

Minutes of the Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Champlin in the County of Hennepin and the State of Minnesota
Pursuant to Due Call and Notice Thereof

Regular Session
June 23, 2025
Municipal Center

Call to Order	The Champlin City Council met in Regular Session and was called to order by Mayor Ryan Sabas at 6:05 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Roll Call	Present: Mayor Ryan Sabas and Councilmembers Jessica Tesdall (Ward 1), Tom Moe (Ward 2), Nate Truesdell (Ward 3), and Tim LaCroix (Ward 4). Absent: None.
	Also present were City Administrator Jenny Max, City Attorney Dave Schaps, and City Engineer Heather Nelson.
Approval of Agenda (June 23, 2025) Motion	Motion by Councilmember Truesdell and seconded by Councilmember LaCroix to approve the agenda for the June 23, 2025, Regular Meeting as presented. Voting in favor were Mayor Sabas, Councilmembers Tesdall, Moe, Truesdell, and LaCroix. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
Approval of Minutes Motion	Motion by Councilmember Truesdell and seconded by Councilmember Tesdall to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2025, Worksession, June 9, 2025 Worksession, and June 9, 2025 Regular Session Meeting as presented. Voting in favor were Mayor Sabas, Councilmembers Tesdall, Moe, Truesdell, and LaCroix. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
Ratification of Payments (June 23, 2025) Motion	Motion by Councilmember Moe and seconded by Councilmember LaCroix to approve ratification of payments as submitted on June 23, 2025. Voting in favor were Mayor Sabas, Councilmembers Tesdall, Moe, Truesdell, and LaCroix. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
Announcements	Mayor Sabas made the following announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Worksession – Monday, July 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room• City Council Meeting – Monday, July 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers• Economic Development Authority Meeting – Monday, July 14th, following the Council meeting, in the Council Chambers• Starting July 1st, Champlin will launch curbside organics collection as part of Hennepin County's zero-waste initiative. A \$3.85 monthly fee will be added to utility bills. Residents can register online to receive a collection container, with weekly pickup on the same day as refuse collection. A free year supply of compostable bags is available while supplies last – use the coupon inside the summer <i>Champlin Chronicle</i> to pick up yours at Grady's Ace Hardware.• The 2025 Champlin Farmers Market can be found in the Ice Forum parking lot every Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., through September. Come shop for fresh, local goods weekly.• The Mississippi Crossings Summer Series returns Thursday, June 26th with Mick Sterling. He'll perform Born to Run, a tribute to Bruce Springsteen. Join us riverside at 6 p.m. Food trucks start at 5 p.m.
	<u>Special Presentations</u> Motion by Councilmember Tesdall and seconded by Councilmember Truesdell to approve the Proclamation Honoring Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and Proclaim June 27, 2025, as Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman Day in her honor. Voting in favor were Mayor Sabas, Councilmembers Tesdall, Moe, Truesdell, and LaCroix. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
Remarks from Mayor Sabas and City Councilmembers Regarding Recent Acts of Violence Against Political Officials	Mayor Sabas read the proclamation aloud, declaring Friday, June 27, 2025, as Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman Day. He also shared a statement related to the horrific acts that took place on June 14 th , offering sympathy and support to the Hortman and Hoffman families. He recognized the brave

men and women who responded to these emergencies. He encouraged people to rise together rather than divide.

Councilmember Tesdall commented that the Council appreciates the words of Mayor Sabas and the work of the Police and staff.

Councilmember LaCroix echoed those comments of appreciation for the leadership and sacrifice of those who assisted during that difficult weekend.

Councilmember Truesdell also shared those thoughts. He recognized that the new City Administrator had just recently come on board with Champlin and thanked her for the leadership she provided. He also thanked the Police Chief and his team.

Councilmember Moe thanked the City Administrator, Communications Director, and Mayor Sabas. He explained that he was traveling outside of the community during that time, but was still kept up to date. He also thanked the Police Chief and his team for their work during that time.

