

Fargo City Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 20, 2026

4:30 PM

Commission Chambers

Mayor Boschee announced that the Board of City Commissioners will retire into Executive Session in the Red River Room for the purpose of receiving its attorney's advice and guidance on the legal risks, strengths and weaknesses of an action of the City regarding civil litigation with Curtis H. Kesselring and Deborah J. Kesselring, as Trustees of the Kesselring Joint Trust UA dated January 1, 2027, and to discuss negotiating strategy or provide negotiating instructions to its attorney or other negotiator regarding the litigation which to discuss these matters in an open meeting will have a negative fiscal effect on the bargaining position of the City. Thus, an Executive Session for this matter is authorized pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 44-04-19.1 subsections 2, 5 and 9 and North Dakota Century Code 44-04-19.2, subsection 1.

Commissioner Turnberg moved the Commissioners meet in Executive Session in the Red River Room as authorized by NDCC, Section 44-04-19.1(2) to discuss said matter. Second by Peterson. All the Commissioners voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

At 4:30 o'clock p.m. the Board moved to the Red River Room to discuss the litigation matter in Executive Session.

Members present were: Gullickson, Peterson, Strand, Turnberg, Boschee.

The Executive Session closed at 4:57 p.m. and the meeting reconvened in public session at 5:00 o'clock p.m. All Commissioners present.

Mayor Boschee presiding.

A. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor invited everyone to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call.

Present: Commissioner Nikkie Gullickson, Commissioner John Strand, Commissioner Chad Peterson, Commissioner Michelle Turnberg and Commissioner Josh Boschee

A video was shown highlighting the Forestry Division's Arbor Day event at Anderson Park with students from Carl Ben Eielson Middle School.

C. Approve Order of Agenda.

Commissioner Turnberg moved, second by Commissioner Peterson to approve the Order of the Agenda. All the Commissioners voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

D. Minutes (Regular Meeting, July 6, 2026 and Special Meeting, July 8, 2026).

Commissioner Strand moved, second by Commissioner Turnberg to approve the Minutes. All the Commissioners voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Turnberg moved, second by Commissioner Strand to approve the Consent Agenda. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson, Strand, Peterson, Turnberg and Boschee

1. Government Relations and Legislative Advocacy Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

Attachments: [Approve 2026 Government Relations & Legislative Advocacy Request for Qualifications \(RFQ\).](#)

2. Appointment of Lake Agassiz Water Authority Board Member for the City of Fargo.

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3. 1st reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 3-2011 of Article 3-20 of Chapter 3 of the Fargo Municipal Code Relating to a Sales and Use Tax for Infrastructure Capital Improvements.

Attachments: [Extension of Infrastructure Sales Tax](#)

4. Receive and file an Ordinance Repealing Article 15-02 of Chapter 15 of the Fargo Municipal Code relating to the Human Rights Commission.

Attachments: [Repealing Article 15-02-Human Rights Commission.pdf](#)

5. Applications for Games of Chance.

Attachments: [Games of Chance 7.20.26](#)

6. Change Order No. 1 to authorize use of Automated Machine Guidance for Improvement District No. BR-26-I1.

Attachments: [BR-26-I1 CO #1](#)

7. Negative Final Balancing Change Order No. 2 in the amount of -\$58,044.85 for Improvement District No. BR-25-H1.

Attachments: [BR-25-H1 Neg FBCO #2](#)

8. Negative Final Balancing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of -\$14,475.58 for Improvement District No. BR-25-C1.

Attachments: [BR-25-C1 Neg FBCO #1](#)

9. Final Balancing Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$10,142.27 for Improvement District No. BN-24-B1.

Attachments: [BN-24-B1 FBCO #5](#)

10. Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$79,624.00 for Improvement District No. BR-23-A2.

