

HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
6:30 pm

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
UNTIL THE START OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ADOPT AGENDA

III. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of National Digital Inclusion Alliance Trailblazer Award; Kivett
2. 2026 Legislative Priorities; Baker
3. Sustainability Update; Larson

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2026, Goal Setting Retreat Proceedings; Domeier
2. Approval of Minutes of February 2, 2026, Regular Meeting Proceedings; Domeier
3. Resolution Supporting Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant Application for Central Park and Execute an Agreement, if Approved; Gallagher
4. Resolution Accepting Gifts and Donations Received by the City in 2025; Bishop
5. Resolution Declaring Fire Ladder Truck as Surplus and Authorizing its Sale; Bishop
6. Resolution Closing Fund 229 and Transfer Balances; Bishop
7. Second Reading: Ordinance Amending the Development Code Allowing Large Day Cares as a Permitted Use in the IX-S Zone; Krzos

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

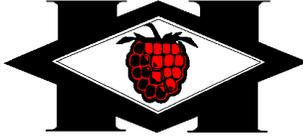
1. Resolution Affirming the City of Hopkins Mission Statement and Adopted the 2026 Goals and Strategic Plan for the City of Hopkins; Mornson

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next City Council Regular Meetings: Tuesday, March 3 and Monday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.

X. ADJOURN



CITY OF HOPKINS

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
Mike Mornson, City Manager

From: Beth Kivett, Activity Center Manager

Date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Presentation of National Digital Inclusion Alliance Trailblazer Award

PURPOSE

Accept the National Digital Inclusion Alliance Trailblazer Award.

INFORMATION

The [National Digital Inclusion Alliance](#) (NDIA) named the City of Hopkins as a [2025 Digital Inclusion Trailblazer](#), recognizing the City of Hopkins' work toward a vision where all community members can safely and confidently navigate the digital world.

Digital inclusion – access to affordable high-speed internet, devices, and digital skills – is essential to participating and thriving in today's world. Through community-driven and collaborative efforts Hopkins continues its work toward digital equity.

This year, the City of Hopkins joins 58 other Digital Inclusion Trailblazers paving the way for digitally inclusive communities across the US.

Trailblazers provide models for other local governments to aspire to as communities build digital inclusion ecosystems. The City of Hopkins achieved Trailblazer status by prioritizing digital inclusion for residents of their communities through:

- Officially declaring support for digital inclusion
- Hosting community conversations focused on meaningful engagement around digital inclusion
- Building on current skills training and access to devices
- Digital inclusion asset mapping

Along with this exciting award the Hopkins Digital Access Initiative was requested to speak at the National conference in Chicago Feb 3-5, 2026. Through the partnerships and support of NDIA Hopkins and ICA has already received a grant award for \$10,000 from 35 Mile Foundation to purchase 100 low-cost refurbished devices, hot spots and free Wi-Fi for 1-year. NDIA has also offered to provide an in-kind personalized Digital Navigator training worth \$10,000. The momentum and nation-wide support for Minnesota and Hopkins residents has given us a great step forward as we have quickly shifted from assessment into action.

Staff thanks our community partners and especially the HDAI Steering Committee:

- Connecting to Thrive
- Hopkins Activity Center
- Hopkins Library
- Hopkins Community Education
- ICA Food Shelf

Tonight staff will present the award to the City Council. For more information about the National Digital Inclusion Alliance, visit www.digitalinclusion.org.

FUTURE ACTION

The Hopkins Digital Access Initiative will give a comprehensive update at a future council meeting.



CITY OF HOPKINS

Administration

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
Mike Mornson, City Manager

From: David Baker, Program Specialist

Date: February 17, 2026

Subject: 2026 Legislative Priorities

PURPOSE

To provide an overview of the City's legislative agenda for 2026

INFORMATION

This year's legislative agenda remains much the same as the 2025 version, though there are some notable changes. The most significant of these is the removal of a bonding request for the proposed Recreation and Resilience Hub project due to a lack of matching funds. Additionally, the City did not renew its contract with Lockridge Grindal Nauen for lobbying services in 2026.

Other changes for 2026 include:

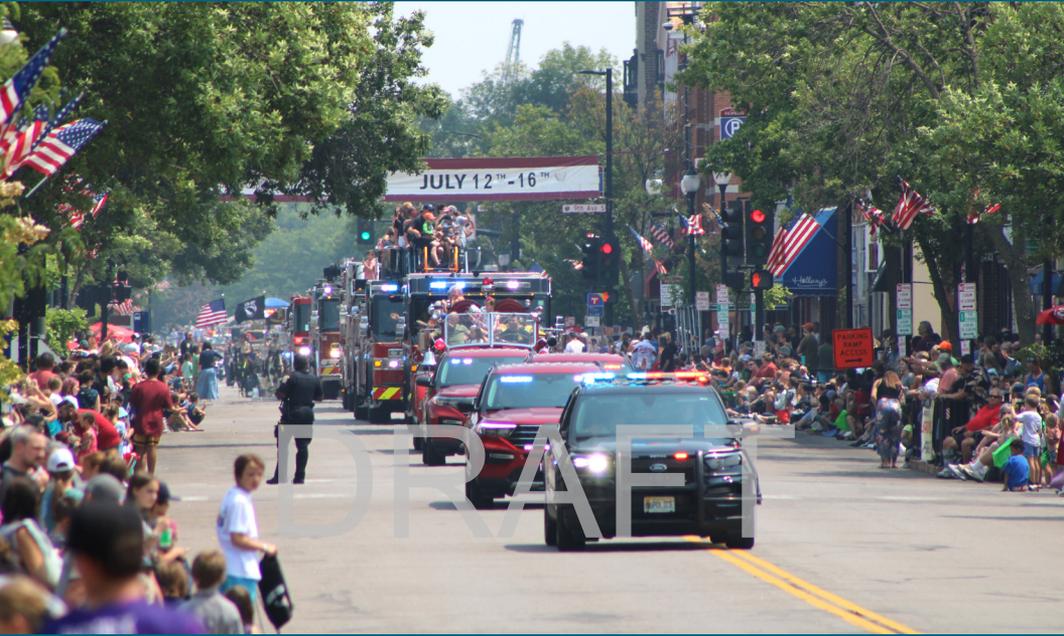
- Support for special legislation for Hopkins TIF District 1-6 to extend the 5-Year Rule
- An amendment to cannabis law that re-establishes revenue sharing with municipalities for administrative work on compliance
- Changes to electric vehicle law eliminating a requirement for a public charging operator's license and the \$100 per port inspection fee for retail electric vehicle supply equipment.

