



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, August 21, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Councilor Hannah Alstead, Councilor Gary Anderson, Councilor Azrin Awal, Councilor Arik Forsman, Councilor Mike Mayou, Councilor Terese Tomanek, Vice President Roz Randorf and President Janet Kennedy

Absent: 1 - Councilor Noah Hobbs

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [23-052](#) Meeting Minutes of the Duluth City Council

Indexes:

Attachments: [2023-08-10, Minutes](#)
[2023-08-14, Minutes](#)

These Minutes were approved.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

REPORTS FROM OTHER OFFICERS

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS OF COUNCIL OPEN ISSUES

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

RESOLUTIONS TABLED

BY COUNCILOR TOMANEK (PUBLIC SAFETY)

- 2. [23-0593R](#) RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-0941, ADOPTING THE 2023 FEE SCHEDULE FOR LICENSE, PERMIT, FINE, PENALTY AND OTHER CHARGES TO AMEND THE FEE SCHEDULE BY ADDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING CHAPTER 28, SECTION 28-64, OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE.

Indexes:

Attachments: [202300803 MTA 23-0593R Awal and Mayou.pdf](#)

This Resolution remains on the table.

CONSENT AGENDA

BY COUNCILOR AWAL (PERSONNEL)

- 3. [23-0661R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAD RONCHETTI AS DIRECTOR, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF DULUTH.

**This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Hobbs**

- 4. [23-0667R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSH AXELSON TO THE DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY.

**This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Hobbs**

BY COUNCILOR ANDERSON (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

**This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Hobbs**

- 5. [23-0650R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A THIRD AMENDMENT TO GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION BOND MASTER GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT (DEED) FOR THE DULUTH REGIONAL EXCHANGE DISTRICT PROJECT.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Document A-exhibit for 23-0650R](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Absent: Councilor Hobbs

6. [23-0658R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND RECORDATION OF A DECLARATION OVER A LEASEHOLD INTEREST IN THE ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL PARKING RAMP BEING CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF THE REGIONAL EXCHANGE DISTRICT.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1-Resolution](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Absent: Councilor Hobbs

7. [23-0659R](#) RESOLUTION PARTIALLY VACATING A UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT AFFECTING A PORTION OF LOT 5, BLOCK 2, ATLAS INDUSTRIAL PARK.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1-Resolution re Vacation ONLY](#)

[Exhibit 2-Resolution re Vacation ONLY](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Absent: Councilor Hobbs

8. [23-0660R](#) RESOLUTION PARTIALLY VACATING A UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT AFFECTING A PORTION OF LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 2, ATLAS INDUSTRIAL PARK, ACCEPTING A REPLACEMENT EASEMENT OVER A DIFFERENT PORTION OF THE SAME, AND AUTHORIZING THE ENCUMBRANCE OF THE REPLACEMENT EASEMENT INTEREST AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1-Resolution re Vacation and New Easement](#)

[Exhibit 2-Resolution re Vacation and Easement](#)

[Exhibit 3-Resolution re Vacation and New Easement](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Absent: Councilor Hobbs

BY COUNCILOR MAYOU (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

9. [23-0655R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH NORTHLAND CONSTRUCTORS OF DULUTH, INC., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ZENITH BUILDING STEAM TO HOT WATER CONVERSION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$173,430.

**This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Hobbs**

10. [23-0657R](#) RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PERMANENT EASEMENT FROM SATURDAY ZENITH, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND PROVISION OF HOT WATER SERVICE IN, UNDER AND THROUGH REAL PROPERTY IN THE CENTRAL HILLSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1-Resolution](#)

**This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Hobbs**

BY COUNCILOR TOMANEK (PUBLIC SAFETY)

11. [23-0654R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709 FOR THE DULUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FOUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND ONE COMMUNITY POLICING SERGEANT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR A TOTAL OF \$665,807.00 FOR THE 2023-2025 SCHOOL YEARS.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Document A - 2023-20025 SRO Contract](#)

**This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Hobbs**

12. [23-0656R](#) RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 22-0174 AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIFTEEN (15) 2023 DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT VEHICLES FROM LA PORTE DODGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$641,625.

**This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Hobbs**

13. [23-0663R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN AWARD FROM THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND

EDUCATION TOTALING \$247,565.85 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Indexes:

Attachments: [23 MBFTE Exhibit 8.15.23](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Hobbs

BY COUNCILOR HOBBS (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

14. [23-0617R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HILLSIDE SPORT COURT PARK PLAN.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Hobbs

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

BY VICE PRESIDENT RANDORF (FINANCE)

15. [23-028-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION STEAM UTILITY REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF DULUTH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500,000 UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO BE PROVIDED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLEDGING REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

16. [23-029-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION LAKE FRONT RESTORATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF DULUTH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000 UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO BE PROVIDED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

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

BY COUNCILOR ANDERSON (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

17. [23-024-O](#) AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING A PERPETUAL EASEMENT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR CONNECTION OF A PEDESTRIAN PASSAGEWAY BRIDGE OVER CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.

Indexes:

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

This Ordinance was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR HOBBS (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

18. [23-025-O](#) AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING PERPETUAL EASEMENTS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR RECREATIONAL, WALKWAY, AND TRAIL PURPOSES OVER CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A-Ordinance](#)
[Exhibit B-Ordinance](#)
[Exhibit C-Ordinance](#)
[Exhibit D-Ordinance](#)

This Ordinance was adopted.

19. [23-027-O](#) AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING A PERPETUAL EASEMENT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR RECREATIONAL, WALKWAY, AND TRAIL PURPOSES OVER CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A-Ordinance #2](#)
[Exhibit B-Ordinance #2](#)

This Ordinance was adopted.

COUNCILOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

COUNCILOR PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS