

**CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS  
YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA  
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION  
MARCH 30, 2026**

The work session of the Yankton City Commission was called to order by Mayor Villanueva at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Commissioners Benson, Bertsch, Brunick, Carda, Conkling, Hunhoff, Moser, Spencer, and Mayor Villanueva. Attorney Den Herder, City Manager Leon, and Finance Officer Yardley were also present. Quorum present.

**Action 26-93**

Moved by Commissioner Hunhoff, seconded by Commissioner Conkling, to approve the agenda. All present voted aye; motion carried, 9-0.

There were no public appearances.

City Manager Leon and Library Director Dana Schmidt led a discussion relating to the challenges of the current library facility and to consider ideas that would be a good fit for Yankton. The 2026-2030 Yankton Strategic Plan calls for the community to ‘Locate and Build a New Library’ and thoughts and questions regarding a future project were discussed. General Commission discussion occurred. Those who spoke in favor of a new library include the following: Mary Pat Bierle, Nathan Johnson, Nick Severson, Ann Clough, Jan Hausmann, and Liz Healy. City Manager Leon mentioned the next step would be a recommendation from the Library Board of Trustees on the location and then have the City engage with a professional on a concept plan and estimated cost. No official action was taken at this work session.

**Action 26-94**

Moved by Commissioner Conkling, seconded by Commissioner Bertsch, to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. All present voted aye; motion carried, 9-0.

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Michael Villanueva, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Yardley, Finance Officer

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