CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE
Community Engagement Commission Minutes
July 29, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:
The special workshop meeting of the Community Engagement Commission was called to order by chairman Bill Norman on July 29, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Position 1: Robin Bekkedahl **Present**
Position 2: Bill Norman **Present**
Position 3: Brittany Sitton **Absent**
Position 4: Lori Merkel **Present**
Position 5: Ralph Carlberg **Present**
Position 6: Vacant
Position 7: Leah Stussy **Present**
Position 8: Vacant
Position 9: Mark Saba **Present**
Communications specialist David Goehner **Present**
City administrator Mark McAvory **Present**

APPROVALS:
Commissioner Saba moved and Commissioner Stussy seconded to approve the meeting's agenda, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
There were no public comments.

WORKSHOP ON 2027 CITY BUDGET:
City administrator Mark McAvoy facilitated a workshop that provided background information on the upcoming development of the city's 2027 budget and as a primer to the community forum on the budget that will be held at the city library on Aug. 20. The presentation included information on the city's annual population, tax revenue trends, and priority-based budgeting practices that the commission members would be able to use in their conversations with the public during the Aug. 20 meeting and other interactions. Questions were asked and answered on also applying information from the presentation for talking points connected with the upcoming public engagements on the city's sidewalk master plan.

NEXT MEETING:
The next regular meeting will be on Aug. 19, 2026, at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:
Commissioner Stussy moved and Commissioner Saba seconded a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting at 6:25 p.m. The motion passed.

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