



**THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
WAS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 AT 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – At 6:35 PM, City Administrator Falcone 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 3 Morgan-Adams, Alderman Ward 4 Dash, Alderman Ward 5 Dolick, City Clerk Prisiajniouk

ABSENT – Mayor Ludvigsen with prior notice, City Treasurer Tibbits with prior notice

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT – City Administrator Falcone, Assistant to the City Administrator Austin, Director of Public Works Roscoe, Police Chief Derman, Assistant Finance Director Tannehill, Management Analyst Jungo, Attorney John O'Driscoll, Digital Communication Technician Colvin.

Alderman Ward 3 Morgan-Adams moved to appoint Alderman Matt Dolick as Mayor Pro Tem for the February 23rd, 2026 City Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Ward 2 Anderson

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

Motion carried 5-0

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Acting Mayor Dolick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Alderman Ward 3 Morgan-Adams moved to approve the January 20, 2026 City Council Strategic Directions Meeting Minutes and the January 26, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Alderman Ward 2 Anderson.

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

Motion carried 5-0

- A. January 26, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes –
- B. January 20, 2026 City Council Strategic Directions Meeting Minutes –

PRESENTATIONS – None

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS – None

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

CONSENT AGENDA – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. ***Waiver of 1st Reading O-26-01*** Staff Memo and Ordinance Approving a Side Yard Variance at 201 W Kenilworth Avenue **(1st Reading) – Alderman Ward 3 Morgan-Adams moved to approve *Waiver of 1st Reading O-26-01* Staff Memo and Ordinance Approving a Side Yard Variance at 201 W Kenilworth Avenue (1st Reading); seconded by Alderman Ward 1 Cameron.**

City Administrator Falcone explained that this is a waiver of first reading for a side yard variance.

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

Motion carried 5-0

- B. **O-26-01** Staff Memo and Ordinance Approving a Side Yard Variance at 201 W Kenilworth Avenue **(2nd Reading) – Alderman Ward 3 Morgan-Adams moved to approve O-26-01 Staff Memo and Ordinance Approving a Side Yard Variance at 201 W Kenilworth Avenue (2nd Reading); seconded by Alderman Ward 1 Cameron.**

City Administrator Falcone explained The PZBA unanimously approved a side yard variance request for 201 West Kennorth Avenue, related to a fence.

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

Motion carried 5-0

- C. **O-26-02** Staff Memo and Ordinance Approving the Sale, Donation, and Destruction of Surplus Vehicle (**1st Reading**) – City Administrator Falcone informed that the city’s former K9 vehicle. After the K9 officer position was eliminated, the vehicle was reassigned for regular use. Public Works typically maintains vehicles as long as possible, but this one has now exceeded its useful life and is being retired.

- D. **R-26-04** Staff Memo and Resolution Authorizing A Civil Engineering Service Agreement with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc., for Design Engineering Services for the Elm Street Storm Sewer Extension Project for \$67,000, Subject to Attorney Review – **Alderman Ward 2 Anderson moved to approve R-26-04 Staff Memo and Resolution Authorizing A Civil Engineering Service Agreement with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc., for Design Engineering Services for the Elm Street Storm Sewer Extension Project for \$67,000, Subject to Attorney Review; seconded by Alderman Ward 3 Morgan-Adams.**

City Administrator Falcone explains that this is the first step in advancing the Willow Road sidewalk project, which residents requested to connect the existing sidewalk on Willow to Elmhurst Road. However, due to ongoing stormwater issues in Prospect Heights—particularly along Elm Street, which runs north-south—the stormwater problems must be addressed before the sidewalk can be built. Funding for the Willow Road project is included in the upcoming road bond agenda on March 17, but construction cannot proceed until the Elm Street stormwater extension project is completed.

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

Motion carried 5-0

- E. **R-26-05** Staff Memo and Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Joint Funding Agreement between the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the City of Prospect Heights, for the Supplemental Funding of the Upper Des Plaines River Flood Damage Reduction Project Element, Levee 37 – **Alderman Ward 3 Morgan-Adams moved to approve R-26-05 Staff Memo and Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Joint Funding Agreement between the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the City of Prospect Heights, for the Supplemental Funding of the Upper Des Plaines River Flood Damage Reduction Project Element, Levee 37; seconded by Alderman Ward 2 Anderson.**

City Administrator Falcone explained that the amendment simply extends the expiration date of the current intergovernmental agreement with IDNR, which was set to expire in June or July. The project is expected to be completed this year, but the extension provides additional time to ensure everything is finalized without issue. The termination date of the agreement will be extended by two years to allow for flexibility. The funding remains unchanged, with IDNR contributing \$500,000 and the City covering approximately \$150,000.

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

Motion carried 5-0

STAFF, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND COMMISSION REPORTS –

Police Chief Derman - Highlighted that District 23 is hosting the Special Olympics Illinois Polar Plunge for the third consecutive year and has invited the City to participate again. On March 6th, the Police Department will take the plunge at MacArthur Middle School to raise awareness and funds in support of Special Olympics.

Public Works Director Roscoe - Stated that residents with questions about the proposed road bond referendum and the importance of maintaining the City's roads are encouraged to contact Public Works or City Hall for more information. Staff are available to provide details about the need for the referendum and how it supports the City's infrastructure.

Assistant to the City Administrator Austin - Explained that the City is currently in vehicle sticker season and will reach the halfway point soon, so residents are reminded to purchase their vehicle stickers and pet tags before March 31 to avoid late fees. Payments can be made online through the City's website or in person at City Hall, where staff are available to assist.

