

**City Council Agenda Item 3.A
Meeting of July 27, 2026**



Title: Planning commission interviews

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Action Requested: Interview candidates.

Summary Statement

The Minnetonka City Council will interview selected applicants for the one vacancy on the planning commission.

Strategic Plan Relatability

N/A

Background

Applications for the planning commission were accepted May 6-June 22, 2026. Two applications were received and both candidates were invited to be interviewed in person.

Applications were also received for the DEI commission, sustainability commission (youth/young adult only), and park board (youth/young adult only) during this time. However, it was decided to postpone these interviews and appointment recommendations until late August or early September. City staff is currently reviewing and updating the ordinances for several boards and commissions. To ensure the appointment process aligns with the updated ordinances, it is best to complete the ordinance review before appointing new members.

Planning commission interviews are moving forward because this commission is not part of the current ordinance review, its ordinance is being addressed separately through the Zoning Code Rewrite.

Interviews

Candidates will be interviewed in person during the July 22 city council special study session. Interviews will be scheduled for ten minutes each. Each applicant will be asked to respond to a variety of questions from the city council.

Interview Schedule

Jordan Lambert	Planning Commission	5:30-5:40 p.m.
Hindi Abdi	Planning Commission	5:40-5:50 p.m.

Next Steps

During the special study session, individual councilmembers will provide feedback of candidates to Mayor Schack. Mayor Schack will review feedback and recommend an appointment at the Aug. 10 city council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Interview Questions - Planning Commission](#)