CITY OF SHOREVIEW
AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Tuesday January 20, 2026
4:30 PM

Under MN Statutes 13D.02 and city policy, council members may participate remotely.

1. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
   - 1.a Ramsey County Sheriff's Office update
   - 1.b Planning commission interviews

2. **OTHER ISSUES & LIAISON UPDATES**

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Memorandum

TO: City Council Workshop

FROM: Brad Martens , City Manager

DATE: January 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Ramsey County Sheriff's Office update

ITEM NUMBER: 1.a

SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

INTRODUCTION

The City Council has requested an update from the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.

DISCUSSION

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services to the City of Shoreview and five other suburban communities. Services include patrol, investigations, apprehension, water patrol, community support services, school resource officers, intel, and carjacking and auto theft. Undersheriff Jeff Ramacher will be in attendance to provide an update and answer questions from the city council.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

Memorandum

TO: City Council Workshop

FROM: Renee Eisenbeisz , Assistant City Manager

DATE: January 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Planning commission interviews

ITEM NUMBER: 1.b

SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

INTRODUCTION

Per the city's open appointment policy, the city council reviews, interviews, and appoints planning commission applicants directly. Additionally, planning commissioners who have served two full terms need to reapply. Barb Yarusso and Lee Helgen's terms are expiring at the end of January. Lee was reappointed at the January 5 meeting as they have not served two full terms. Barb is not seeking reappointment. The city received two applications to fill their seat.

DISCUSSION

The city council will conduct interviews at their January 20 workshop meeting in the council chambers. The interview schedule is below:

5:30 pm - Nic Ahmadvand
5:50 pm - Liz Anderson

Applications and interview questions are attached for review.

This appointment will be on the January 20 regular meeting for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

Interview questions
Nic Ahmadvand
Liz Anderson

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Applicant

Planning Commission
Interview Questions

1. Why are you interested in serving on the planning commission?
   Rationale: Open-ended question to get the conversation started and create a dialogue as well as identify their understanding of what the planning commission does.

2. What specific knowledge and experience would you bring to the planning commission? What special qualities do you bring to the commission?
   Rationale: Open-ended question to draw out any specific qualifications for the commission. Looking for analytical skills, thoughtfulness/deliberative, able to work with others, etc.

3. What do you believe are the city's best development successes? Why do you feel that way?
   Rationale: Is the applicant aware of current needs, trends, and future developments? What do they view as success for the city and is it in line with the city's current goals/vision?

4. As a planning commission member, you will likely be required to review controversial items. If the city received an application to develop a new apartment building adjacent to a single-family residential neighborhood that generally met most community goals and rules but did need some flexibility related to density and setbacks, what process and priorities would you use to review the application balancing the neighborhood concerns with the overall goals of the city?
   Rationale: Identify how applicant views the role of commissioner in relation to city council as well as how they handle conflict. How do they address tough situations in a manner that seeks to understand all parties' sides, is it keeping with the city's mission/values as well as policy?

5. The planning commission consists of seven individuals who have varying backgrounds, experiences, and opinions. These differences can be apparent in the commission's decision making process. How would you approach working with this diverse group in a public setting?
   Rationale: Identify how applicant works with others who have different views/opinions. How do they approach differing views? How would they act in a public setting?

6. Do you have any questions of us?

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Cinde Morris <cmorris@shoreviewmn.gov>

Advisory board application from Nic Ahmadvand

1 message

Laserfiche Notification <donotreply@laserfiche.com> Fri, Oct 31, 2025 at 11:29 AM
To: cmorris@shoreviewmn.gov, reisenbeisz@shoreviewmn.gov

Submitted: 10/31/2025

Name: Nic Ahmadvand

Address: [redacted]

Phone number: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

How long have you lived in Shoreview: 1 year

Are you applying to be a student representative: No

What is your school and grade:

Is there any reason you would not be able to attend regular meetings? No

If yes, please explain:

What advisory boards are you applying for:<

1. Planning commission
2.
3.

Why would you like to serve on this advisory board?

I have been looking for ways to become more involved in the community, and this is a great way to be engaged with my local government and bring community input into the city's plans and goals.

What are your specific areas of interest with this advisory board's scope?

Reviewing the comp plan, learning more about the city's development goals, and helping in developing/adopting controls to ensure those goals are met.

Briefly describe work or other experience that would relate to this board. This should include other organizations you have participated in.

I previously served on the City of Columbia Heights Sustainability Commission as Chair; I had to resign when we moved to Shoreview. I also recently completed the City of Shoreview's Leadership Academy earlier this year, which gave me a lot of insight into the City and its various departments. I currently work for a large financial institution as a Sr. Lead Control Officer, so I do have experience reviewing and developing business controls, which I think would align well with this role.

Any additional comments?

Signature

Nic Ahmadvand

10/31/2025

Submitted: 11/13/2025

Name: Liz Anderson

Address: [redacted]

Phone number: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

How long have you lived in Shoreview: 39 years

Are you applying to be a student representative: No

What is your school and grade:

Is there any reason you would not be able to attend regular meetings? No

If yes, please explain:

What advisory boards are you applying for:<

1. Planning commission
2. Economic development commission
3. Economic development authority

Why would you like to serve on this advisory board?

Having lived in Shoreview for 39 years, it has been wonderful to watch the growth and development in our city. I recently sold my business of 15 years and retired and feel as though this would be a great opportunity for me to share my experiences and knowledge to help support continued growth and development of our community.

What are your specific areas of interest with this advisory board's scope?

Part of owning a business is long range strategic planning to ensure not only the health of the business, but that you are also meeting the needs of the community. I believe these skills would be very beneficial to the planning commission as well as the economic development boards.

Briefly describe work or other experience that would relate to this board. This should include other organizations you have participated in.

I opened a private mental health practice in Maple Grove in 2010. I employed 26 people and managed not only the growth and daily operations of the business but also built a strong, collaborative team of professionals. Prior to that I was an executive for Target corp in store planning and development and HR for 25 years.

Any additional comments?

Signature

Liz Anderson

11/13/2025