



**CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, April 27th, 2026
at 4:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL: Councilors Geissler, Hjelle, LeBlanc, Peterson, and Mayor Boucher

CITY STAFF: John Mulder, City Administrator; Joe Wicklund, Assistant City Administrator; Chad Ronchetti, Economic Development Director; Eric Johnson, Community Development Director; Jim Crace, Public Safety Director; Alissa McClure, City Clerk; David Bolf, City Engineer; Gunnar Johnson, City Attorney

OTHERS: Chris Virta, City’s Bond Counsel from Fryberger Law Firm, and about 20 visitors (there was no sign in sheet)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Local Board of Appeals & Equalization Meeting Preview: Alissa McClure discussed the upcoming Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting scheduled for April 30th. She gave an update on the communication we have received so far, and asked for direction on how they would like the meeting run.
2. Hermantown Data Center – Tax Abatement Agreement & Development Agreement Preview: Chad Ronchetti walked through the proposed tax abatement agreement and development agreement for the data center. Chad Ronchetti gave a presentation that will be part of the public hearing and the documents will be part of the Agenda for May 4, 2026. Council members asked a number of questions.
3. Following the discussion, the City Council recessed the meeting at approximately 5:45 p.m. until Monday, May 4, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator