



**THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026 AT 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – At 6:30 PM, Mayor Ludvigsen called to order the Regular Meeting of the Prospect Heights City Council at City Hall, 8 N Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070.

City Clerk Prisiajniouk called roll. A quorum was present.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT – Alderman Ward 1 Cameron, Alderman Ward 2 Anderson, Alderman Ward 4 Dash, Mayor Ludvigsen, City Treasurer Tibbits, City Clerk Prisiajniouk

ABSENT – Alderman Ward 3 Morgan-Adams with prior notice, Alderman Ward 5 Dolick with prior notice

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT – City Administrator Falcone, Assistant to the City Administrator Austin, Director of Building and Development Peterson, Director of Public Works Roscoe, Deputy Chief Pufundt, Assistant Finance Director Tannehill, Management Analyst Jungo, Attorney Jim Hess, Digital Communication Technician Colvin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Ludvigsen led the pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Alderman Ward 2 Anderson moved to approve the January 12, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 12, 2026, City Council Executive Meeting Minutes; seconded by Alderman Ward 1 Cameron.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES:	Michelle Cameron, Terry Anderson, Danielle Dash
	NAYS:	None
	ABSENT:	Wendy Morgan-Adams, Matt Dolick

Motion carried 3-0, two absent

A. January 12, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes –

B. January 12, 2026 City Council Executive Meeting Minutes (*not for public release*) –

PRESENTATIONS – None

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS –

A. Re-Appointment of Tom Huitink to the Police Pension Board – **Alderman Ward 2**

Anderson moved to Re-Appoint Tom Huitink to the Police Pension Board ; seconded by Alderman Ward 1 Cameron.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Michelle Cameron, Terry Anderson, Danielle Dash
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Wendy Morgan-Adams, Matt Dolick

Motion 3-0, two absent

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA MATTERS (FIVE MINUTES TIME LIMIT) – None

CONSENT AGENDA – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. R-26-03 Staff Memo and Resolution Approving a Supplemental Design Engineering Services Agreement for Willow Road Improvements with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. for a Cost of \$62,500.00, Subject to Attorney Approval – Alderman Ward 1 Cameron moved to approve R-26-03 Staff Memo and Resolution Approving a Supplemental Design Engineering Services Agreement for Willow Road Improvements with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. for a Cost of \$62,500.00, Subject to Attorney Approval; seconded by Alderman Ward 2 Anderson.**

City Administrator Falcone provided an update on the Willow Road improvement project, noting that while Owen Court was completed by the City, Willow Road remains under Cook County jurisdiction and is being done in partnership with Cook County and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. Soft soil conditions beneath the proposed culverts require additional engineering design and a reinforced structural foundation to prevent future settling. The supplemental engineering work will cost \$62,500 and is above the original project budget, with funding shared among the City, Cook County, and MWRD.

City Engineer Strahan provided technical background on the Willow Road project, explaining that geotechnical modeling showed the roadway approach would work, but Cook County is now requiring a redesigned culvert supported by timber piles and a concrete cap due to soft soil conditions. This revised design may significantly increase construction costs beyond the City's original \$600,000 budget, potentially up to \$900,000–\$1 million. Staff noted an off-ramp exists in the agreement but recommended continuing the project while exploring cost-sharing or grant opportunities with Cook County and MWRD.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Michelle Cameron, Terry Anderson, Danielle Dash
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Wendy Morgan-Adams, Matt Dolick

Motion carried 3-0, two absent

STAFF, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND COMMISSION REPORTS -

A. December Financial Report by Assistant Finance Director Bob Tannehill – Assistant Finance Director Bob Tanehill reported that the December financial report indicated the City is eight months into the fiscal year, with revenues at approximately 53% of the budget and expenditures at 70%, reflecting a stable financial position. Key revenue sources—including sales tax, non-home rule sales tax, video gaming, interest income, income tax, and tourism—are performing at or above expectations, while expenditures remain generally under control. Collection efforts resulted in over \$22,000 recovered from delinquent sewer accounts and \$117,000 collected through the delinquent vehicle sticker campaign, including late fees and new purchases. Staff also noted that vehicle sticker renewals for the 2026–2027 season will begin next week, with notices mailed and multiple payment options available.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS -

