



City of Duluth

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Minutes - Final

City Council

MISSION STATEMENT: *The mission of the Duluth City Council is to develop effective public policy rooted in citizen involvement that results in excellent municipal services and creates a thriving community prepared for the challenges of the future.*

TOOLS OF CIVILITY: *The Duluth City Council promotes the use and adherence of the tools of civility in conducting the business of the council. The tools of civility provide increased opportunities for civil discourse leading to positive resolutions for the issues that face our city. We know that when we have civility, we get civic engagement, and because we can't make each other civil and we can only work on ourselves, we state that today I will: pay attention, listen, be inclusive, not gossip, show respect, seek common ground, repair damaged relationships, use constructive language, and take responsibility. [Approved by the council on May 14, 2018]*

Monday, December 16, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Councilor Azrin Awal, Councilor Wendy Durrwachter, Councilor Arik Forsman, Councilor Janet Kennedy, Councilor Mike Mayou, Councilor Lynn Nephew, Councilor Tara Swenson, Vice President Terese Tomanek and President Roz Randorf

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [24-055](#) Meeting Minutes of the Duluth City Council

Indexes:

Attachments: [2024-11-25, Minutes](#)

[2024-12-09, Minutes](#)

This Minutes was approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

REPORTS FROM OTHER OFFICERS

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

2. [24-056](#) City of Duluth Boards and Commissions Meeting Minutes

Indexes:

Attachments: [November 2024 - NRC Minutes](#)
[October 2024 - Library Board Minutes](#)
[November 2024 - DPC Minutes](#)

This Board or Commission Report was adopted.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS OF COUNCIL OPEN ISSUES

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

CONSENT AGENDA

BY COUNCILOR DURRWACHTER (PURCHASING & LICENSING)

3. [24-0978R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HCM ARCHITECTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PRE-DESIGN PHASE OF A CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE FACILITY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,250.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

4. [24-0981R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SAND CREEK EAP, LLC FOR EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR CITY OF DULUTH AND DULUTH AIRPORT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,911.67

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

5. [24-0982R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A HOOK MOUNT BODY AND SNOW PACKAGE EQUIPMENT FROM BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MOORHEAD, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT

OF \$221,387.00

This Resolution was adopted.

- 6. [24-0983R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A LAWFUL GAMBLING PREMISES PERMIT TO THE PORTMAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Indexes:

Attachments: [Attachment A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

- 7. [24-0984R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A LAWFUL GAMBLING PREMISES PERMIT TO THE IRVING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Indexes:

Attachments: [Attachment A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

- 8. [24-0985R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF THE DESIGNATED SERVING AREAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSES OF VARIOUS LICENSEES

Indexes:

Attachments: [Attachment A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

- 9. [24-1002R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO WEX BANK FOR CIRCLE K SERVICE STATION FUELS FOR 2025 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300,000.

This Resolution was adopted.

BY VICE PRESIDENT TOMANEK (PERSONNEL)

- 10. [24-0990R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION OF FIREFIGHTER.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

- 11. [24-0993R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE

SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION OF LATERAL FIREFIGHTER.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

12. [24-1003R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE NEW CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION OF MANAGER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & DEDA AND SPECIFYING CONTRACT BENEFITS FOR SAME.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

13. [24-1008R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR DAVID W. MONTGOMERY EXTENDING THE TERMINATION DATE TO FEBRUARY 15, 2025.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Document A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

14. [24-0986R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AND ACCEPT \$1,023,146.24 IN FUNDS FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY TO PROVIDE MINNESOTA FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND DIVERSIONARY WORK PROGRAM EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES.

Indexes:

Attachments: [City of Duluth 2025 MFIP-DWP Contract 17807](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

15. [24-1004R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENTS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AND UTILITY WORK AS PART OF THE DULUTH REGIONAL EXCHANGE DISTRICT TO INCREASE THE TOTAL AMOUNT FROM \$10,423,182.78 UP TO \$11,179,576.78.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

16. [24-1013R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING DEDA RESOLUTION 24D-53 AUTHORIZING DEDA TO EXPEND UP TO \$967,000.00 FOR DEMOLITION OF THE SHOPPER'S RAMP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$967,000.00.