FUTURE ACTION

Staff will provide updates on the legislative session as needed.

City of Hopkins

2026 Legislative Agenda



About Hopkins

The City of Hopkins is a fully developed, dynamic urban community located five miles west of Minneapolis with a current population of approximately 19,079. Hopkins is demographically unique to the Twin Cities with 38% of the population identifying as non-white and 65% of residents in Hopkins renting their homes. The City is four-square miles, making it one of the densest communities in the metro area.

The METRO Green Line light rail extension is driving rapid population and housing growth. The Metropolitan Council forecasts that the population will be 21,000 by 2030 and 21,800 by 2040.

2026 Legislative Priorities

The City of Hopkins participates in the Municipal Legislative Commission, League of Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities, Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association and Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association and generally supports their legislative platforms. This legislative agenda is intended to advocate specifically for the community's residents and businesses, avoid duplication of services, and enable the city to govern itself.

Hopkins supports the following legislative priorities:

- **Redevelopment Tools**

The legislature should consider the expansion of redevelopment tools such as tax increment financing and tax abatement to help support development in cities. The City will be pursuing Special Legislation for Hopkins TIF District 1-6 to extend the 5-Year Rule.

- **Local Control**

The legislature should work to maintain local control for city planning and zoning matters, and be mindful of the unintended consequences that may occur through preemption of this control.

- **Cannabis**

The legislature should continue to support the preservation of local control measures within the current adult-use cannabis law, including local zoning authority and local registration authority of cannabis businesses. The legislature should amend cannabis law to re-establish revenue sharing with local municipalities for administering cannabis registration and compliance monitoring.

- **Tree Canopy & Emerald Ash Borer**

The legislature should continue to support funding which assists cities with tree removal and replacement in areas affected by invasive species to preserve urban canopies.

- **Local Sales Taxes**

The legislature should allow for a change in law to generally allow cities to enact a local sales tax for public improvements and capital replacement costs without requiring a special law authorization.

- **Electric Vehicles**

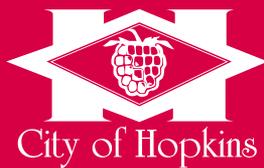
The legislature should pursue consistency in the method of sale, labeling, and advertising in support of consumers who utilize Minnesota's growing public charging network and eliminate the requirement for a public charging operator's license and the new annual \$100 inspection fee per port for retail electric vehicle supply equipment.

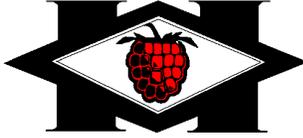
Other Legislative Priorities

- **SUPPORT** legislation to allow two-family and accessory dwelling units by-right, but retain local autonomy in the development and approval of official controls.
- **SUPPORT** tax preferences to assist developers in converting underutilized commercial properties to residential properties and Conversion of Underutilized Buildings Tax Credit (CUB).
- **SUPPORT** legislation prohibiting housing discrimination against Section 8 and other rental assistance voucher holders.
- **SUPPORT** legislation to stiffen penalties to include mandatory minimum sentences for fleeing in a motor vehicle and modify the law governing the use of tracking devices on fleeing vehicles.
- **SUPPORT** legislation that would increase penalties for violent felons in possession of firearms and for straw purchases and illegal sales of firearms from licensed gun dealers.
- **SUPPORT** legislation that prohibits prosecutors' offices and law enforcement agencies from declaring something legal in their jurisdiction that state or local laws state is illegal.
- **OPPOSE** any legislation that would eliminate or reduce the ability to use State Aid funds for local projects, including lane reductions.
- **SUPPORT** legislation that would designate all solid waste taxes to the state's SCORE fund to support sustainability efforts.
- **OPPOSE** any legislation that attempts to remove or alter building codes and regulations that ensure residential safety and monitor proposed group home legislation impacting fire safety and access.
- **SUPPORT** legislation which allow local governments to set standards for EMS services in their communities.
- **SUPPORT** legislation allocating funding to local jurisdictions for staffing and equipment to support public safety measures related to the light rail.
- **SUPPORT** legislation establishing a Right to Cooling Standard for Minnesotans that is equitable for NOAA property owners.

For questions or more information, please contact
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CITY OF HOPKINS

Engineering

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
Mike Mornson, City Manager

From: Mikala Larson, Sustainability Specialist

Date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Sustainability Update

PURPOSE

Staff will present the yearly update on sustainability initiatives and accomplishments across departments. The update will encompass recent efforts and awards, grant tracking, and updates on ongoing initiatives. This is for information only; no action is needed.

INFORMATION

Recent Efforts

Hopkins Climate Solutions Plan

The City's climate action and resilience plan, the Hopkins Climate Solutions Plan, was adopted at the August 4, 2025 City Council meeting. The Plan was developed using grant funds from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and leveraged consultant and staff expertise, community stakeholder input, elected official direction, and data from a range of agencies, including at the local, regional, and state levels.

The Hopkins Climate Solutions Plan establishes goals for greenhouse gas emission reduction, in line with county, state and international targets:

1. Reduce emissions by 50% by 2030 (from 2019 levels)
2. Achieve carbon neutrality by 2050

The Hopkins Climate Solutions Plan includes goals for increasing community resilience:

1. Strengthen infrastructure to withstand the stresses and shocks of climate hazards
2. Improve emergency preparedness for all community members
3. Enhance environmental and energy resilience
4. Foster community connections and well-being

The development of the Plan resulted in over 300 community members engaging with climate and sustainability conversations, three community storytellers who crafted and shared their personal climate stories with the community and continue to do so, and the Hopkins Climate Champions, a group of engaged Hopkins residents who self-organized to foster conversations around sustainability and engage in sustainability efforts in the community. Engagement efforts prioritized underserved or disadvantaged communities, through locating events in environmental justice areas of concern and urban heat island

areas in the community, engaging youth, seniors, and low-income residents, and engaging a majority of community members living in multifamily buildings.