A. Approval of Expenditures

General Fund	\$70,193.36
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$0.00
Tourism District	\$12,257.89
Solid Waste Fund	\$0.00
Drug Enforcement Agenda Fund	\$5,639.88
Special Service Area #1	\$0.00
Special Service Area #2	\$0.00
Special Service Area #3	\$0.00
Special Service Area #4	\$0.00
Special Service Area #5	\$0.00
Special Service Area - Constr #6 (Water Main)	\$0.00
Special Service Area - #8 Levee Wall #37	\$447,461.58
Capital Improvements	\$21,817.71
Special Service Area -	\$0.00

morale. They expressed appreciation for city leadership and offered continued partnership, stressing that strong communities are built collectively through trust, care, and shared responsibility.

Aileen - A community member spoke about ongoing safety concerns in Prospect Heights related to immigration enforcement, describing fear and frustration within the community and alleging a personal encounter with ICE on December 22 in which they felt local police did not provide assistance. They stated that residents feel unheard despite repeatedly raising concerns and expressed a loss of trust in local institutions. The speaker described community members relying on one another for warnings and support, particularly to protect children and families. They urged the board to take action to provide protection, address these concerns, and demonstrate support for the community.

Daniela - A community member spoke about community safety and trust, stating that while residents support lawful enforcement, they oppose immigration agents operating freely in neighborhoods without clear limits. She referenced the December 22 incident involving the detention of a Prospect Heights resident, alleging that police assistance to ICE and the use of force damaged community trust in the Police Department. She stated that residents now feel fear rather than protection and rely on community patrollers for reassurance. She urged the council and Police Department to take action to rebuild trust and ensure residents feel safe and respected.

Jen - A community member addressed the board requesting a clear, collaborative plan between the City and the Prospect Heights Police Department to rebuild trust within the community following recent incidents. They emphasized the importance of transparency and accessibility, noting the city's significant foreign-born and multilingual population. The speaker acknowledged recent updates to the City's website that include immigration-related resources as a positive step, while encouraging inclusion of additional local organizations. They expressed a desire to continue working together to strengthen trust and community relationships. Due to her emphasis on accessibility, she repeated everything in Spanish for the audience who speaks Spanish.

Marcela Lopez -A community member, addressed the board after witnessing a January 8 traffic stop that they said escalated into an arrest without a warrant or clear explanation, leaving the affected family fearful of speaking publicly. They emphasized the broader fear and uncertainty this incident caused, particularly concerns about retaliation and the chilling effect on residents exercising their rights. The speaker stated that the presence of federal enforcement changes the nature of routine policing and increases intimidation in vulnerable communities. They stressed that all residents contribute to the city and deserve consistent, fair public safety, urging the Trust Act to be respected in practice and noting that community members are closely observing and documenting local actions.

Francisco Ruiz -A community member expressed disappointment after hearing allegations that police assisted immigration enforcement despite the council previously approving a statement indicating otherwise. They emphasized support for a city that protects all residents equally and cited the Illinois Trust Act as limiting local police involvement in federal immigration enforcement. The speaker warned that fear erodes public safety and trust and honored activists who have suffered or lost their lives advocating for justice. They urged the city to lead with compassion, fairness, and unity while continuing to protect and

serve all residents.

Mary Solberg - A longtime Prospect Heights resident, spoke to express appreciation for the Police Department and city staff while acknowledging that residents have had different experiences. They shared personal examples of community solidarity, including supporting immigrant-owned businesses and participating in food and clothing drives, noting that many people are stepping up to help one another during a difficult time. The speaker emphasized that despite challenges, the community has shown compassion and unity. They encouraged the board to take any official steps available to help protect and support immigrants and all residents in the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF REQUIRED – None

ADJOURNMENT – Alderman Ward 2 Anderson moved to Adjourn; seconded by Alderman Ward 1 Cameron.


ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES:	Michelle Cameron, Terry Anderson, Danielle Dash
	NAYS:	None
	ABSENT:	Wendy Morgan-Adams, Matt Dolick

Motion carried 3-0, two absent

Approved by the Prospect Heights City Council on this the 23rd day of February, 2026.



City Clerk Prisiajniouk



~~Mayor Patrick Ludvigsen~~
Acting Mayor Dolick

