

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
City Council Workshop

City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 25, 2026
6:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM
- B. ROLL CALL: GUSTAFSON__X__ MAY_X__
MIELKE__X__ MOGEN __X__ WASSENBERG_X__
- STAFF PRESENT: LINEHAN_X_
- C. POLICY ITEMS:
1. Review of Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Proposal
 2. Legislative Priorities Continuation
 3. Towing Reimbursement Policy
- CI. ADJOURNMENT: 6:59 PM

DISCLAIMER: City Council Workshops are held monthly as an opportunity for Council Members to discuss policy topics in greater detail prior to a formal meeting where a public hearing may be held and/or action may be taken. Members of the public that would like to make a comment or ask questions about an item on the agenda for an upcoming workshop should send them to mail@falconheights.org prior to the meeting. Alternatively, time is regularly allotted for public comment during Regular City Council Meetings (typically 2nd and 4th Wednesdays) during the Community Forum.



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)

Meeting Date	February 25, 2026
Agenda Item	Policy C1
Attachment	See below.
Submitted By	Hannah Lynch, Community Development Coordinator Jack Linehan, City Administrator

Item	Review of Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Proposals
Description	<p>As the University of Minnesota moves forward with interviewing potential developer candidates for the Les Bolstad Golf Course sale, it is prudent that the City of Falcon Heights begin laying out a process and timeline for developing a master plan for the redevelopment.</p> <p>Consultant Andrew Dresdner of Bolton & Menk has advised the City to consider forming two committees: a Technical Advisory Committee and a Community Advisory Committee.</p> <p>The Technical Advisory Committee will be made up of individuals from organizations such as Ramsey County, the MetCouncil, St. Paul Regional Water, Rice Creek Watershed District, Capitol Region Watershed District, Falcon Heights staff, and any other appropriate parties.</p> <p>The Community Advisory Committee will be made up of local community members who represent various economic, ethnic, and social service interests within the City of Falcon Heights and adjacent cities.</p> <p>The City Council was tasked with determining the selection process for choosing the CAC members. During the February 11, 2026 Council Workshop, Council determined that the CAC will be made up of nine (9) voting members from the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One representative from Falcon Heights At-Large • One representative from the Planning Commission • One representative from the Environment Commission • One representative from the Parks and Recreation Commission • One representative from the Community Engagement Commission • One representative from The Grove neighborhood • One representative from Lauderdale • One representative from Roseville • One representative from St. Paul

Taking this direction, staff worked on an application form and has set up a few recommendations which can be considered to be modified for discussion:

1. Following the example of the Rice Creek Commons (TCAAP) project in Arden Hills and other CAC groups, it is recommended that the Council recruits and appoints a Chair directly. The Falcon Heights resident at-large could be the logical choice.
2. For the Roseville and Lauderdale positions, it is suggested they are appointed by their City Councils if possible. For St. Paul, it is suggested to consider an appointment from the District 12 – St. Anthony Park Community Council rather than any resident in St. Paul. For the Grove, it would be asked that the Grove HoA provide a representative.

The CAC will meet monthly, with the first meeting date anticipated for Wednesday, April 15.

Additional notes from Andrew Dresdner, Consultant from Bolton & Menk: In general, it will be important to build a “big tent” of partners (community, county, watersheds, state, etc.) to improve the end product and expedite matters. It is also important to remember this will not be a quick, 3-4 month process. Finally, the developer will take the lead on the master plan and AUAR. The City/consultant will review and shepherd the process. If things change, we will be capable of leading, but the current assumption is the developer is production and we will be reviewing.

If we are to start the CAC in April, it is important that we move quickly in the formation to begin the recruitment process. Our timeline would be as follows:

- Mid-late February - **Staff Council** liaisons begin sharing the upcoming draft CAC info with their commissions at their next meeting or by email if no meeting early March.
- Feb 25th - Approval of Resolution 26-12
- Feb 26th - 30 day recruitment for At-Large position, request to neighboring communities go out seeking candidates
- March 27th - Deadline for at-large applications
- March 30-April 2nd - Interviews for at-large applications
- April 8th - Approval at the City Council meeting

This timeline can be extended to consider a May start if additional time is needed.

