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CORCORAN COMPASS

Commissions and Council Meetings Recap for the Month of June 2026



Planning Commission Update

At the June 4, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting:

New Business Included:

Springs at Corcoran Preliminary Plat, Rezoning, Preliminary PUD: The Planning Commission was originally scheduled to hold a public hearing and review this item at the June 4, 2026, meeting. However, additional information was needed from the applicant to conduct a thorough analysis of the request. This information was not prepared in time for the June 4, 2026, meeting. Discussions with the applicant are ongoing, and the applicant intends to have all necessary information provided for a future Planning Commission meeting.

Parks and Trails Commission Update

At the June 18, 2026, Parks and Trails Commission Meeting:

Unfinished Business included:

Wayfinding Policy and Signage Concepts: During the January 15, 2026, Parks and Trails Commission meeting, a draft Wayfinding Policy was presented with intention to establish a consistent and cohesive signage system throughout the City of Corcoran's parks, trails, and open spaces. The policy was developed to improve user experience by identifying park entrances, amenities, and regulations while ensuring signage aligns with City branding, accessibility requirements, and applicable codes. The project scope included development of sign concepts, one Parks and Trails Commission review, and one City Council review. The concepts presented represent the next step in refining the Wayfinding Policy and establishing a consistent visual identity for the City's parks and trail system. Commissioners provided preferences, concerns, and suggested modifications during the discussion. The Commission recommended approval of the preferred signage (6-0) and was referred to City Council for the July 9, 2026 meeting.

City Council Update

At the June 3, 2026, Special Session City Council Meeting:

City Council approved the City Administrator Performance Evaluation Proposal from Local Government ReEnvisioned. Council also discussed the Hennepin County property assessment process and City Administrator Tobin will be reaching out to Hennepin County Commissioner (District 7), Kevin Anderson, to request that he presents more information and an update to Council at a future date.



City Council Update Continued

At the June 11, 2026, City Council Meeting:

State Representative, Kristin Robbins, presented an update on the end of the Minnesota legislative session to City Council. City Clerk Johnson demonstrated Municode, the City's new online code hosting platform. This upgrade will make it significantly easier for residents to access and navigate the City Code. To view the City Code, visit our website at www.corcoranmn.gov.

The City Council approved the following consent items: approved the 2026-2029 Computer Integration Technologies (CIT) Contract for IT managed services, saving the City approximately \$73,000 per year. Approved the City of Corcoran Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy, outlining the principles and guidelines for the use of AI platforms within the City's operations. Adopted Resolution 2026-46 approving a temporary on-sale liquor license to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church for their annual Parish Festival taking place on August 16, 2026.

At the June 12, 2026, Special Session City Council Work Session Meeting:

As part of the Civic Campus Project Study, members of City Council and Staff toured Chanhassen City Hall and New Hope City Hall, then returned to Corcoran City Hall to discuss their observations, including the strengths and areas for improvement of each city hall toured.

At the June 25, 2026, City Council Meeting:

Josh Lawson, Corcoran Police Officer, was recognized for his five years of dedicated service to the City and its residents. Additionally, Corcoran Police Officers, Dani Hoffman and Josh Lawson were recognized for their contributions to the community. Both Officers were presented with the I-94 West Chamber of Commerce First Responders award at an appreciation luncheon in May. Officers Hoffman and Lawson received the awards for their exceptional courage, selflessness, dedication to duty, and willingness to place themselves in immediate danger to protect and preserve life. During a critical incident, Officers Hoffman and Lawson entered a smoke-filled, burning residence in an effort to locate and rescue occupants facing extreme danger. Their actions reflect the highest standards of public service, bravery, and commitment to the community they serve. We extend our gratitude to Officers Hoffman and Lawson for their unwavering service and commitment to public safety within our community. Congratulations on receiving these well-deserved awards!

The City Council approved the following consent items: adopted Resolution 2026-47 approving the appointment of the following Public Works positions: Gary Lieder as Seasonal Maintenance Worker, effective May 4, 2026, Thomas Lieder as Seasonal Maintenance Worker, effective May 4, 2026, and William Rice as Operations Maintenance Worker effective July 6, 2026. Adopted Resolution 2026-49 appointing Election Judges for the 2026 election cycle. Adopted Resolution 2026-50 recognizing electronic records as the official records copy for data retention purposes. Authorized a waiver for amplified sound for the Hamel Rodeo at Corcoran Lions Park until 12 a.m. for July 9-12. Authorized a waiver for amplified sound for Corcoran Country Daze at Corcoran Lions Park until 12 a.m. for August 14-15. Adopted Resolution 2026-52 appointing Jared Gray as a Part-Time Police Officer, effective July 8, 2026.



CITY OF CORCORAN IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES



PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

Jun 26: Absentee voting begins (by mail)
July 24: Early voting begins (in person at City Hall)
Aug 8: City Hall open from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. for in-person early voting
Aug 10: City Hall open until 5 p.m. for in-person early voting
Aug 11: Primary Election Day – Polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION DATES

Sept 18: Absentee voting begins (by mail)
Oct 16: Early voting begins (in person at City Hall)
Oct 24: City Hall open from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. for in-person early voting
Oct 31: City Hall open from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. for in-person early voting
Nov 1: City Hall open from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. for in-person early voting
Nov 2: City Hall open until 5 p.m. for in-person voting
Nov 3: General Election Day – Polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

More election information can be found on the City website at www.corcoranmn.gov or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Events Calendar

July 3:
Offices Closed - Independence Day (Observed)

July 7:
Planning Commission Meeting
7 P.M. (City Hall)

July 9:
City Council Work Session Meeting
5:30 P.M. (City Hall)

July 9:
City Council Meeting
7 P.M. (City Hall)

July 16:
Parks and Trails Commission Meeting
7 P.M. (City Hall)

July 23:
City Council Work Session – Heritage Park Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
5:30 P.M. (Heritage Park - 20200 County Road 50, Corcoran, MN 55340)

July 23:
City Council Meeting
7 P.M. (City Hall)

August 4:
Night to Unite
5 to 9 P.M. (Corcoran Public Works Facility - 9100 County Road 19, Corcoran, MN 55357)

August 4:
Civic Campus Open House at Night to Unite
6 to 7:30 P.M. (Corcoran Public Works Facility - 9100 County Road 19, Corcoran, MN 55357)