the public hearing.

Bildsoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-39 “A Resolution Reversing the Heritage Preservation Commission’s Decision to Deny a Site Alteration Permit for the

Partial Demolition and Rear Wall Design of the Tonka Theater at 26 Water Street.” Vogel seconded.

The City Council discussed the motion and the potential findings of fact. Bildsoe moved to table the motion to approve Resolution 2026-39 until the August 17th City Council meeting and to have staff revise the Resolution 2026-39 with the findings of fact discussed. Vogel seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

- (b) Ordinance No. 697 Amending City Ordinance, Appendix E, Chapter 15, Section 15-4 Non-Conforming Structures to Clarify Definitions of “Expansion.”

Bildsoe moved to continue Ordinance No. 697 to the August 3rd City Council meeting. O’Hanlon seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

9. PETITIONS REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
None.

10. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
None.

11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
None.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None.

13. NEW BUSINESS
None.

14. ADJOURNMENT
Bildsoe moved to adjourn. O’Hanlon seconded. Motion carried 5/0. The City Council adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary Vokovan
City Clerk