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DATE : : May 20, 2026
TIME STARTED : 11:08 a.m.
TIME ENDED : 1:07 p.m.
MEMBERS' PRESENT : Councilmember Cornett,
Rog, Anderson and Mayor Giefer.
MEMBERS ABSENT : Councilmember Cremona joined virtually

Staff members present: City Attorney Amanda Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

Motion by Council Member Cornett, seconded by Council Member Anderson to approve the agenda. Motion approved 5-0.

Interview Candidate for City Administrator Position and related items including possible contract discussion/approval and offer.

Council interviewed Lacey Smieja for City Administrator position. Ms. Smieja provided her background and experience.

Lacey Smieja stepped out of the building.

Council discussed offering Lacey Smieja the position and the terms of the proposed employment agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Cornett, second by Councilmember Cremona to hire Ms. Smieja and approve her employment agreement. Motion approved 5-0.

Contract Amendment for Interim City Administrator

Motion by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Cremona to extend Interim City Administrator through June 15 and approve contract amendment. Motion approved 4-1 with Rog dissenting.

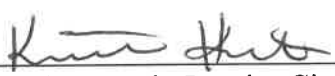
Closed Session: Council will hold a closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D.05, subd. 3(b) for the purposes of attorney-client privileged communications to discuss possible additional litigation related to *Hillukka v. Grant*, Court File No. 82-CV-25-3834. The Council will not come back into open session after the closed session except to adjourn the meeting.

1 Motion by Mayor Giefer, seconded by Councilmember Cornett to go into closes session
2 pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(b) for the purposes of an attorney-client privileged
3 conversation to discuss litigation related to Hillukka v. Grant, File No. 82-CV-25-3834.
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5 ADJOURNMENT

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7 Motion by Councilmember Cornett, second by council member Rog to adjourn meeting at
8 1:07pm. Motion passed 5-0.
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10 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting on June 2, 2026.
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15 _____ Jeff Giefer, Mayor
16 Kristina Handt, Interim City Administrator/Clerk
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