To accomplish the goals, a five-year workplan is included in the Plan. Through the community engagement process, five vision elements were identified as the most important elements to the community. The workplan is organized around these vision elements, and goes on to outline targets, objectives, and actions that support the larger goals of the Plan. The vision elements are:

1. Clean Air
2. Green City
3. Active & Connected Lifestyles
4. Zero Waste & Sustainable Living
5. Resilience to Hazards

This Plan will be implemented over the next five years. Staff will share annual updates including progress towards the targets, and resources for community members to remain actively engaged. Achieving the 2030 targets will prepare the City of Hopkins to meet longer-term goals.

Sustainability staff submitted a nomination to the American Planning Association's Award for Sustainability Excellence, recognizing the Hopkins Climate Solutions Plan. Staff are awaiting feedback from the review committee.

EV Infrastructure Needs and Location Assessment

The City of Hopkins is participating in free technical assistance from Great Plains Institute, provided by SRF, to complete an EV infrastructure needs and location assessment. This project is in progress and expected to be completed by April 2026.

Local Road and Research Board Technical Advisory Panel

Sustainability staff participated in the Technical Advisory Panel for the MN Local Road and Research Board's EV Charging Best Practices report. The report was published in October 2025 and covers EV planning and policies, charger siting and design, case studies, and more. The report is intended to be used by local governments across the state to expand and improve electric vehicle charging.

Pumpkin Smash

The City of Hopkins hosted its first Pumpkin Smash event, creating an opportunity for residents to responsibly discard their pumpkins after Halloween and the fall season. 1,900 pumpkins were collected then delivered to a Minnesotan farm to be used as animal feed for about 230 farm animals.

Recent Awards

Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze Status

In 2025, the City of Hopkins renewed its application to retain bronze status as a Bicycle Friendly Community with the League of American Bicyclists. Bicycle Friendly America is a program that welcomes bicyclists by reviewing community bicycle networks and encouraging convenient and safe conditions for bicyclists through the 5 Es: engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation. The program provides opportunities for Hopkins to continue to be a vibrant destination for residents and visitors while encouraging sustainable transportation that reduces congestion while improving air quality and community health.

GreenStep Cities

City of Hopkins joined the GreenStep Cities program in 2010, and has achieved the highest level of recognition, Step 5, consecutively the past few years. In order to maintain this designation, the City reports on all required metrics, and improves in three or more Step 5-eligible metrics. GreenStep Cities reporting is changing for the 2025 reporting year, and Sustainability staff is evaluating how to align GreenStep reporting requirements with targets from the Hopkins Climate Solutions Plan.

Tree City USA Community

The City of Hopkins has been a recognized Tree City USA community since 1991. Tree City USA is a program which recognizes the City for ongoing efforts related to expanding and maintaining the tree canopy. Participation in Tree City USA requires the community to celebrate Arbor Day annually with a proclamation and celebration. The 2025 Arbor Day celebration centered around a tree planting at Alice Smith School during the school day, with a community-wide program later in the day.

Sustainability Staff Recognized as Rookie of the Year

The Sustainability Specialist was presented with the City of Hopkins Rookie of the Year award in 2025 for outstanding performance and dedicated service, alongside Angela Duchene in the Police Department.

Grant Tracking

In 2025, staff applied for over \$530,000 in grant funding from state, county, regional, and non-profit entities. Staff was awarded just over \$180,000 to complete proposed projects.

Department of Commerce Solar on Public Buildings

City of Hopkins was awarded two grants from the Department of Commerce Solar on Public Buildings grant. One grant will support the installation of a solar system at the Water Treatment Plant, which was recently completed, and one grant will support the installation of a solar system at Cottageville Park. The Water Treatment Plant is a ground-mounted solar array, while the Cottageville Park system is roof-mounted.

Hennepin County Organics Drop-Off

The City of Hopkins received a grant to implement an organics drop-off location at Downtown Park. This site will offer multifamily residents the option to recycle organics within close proximity to their home, ideally removing the need to drive to access organics recycling. Organics recycling is the collection of food scraps and compostable and paper products. The site is expected to open in May 2026.

Metropolitan Council Water Efficiency Grant

Sustainability staff has administered 69 water efficiency rebates to Hopkins applicants, totaling nearly \$14,000 in rebates paid out. Rebates are available for eligible products, like Water Sense and Energy Star certified toilets, clothes washers, dishwashers, showerheads, irrigation sprinkler body, irrigation system audit or irrigation system controllers until June 2026. This program is funded in partnership with the Metropolitan Council and the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

MPCA Local Climate Action Grant Implementation Electric Bicycle Incentive

Using grant funds from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, sustainability staff opened the Electric Bicycle Incentive Program and has processed 60 applications to the

program, with \$49,000 applied for and just over \$20,000 in rebates paid to date. Staff is accepting waitlist applications. Many applicants share they would like to purchase an e-bike because they don't own a car, to cut down on a car at their household, to commute to work or to run errands, for mobility reasons, or for leisure riding with family.

MPCA Local Climate Action Grant Implementation Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Municipal Operations

The City of Hopkins was awarded a grant to install LED lighting and solar lights along 11th Avenue South and in public spaces, including Valley Park, the trail north of Mainstreet, and at the yard waste site. This grant creates an opportunity for the City to pilot solar lighting in currently unlit public spaces in the community.

MPCA Local Climate Action Grant Planning and Implementation Applications

The 2025 Minnesota Legislature set aside funds for local climate action grants to help communities across Minnesota reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate change. Staff applied for both an implementation grant and planning grant under the program. The implementation project application requested nearly \$50,000 to provide two end-of-trip facilities for bicyclists and scooter riders, and 26 e-bike rebates across income-qualified and non-income qualified applicants. The planning project application requested nearly \$50,000 to create a carbon neutrality roadmap by conducting building audits across municipal facilities, to guide staff for implementing more efficient and electrification equipment. The City will be notified of award status later in the year.

Ongoing Initiatives

Community Engagement

In 2025, City staff from Engineering, Public Works, and Planning departments engaged over 1,000 community members in climate-related conversations across 41 community events, tabling opportunities, organization's meetings, and Hopkins Climate Solutions Plan engagement sessions.

Heat Vulnerability Study

The Heat Vulnerability Study was funded by a grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and assessed the climate vulnerability of properties along both the Blake Road and Excelsior Boulevard corridors. These areas are currently identified by the Metropolitan Council as areas which are extremely vulnerable to extreme heat and have less than the ideal tree canopy. The City, in partnership with LHB and Local Climate Solutions, developed and shared an online tool that documents the Heat Vulnerability Study including existing conditions, community sourced recommendations, and solutions leveraged by similar communities experiencing the same conditions. City staff continue to utilize the findings from the Heat Vulnerability Study to make decisions about programs, educate community members, and apply for grant funding.