Attachments: [BR-23-A2 Amend #2](#)

11. Bid award to Master Holdings, LLC in the amount of \$523,763.75 for Improvement District No. BN-26-B1.

Attachments: [BN-26-B1 Award Letter](#)

12. Bid award to Insituform Technologies USA, LLC in the amount of \$1,027,128.96 for Improvement District No. UR-26-G1.

Attachments: [UR-26-G1 Award Letter](#)

13. Final Balancing Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$8,365.60 for Project No. TN-24-A1.

Attachments: [TN-24-A1 FBCO #7](#)

14. Final Balancing Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$0.00 for Project No. TR-25-E1.

Attachments: [TR-25-E1 FBCO #2](#)

15. Amendment to extend cleaning contract at the Police Department Headquarters for two years (RFP23013).

Attachments: [Memo - Cleaning contract renewal PD.docx](#)
[Osgood Cleaning Cleaning Agreement PDHQ Fully Executed 8-1-2023 - Original Agreement](#)
[Amendment to the Janitorial Services agreement - e 260715 144812](#)

16. Items from FAHR meeting:
- a. Authorize Transit Department to offer vehicle on Govdeals auction services with the proceeds going back into the Transit Capital account.
 - b. Approve grant award from ND Department of Health and Human Services No. G25.727 CFDA 93.898 Partial in the amount of \$102,915.00.
 - c. Approve grant award from ND Department of Health and Human Services No. G25.674 in the amount of \$2,000.00 and related budget adjustment.

Attachments: [City Commission FAHR](#)

17. Notice of Grant Award with ND Department of Health and Human Services for LPHU Tobacco Prevention and Control Program.

Attachments: [G25.800 LPHU TPCP MEMO](#)
[G25.800 LPHU TCCP](#)

18. Direct the City Attorney's office to review the Tattoos, Body Art and Body Piercing Ordinance, Article 25-33.

Attachments: [Tattoo Body Art Piercing Ordinance MEMO](#)

19. Direct the City Attorney's office to review the Lodging Ordinance, Article 13-14.

Attachments: [Lodging Ordinance MEMO](#)

20. Direct the City Attorney's office to review the Recreational Aquatic Facilities Ordinance, Article 13-10.

Attachments: [Aquatic Facilities Ordinance MEMO](#)

21. Bid award to Pioneer LLC in the amount of \$47,200.00 for the demolition of property located at 115 6th Avenue North (RFP26210).

Attachments: [Dangerous Building](#)

22. Bid award to J-Tech Mechanical in the amount of \$157,500.00 for the Metro Transit Garage Boiler Replacement Project (RFP26183).

Attachments: [Award of Metro Transit Garage Boiler Replacement Project \(RFP26183\)](#)

23. Bid award to Seon Design Inc. d/b/a Safe Fleet for Bus Video Surveillance Systems (RFP26200).

Attachments: [Award for Bus Video Surveillance System \(RFP2622\)](#)

24. Assistance to homeowners with lead service lines during emergency sewer line replacements.

Attachments: [Assistance to Homeowners with Lead Service Lines during Emergency Sewer Line Replacements.](#)

25. Contract and bond for Project WA2508.

Attachments: [WA2508](#)

26. Bills in the amount of \$12,101,480.

Regular Agenda:

27. PUBLIC HEARING - Application for a Class "GH" Alcoholic Beverage License for Divine Taste of Africa Cuisine Catering Services LLC d/b/a Divine Taste of Africa to be located at 855 45th Street South, Suite A1; continued from the 6/22/26 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Turnberg moved, second by Commissioner Gullickson to approve the application. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson, Strand, Peterson, Turnberg and Boschee

28. PUBLIC HEARING - Application for a Class "FA" Alcoholic Beverage License for La Terraza LLC d/b/a La Terraza Mexican Bar & Grill to be located at 5570 32nd Avenue South; continued from the 6/22/26 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Gullickson moved, second by Commissioner Turnberg to approve the application. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson, Strand, Peterson, Turnberg and Boschee

29. PUBLIC HEARING - Application to transfer the Class "AB" Alcoholic Beverage License from Litton Enterprise LLC d/b/a Duffy's Tavern to Duffy's Tavern LLC d/b/a Duffy's Tavern located at 16 12th Street South.

Attachments: [Duffy's new](#)

Commissioner Turnberg moved, second by Commissioner Peterson to approve the application. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson, Strand, Peterson, Turnberg and Boschee

30. PUBLIC HEARING - Selkirk Place Sixth Addition (6655 Selkirk Drive South); approval recommended by the Planning Commission on 6/2/26:
- a. Zoning Change from SR-5, Single-Dwelling Residential to SR-2, Single-Dwelling Residential.
 - b. Plat of Selkirk Place Sixth Addition.