Budget Impact	N/A
Attachment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAC Overview - CAC Application - Resolution 26-17 (draft)

Action(s) Requested	Council should discuss moving forward with creating a Community Advisory Committee for the development of a master plan for the Les Bolstad Golf Course redevelopment.
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Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment Community Advisory Committee

Overview

The Community Development Advisory Committee (CAC) will serve as a voice for the community and act in an advisory capacity to help shape the future redevelopment of the Les Bolstad Golf Course. The CAC will be made up of local community members who represent the diverse economic, ethnic and social service interests of the City of Falcon Heights and of adjacent cities. The committee does not have independent duties or authority to take actions that will bind the City of Falcon Heights.

The group will be appointed by the Falcon Heights City Council and made up of nine (9) voting members to consist of the following membership:

- One representative from Falcon Heights At-Large (to serve as Chair)
- One representative from the Planning Commission
- One representative from the Environment Commission
- One representative from the Parks and Recreation Commission
- One representative from the Community Engagement Commission
- One representative from The Grove neighborhood (selected by the Grove HOA)
- One representative from Lauderdale (selected by the Lauderdale City Council)
- One representative from Roseville (selected by the Roseville City Council)
- One representative from St. Anthony Park (selected by the St. Anthony Park Community Council – District 12)

Additionally, staff from the City of Falcon Heights will serve as liaison to the CAC, as well as non-voting member participation from our consultants at Bolton & Menk, Barr Engineering and Braun Intertec. Representatives from the University of Minnesota and the identified buyer will also have an active role in this process.

Meeting Information

- Monthly, the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 PM, at Falcon Heights City Hall.
- Anticipated first meeting date of Wednesday, April 15th.

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
LES BOLSTAD GOLF COURSE REDEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOW LONG AT ABOVE ADDRESS? _____

REASON(S) YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

LIST YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, LEADERSHIP ROLES, SKILLS, QUALIFICATIONS AND/OR OTHER INTERESTS WHICH YOU COULD BRING TO THIS COMMITTEE:

PRIOR PUBLIC (OR RELATED) SERVICE: _____

OTHER RELEVANT SKILLS, SPECIAL TRAINING, EDUCATION OR BACKGROUND
(OR COMMENTS): _____

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

February 25, 2026

No. 26-17

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LES BOLSTAD GOLF COURSE
REDEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Les Bolstad Golf Course property, owned by the University of Minnesota, is located adjacent to the City of Falcon Heights and represents a significant redevelopment opportunity affecting land use, infrastructure, environmental systems, housing, and community character; and

WHEREAS, redevelopment of the property will have regional implications for Falcon Heights and neighboring jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Falcon Heights City Council recognizes the importance of structured community engagement and broad stakeholder input in shaping redevelopment outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a formal advisory body to serve as a community voice and provide recommendations to the City Council regarding the redevelopment process; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee shall act solely in an advisory capacity and shall not have independent authority to bind the City of Falcon Heights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Falcon Heights hereby establishes the Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the purpose of advising the City Council on matters related to redevelopment of the Les Bolstad Golf Course property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Community Advisory Committee shall:

1. Purpose and Duties

- a.** Serve as a community focus group representing a cross-section of residents and stakeholders.
- b.** Provide input and recommendations to the City Council regarding land use concepts, environmental considerations, infrastructure, housing, community amenities, and related redevelopment matters.
- c.** Identify community priorities, concerns, and opportunities associated with redevelopment.
- d.** Act solely in an advisory capacity without independent authority to take action on behalf of the City.

2. Membership

- a. The Committee shall consist of nine (9) voting members appointed as follows:
 - i. One Falcon Heights resident appointed at-large, who shall serve as Chair;
 - ii. One representative from the Falcon Heights Planning Commission;
 - iii. One representative from the Falcon Heights Environment Commission;
 - iv. One representative from the Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation Commission;
 - v. One representative from the Falcon Heights Community Engagement Commission;
 - vi. One representative from The Grove neighborhood (selected by the Grove HOA);
 - vii. One representative from the City of Lauderdale (selected by the Lauderdale City Council);
 - viii. One representative from the City of Roseville (selected by the Roseville City Council);
 - ix. One representative from St. Anthony Park (selected by the St. Anthony Park Community Council – District 12).