Hennepin County SCORE Multifamily Funding

Hennepin County receives funding from the state's Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment (SCORE) for the development and implementation of waste reduction and recycling programs. SCORE funds are based on revenue received by the State of Minnesota from the solid waste management tax (SWMT) on garbage services and are subject to change based on the SWMT revenue received by the state and funds allocated by the legislature. The City of Hopkins opted-in to receive Hennepin County SCORE Multifamily funding. The funds received will enable City staff to conduct

education and provide recycling and organics resources to residents and property owners at multifamily properties.

Hopkins Climate Solutions Fund

The Hopkins Climate Solutions Fund (HCSF) was established in 2023, driven by inquiries from residents and businesses regarding incentive opportunities for sustainable improvements such as solar, EV infrastructure and energy system improvements, and direction from City Council to develop a green cost share program for sustainable property improvements. Staff worked with local consultant, Local Climate Solutions, to develop an equity-centered program that focuses on providing incentives for items which are likely to have the greatest impact on greenhouse gas mitigation and improving resiliency. The program aligns with existing rebates from utilities, non-profits, and other entities.

City Council budgeted \$125,000 for the program in 2025, with around \$71,000 being paid out in rebates. 73 applications were received for the program across income-qualified residential, non-income qualified residential, and commercial applicants.

12 projects are available for income-qualified residential and residential applicants, including a Home Energy Squad Planner visit, insulation and air sealing, electric panel upgrade, cold climate air source heat pump system, heat pump or tankless water heater, solar energy system, or a solar battery backup system. There are five eligible projects available for commercial projects including LED lighting upgrades, solar energy system, solar battery backup, or Level 2 electric vehicle charging equipment. Renters are eligible to apply for the program, but need property owner approval on all project applications, except for electric bicycles.

Sustainability staff has presented about the program at two national conferences: the Midwest Climate Resilience Conference in October 2025, and at the Urban Sustainability Directors Network Annual Conference in October 2024. Staff has held an annual contractor breakfast in partnership with the cities of Edina, Minneapolis, and St. Louis Park to educate contractors about the respective green cost share programs and promote the programs.

HOURCAR

In 2024, the City began hosting two HOURCAR EVie vehicles at it's public housing building, Dow Towers, which provides low-income residents with access to electric car sharing at a reduced cost. The HOURCAR program continued in 2025.

Partners In Energy

City staff continue to collaborate with Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy Program (PiE) to implement community-defined goals from the Energy Action Plan (EAP), adopted by City Council in May 2024. City staff engaged with residents, businesses, and property owners at the Hopkins Activity Center, Fire Department Open House, Hopkins Library, and Hopkins Apartment Managers Association (HAMA) to encourage energy efficiency audits and appliance/equipment rebate programs that reduce energy use and utility costs.

In 2025 the city partnered with Home Energy Squad, which conducted 59 visits to help Hopkins' residents save on energy bills, including installing LED lighting, weather-stripping, smart thermostats, and high-efficiency water fixtures.

To support energy equity goals in the EAP, city staff worked with PiE on a letter from the Mayor which was sent to 422 Low-Income Residential Classification (LIRC) residents and eight LIRC property owners and property managers to encourage participation in the Multifamily Building Efficiency (MFBE) Program, provide renter friendly opportunities to reduce utility costs, and advertise free LED lighting kits available at City Hall.

In December 2025 Hopkins became a graduate of the PiE program. Since 2022, electricity use is down 13% in Hopkins and renewable energy participation already exceeds the EAPs goal. City staff will continue outreach on energy efficiency, renewable energy, electric vehicle programs and resources to engage local businesses and residents and avoid 40% of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions by 2028.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning

In fall 2025, Hopkins executed a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) contract from the Federal Highway Administration to develop a comprehensive Safety Action Plan to incorporate a new era of travel behavior with light rail and update the City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. A variety of community engagement activities and events seeking to understand the community's needs, opportunities and barriers to traveling safely in Hopkins will be coming soon! The Safety Action Plan's recommendations and implementation strategy will serve as a roadmap to guide staff on funding opportunities and design recommendations that increase safety for all modes of travel in Hopkins. Pedestrian and bike rider engagement to promote sustainable transportation in Hopkins occurred at the Twin Cities Bike Ride and Fire Department Open House to continue the pursuit of external funding from the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) in 2025 and future Regional Solicitation Program in 2026, to add a grade-separate bicycle facility to 17th Avenue when it gets reconstructed.

Shared Micromobility Programming

In 2025, staff from the cities of Hopkins, Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, Saint Paul, and the University of Minnesota issued a request for applications for shared micromobility providers. Spin and Lime were selected to provide shared scooters and bicycles for rental with all parties that are part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Staff secured a contract with Spin which provided 295 rides across the city for a total trip distance of 428.8 miles and an average of 1.8 miles traveled per trip. Spin noted it was a challenging year to supply Hopkins with the number of devices that it intended due to supply chain and tariff constraints. Staff will continue to monitor and partner with MOU parties to look for opportunities to bring more shared micromobility service to Hopkins in 2026.

Sustainable Building Policy

To support Hopkins' Energy Action Plan goal to encourage energy efficient development and ensure high quality housing, the City adopted a sustainable building policy on April 15, 2025. The policy establishes minimum sustainability criteria to reduce pollution and conserve resources to hold new development to higher sustainability and energy efficiency standards. Compliance is required if the new construction or redevelopment project includes 20 or more residential units and/or 10,000 square feet of non-residential space AND receives special land use approvals OR receives more than \$300,000 in local funding sources that trigger the policy. In addition to delivering on goals contained in the Hopkins 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the City Council's

Strategic Action Plan, this policy also enables the City's success in leveraging new development to advance sustainability by negotiating for sustainable project elements through the Planned Unit Development (PUD) process. In 2025 the City receive the first PUD application that triggers the policy. Footprint Development's first phase at 501 Mainstreet was approved to provided Passive House certified housing units with 100% electric appliances, heat pump heating and cooling systems, triple pane windows, onsite rooftop solar, two electric vehicle charging stalls, transit passes, bike storage and trailers for residents and a car optional lifestyle that increases comfort and resilience while reducing energy and transportation costs for residents in Hopkins.