Councilmember LaCroix recognized that the Father Hennepin Festival was occurring during that time and thanked the Public Works team for their work and ability to pivot.

Mayor Sabas commented on the impact that Senator Hoffman has made in Champlin, noting the tens of millions of dollars that Senator Hoffman has brought back into Champlin through the legislative bonding bills. He also recognized that the new City Administrator had only been on the team for three weeks when the incident occurred and commended her for the leadership that she provided.

The City Administrator commented on the great team that the staff and Council are together, recognizing the work of the Police Chief and Communications Manager.

Mayor Sabas commented that Brooklyn Park was a true partner during this time and hoped that Brooklyn Park feels the same.

Update on the 2025 Street Improvement Projects

The City Engineer provided an update on the 2025 Street Improvement Projects.

Overview of Worksession Discussion

The City Administrator provided a brief overview of the discussion that occurred earlier in the evening at the Council Worksession regarding:

- The Council continued conversations from the last worksession related to the PUPS facility.
- The Council continued discussion on the 2026-2028 CIP, and consensus was reached on the priority of improvements and maintenance needs for roadway projects.
- Discussion continued on the 2026 budget priorities, which will continue into July.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Truesdell requested to pull Item 9.1, Accept Resignation/Retirements of Full-Time Police Officer, from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Accept Resignation/Retirement of Full-Time Police Officer Motion

Councilmember Truesdell commented on the great service that Officer Jeff Brown has provided to the City of Champlin, recognizing some of his accomplishments and wishing him well in his retirement.

Motion by Councilmember Truesdell and seconded by Councilmember Moe to accept the resignation/retirement of Jeffrey Brown, effective July 11, 2025. Voting in favor were Mayor Sabas, Councilmembers Tesdall, Moe, Truesdell, and LaCroix. Voting against: none. Motion carried.

Waive First Reading, Conduct Second Reading and Adopt a 25-Day Extension of an Interim Ordinance for the Moratorium on Residential Housing Developments Generally

Councilmember Moe introduced the following ordinance, waiving the first reading, conducting the second reading, and moving its adoption:

A 25-Day Extension of Interim Ordinance No. 906 for the Moratorium on Residential Housing Developments in the Areas Outlined on Attachment "A" Within the City of Champlin and Approving Publication Summary for Said Ordinance

Located in the Northwest Area Within the City of Champlin and Approve the Publication Summary for Said Interim Ordinance
Ordinance No. 916

Consider Withdrawal from Pets Under Police Security (PUPS) Organization Motion

Response to French Lake Road Concerns

The motion for the adoption of the ordinance was duly seconded by Councilmember Truesdell, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Sabas, Councilmembers Tesdall, Moe, Truesdell and LaCroix, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said ordinance was passed this 23rd day of June 2025.

Motion by Councilmember Moe and seconded by Councilmember Truesdell to direct staff to send a Notice of Termination from the PUPS Consortium no later than June 30, 2025. Voting in favor were Mayor Sabas, Councilmembers Tesdall, Moe, Truesdell, and LaCroix. Voting against: none. Motion carried.

Open Forum

No comments.

The City Engineer stated that at the June 9, 2025, Council meeting, Kim VanKrevelen of 504 French Lake Road spoke at Open Forum to relay her concern for heavy equipment and vehicle noise on French Lake Road. She indicated that she bought her home in 2010, and the traffic was not like it is now. She expressed that the traffic noise takes away from the peace and quiet of her home. She has made previous complaints with the City in 2021 and 2023.

The City Engineer stated that in 2021, the City performed a speed study as a result of resident complaints on truck traffic noise, excessive speeds, and pedestrian safety. Ultimately, the speed limit was changed from 40 mph to 30 mph at that time. In 2023, heavy truck traffic vehicle noise complaints were brought to the City Council's attention. The request was to limit truck traffic on the roadway. This issue was reviewed by staff, and no action was taken as the roadway is part of the City's State Aid System, so limitations on the types of vehicles allowed on the road cannot be made. Additionally, being a former Hennepin County roadway and key connection roadway between CSAH 121 and CSAH 12, staff indicated that a roadway like French Lake Road was built to support this type of traffic. Traffic counts have generally declined on the roadway over the past 25 years. Staff reviewed police records and speeding incidents for this section of roadway, and the Police Department indicated that this is an area they regularly patrol and will continue to patrol for violations. As far as comments related to the condition of the roadway, cracks and potholes are filled as necessary, and improvements to the roadway are currently on the CIP for the year 2030.