3. Staff and Consultant Participation

- a. The City Administrator, or designee, shall serve as staff liaison to the Committee.
- b. Non-voting participation may include representatives from the City’s professional consultants, including but not limited to Bolton & Menk, Barr Engineering, and Braun Intertec.
- c. Representatives from the University of Minnesota and, as applicable, an identified buyer or development entity may participate as non-voting stakeholders.

4. Meetings

- a. Meetings shall generally occur monthly at Falcon Heights City Hall unless otherwise determined by the Committee in coordination with staff.
- b. Meetings shall comply with the Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

5. Duration

- a. The Community Advisory Committee shall remain in existence until dissolved by further action of the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff is directed to solicit applications for the Falcon Heights at-large member using the adopted Community Advisory Committee application form and to coordinate with partner jurisdictions and organizations regarding their respective appointments.

Moved by:

Approved by: _____
Randall C. Gustafson
Mayor

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Jack Linehan
City Administrator

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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)

Meeting Date	February 25, 2026
Agenda Item	Policy C2
Attachment(s)	Draft Legislative Priorities
Submitted By	Jack Linehan, City Administrator

Item	2026 Legislative Priorities Continuation
Description	<p>The Minnesota State Legislature is in session, and numerous bills may be coming that could impact Falcon Heights. Staff has collaborated with the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC), Metro Cities, and our legislators to identify areas where the Council may want to take official positions.</p> <p>Council identified and began discussions about 2026 legislative priorities during the Council Workshop on February 11, 2026. More time was needed so this is an opportunity to continue discussions on the following items that did not have full consensus:</p> <p>The LMC has scheduled “City Day on the Hill” for Thursday, March 11, 2026. We plan to coordinate meetings with our District 66 legislators to discuss our legislative priorities.</p> <p>Item the City of Falcon could advocate for at the State level but needs more guidance include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Just Cause” Eviction Support: The Minnesota Legislature is actively considering "Just Cause" eviction protections (SF1671/HF997) to prevent arbitrary or retaliatory lease non-renewals, and ensuring landlords can only evict for specific reasons. Following 2023 reforms, new 2025 laws mandate a 14-day pre-filing notice for non-payment. While some cities like St. Paul have implemented specific, localized “Just Cause” ordinances (S.A.F.E. Housing Tenant protections), proposals like SF1671/HF997 aim to establish these protections statewide. Falcon Heights City Council discussed “Just Cause” Evictions during its November 4, 2025 Workshop, with a representative from HOME Line present. While councilmembers generally expressed support for stronger tenant protections, several expressed caution about moving forward on state legislation that has not yet advanced through the committee. • Eviction Moratorium: Cities such as Roseville and St. Anthony Village have requested that the Governor and/or Minnesota legislature consider a

	moratorium on evictions due to the disruptions caused by Operation Metro Surge. As a Statutory Plan A city, Falcon Heights would not have the power to impose a moratorium on evictions, but the State can.
Budget Impact	N/A
Attachment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>LMC Priorities</u>• <u>Metro Cities Priorities</u>
Action(s) Requested	The City Council is requested to continue to discuss and provide guidance on Falcon Heights' legislative priorities for 2026.

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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)

Meeting Date	February 25, 2026
Agenda Item	Policy C3
Attachment(s)	Draft Resolution 26-XX
Submitted By	Jack Linehan, City Administrator