Additional Capacity

City staff is exploring opportunities to expand staff capacity in 2026 to maintain a high level of service while implementing existing and future initiatives.

FUTURE ACTION

Staff will continue implementing initiatives and is seeking feedback on the above programs and any further direction on sustainability programs and initiatives.

**HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF RETREAT PROCEEDINGS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025**

ATTENDANCE

Present for the Hopkins City Council and Staff Retreat 2026 were the following: Mayor Hanlon, Council Members Garrido, Goodlund, Hunke and Kuznia, City Manager Mornson, Assistant City Manager Casella, Finance Director Bishop, Director of Public Works Pavsek, Police Chief Johnson, Fire Chief Wenshau, Planning and Economic Development Director Elverum, Recreation Director O'Dea, City Clerk Domeier and Chad Weinstein with Ethical Leaders in Action, LLC.

Welcome

Mayor Hanlon welcomed the team to the retreat. City Manager Mornson provided information on the proposed agenda.

X Marks the Spot

Facilitator Chad Weinstein directed participants to place a dot on a Hopkins map, then describe a spot that has special meaning for them in the city.

Year in Review

City Manager Mornson presented achievements of the past year, including progress on strategic priorities.

Budget Outlook and Discussion

Finance Director Bishop provided an overview of the budget outlook. Facilitator Weinstein questioned what are the City's core needs and related expenses, high-value additions, and strategic investments? What are the budgetary implications of "needs" and "wants?" Candid conversations were held about past budget preparation and setting the tone for future budget meetings.

Development Update and Discussion

Director of Planning and Development Elverum provided progress on various projects and properties.

Discussion: The Infinite Game and Hopkins Growth

Discussion of the ideas presented in the assigned video by Simon Sinek, and its implications for how Hopkins can continue to thrive.

Brainstorm: Development and Other Big Ideas

Discussion: Civility Policy and Council Logistics

City Manager Mornson provided information about the proposed Code of Conduct. Facilitator Weinstein questioned should we implement a Civility Policy to guide interactions for elected and appointed officials? Discussion of how council meetings are functioning, and what is working/what could be improved in council-staff cooperation. The City Council preferred to review the current communications policy and pause the Code of Conduct discussions.

**HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF RETREAT PROCEEDINGS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025**

Discussion: Goals and Hopes for the Year

Using the current strategic priorities and the ideas generated earlier in the afternoon and strategic plans moving forward.

Closing Exercise

Sharing of what everyone learned. The day concluded with a summary exercise.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Domeier, City Clerk

**HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Hopkins City Council was held on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1010 1st Street South.

Mayor Hanlon called the meeting to order with Council Members Garrido, Hunke and Kuznia attending. Council Member Goodlund was absent. Others attending included City Manager Mornson, City Clerk Domeier, Program Specialist Baker, Finance Director Bishop, and Director of Planning and Development Elverum, Police Chief Johnson and City Planner Krzos.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Hanlon announced the addition of a second New Business item for the Emergency Rental Assistance – ICA item.

Motion by Garrido. **Second** by Kuznia.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda with the Addition of New Business item Emergency Rental Assistance -ICA item.

Ayes: Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke, Kuznia

Nays: None. Absent: Goodlund. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

III.1. Proclamation Celebrating Black History Month; Baker

Program Specialist Baker summarized City Council Report 2026-013.

Motion by Hunke. **Second** by Garrido.

Motion to Adopt a Proclamation celebrating February as Black History Month in Hopkins.

Ayes: Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke, Kuznia

Nays: None. Absent: Goodlund. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Garrido. **Second** by Kuznia.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes of January 6, 2026, Regular Meeting Proceedings; Domeier
2. Approval of Livable Communities Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council and Authorize Staff to Execute Sub-Grant Agreement with 501 Mian Street LLC; Needham
3. Resolution Supporting Footprint Development LLC's Application to Hennepin County Transit Oriented Communities Grant Program; Needham
4. Resolution Approving the 2026-2028 Residential Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Agreement with Hennepin County; Pavak
5. Ratify Checks Issued in January, 2026; Bishop

**HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

**Ayes: Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke, Kuznia
Nays: None. Absent: Goodlund. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

VII.1. First Reading: Ordinance Amending the Hopkins Development Code Allowing Large Day Cares as a Permitted Use in the IX-S Zone: Krzos

City Planner Krzos summarized City Council Report 2026-012. Creek Valley Properties LLC requested Development Code Text amendment to allow, as a permitted use, large day cares in the IX-S, Employment Mix Suburban Center zone.

Motion by Garrido. **Second** by Hunke.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2026-005 approving a first reading of Ordinance 2026-1233 Amending the Development Code to Allow, as a Permitted Use, Large Day Cares in the IX-S Zone.

**Ayes: Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke, Kuznia
Nays: None. Absent: Goodlund. Motion carried.**

VII.2. Emergency Rental Assistance – ICA; Elverum

Director of Planning and Development Elverum summarized City Council Report 2026-015. Hopkins began receiving LAHA funds from the State of Minnesota in 2025 and has received \$641,916 in LAHA funds to date. While we are in the process of hiring a consultant to advise on the most impactful use of LAHA and Housing Trust Fund dollars, the need for housing assistance is at a critical stage and cannot wait for the study to be completed. Staff recommends an allocation of \$50,000 to serve Hopkins' families for up to 3 months per eligible household. With this action, it is estimated that between 10 and 30 Hopkins' households will be assisted.

Motion by Hunke. **Second** by Kuznia.

Motion to approve \$50,000 in Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) for emergency rental assistance and support for Intercongregation Communities Association (ICA) and authorize staff to enter into an agreement for services.

**Ayes: Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke, Kuznia
Nays: None. Absent: Goodlund. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marti Priest, 110 12th Avenue North, Hopkins, provided public comment on City leadership and ICE operations in Hopkins.

Rachel MD Carlyle, Meadowcreek Condominiums, Hopkins, provided public comment on City leadership and ICE operations in Hopkins.

Brianna Tucker, Ovation Apartments, Hopkins, provided public comment on City leadership and ICE operations in Hopkins.

**HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL
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FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

Mathias Rechtzigel, 206 Harrison Avenue, Hopkins, provided public comment on City leadership and ICE operations in Hopkins.