Attachments: [07-20-2026 Selkirk Place Sixth Addition \(minor subdivision and zone change\)](#)

Commissioner Turnberg moved, second by Commissioner Strand to approve the rezoning and plat. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson, Strand, Peterson, Turnberg and Boschee

- 30c. An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Parcels of Land Lying in Selkirk Place Sixth Addition to the City of Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota.

Attachments: [Selkirk Place Sixth Addition.pdf](#)

Commissioner Turnberg moved, second by Commissioner Strand to approve the 1st reading of the rezoning Ordinance. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson, Strand, Peterson, Turnberg and Boschee

31. PUBLIC HEARING - Fargo's HUD Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Community Development BLOCK Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs.

Attachments: [2026.07.20 CC Packet \(public hearing\) - 2025 CAPER](#)

Commissioner Strand moved, second by Commissioner Gullickson to approve the report. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson, Strand, Peterson, Turnberg and Boschee

32. PUBLIC HEARING - Renaissance Zone Rehabilitation Project for EWR Fargo Dakota Center, LLC (Edgewood Properties LLLP) (377-F) located at 51 Broadway North.

Attachments: [CC packet 7.20.26 \(377-F\)](#)

Commissioner Strand moved, second by Commissioner Boschee to approve the application. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson, Strand and Boschee

Nay: Peterson and Turnberg

33. PUBLIC HEARING - Renaissance Zone application for a rehabilitation project from JS2L Partners, LLP (378-F) located at 120 8th Street South.

Attachments: [CC packet 7.20.26 \(378-F\)](#)

Commissioner Gullickson moved, second by Commissioner Strand to approve the application. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson, Strand, Peterson and Boschee

Nay: Turnberg

34. Request for a new Alcoholic Beverage License Classification.

Attachments: [Airport License](#)

Commissioner Turnberg moved, second by Commissioner Strand to approve the request. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson, Strand, Peterson, Turnberg and Boschee

35. Petition for waiver of requirement to install a public sidewalk in the Thunder Road South right-of-way along Lot 1, Block 1, Sanders Addition; Lot 1, Block 1, Adams Ninth Addition; all of Lots 1, 2, 5 and portions of Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, Adams Fifth Addition (2884, 2890, 2902, 3001, 3005, 3031, 3060, 3064, 3068 and 3075 Thunder Road South); denial recommended by the Planning Commission on 7/7/26.

Attachments: [07-20-2026 Sanders Addition, Adams Fifth Addition, Adams Ninth Addition \(petition for sidewalk waiver\)](#)

Commissioner Strand moved, second by Commissioner Boschee to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the waiver, thereby requiring sidewalk installation per City policy. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson and Boschee

Nay: Strand, Peterson and Turnberg

(The motion to deny the waiver failed. Due to the motion to deny the waiver failing, City staff indicated they would not proceed with construction of the sidewalk within the area covered by the waiver petition.)

36. Hearing on an appeal regarding Vehicle Removal Notice/Administrative Notice and Order to Correct at 379 7th Avenue South.

Attachments: [Administrative Notice and Order to Correct](#)

Commissioner Strand moved, second by Commissioner Gullickson to approve the findings of staff, to deny the requested appeal and direct staff to remove the Ford RV located at 379 7th Avenue South after 90 days from July 20, 2026 if the owner fails to bring the vehicle into compliance with the Fargo Municipal Code within the 90-day period.. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson, Strand, Peterson, Turnberg and Boschee

37. Bid award and contract for fence installation around east lot of Fargo Police Department Headquarters (PBC26237); continued from the 7/6/26 Regular Meeting.

Attachments: [Memo](#)
[Agreement](#)
[Additional Information](#)

Commissioner Strand moved, second by Commissioner Gullickson to approve the bid award and contract. On call of the roll Commissioners voted as follows:

Aye: Gullickson, Strand, Turnberg and Boschee

Nay: Peterson

38. Presentation on City staff roles related to future incentive processes/procedures.

Attachments: [Presentation on City Staff Roles Related to Future Incentive Processes/Procedures](#)

City Administrator Michael Redlinger and Planning Director Nicole Crutchfield presented.

39. Construction update.

City Engineer Tom Knakmuhs presented.

40. Liaison Commissioner Assignment Updates.

Commissioners gave reports on the Boards and Committees on which they serve.

41. Public Comments:

Bradley Foster spoke.

The time at adjournment was 7:26 o'clock p.m.