



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City Hall—Central Place Room, 3989 Central Ave NE
Monday, February 02, 2026
6:00 PM

Mayor
Amáda Márquez Simula
Councilmembers
Connie Buesgens
Rachel James
Justice Spriggs
Laurel Deneen
City Manager
Aaron Chirpich

AGENDA

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

Members of the public who wish to attend may do so in-person, or by using Microsoft Teams Meeting at ID **244 591 441 962 9**, Passcode **GH63Mp9D**. For questions, please contact Administration at 763-706-3610.

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Columbia Heights City Council and Staff Norms.

While we are accountable to each other for these norms, the Mayor and City Manager will help us adhere to them with respectful reminders and reinforcement as needed.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

- 1. Group Ice Breaker: Share your best adventure or an adventure you are looking forward to having one day.**

Presenting Item: Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor

- 2. Update on Meter Reading and Responses. (15 Minutes)**

Presented by Joseph Kloiber, Finance Director

Staff requests that the City Council receive a presentation on the capabilities of the new meter reading system and its use by staff and customers. This will aid the City Council's understanding of the related customer policy under development by staff.

- 3. 2026 Events Schedule. (15 Minutes)**

Presented by Will Rottler, Communications & Engagement Coordinator

Staff want to inform the City Council of the events that are already scheduled for this year. Due to changes in staffing and funding, there could be additional opportunities for City events and partnerships.

- 4. Banners Along Central Ave NE/37th Ave NE/37th Place NE. (15 Minutes)**

Presented by Will Rottler, Communications & Engagement Coordinator

Staff are seeking feedback and guidance from the City Council regarding the design/placement of banners along Central Ave NE, 37th Ave NE, and 37th Place NE. Along

with the City banners, Staff would like direction regarding the Columbia Heights-Fridley Kiwanis Club banner program, and any other banner program a different community group would like to start.

5. Employee Recognition Program / Updates to Sunshine Fund. (10 Minutes)

Presented by Will Rottler, Communications & Engagement Coordinator / Sara Ion, City Clerk

Staff are seeking feedback regarding a new employee recognition program and updates to the City's Sunshine Fund. Following this conversation, Staff would like to have the City's Health & Wellness Committee weigh in on the potential changes.

6. Update On Metronet/T-Mobile Acquisition of USI. (10 Minutes)

Presented by: Jesse Hauf, IT Director

This is an informational item, and staff are not seeking any specific input.

7. Listening Session Follow-up and Collation Planning Update.

Presented by: Aaron Chirpich – City Manager

Staff are seeking feedback and direction regarding future action items and participation in the collation effort.

8. Assistant City Manager and Acting City Manager Planning. (10 Minutes)

Aaron Chirpich – City Manager

Staff requests a brief discussion and seeks feedback regarding the proposed management plan.

9. City Manager Follow-up Regarding Previous Work Session Topics. (15 Minutes)

Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager

10. Council Corner.

Presenting Item: Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor

Monthly Calendar Sharing

Monthly Event Notification, Attendance and Past Event Updates

Monthly Proclamations and Meeting Guests

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