Emma, 230 Althea Lane, Hopkins, provided public comment on City leadership and ICE operations in Hopkins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hanlon shared information on the collaboration of neighboring cities related to ICE activities in Minnesota along with the City Council meeting schedule. Council Member Garrido shared a statement on ICE operations in Minnesota.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, and upon motion by Kuznia, second by Hunke, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Domeier, City Clerk



CITY OF HOPKINS

City Council Report 2026-017

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
Mike Mornson, City Manager

From: Sam Gallagher – Associate Planner

Date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Resolution of Support for the City's Application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant program for Central Park

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOTION TO adopt Resolution 2026-007 supporting the City's application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant program for the Central Park.

OVERVIEW

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Outdoor Recreation Grant program provides matching funding to local units of government for the redevelopment of local parks and recreation areas to enhance outdoor recreation facilities throughout the state. Eligible expenses for the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant program for Central Park include internal park trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and athletic facilities. DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant projects must include an eligible recreation facility, such as playgrounds, sports fields and trails in the Central Park Master Plan, and have a total project cost of at least \$100,000.

The DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Program funds come from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and from the state lottery proceeds and additional state Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund dollars. The DNR will announce preliminary grant awards in the summer of 2026.

The City of Hopkins seeks \$350,000 in matching funding from the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant program to support the internal park trails, playground and athletic facilities which are to be replaced as part of the redesign efforts at Central Park.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- Resolution 2026-007

**CITY OF HOPKINS
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION 2026-007

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR CENTRAL
PARK AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT, IF APPROVED.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Hopkins act as legal sponsor for the project contained in the Outdoor Recreation Grant application to be submitted on February 27, 2026, and that Ryan Krzos is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Natural Resources for funding of this project on behalf of the City of Hopkins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant maintains an adequate Conflict of Interest Policy and, throughout the term of the contract, will monitor and report any actual or potential conflicts of interest to the State, upon discovery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Hopkins has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and it has the financial capability to meet the match requirement (if any) and ensure adequate construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of the proposed project for its design life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Hopkins has not incurred any development costs and has not entered into a written purchase agreement to acquire the property described in the Cost Breakdown section on this application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Hopkins has or will acquire fee title or permanent easement over all the land described in the boundary map or recreational site plan included in the application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon approval of its application by the State, the City of Hopkins may enter into an agreement with the State for the above-referenced project, and that the City of Hopkins certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the grant agreement including dedicating the park property for uses consistent with the funding grant program into perpetuity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Manager or their designee is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant.

I CERTIFY THAT the above resolution was adopted by the City Council of Hopkins on February 17, 2026.

By:

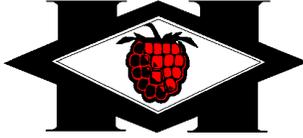
Patrick Hanlon, Mayor

Date: 2/17/2026

ATTEST:

Amy Domeier, City Clerk

Date: 2/17/2026



Finance Department

CITY OF HOPKINS

City Council Report 2026-018

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
Mike Mornson, City Manager

From: Nick Bishop, Finance Director

Date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Accept 2025 Gifts and Donations

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOTION TO adopt Resolution 2026-008 Accepting Gifts and Donations Received by the City in 2025.

OVERVIEW

Minnesota State Statute 465.03 requires that the City Council officially accept gifts to the City through a resolution. The attached resolution includes all gifts and donations received throughout 2025, totaling \$40,607.51.

Certain gifts and donations are reflected in the annual budget due to their recurring nature. Acceptance of additional gifts or donations may result in additional or offsetting expenditures. Acceptance of 2025 Gifts and Donations will not create any additional long-term costs or expenditures for the City.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- Resolution 2026-008 Accepting Gifts and Donations Received by the City in 2025

**CITY OF HOPKINS
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION 2026-008

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFTS AND DONATIONS
RECEIVED BY THE CITY IN 2025**

WHEREAS, MN Statute 465.03 requires that cities accept donations for the benefit of its residents in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor; and

WHEREAS, MN Statute 465.03 requires that all gifts and donations be accepted only with the adoption of a resolution of the governing body by two-thirds of its members; and

WHEREAS, additional revenues received may require the City to incur additional expenditures in order to comply with restricted donations; and

WHEREAS, the City has received the following gifts and donations during 2025:

Donor	Amount	Designated Use
Anonymous	1,150.50	Arts Center
Depot Gala Silent Auction	310.77	Depoty Youth Advisory Board
Donations through ActiveNet Registration	13,830.26	Activity Center
Donations through AudienceView Ticketing	840.00	Arts Center
Friends of HCA	17,000.00	Arts Center
Fundraising	5,931.98	Activity Center
Sonus Interiors	500.00	Depot Youth Advisory Board
Payroll Contributions	314.00	Activity Center
Payroll Contributions	240.00	Depot
Payroll Contributions	490.00	Arts Center

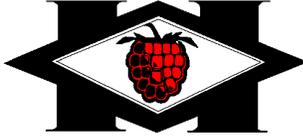
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the gifts and donations are hereby officially accepted by City Council with acknowledgement and gratitude to the donors.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hopkins this 17th day of February, 2026.

By: _____
Patrick Hanlon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Domeier, City Clerk



Finance Department
Fire Department

CITY OF HOPKINS

City Council Report 2026-019

To: Honorable Chair and Board Members
Mike Mornson, City Manager

From: Nick Bishop, Finance Director
Mike Wenshau, Fire Chief

Date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Declare Fire Ladder Truck as Surplus and Authorize Its Sale

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOTION TO approve Resolution 2026-009 Declaring Fire Ladder Truck as Surplus and Authorizing its Sale

OVERVIEW

On October 21, 2025 City Council approved the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (Safer Grant) supporting the Fire Department's transition to a full-staffing model. After implementing this staffing model the City will no longer need Ladder #9 (a 2008 Pierce Arrow XT Aerial Ladder Truck).

