

Adopting Vision 4.0 Strategic Priorities

St. Louis Park City Council Meeting – April 6, 2026

Today's action

Recommended action: Motion to adopt resolution approving the final Vision 4.0 strategic priorities.

Policy consideration: Does the council approve the final Vision 4.0 strategic priorities?

Overview

- Every 10 years, the City of St. Louis Park reviews and updates the strategic priorities that staff and elected officials use to guide planning and decision-making over the next decade.
- Since 1995, St. Louis Park has engaged residents, community organizations, businesses and partners through three visioning processes so far.
- The previous visioning process (Vision 3.0) took place in 2016-2017. In 2024, elected officials, city staff and community members began the visioning process for Vision 4.0.

Timeline (2024-2025) – Planning, Community Identity, Pre-engagement and Engagement

Planning (2024)

- Staff planning
- Planning committees established
- Consultants hired

Engagement (April – September 2025)

- Art based engagement
- Community conversations
- Surveys
- Engagement sessions: town halls, community events, etc.

Pre-engagement (Early 2025)

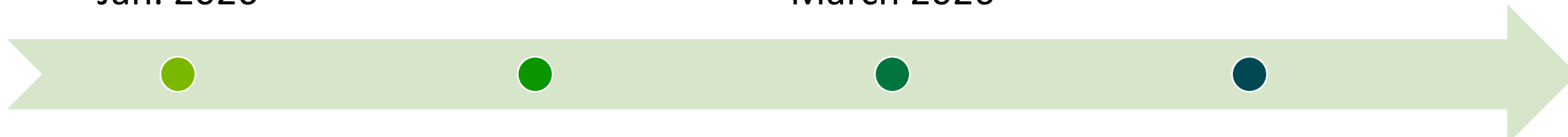
- Community identity sessions
- Community facilitator training

Final report (December 2025)

Timeline (2026) – Vision 4.0 Priority Setting + Next Steps

Jan. 2026

March 2026



Feb. 2026

April – June
2026

- The city selected TerraLuna Collaborative to lead the priority setting phase of the Vision 4.0 process to determine the new set of strategic priorities.
- Council is currently slated to adopt the the new set of strategic priorities on April 6, 2026.
- The consultants and staff are working together to develop a strategic plan based on the new priorities.

New Strategic Priorities

A Welcoming, Safe Community: An inclusive, equitable and vibrant city where everyone feels safe and experiences a strong sense of belonging.

Good Governance: A city that delivers reliable services, uses city resources responsibly, operates transparently and builds strong relationships with residents.

Connected, Safe Infrastructure: Safe, reliable and well-maintained infrastructure and neighborhoods that connect people and places with an emphasis on walking, biking and transit.

Diverse, Affordable, and Dignified Housing: A range of quality, affordable and attainable housing options.

Climate Leadership and Natural Spaces: Climate leader that cares for the planet and maintains dynamic parks that connect people and nature.

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Questions?

Previous Strategic Priorities

- **St. Louis Park is committed to:**
- Being a leader in racial equity and inclusion to create a more just and inclusive community for all.
- Continue to lead in environmental stewardship.
- Providing a broad range of housing and neighborhood-oriented development.
- Providing a variety of options for people to make their way around the city comfortably, safely and reliably.
- Creating opportunities to build social capital through community engagement.

Separation Ordinance & ALPR

City Council Study Session Discussion

April 6, 2026

Separation Ordinance Presentation

Presented by: Bryan Kruelle, Chief of Police
Siar Nadem, Deputy Chief of Police

Separation Ordinance Discussion to Date

- January 2026 - Council requested a review of a separation ordinance
- Feb. 17, 2026: Council reviewed staff analysis and held a brief discussion on the topic that took place at this study session
 - Council voted to move forward with further consideration
- Separation Ordinance discussed with PMAC and PAC
- April 6 session purpose:
 - Examine three key policy questions
 - Does the council wish to move forward with the establishment of a separation ordinance that covers any of the three policy areas?

Policy Question 1: Does the council wish to limit the SLPPD from cooperating with or employing crowd control measures in coordination with immigration enforcement?