Councilmember Tesdall commented that this road has been discussed for the past eight years. She stated that following the traffic study, the speed limit was reduced, and although the experience of the resident is unfortunate, the City has exhausted the avenues they have to explore, as the nature of the road is what it is.

Mayor Sabas echoed the comments that this is one of the main arterial collector roads, connecting to large County roads, and is serving its purpose. He commented that there is development to the west, which relates to truck traffic. He acknowledged that the speed limit has been lowered and the Police continue to patrol the roadway.

New Business

Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative

The City Administrator stated that the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI) is an association of local governments from across the Mississippi River Valley that came together in 2012 to create a new, influential, and independent voice for the Mississippi River region of Middle America. Currently 16 Minnesota cities are members of the organization including Ramsey, Dayton, St. Cloud, Brooklyn Park, and Coon Rapids, among others.

Mayor Sabas commented that this is a large initiative and stated that he and the Community Development Director participated in a Zoom call with this group. He stated that the group advocates for things such as a second river crossing and can provide assistance in obtaining outside funding sources. He stated that Mayor Jerry Koch of Coon Rapids and Mayor Hollis Winston of Brooklyn Park are co-chairs of the MRCTI. He believed that Champlin should be a part of the organization. He stated that Champlin is co-hosting part of the Minnesota meeting this year.

Councilmember Tesdall recognized the scope of the organization and its projects and asked what they would hope this organization could achieve for Champlin.

Mayor Sabas stated that one of the main focus areas is development along the river corridor. He stated that the largest focus for Champlin would be the bridge crossing, which would be located outside of Champlin. He stated that riverbank stabilization is another item that could benefit Champlin and its residents. He stated that the organization would be similar to the North Metro Mayors, but on a federal level.

Councilmember Tesdall asked where the money for projects comes from, as the City dues would be \$2,500.

Mayor Sabas commented that the organization does not fund projects but provides assistance in obtaining outside federal funding for projects. He stated that because the needs of each community are different, the scope of the organization is very wide.

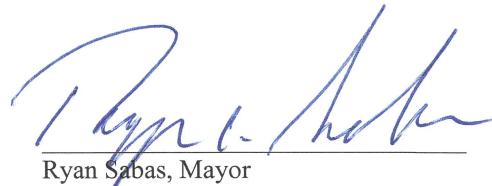
The City Administrator recognized the ability of the organization to lobby and bring the story of Champlin to the federal legislature.

Motion

Motion by Councilmember Moe and seconded by Councilmember Tesdall to use \$2,500 of Contingency dollars to fund the 2025 membership and incorporate the membership costs into the Council operating budget starting in 2026. Voting in favor were Mayor Sabas, Councilmembers Tesdall, Moe, Truesdell, and LaCroix. Voting against: none. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The Champlin City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m.



Ryan Sabas, Mayor

Attest:



Julie Tembreull

Julie Tembreull, Executive Assistant/City Clerk

Councilmember Moe introduced the following ordinance, waiving first reading, conducting second reading and moving its adoption:

**ORDINANCE NO. 916
CITY OF CHAMPLIN
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE APPROVING A 25-DAY EXTENSION OF INTERIM ORDINANCE NO 906 FOR THE MORATORIUM ON RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREAS OUTLINED ON ATTACHMENT "A" WITHIN THE CITY OF CHAMPLIN

The Council of the City of Champlin does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