Staff proposes to sell Ladder #9 through a public auction and will use a reserve or minimum bid. Proceeds from the sale will be used to:

1. Purchase a smaller rescue apparatus to serve as a cost-effective secondary response
2. To limit the tax levy impacts of the Safer Grant and full-time staffing model

New fire trucks are currently in demand and any new orders have multiple year wait times. Staff believe market conditions are favorable for a public auction.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- Resolution #2026-009

**CITY OF HOPKINS
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION 2026-009

**DECLARE FIRE LADDER TRUCK AS SURPLUS
AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE**

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Hopkins, Minnesota has been advised by staff that Ladder #9 (a 2008 Pierce Arrow XT Aerial Ladder Truck) is no longer needed for current or future municipal operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

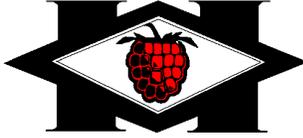
1. The council declares Ladder #9 as surplus.
2. The council authorizes disposal of said property through public auction.
3. Proceeds of the sale will be reserved for:
 - a. The purchase of a smaller rescue apparatus to serve as a cost-effective secondary response
 - b. To limit the tax levy impacts of the City's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant and full-time staffing model in the Fire Department.
4. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.054, the property will not be sold to a city officer or employee.
5. The sale shall be final and the property is to be sold in "as-is" condition.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hopkins this 17th day of February, 2026.

By: _____
Patrick Hanlon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Domeier, City Clerk



Finance Department

CITY OF HOPKINS

City Council Report 2026-020

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
Mike Mornson, City Manager

From: Nick Bishop, Finance Director

Date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Resolution to Close Fund 229 and Transfer Balances

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOTION TO Approve Resolution No. 2026-010 to Close Fund 229 and Transfer Balances

OVERVIEW

The City of Hopkins maintains a fund accounting system which separates funds according to their sources and uses. A separate fund is created for each new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. TIF District 2-9, Oaks of Main (Fund 229) has been decertified and all obligations have been met. Staff is recommending the transfer of \$5,339 from the Economic Development Fund (204) to eliminate the deficit fund balance and close the fund. Transfers between funds require City Council approval.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- Resolution No. 2024-037 Close Obsolete Funds and Transfer Balances

**CITY OF HOPKINS
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION 2026-10

CLOSE FUND 229 AND TRANSFER BALANCES

WHEREAS, The City of Hopkins maintains a fund accounting system that separates funds according to their source and use ; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create certain Fund Accounts from time to time as the need arises, and to close certain Accounts as those needs disappear; and

WHEREAS, there is no longer a need to maintain Fund 229 for TIF District 2-9, Oaks of Main; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to transfer money to closed funds within the City's account structure in order to eliminate deficit fund balances that currently exist,

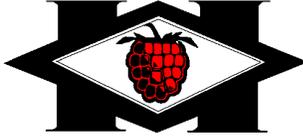
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Hopkins hereby authorizes a transfer of \$5,339 from Fund 204 (Economic Development Fund) to Fund 229.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hopkins this 17th day of February, 2026.

By: _____
Patrick Hanlon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Domeier, City Clerk



CITY OF HOPKINS

City Council Report 2026-016

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
Mike Mornson, City Manager

From: Ryan Krzos, City Planner

Date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Development Code to Allow, as a Permitted Use, Large Day Cares in the IX-S Zone

RECOMMENDATION

MOTION TO adopt for second reading Ordinance 2026-1233, Amending the Development Code to Allow, as a Permitted Use, Large Day Cares in the IX-S Zone.

REQUEST

The proposed Ordinance would allow large day cares as a permitted use within the IX-S Zone. The Ordinance is unchanged from the first reading conducted at the February 2, 2026 City Council meeting. Approval of a second reading of the proposed Ordinance is the next step in the process to officially adopt the regulations.

NEXT STEPS

If approved for a second reading, the Ordinance will be published in the City's official paper, as is required to make it effective.

**CITY OF HOPKINS
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1233

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOPKINS DEVELOPMENT CODE ALLOWING
LARGE DAY CARES AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE IX-S ZONE**

SECTION 2. Article 5, Section 102-510 (a), Table 5-1 is hereby amended by adding the double-underlined language, as follows:

	ZONES																	Reference	
	MX-TOD	MX-D	MX-N	MX-S	RX-TOD	RX-D	RX-N	IX-TOD	ITOD	IX-S	I1	M1, N2	N3-A	N3-B	NX1	NX2	P1		P2
RESIDENTIAL																		<u>102-530</u>	
Household Living, 1 unit	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	
Household Living, 2 units	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	●	-	-	
Household Living, 3–4 units	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	-	
Household Living, 5+ units	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	-	-	
Manufactured Home Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	○	○	○	-	-	
Group Living (except as below)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	○	-	-	
Residential Facility, Small	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	<u>102-580 (h)</u>
Residential Facility, Large	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	○	-	-	<u>102-580 (h)</u>
COMMERCIAL																		<u>102-540</u>	
Adult-Oriented Business	-	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Animal Boarding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Consumer Service	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	
Day Care, Adult	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	○	○	-	●	
Day Care, Small	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	
Day Care, Large	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	<u>●</u>	-	-	-	-	○	○	-	-	
Entertainment Venue, Large	-	-	-	●	-	●	-	●	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	●	
Funeral & Mortuary Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Lodging (except as below)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Short-Term Rental	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	○	○	○	○	○	-	-	<u>102-580 (h)</u>
Office	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>102-580 (d)</u>
Personal Credit Establishment	○	-	-	○	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>102-580 (g)</u>
Retail & Entertainment (except as below)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	
Brewpub	-	●	●	●	-	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>102-580 (a)</u>

