

**City Council Agenda Item 3.B
Meeting of December 15, 2025**



Title: 2026 city council study session work plan

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Presenter: Mike Funk, City Manager

Action Requested: Discuss and outline a 2026 study session work plan.

Summary Statement

The Minnetonka City Council will review council priorities and outline a 2026 study session work plan.

Strategic Plan Relatability

N/A

Background

The Minnetonka City Council is scheduled to hold eleven (11) study sessions in 2026. Study sessions are intended to provide an informal platform for the city council to discuss matters of public policy or interest. In order to maximize these meetings, it is important for the city council to establish a list of items and agree on prioritization. Staff documented topics that have been raised by councilmembers throughout the course of the last year, including recommendations from staff, for the council's consideration. Provided within this report is the list of topics.

After this work plan is completed and approved at a regular council meeting in January 2026, at each proceeding study session, topics for the upcoming study session will be provided.

2026 study session items:

- annual procedure items:
 - 2026 community survey
 - 2027 council and staff appointments
 - 2027 budget items
 - 2027 Legislative priorities
 - 2027 Strategic Plan action steps
 - 2027 study session work plan
 - Housing
- items recommended by staff and items submitted previously by council members:
 - Trail, street and project overview
 - Review developer refinancing policy
 - Review council policies/rearrangement of the regular meeting agenda (Click [HERE](#) for policy)
 - Philosophical discussion on recreational amenities – self sustaining vs community funded

- HERC – Hennepin Energy Recovery Center
- Short-term rentals/VRBO ordinance
- Review and status of the public safety master plan implementation/service level objectives
- Update/review of cannabis stores in Minnetonka
- Candidate filing fees
- Group home clustering
- 2027 budget discussions/CIP/EIP, etc.
- Crypto currency/crypto ATM's
- Zoning code rewrite update(s)
- Digital accessibility mandate
- Purgatory Park – off leash dog review (June)
- Marsh operations – update
- OPUS placemaking
- Speeding
- Youth and community programs

Discussion Questions

1. What public policy matters does the city council want to discuss during study sessions in 2026?
2. Does the city council want to schedule quarterly 30-minute open discussion time?

ATTACHMENTS:

[2026 study session work plan layout](#)