- **SLPPD Current Practice:**

- We do not enforce immigration law
- We do not request documentation on status or maintain that data in our records
- We prioritize responding to everyday needs, regardless of status

- **Key Considerations:**

- Providing a safe community for all and maintaining community trust
- Officer safety and real-time decision making
- Risk of limiting response in unpredictable situations
- Potential legal ambiguity

Policy Question 2: Does the council wish to establish a formal reporting protocol for city employees who interact with federal immigration authorities?

- Protocols already exist:
 - Employees notify department heads
 - Not authorized to represent the city
 - Police assistance required when appropriate
- Police internal escalation procedures in place
- Comparison:
 - Some cities require centralized reporting
- Key consideration:
 - Whether to formalize or expand existing practices

Policy Question 3: Does the council wish to limit the usage of city resources and property by federal immigration authorities?

- Other cities have enacted similar restrictions
- Enforcement challenges:
 - Federal authorities may not comply
 - City cannot physically obstruct enforcement
- Likely approach:
 - Deterrence (signage, communication)
 - Cease-and-desist actions vs. penalties
- Key considerations:
 - Legal enforceability and liability concerns
 - Public expectations and trust

Separation Ordinance: Next Steps

- **Context**
 - Similar ordinances in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Richfield, Burnsville
- **Financial Considerations**
 - No direct budget impact
 - Potential administrative/legal costs
- **Next Steps:** Does the council wish to move forward with the establishment of a separation ordinance that covers any of the three policy areas?
 - Council direction on policy scope
 - Drafting and legal review
 - Two council readings + public input
 - Adoption → effective after 15 days

ALPR Presentation

Presented by: Bryan Kruelle, Chief of Police
Dennis Hagen, Police Lieutenant - Investigations

ALPR Summary to Date

- The Flock ALPR (stationary) system has been in use since August 2023
- Captures license plates, time/date, location and vehicle characteristics
- Compares to the Minnesota BCA hotlist
- No facial recognition or personal identity data
- Data deleted after 30 days

Public Safety Impact of Flock ALPR Systems

- **Key Outcomes (Less Than 3 Years):**

- 188 stolen vehicles
- 159 stolen plates
- 488 warrants
- 18 missing persons
- 180,000+ violations

- **Examples:**

- Alleged kidnapped child recovered
- Dangerous suspects located

Policy Consideration #1: Where & How Systems are Used

- **Current Approach:**

- Data-driven placement
- Used in patrol vehicles and fixed locations
- Rear plate capture only

- **Options:**

- Maintain current use
- Reduce or limit deployment
- Suspend or discontinue

Policy Consideration #2: Data Protection Measures

- **Safeguards:**

- 30-day deletion
- No DMV or personal identity data
- Private data classification
- Controlled sharing

- **Controls:**

- Purpose-based access
- No immigration use
- Agreements required

Policy Consideration #3: System Audits & Next Steps

- **Audit & Oversight:**
 - Bi-annual audits
 - Detailed usage logs
 - State enforcement
- **Options:**
 - Continue program
 - Modify sharing
 - Suspend or terminate
 - Adjust oversight
- **Financial Impact:**
 - Up to \$15,000 if canceled



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2026 Valuation Report

April 6, 2026

Presentation Goals

- Explain outline of MN property tax system
- Report on the big picture
- Review the market performance
- Explain the appeal process
- Answer questions

Assessing Process – Overview

- Per MN statute... as of January 2nd.
- Market value is a moving target (range).
- 2026 Assessment = Pay 2027 Tax Period.
- Assessing staff renders an opinion of Market Value and Classification (use).
- Additional duties include divisions, homestead abatements, tax court, special assessments, answer questions ... and assist coordination with city departments and other entities.

10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025

2026 Valuation Set

Preliminary Budgeting –September
TNT Statements –November
Final Budget - December

Tax Capacity

March 2026

January 2, 2026

Budgeting

Sales Study Period

After Valuations are Finalized and
Through the Appeal Process,
County Calculates Tax Capacity

Tax Statements Are
Mailed to Property
Owners

Big Picture – St. Louis Park

Very dense valuation and among the highest tax capacity per square mile. For 2026, a mix of stability and market forces being somewhat uneven.

Sale turnover is normally high (5% to 8%)

... All residential for 24 & 25 assessments...at 3.6% & 3.9%

... All residential for 2026 assessment.. at 4.6%

... Price points (vary by property type.)

... Primary issues: interest rates, supply/demand.

... Apartments and C/I similar although nuanced.