1. The City Council has identified lot density, future access of flow traffic and grading/utility issues associated with the potential development of property located within the City of Champlin as described on Attachment A.
2. Said issues include but are not limited to an inconsistency with the designation of the Comprehensive Plan as Rural Agricultural, and the City's Zoning of Low Density for the property. In addition, other issues include unaddressed topographical and lot density issues, as well as future access, flow of traffic, transportation, and utility issues in the identified area as noted above, and well as to examine topographical issues of the property that may cause constraints to density and housing lot size.
3. The potential density issue may affect the grading, water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure that the City will need to utilize in the potential development of the property, including analyzing the potential of sharing services to the properties with the neighboring City of Dayton.
4. Minn. Stat Statutes 462.355 permits the governing body of the municipality to adopt an interim ordinance applicable to all or part of its jurisdiction for the purpose of protecting the planning process and the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. The interim ordinance may regulate, restrict, or prohibit any use, development, or subdivision within the jurisdiction or a portion thereof for a period not to exceed one year from the date it is effective.
5. The Champlin City Council has identified a need for a study in order to determine needs related to lot density and traffic circulations including future access, flow of traffic, and utility issues for this area in the City of Champlin and has submitted the matter to the Planning Commission to conduct a study and provide consideration and input to the Council.
6. The Champlin City Council has determined that there would be a threat to the overall effectiveness of the Comprehensive Plan and the planning process by individuals or entities submitting plans or seeking permits on a premature basis in

order to avoid any subsequent amendment of the Comprehensive Plan or residential development of the property due to unaddressed topographical and lot density issues, as well as future access, flow of traffic, transportation, and utility issues in the identified area as noted above.

7. The Champlin City Council has determined that there would be a threat to the overall safety of the community of permitting the location and development of a residential development at the property due to unaddressed topographical and density issues, as well as future access, flow of traffic, transportation, and utility issues in the identified area as noted above.

SECTION 2. STUDY.

The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the City's Planning Department to study and make a report on the matter to the City Council after consideration of the matter.

SECTION 3. MORATORIUM.

A moratorium is hereby imposed within the area outlined on Attachment A on the submission of any development plans, applications or permits for the properties outlined on Attachment A for an additional 25 days after the effective date of Interim Ordinance no 906. The City shall not accept, process, or act on any application, site plan, building permit, or zoning approval for a new or expanded development.

SECTION 4. VIOLATIONS.

During the period of the moratorium, it is a violation of this Ordinance to do any of the following within the City:

1. Establish a new development within the area outlined on Attachment A; or
2. Expand an existing development within the area outlined on Attachment A.

SECTION 5. EXCEPTIONS.

The moratorium imposed by this Ordinance does not delay or prohibit any subdivision that has been given preliminary approval nor extend the time for action under the 60-day rule with respect to any application filed prior to the effective date of this interim ordinance.

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT.

The City may enforce this Ordinance by mandamus, injunctive relief, or other appropriate civil remedy in any court of competent jurisdiction. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator, in consultation with the City Attorney, to initiate any legal action deemed necessary to secure compliance with this Ordinance. A violation of

this Ordinance is also subject to the City's general penalty listed in Champlin City Code § Sec. 1-7.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage by the City Council, and shall have a term of an additional 25 days after the effective date of Interim Ordinance no 906. This Ordinance shall remain in effect until the expiration, until it is expressly repealed by the City Council, or until the effective date of an ordinance amending the City Code to address development, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 8. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1. Not Codified. This Ordinance is transitory in nature and shall not be codified into the City Code.
2. Severability. Every section, provision, and part of this Ordinance is declared severable from every other article, section, provision, and part thereof. If any article, section, provision, or part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not invalidate any other article, section, provision, or part of this Ordinance.

The motion for the adoption of the ordinance was duly seconded by Councilmember Truesdell, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Sabas, Councilmembers Tesdall, Moe, Truesdell and LaCroix, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said ordinance was passed this 23rd day of June, 2025.

Ryan Sabas

Ryan Sabas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Tembreull

Julie Tembreull, Exec. Asst./City Clerk

Attachment A: Moratorium Study Area

