



COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL
12800 RAVINE PARKWAY SOUTH
COTTAGE GROVE, MINNESOTA 55016
COUNCIL CHAMBER - 7:00 PM

February 18, 2026

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 3 Roll Call
- 4 Open Forum
- 5 Adoption of Agenda
- 6 Presentations
 - A Proclamation - February 18, 2026, Tibetan New Year
Staff Recommendation: Proclaim February 18, 2026, as the Tibetan New Year, also known as LOSAR in Cottage Grove.
- 7 Consent Agenda
 - A Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Commission Minutes (2025-11-10)
Staff Recommendation: Approve the November 10, 2025 Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Commission Meeting Minutes.
 - B Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes and Strategic Directions (2026-01-10)
Staff Recommendation: Accept the 2026 Strategic Directions.
 - C Appointment to Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Commission
Staff Recommendation: Appoint Jordan Dibich to the Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Commission.
 - D Fee Table Amendment
Staff Recommendation: Approve Ordinance 1107, amending the City Fee Table.
 - E Assistant City Engineer Appointment — Alanna Sobottka
Staff Recommendation: Appoint Alanna Sobottka to the position of Assistant City Engineer, at Grade 22, Step 1 of the 2026 Non-represented Pay Plan, with a start date to be effective as soon as possible.
 - F Rental License Approvals
Staff Recommendation: Approve the issuance of rental licenses to the properties listed in the attached table.
 - G SAFER Grant Application and Grant Writer Authorization
Staff Recommendation: 1) Authorize the fire department to apply for a FY26 AFG SAFER Grant to support the hiring of 8 full-time firefighters. 2) Authorize the fire department to retain Firehouse Grants to write a FY26 SAFER grant.
 - H 2026 Federal Lobbying Services Agreement
Staff Recommendation: Authorize entering into an agreement with Aurora Strategic Advisors for federal lobbying services in 2026.

- I Recreation Facility Use Policy Amendment
Staff Recommendation: Amend the Recreation Facility Use Policy to recognize Blazing Stars Special Olympics as a Priority 3 athletic association.
- J Construction Cost Share and Maintenance Agreements with Washington County for CR 74 Improvements
Staff Recommendation: 1) Approve the Cooperative Agreement between Washington County and the City of Cottage Grove for the Construction Costs of County Road (CR) 74 Improvements Project. 2) Approve the Cooperative Agreement between Washington County and the City of Cottage Grove for Maintenance of County Road (CR) 74 Improvements Project.
- K Authorization to Sell Ambulance
Staff Recommendation: Authorize the sale of a 2018 Dodge Ram 5500 ambulance (Unit Number 24-0833-18).
- L One-Year Lease Rental Agreement with MTI
Staff Recommendation: Approve the one-year rental agreement with MTI for a 16ft mower for \$15,750.
- 8 Approve Disbursements
 - A Approve Disbursements
Staff Recommendation: Approve disbursements from 01-30-26 through 02-12-26 in the amount of \$1,787,521.69.
- 9 Public Hearings
 - A Yellow Tree Development - Site Plan Review, Planned Unit Development, Preliminary and Final Plat, Tax Abatement
Staff Recommendation: 1) Hold a public hearing for the tax abatement request by Yellow Tree Development. 2) Adopt Resolution 2026-032 approving the sale of Outlot B, Fratallone's Southpoint Ridge to East Point Apartments LLC and the purchase agreement for Outlot B, Fratallone's Southpoint Ridge with East Point Apartments LLC. 3) Adopt Resolution 2026-030 approving the Preliminary Plat and Final Plat for Everwood 6th Addition. 4) Adopt Resolution 2026-031 approving the Planned Unit Development and Site Plan review for a 186-unit, six-story multi-family apartment building located on East Point Douglas Road South. 5) Approve the Stormwater Management Facilities Agreement; Encroachment Agreement, and Permanent Trail Access Agreement. 6) Adopt Resolution 2026-028 approving the Tax Abatement agreement between the City and East Point Apartments LLC.
- 10 Bid Awards
- 11 Regular Agenda
- 12 Council Comments and Requests
- 13 Workshops - Open to Public
- 14 Workshops - Closed to Public
- 15 Adjournment