



City Council - Non-Regular - Minutes

February 20, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall

Present: A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette,
T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A.
Stevenson, K. Tang, J. Wright

1. Call to Order and Related Business

1.1 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Mayor A. Knack called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., Friday, February 20, 2026, and acknowledged that City Council meets on the traditional land of Treaty 6 Territory and the Métis homeland. The Chair also acknowledged the diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Isga, as well as Métis and Inuit, and now settlers from around the world.

1.2 Roll Call

Mayor A. Knack conducted roll call and confirmed the attendance of Members of City Council.

Councillors M. Elliott, A. Paquette and K. Tang were absent with notice for a portion of the meeting.

E. Robar, City Manager; and A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, B. Tyson and J. Taves, Office of the City Clerk, were also in attendance.

1.3 Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Mayor A. Knack asked whether there were any declarations of pecuniary interests or conflicts of interest. There were none.

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: T. Parmar

That the February 20, 2026, City Council - Non-Regular meeting agenda be adopted with the following changes:

Additions:

- 7.1 2025-2029 City Council Priorities
(Private pursuant to sections 26 and 29 of the *Access to Information Act*)
- 7.2 Edmonton 2026 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference (FCM) Update
(Private pursuant to sections 26, 29 and 30 of the *Access to Information Act*)
- 7.3 Council Liaison Appointment - Do North Events
(Private pursuant to sections 20 and 29 of the *Access to Information Act*)
- 7.4 2027-2030 Priorities: Performance Measures - Verbal report
(Private pursuant to section 29 of the *Access to Information Act*)
- Attachment 1

Deletion:

- 5.1 2027-2030 Priorities: Performance Measures

Suspension of Rules:

That the following sections of Council Procedures Bylaw 18155 be waived for the discussion of items 7.1 and 7. 4:

- 27 (2) Except during a Council meeting, a motion does not need to be made prior to the discussion of an item listed on an agenda;
- 43 The Chair must leave the chair to ask questions or speak to an item on the agenda for a Council meeting.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

Moved by: A. Paquette

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That the the following items be postponed to the March 17/18, 2026, City Council meeting:

- 5.3 Removal of Restrictive Covenants and Exclusivity Controls for Grocery Stores
- 7.2 Edmonton 2026 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference (FCM) Update
- 7.3 Council Liaison Appointment - Do North Events

Due Date: March 17/18, 2026, City Council

In Favour (12): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (12 to 0)

1.5 Council Protocol Recognition

There were no Council Protocol Recognition items.

2. Items for Discussion and Related Business

2.1 Select Items for Debate

The following items were selected for debate: 5.2, 5.3, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4.

2.2 Vote on Reports not Selected for Debate

All items were selected for debate.

2.3 Requests to Speak

Requests to Speak were not considered.

2.4 Requests for Specific Time on Agenda

Moved by: T. Parmar

Seconded by: M. Elliott

That the following items be dealt with at a specific time on the agenda:

- 7.1 2025-2029 City Council Priorities - First item of business

- 7.4 2027-2030 Priorities: Performance Measures - Verbal report - Second item of business

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

2.5 Vote on Bylaws not Selected for Debate

There were no Bylaws on the agenda.

3. Reports to be Dealt with at a Different Meeting

There were no Reports to be Dealt with at a Different Meeting.

4. Requests to Reschedule Reports

There were no Requests to Reschedule Reports.

5. Public Reports

5.1 2027-2030 Priorities: Performance Measures

This item was deleted from the agenda (see item 1.4).

5.2 City Policy C603 - Events Policy, Community Legacy Review

Moved by: R. Clarke

Seconded by: A. Paquette

Major Events Legacy Review

That Administration provide a report, that:

1. Quantifies and showcases the legacy outcomes of major sport and cultural events attracted to Edmonton and sponsored by the City in recent years (2024 to 2025) as well as the planned legacies for events in 2026, detailing the positive community impacts, including, but not limited to, economic activity, reputation opportunities (i.e. broadcast numbers), community participation, and infrastructure utilization.
2. Identifies the accountable parties for oversight of the legacy requirement.

3. Identifies potential funding options to ensure that major sport and cultural events generating \$3 million or higher in economic impact have formal legacy plans that benefit Edmonton, written into funding agreements.
4. Proposes a shared, evidence-based definition and impact framework for legacy outcomes to ensure that legacy expectations are proportionate to event scope and measured consistently across Edmonton's attracted events portfolio;

and return to the June 29, 2026, Community and Public Services Committee meeting.

Due Date: June 29, 2026, Community and Public Services Committee

In Favour (12): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (12 to 0)

5.3 Removal of Restrictive Covenants and Exclusivity Controls for Grocery Stores

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Ebrahim, Office of the City Manager
- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: M. Janz

Seconded by: A. Salvador

That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, advocate to the provincial government to enable grocery store competition via the removal of restrictive covenants and exclusivity controls for grocery stores via the Land Titles Act or other legislation

Not put to vote

This item was postponed to the March 17/18, 2026, City Council meeting (see item 1.4).