Firearms Sales Establishment	-	-	-	○	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102-580 (b)
Liquor Sales, Off-Sale	●	●	●	●	◐	◐	◐	◐	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102-580 (e)
Tobacco Sales Establishment	●	●	●	●	◐	◐	◐	◐	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102-580 (i)
Self-Service Storage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	-	-	○	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102-580 (l)
Vehicle Sales & Service (except as below)	-	-	-	○	-	-	-	-	○	○	○	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102-580 (n)
Major Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	○	○	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102-580 (n)
MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRY																		102-550	
Manufacturing, Artisan	●	●	●	●	◐	◐	◐	◐	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Manufacturing, Limited	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
High-Impact Industry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Urban Farm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	●	-	102-580 (l)
Warehousing & Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CIVIC & INSTITUTIONAL																		102-560	
College	◐	◐	◐	◐	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	
Community Assembly	◐	◐	◐	◐	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	
Cultural Facility	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	
Community Garden	●	-	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	102-580 (c)
Detention or Correctional Facility	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	
Hospital	-	-	-	-	○	○	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	
Parks and Open Space	-	-	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	-	-	-	-	●	●	102-580 (f)
School	◐	◐	◐	◐	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	
Utilities & Services, Minor	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	102-580 (m)
Utilities & Services, Major	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	102-580 (m)
OTHER																		102-570	
Wireless Communication Facility																		102-580 (o)	
Tower	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102-580 (o)
Cannabis Businesses																			
Cannabis & Hemp Retail	●	●	●	●	◐	◐	◐	◐	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102-580 (p)
Cannabis Cultivation, Small-scale	●	●	●	●	◐	◐	◐	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102-580 (p)
Cannabis Cultivation, Large-scale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102-580 (p)
Cannabis & Hemp Product Manufacturing, Small-scale	●	●	●	●	◐	◐	◐	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102-580 (p)
Cannabis & Hemp Product Manufacturing, Large-scale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102-580 (p)
Cannabis Wholesale & Transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	●	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KEY: ●= Permitted ◐= Permitted in Upper Stories Only ◑= Limited to No More than 25% of Building Area ◒= Limited on first floor to buildings on the interior of a block see 102-580 (d) ○= Requires Conditional Use Approval - = Prohibited																			

SECTION 3. In accordance with Section 3.03 of the City Charter and Minn. Stat. § 412.191, subd. 4, due to the significant length of this Ordinance, City staff shall have the

following summary printed in the official City newspaper in lieu of the complete ordinance:

On February 17, 2026, the Hopkins City Council adopted Ordinance 2026-1233 that amends Article 5 of the Hopkins Development Code to allow day care uses as a permitted use in the IX-S zone.

A printed copy of the ordinance is available for inspection during regular business hours at Hopkins City Hall and is available online at the City's web site located at www.hopkinsmn.com.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the date of publication.

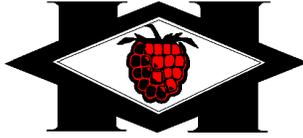
First Reading:	February 2, 2026
Second Reading:	February 17, 2026
Date of Publication:	February 26, 2026
Date Ordinance Takes Effect:	February 26, 2026

By:

Patrick Hanlon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Domeier, City Clerk



Administration

CITY OF HOPKINS

City Council Report 2026-015

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
From: Mike Mornson, City Manager
Date: February 17, 2025
Subject: Resolution Affirming the City of Hopkins Mission Statement and Adopting the 2026 Goals and Strategic Plan for the City of Hopkins

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOTION TO Adopt Resolution 2026-006 Affirming the City of Hopkins Mission Statement and Adopting the 2026 Goals and Strategic Plan for the City of Hopkins.

OVERVIEW

The City Council and Department Directors held their annual goal setting retreat on January 9. The purpose of the retreat is to discuss and evaluate previous goals, consider new goals, and develop the strategic plan. The goals and strategic plan publicly state items the City Council wishes to accomplish above and beyond the normal operations and everyday services provided by the city.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- Resolution 2026-006
- 2026 Goals and Strategic Plan

**CITY OF HOPKINS
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION 2026-006

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF HOPKINS MISSION STATEMENT AND
ADOPTING THE 2026 GOALS AND STRATEGIC PLAN
FOR THE CITY OF HOPKINS**

WHEREAS, the Hopkins City Council believes it is necessary for an effective local government to clearly establish its overall mission and to prescribe the goals and objectives necessary to accomplish that mission; and

WHEREAS, the Hopkins City Council has reviewed and will be following its mission to inspire, educate, involve and communicate; and

WHEREAS, the Hopkins City Council has previously adopted the following goals:

- Goal I: Preserve the Home Town Feel of Hopkins
- Goal II: Promote a Resilient Community
- Goal III: Take it to Them

WHEREAS, the Hopkins City Council has identified certain goals, objectives, and action steps for the year 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Hopkins hereby adopts the mission statement and formally adopts the listed goals, and that the City Council, City Manager and staff are hereby committed to the accomplishment of these goals and its action plan

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hopkins on this 17th day of February 2026.

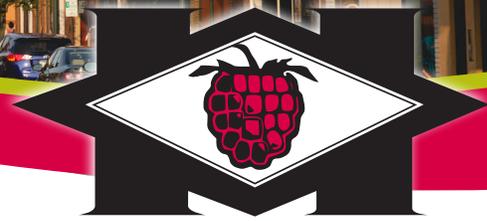
By: _____
Patrick Hanlon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Domeier, City Clerk



City of Hopkins 2026



MISSION

Inspire. Educate. Involve. Communicate.

VISION

Creating a spirit of community where...

All people feel safe and respected, and diversity is celebrated.

Business growth is supported and a vibrant downtown is maintained.

People enjoy exceptional government services, neighborhoods and outstanding schools.

GOALS

STRATEGIES

Preserve the Hometown Feel of Hopkins

- Enhance community pride by providing accessible, friendly and efficient services
- Support a vibrant business community
- Promote Hopkins as a destination and enhance city events
- Maintain high quality public safety services

Promote a Resilient Community

- Maintain physical assets and infrastructure
- Practice environmental responsibility
- Strengthen walking and biking infrastructure in the city
- Support a range of housing options and opportunities for affordability
- Support transit-oriented sustainable development and growth

Take It To Them

- Foster true inclusion through community engagement and involvement
- Engage underrepresented populations: communities of color and rental community
- Embrace and strengthen partnerships

ACTION STEPS

Priorities for the year ahead

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop Police Department recruitment & retention strategies Continue to explore options for the property at 907 Mainstreet Continue to work on Equity Strategic Action Plan Continue to grow the ThinkHopkins brand Continue to explore development options for City property Continue to build Youth Workforce Development Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Housing Analysis and Recommend Affordable Housing Spending Plan for LAHA and Housing Trust Fund Continue to research and pursue grant opportunities Explore city and community equity engagement opportunities Continue to update LED street lights in the Downtown district Continue to replace wood fencing along Excelsior Boulevard (3 year plan) Continue to prepare for development at the Shady Oak Station on Metro Transit-owned land | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to implement the Fire Department Staffing Study Continue to advance development on 325 Blake Road site owned by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Complete an update to the City's Bike and Pedestrian Plan Explore messaging "Hopkins: Car Optional" Focus on enhancing South Hopkins Plan for opening of Green Line Extension in 2027 and enhance last mile connections |
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