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St. Louis Park Assessed Market Value

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
• Single-Family Homes	+ 1.5%	+ 3.3%	+ 2.1%
• Condominiums	- 1.8%	+ 0.5%	- 6.3%
• Townhomes	- 0.7%	+ 3.4%	+ 3.1%
• Apartments	+ 7.5%	- 1.3%	+ 0.9%
• Commercial-Industrial	+ 2.7%	- 2.5%	+ 0.1%
• Total Valuation	+ 2.5%	+ 0.9%	+ 0.5%

• Total valuation at \$10.032 billion as of Jan. 2, 2026.
Improvement value at \$23.427 million.

St. Louis Park 2026 Assessment Overview

- Single-Family Homes
- Rapid appreciation in 2021 & into 2022 with immediate market reaction to interest rate hikes readily evident during summer of 2022. Sale counts down by roughly 40% immediately ... stabilizing in 2024 and 2025. This varies among price points due to rate sensitivity.
- **Median Market Value \$377,200 ... \$387,200 ... \$398,300**
- Context is important - mixed among the neighborhoods.
- ... very mixed on price points - interest rate sensitivity
- ... low & mid point housing stock have stabilized
- ... upper stock values are up



St. Louis Park 2026 Assessment Overview

- Condominiums & Townhomes
- **Condos** were previously mixed in value change. More sensitivity to interest rates. Highly variable 2025.
- **Median Market Value** \$203,900 ... \$204,000 ... \$186,250
- **Townhomes** experienced hard movements in 2020-2022 time frame, stabilizing for the 2023 - 2026 assessments. Change drivers are similar, fewer transactions.
- **Median Market Value** \$252,200 ... \$261,000 ... \$265,900
- **VERY Important: HIA Assessments & Association Fees**

2026 Assessment – Median Residential Values

	Single Family	Condominium	Townhome	Duplex/Triplex
St Louis Park	398,300	186,250	265,900	475,650
Edina	770,300	195,200	446,100	631,850
Golden Valley	464,200	264,600	265,350	482,900
Hopkins	391,500	118,200	252,400	430,500
Minnetonka	548,400	232,400	328,600	563,350
Suburban	441,300	212,100	308,000	442,300
Hennepin	414,200	219,100	308,000	401,250



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Apartments – Assessed Market Value

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
• Class A – \$280,500	+ 18.6%	+ 1.4%	+ 1.0%
• Class B – \$197,500	- 3.4%	- 2.0%	+ 0.0%
• Class B- \$183,000	- 3.6%	+ 0.0%	+ 0.0%
• Class C – \$124,000	+ 0.0%	- 5.9%	+ 0.0%
• Total Valuation	+ 7.5%	- 1.3%	+ 0.9%

- Drivers of the change for assess 2026: less new construction coming on-line; interest rate issues with sale values; slightly higher vacancies in A's due to absorption of newer stock. Above changes include improvements.

Commercial & Industrial – Assessed Market Value

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
• Restaurant & Grocery	+ 6.3%	+ 5.4%	+ 0.0%
• Hotel Sector	+ 7.0%	+ 2.3%	- 4.3%
• Office (All Types)	- 1.5%	- 8.1%	- 0.6%
• Retail	+ 4.6%	+ 1.8%	+ 1.6%
• Industrial	+ 5.9%	+ 1.3%	+ 1.2%
• Total Valuation	+ 2.7%	- 2.5%	+ 0.1%

- New construction and renovations have slowed down. Relatively flat assessment with the hotel sector seeing declines throughout county. Change includes improvements.

Valuation Notices

St. Louis Park commenced mailing 17,000+ Valuation Notices on March 2nd.

Notice format set by MN Dept. of Revenue.

Each notice includes the 2025 & 2026 info for classification, market value, improvement value, exclusions, referendum value and taxable value. And the Appeal Process.



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The Appeal Process

- **Informal Appeal** – ask/answer questions, update file, review sales and have a discussion. Changes can be made administratively until 10 days before the Board convenes.
- **Local Board of Appeal & Equalization**
(St. Louis Park convenes April 13, 2026)
- **Hennepin County Board of Appeal & Equalization** (must be on Local Board list, appointment request is May 20th , the County Board convenes June 15, 2026).
- **Tax Court** – formal proceedings. Filing deadline April 30, 2027.

Questions

We are happy to answer any questions that Council may have.