6. Bylaws

There were no Bylaws on the agenda.

7. Private Reports

Moved by: M. Janz

Seconded by: J. Wright

That City Council meet in private pursuant to sections 26 (disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations) and 29 (advice from officials) of the *Access to Information Act* for the discussion of items 7.1 and 7.4.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

City Council met in private at 9:40 a.m., Friday, February 20, 2026.

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: K. Principe

That City Council meet in public.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

City Council met in public at 4:24 p.m., Friday, February 20, 2026.

7.1 2025-2029 City Council Priorities

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: A. Paquette

1. That Attachment 4 be added to the February 17, 2026, Office of the Mayor report MO03429.
2. That the February 17, 2026, Office of the Mayor report MO03429 and Attachments 2, 3 and 4 remain private pursuant to sections 26 (disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations) and 29 (advice from officials) of the *Access to Information Act*.
3. That Attachment 2 and 4 be added to the February 20, 2026, Office of the City Manager verbal report OCM03446.

4. That the presentation be added as Attachment 3 to the February 20, 2026, Office of the City Manager verbal report OCM03446.
5. That the February 20, 2026, Office of the City Manager verbal report OCM03446 and Attachments 1, 2 and 3 remain private pursuant to section 29 (advice from officials) of the *Access to Information Act*.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: A. Paquette

That the City Council 2025-2029 Strategic Priorities and Principles as outlined in revised Attachment 1 of the February 17, 2026, Office of the Mayor report MO03429, be approved.

In Favour (11): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, and J. Wright

Opposed (2): K. Principe, and K. Tang

Carried (11 to 2)

7.2 Edmonton 2026 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference (FCM) Update

This item was postponed to the March 17/18, 2026, City Council meeting (see item 1.4).

7.3 Council Liaison Appointment - Do North Events

This item was postponed to the March 17/18, 2026, City Council meeting (see item 1.4).

7.4 2027-2030 Priorities: Performance Measures - Verbal report

The following members of Administration's delegation made a presentation and answered questions:

- E. Robar, City Manager

- S. Ebrahim, Office of the City Manager
- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
- C. McKeown, Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- S. Nichols, Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: A. Paquette

That the Actions for the City Council 2025-2029 Strategic Priorities and Principles as outlined in Attachment 4 to the February 20, 2026, Office of the City Manager verbal report OCM03446, be approved.

In Favour (12): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (12 to 0)

8. Motions Pending

There were no Motions Pending on the agenda.

9. Notices of Motion and Motions without Customary Notice

9.1 Review of Traffic Bylaw 5590: Enforcement Trends, Penalty Efficacy and Deterrence Strategies (A. Salvador)

Councillor A. Salvador stated that at the next regular meeting of City Council, the following motion would be moved:

That Administration provide a report on the efficacy of Traffic Bylaw 5590 enforcement and penalty structures, including but not limited to:

- enforcement information from 2015 to 2025, including annual ticket volumes, most frequent offences, and key drivers of change in enforcement trends;

- a review of fine adjustments under Bylaw 5590, including when each fine amount was established or last adjusted, how their real value has changed over time, and any implications for deterrence;
 - options to maintain the intended effectiveness of fines over time, including indexation using Consumer Price Inflation and/or other appropriate indicators;
 - recommendations for policy, bylaw, and/or fine schedule amendments to support deterrence and long-term efficacy;
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9.2 Options for Enhanced Snow and Ice Control (SNIC) Service Delivery (J. Morgan)

Councillor J. Morgan stated that at the next regular meeting of City Council, the following motion would be moved:

That Administration, as part of the upcoming review of Council Policy C409K - Snow and Ice Control Policy, include options, risk analysis, operationalization timelines and resource implications for different or innovative operational tactics, including but not limited to calcium chloride (CaCl) application to roadways, to improve Snow and Ice Control Service delivery.

- Notice of Motion Given: February 20, 2026, City Council - Non-Regular

9.3 Snow and Ice Control Surge Capacity Strategy (A. Paquette)

Councillor A. Paquette stated that at the next regular meeting of City Council, the following motion would be moved:

That Administration provide a report, based on public feedback and industry best practices, outlining options, costs and implications for a Snow and Ice Control Surge Capacity strategy to ensure timely service delivery during unexpected or extreme precipitation events, including:

1. an operational analysis of projected extreme weather frequency based on current climate modeling and climate data;
2. mechanisms to scale resources, including but not limited to, on-call private contracting and emergency procurement, to meet services

levels outlined in the SNIC Administrative Procedures when accumulation exceeds City-owned and standard contract capacity;

3. specific strategies to prioritize accessibility with consideration of the active pathway network in areas of high Social Vulnerability Index during these surge events, including but not limited to more proactive crosswalk and access point windrow removal and clearing;
4. any other strategies or enhancements that could improve service delivery;
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10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m., Friday, February 20, 2026.

Chair

City Clerk