Alderman Ward 2 Anderson - Announced that scholarship applications are now available through Dollars for Scholars 214, and Prospect Heights is guaranteed at least one scholarship thanks to a dedicated local donor, with two awarded to Prospect Heights students last year. High school seniors and current college students living in Prospect Heights or other District 214 communities are encouraged to apply online or contact their school counselor, as the organization hopes to match or exceed last year's 17 total scholarships awarded.

A. January Financial Report by Assistant Finance Director Bob Tannehill – Assistant Finance Director Tannehill informed that the January fiscal report shows the City remains in a stable financial position, with total revenues at 64.79% of budget and expenditures at 80.14%, while the General Fund is performing well with \$9.6 million (80%) in revenues and \$8.1 million (72%) in expenditures, resulting in a \$1.5 million year-to-date surplus. Key revenue sources—including non-home rule sales tax, sales tax, income tax, video gaming, and insurance income—are meeting or exceeding expectations, and property tax revenues have begun coming in. Sewer collections efforts have generated over \$22,000 from delinquent accounts, though some balances remain outstanding and additional notices have been sent, while 34 accounts are currently in collections totaling approximately \$53,000. Vehicle sticker sales have generated about \$163,000 so far, most eating and hotel tax payments are current with minor delinquencies being addressed, and the City has begun its FY27 budget process with departmental reviews underway and formal presentations to City Council scheduled for March and April.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS -

A. Approval of Expenditures

General Fund	\$196,892.89
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$0.00
Tourism District	\$212.70
Solid Waste Fund	\$0.00
Drug Enforcement Agenda Fund	\$3,258.95
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	\$416,811.65
Capital Improvements	\$0.00
Special Service Area - Debt #6	\$0.00
00Road Construction Debt	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$41,433.35
Parking Fund	\$203.65
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$987.67
Road/Building Bond Escrow	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$659,800.86
Wire Payments	

the fears many families face, she called on the City to host a public forum with community leaders and officials, prominently post immigration resources on the City's website, and release police training materials related to Trust Act compliance. She emphasized the importance of transparency, accessibility of resources, and reassurance that local law enforcement is following state law. Concluding with an appeal for action, she urged the Council to respond to these requests to help protect families and rebuild trust within the community.

Lisa Cohen - A community member who witnessed the December 22, 2025, incident, described observing federal immigration agents detain a U.S. citizen without a warrant being presented and characterized the encounter as aggressive and excessive. Cohen stated that Prospect Heights police were present, formed a perimeter, and did not intervene, which they believe contributed to public perception that local officers facilitated the detention. She argued that the incident has damaged community trust in law enforcement and raised concerns about cooperation with federal immigration authorities. She called for greater transparency about City policies, reaffirmation of adherence to state law and constitutional protections, and a structural shift toward a more community-centered public safety approach, including expanded use of embedded social workers and proactive outreach efforts.

Marcela Lopez - A community member, addressed the Board to clarify that community concerns are based on the current version of the Illinois Trust Act and its clear guidelines regarding local cooperation with federal immigration authorities. She emphasized that the questions being raised are about legal compliance, process, and accountability—not emotion. She stated that if policies are being properly followed, transparency should not be a concern, and if there are gaps, they should be addressed. Her central request was for openness and clarity regarding how the law is being implemented.

Jen Abonce Alcantar - A community member, raised continued concerns about immigration enforcement and the City's lack of a clear, public response on rebuilding trust after the December 22 incident. One speaker also objected to missing or incorrect nameplates at the meeting, requested officials' full names for the record, and criticized the City website as not user-friendly and lacking complete information (including the City Attorney). She urged the City to host a community forum with trusted community members, key decision-makers, and the City social worker, with direct discussion of the December 22 incident. Abonce Alcantar questioned whether a police-formed perimeter during the incident complied with the Illinois Trust Act, and cited concerns about professionalism and the absence of communication or de-escalation after the event. With expectations that federal immigration activity could increase, she asked what concrete steps the City will take to inform and protect residents, ensure legal compliance, and prevent further erosion of trust, emphasizing that the community is organizing and will continue pressing for transparency and accountability.

Jeff Oremland - A Prospect Heights resident of 11 years, speaking publicly for the first time, expressed appreciation for City officials and voiced support for prior speakers' concerns about immigration enforcement. He stated that residents are organizing in anticipation of potential increased federal activity and are seeking collaboration with City representatives to protect community members' rights. He emphasized concerns about federal enforcement practices and urged the City to meet with residents to work together

on maintaining safety and constitutional protections. His request focused on partnership, communication, and proactive coordination between the community and local government.

Agustin Salgado - A longtime Prospect Heights resident who grew up in the community, spoke in support of prior speakers and emphasized the importance of rebuilding trust and partnership between residents and local leadership. He reflected on his upbringing in the City, acknowledged the role local police have played in maintaining safety, and recognized that residents have had different lived experiences that shape their perspectives. He expressed concern about masked federal immigration agents and the fear their presence creates, while stressing that the community's goal is collaboration—not conflict. He urged City officials to engage in open dialogue, respond to prior outreach, and work with residents to ensure safety, transparency, and mutual respect moving forward.

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, Wendy Morgan-Adams, Danielle Dash, Matt Dolick
	NAYS:	None
	ABSENT:	None

Motion carried 5-0

Approved by the Prospect Heights City Council on this the 9th day of March, 2026.



City Clerk Prisiajnieuk
Deputy Clerk Austin



Mayor Patrick Ludvigsen

