

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Joint City Council Meeting
St. Anthony Village City Hall

MINUTES
October 23, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Present:

Mayor & Council:

Mayor Randy Gustafson, Councilmembers Melanie Leehy, Eric Meyer, Jim Wassenberg, and Paula Mielke.

Staff:

City Administrator Jack Linehan.

Others:

Metro-Inet Senior Computer Support Analyst Jesse Richardson, City of Lauderdale Mayor Mary Gaasch, Council Members Jeffrey Dains, Sharon Kelly, City Administrator Heather Butkowski, St. Anthony Village Mayor Wendy Webster, Councilmembers Lona Doolan, Nadia Elnagdy, and Jan Jenson, Police Chief Jeff Spiess and City Manager Charlie Yunker.

Call to Order:

Mayor Wendy Webster called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Webster welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending and asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

1. Work Session Topics

A. Police Department Body Camera System Replacement

Police Chief Spiess presented information to the group regarding the evaluation process for selecting a new body camera system replacement. The replacement is needed due to the current system going "end of life" at the end of 2026. The current system has a subsequent version available, but it is not recommended by either the Police Department or the City's Information Technology partner due to reliability issues experienced by other police departments.

There are two primary solutions available in the market, with similar feature sets that would fit the need for the department. Police Chief Spiess described the comparison and the experience of the officers in the department that participated in testing the equipment and discussed experiences with other departments in Minnesota.

The Police Department has identified the preferred option between the two and sought input on the collective Council's comfort level with absorbing the significant annual cost that will come with either solution. All present expressed support for the department to choose the best solution that will meet the needs and expectations of the department.

The collective Council's also expressed support for staff to proceed with a new system when the timing is most appropriate to be completed by the end of 2026.

Saint Anthony Council Member Doolan proposed topics for the next joint meeting to cover areas of traffic safety and specifically covering vehicle speed, and the growth of the use of e-bikes and scooters.

Mayor Webster wrapped up and thanked everyone for attending.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Dated this 22nd day of December, 2025

A blue ink signature of Jack Linehan, City Administrator.

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