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR MAYOU (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

17. [24-0980R](#) RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 19-0764 AND PROHIBITING TRUCK TRAFFIC ON PIEDMONT AVENUE FROM WEST FIRST STREET TO TRUNK HIGHWAY 53.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Piedmont Ave - Trucks Prohibited](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

18. [24-0989R](#) RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A "NO PARKING" ZONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF JUNCTION AVENUE FROM COLLEGE STREET TO EAST BUFFALO STREET, ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF EAST BUFFALO STREET FROM JUNCTION AVENUE TO WEST ST. MARIE STREET, ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST ST. MARIE STREET FROM EAST BUFFALO STREET TO CARVER AVENUE, ON BOTH SIDES OF WEST ST. MARIE STREET FROM CARVER AVENUE TO WOODLAND AVENUE, ON BOTH SIDES OF EAST ST. MARIE STREET FROM WOODLAND AVENUE TO VERMILLION ROAD, AND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST COLLEGE STREET FROM JUNCTION AVENUE TO WOODLAND AVENUE.

Indexes:

Attachments: [No Parking Zones](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

19. [24-0991R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MIDWEST ENERGY RESOURCES COMPANY FOR THE STORAGE AND DELIVERY OF COAL TO DULUTH ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

20. [24-0994R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO NORTHLAND CONSTRUCTORS OF DULUTH, A DIVISION OF MATHY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FOR THE UPPER LAKESIDE WATER INTERCONNECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,155,180.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [1741 Awarding Resolution Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

21. [24-0995R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO HAWKINS, INC FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS IN YEAR 2025 FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$456,254.60.

This Resolution was adopted.

22. [24-0996R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO THUNDER BAY CHEMICALS LTD FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF 160,000 GALLONS OF LIQUID ALUMINUM SULFATE IN YEAR 2025 FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$243,408.00.

This Resolution was adopted.

23. [24-1000R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT UNDER SECTION 1414 (G) OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 5 RELATING TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT, 42 U.S.C. SECTION 300G-3(G).

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR AWAL (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

24. [24-0757R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT L31036 WITH ALLIANCE FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR SPIRIT MOUNTAIN UPPER CHALET (PHASE 2) FOR AN INCREASE OF \$2,135,020.00 AND A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,160,020.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

25. [24-0979R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADDITION OF 69 PARCELS TO THE ST. LOUIS RIVER NATURAL AREA.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

26. [24-1001R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION FOR A LICENSE TO USE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN MORGAN PARK AND GARY-NEW DULUTH FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1](#)

[Exhibit 2](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following entitled resolutions are also to be considered:

BY PRESIDENT RANDORF (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

27. [24-0987R](#) RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF DULUTH'S 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

This Resolution was adopted as amended.

28. [24-0988R](#) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES FOR 2025.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Motion to Amend: Mayou \(passed unanimously\)](#)

[Motion to Amend: Tomanek, Awal and Mayou \(passed unanimously\)](#)

This Resolution was adopted as amended.

29. [24-1012R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH TAFT STETTINIUS & HOLLISTER LLP FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICES NOT TO

EXCEED \$80,000.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Document A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR AWAL (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

30. [24-0992R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE BAYFRONT FESTIVAL PARK WITH THE DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT CONVENTION CENTER (DECC) FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$443,081.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

ORDINANCES TABLED

BY COUNCILOR MAYOU (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

31. [24-055-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 48-28 AND ADDING NEW SECTION 48-28.1 TO THE DULUTH CITY CODE [REPLACEMENT].

This Ordinance was adopted.

The following entitled ordinances are to be read for the first time:

BY COUNCILOR AWAL (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

32. [24-072-O](#) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DULUTH AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT FEDERAL AND STATE OF MINNESOTA GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND SKY HARBOR AIRPORT AND TO EXECUTE GRANT DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR YEAR 2025.

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

The following entitled ordinances are to be read for the second time:

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (FINANCE)

33. [24-062-O](#) AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE SUM TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR GENERAL PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2025.

This Ordinance was adopted.

34. [24-065-O](#) AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE SUM TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR THE SPECIAL PARKS FUND LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2025.

This Ordinance was adopted.

35. [24-069-O](#) AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE SUM TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR THE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT, DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY, FOR THE YEAR 2025.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit B](#)
[Exhibit A](#)

This Ordinance was adopted.

36. [24-071-O](#) AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISE FUNDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

This Ordinance was adopted.

COUNCILOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

COUNCILOR PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS