



### **Our Vision**

Red Wing thrives as a vibrant, creative river town that values its natural environment, welcomes all people, and unlocks opportunity for everyone.

### **Our Mission**

We strive to create a sustainable, healthy, accessible, resilient, and equitable community where every person feels at home.

## **Meeting Announcement and Agenda Sister Cities Commission Special Meeting City Council Chambers, 315 West 4th Street, Red Wing, MN & Virtually Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 5:15 PM**

This meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers and virtually via Webex at the same time. Members of the public can join this meeting either in person at City Hall or virtually. To join this meeting via Webex, [click this link](#). To join via telephone, please dial (415) 655-0001. Enter access code 2559 131 9617 and password 2025 when prompted.

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **3. Roll Call**

### **4. Approval of Agenda**

### **5. Approval of Minutes**

5.A. Motion, second and majority approval of November 17, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

### **6. Public Comment**

We now invite anyone to share their thoughts on a topic that is not on the agenda. We welcome all opinions and ideas. We appreciate you stating your name at the lectern, and please remember that personal attacks may be ruled out of order. You will have up to three minutes to comment, and we appreciate your time in coming tonight.

### **7. Motions & General Business**

7.A. Finance Report - Lisa (Motion, second and majority approval is needed to approve)

7.B. Discuss and Approve 2026 Sister Cities Commission Meeting Dates - A motion, second, and majority approval is needed

### **8. Committee Reports**

8.A. Ikata Student Exchange Committee Report - Dani/Tammy

The interview committee met with and interviewed ten prospective students between 8th and 11th grade for the 2026 exchange. This is the most student applicants we have had since the 2019-2020 school year. Unfortunately, the 2020 exchange was canceled due to COVID, and we didn't have one in 2021 or 2022 due to the pandemic. This committee

has worked very diligently to rebuild the program, and we are excited to be able to send six students this year. Six is the maximum number that is chosen each year, but the last two years we have had just four in 2024 and five in 2025. A motion, second and majority approval by the commission is needed to approve the six students selected by the Sister Cities interview committee.

The committee should give an update on how the interviews went, and indicate how they determined which six students would represent Red Wing this year to give the commission some basis for supporting the committee's recommendation. The committee was made up of five Sister Cities Commission members.

8.B. YAAS Committee Update - Renee

## 9. Communication Items

9.A. Lisa to update the commission on items added to the November 24, 2025, City Council Status report

- a. Potential transfer of Sister Cities Collection to the Goodhue County Historical Society;
- b. Delegation to Quzhou in September 2026

9.B. Thank you goes out to Tao Peng and Shawn Niebeling on six years of service to the Red Wing Sister Cities Commission. Tao has been instrumental in assisting the commission with communications with Quzhou and will continue to help us navigate a potential Mayoral Delegation visit in 2026. Shawn has been an amazing commission member, helping us on the YAAS committee with her slide shows, lining up judges, and displays. We are going to miss them both. We are always looking for new commission members that have an interest in international relations or who have new ideas on how we can grow our connections with our Sister Cities of Ikata, Japan and Quzhou, China.

## 10. Adjournment

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