Item	Towing Reimbursement Policy
Description	<p>With recent immigration enforcement activity surging in Minnesota and reports of ICE leaving detainees' vehicles behind after arrests, other cities such as St. Paul, Minneapolis and St. Anthony Village have considered what to do with vehicles abandoned due to ICE arrests, and whether towing costs should be waived or reimbursed if vehicle owners detained by ICE can provide proof of ownership and detainment.</p> <p>Falcon Heights City Code <i>Chapter 46 Traffic and Vehicles</i> outlines enforcement actions for any motor vehicle parked in violation of City Code.</p> <p>Sec. 46-26 <i>Any motor vehicle parked in violation of this chapter may be removed without notice to the owner or operator, by any employee of the county highway department, any police officer, or any person, firm or corporation employed or designated for this purpose by the city. The motor vehicle so removed may be towed to and stored in any parking lot or garage designated by the city or its policing agency. Payment of the towing and impound charges shall not relieve the owner or operator from payment of the fine or penalty for violation of this chapter or any other applicable ordinance of this city. (Code 1993, § 7-6.01)</i></p> <p>Sec 46-27 - Parking; restrictions; uniform parking fine <i>(b) (3) (3) No passenger vehicle or hitched trailer in combination with a passenger vehicle shall be parked on any street or public grounds within the city for more than 48 consecutive hours.</i></p> <p>Current City Code states that no vehicles may be parked in the same spot for more than 48 hours. Vehicles that are parked in the same spot for more than 48 hours without moving can potentially be considered abandoned, and, that the fine or penalty is the responsibility of the owner.</p> <p>Council is asked to discuss whether to consider adopting a resolution that would set a budget for a program and outline parameters, such as:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What type of documentation is required for reimbursement? • Is it eligible only to Falcon Heights residents, such as St. Anthony's policy, or anyone who has a vehicle towed due to ICE detainment in Falcon Heights? • Would the reimbursement be handled administratively, or through City Council action? <p>A draft resolution has been included for consideration as a starting point that can be further edited as needed.</p>
Budget Impact	N/A
Attachment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Resolution 26-XX
Action(s) Requested	The City Council is asked to discuss whether updates to City Code are warranted at this time to allow for consideration of vehicles towed due to immigration enforcement.

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

February 25, 2026

No. 26-XX

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY TOWING AND IMPOUND REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM RELATED TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION

WHEREAS, Falcon Heights City Code Chapter 46 authorizes the removal and impoundment of vehicles parked in violation of City Code, including vehicles parked in the same location for more than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 46-26, payment of towing and impound charges does not relieve the owner or operator from payment of fines or penalties; and

WHEREAS, recent immigration enforcement activity within Minnesota has resulted in circumstances where individuals detained by federal immigration authorities may be unable to promptly move their vehicles, resulting in towing and impound charges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a limited, discretionary reimbursement program to address hardship situations where a vehicle was towed as a result of the owner's federal immigration detention; and

WHEREAS, the City of Falcon Heights has no role in civil immigration enforcement and this program does not constitute participation in or support of such enforcement, but rather addresses municipal towing impacts arising under City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that establishing a capped and proof-based reimbursement program serves a limited public purpose and promotes equitable treatment of residents affected by detention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Falcon Heights:

1. Program Established

The City hereby establishes a Temporary Towing and Impound Reimbursement Program for vehicles towed pursuant to Chapter 46 when the vehicle owner was detained by federal immigration authorities at the time the vehicle became subject to towing.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for reimbursement, an applicant must:

- a) Provide proof of vehicle ownership at the time of towing;
- b) Provide documentation demonstrating federal immigration detention during the period the vehicle was parked and subject to towing;

- c) Provide receipts or invoices showing payment of towing and impound fees; and
- d) Submit an application within ninety (90) days of release from detention or payment of towing and impound charges, whichever is later.

Reimbursement shall not include parking citations or fines unless separately authorized by the City Council.

3. Reimbursement Limits

- a) The total program budget shall not exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500).
- b) Individual reimbursements shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) per vehicle.
- c) Reimbursements shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis until program funds are exhausted.

4. Administration

- a) The City Administrator, or designee, is authorized to develop application materials and administrative procedures consistent with this Resolution.
- b) Determinations of eligibility shall be made by the City Administrator or designee based on documentation submitted.
- c) The City Administrator shall report program utilization to the City Council upon exhaustion of funds or at the conclusion of the program term.

5. Duration

This program shall remain in effect until December 31, 2026, or until the \$2,500 allocation is exhausted, whichever occurs first, unless extended by further action of the City Council.

6. No Waiver of Enforcement Authority

Nothing in this Resolution amends Chapter 46 of the City Code or limits the City’s authority to tow vehicles parked in violation of City Code.

Moved by:

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Approved by: _____
 Randall C. Gustafson
 Mayor

Attested by: _____
 Jack Linehan
 City Administrator