



AGENDA

**City Council Work Session
Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6 p.m.
Minnesota River Room**

1. Public Housing Conversion
2. Review of Public Safety Technology Enhancement and Video Surveillance Strategy
3. Adjournment



AGENDA RECOMMENDATION

City Council Work Session

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Meeting Date: 02/03/2025

Agenda Item:

Public Housing Conversion

Recommendation/Action(s):

Overview.

Summary:

The Mankato Economic Development Authority (EDA) manages a portfolio of 179 public housing units. It recently approved converting these units from the Section 9 Public Housing Program to long-term, project-based Section 8 rental assistance vouchers, ensuring stable and predictable annual subsidies.

As part of this process, the units must be transferred to the City of Mankato at less than fair market value. The City will continue serving low-income households through the Section 8 Project-Based Voucher Program administered by the EDA.

Title work revealed that the properties are still deeded to the Housing Authority of Mankato (HRA) which was dissolved years ago. However, the resolutions to dissolve the HRA and transfer all its assets to the EDA were never completed. To legally convey the properties, it is recommended that the City temporarily reinstate the HRA, finalize the property transfer, and properly dissolve the HRA.

The process will be as follows:

1. Set date of hearing to establish the HRA and provide notice published of the enabling resolution.
 2. City Council will hold a public hearing and establish the HRA.
 3. Hold the HRA meeting following the Council meeting to set date of hearing to transfer properties to the City.
 4. Hold next HRA meeting transferring the property.
 5. Hold the City Council meeting to accept the transfers and dissolve the HRA.
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AGENDA RECOMMENDATION

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Meeting Date: 02/03/2025

Agenda Item:

Review of Public Safety Technology Enhancement and Video Surveillance Strategy

Recommendation/Action(s):

Discussion only.

Summary:

The City of Mankato has been utilizing video surveillance technology since 2005, with 541 operational cameras currently deployed across the city. As technology continues to evolve, we are exploring opportunities to enhance our existing infrastructure through AI-driven analytics, license plate recognition (LPR), mobile surveillance units, and multi-agency intelligence-sharing platforms such as Flock.

This discussion will provide an overview of our current surveillance capabilities, highlight potential enhancements, and outline a tiered implementation approach to ensure cost-effective and strategic improvements. We will also discuss the policy framework, data security measures, and funding sources related to these enhancements.

The goal of this discussion is to gather City Council feedback on the proposed strategies, priorities, and potential investments in public safety technology. Any feedback received will be incorporated into a refined proposal for future Council consideration.
