



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]*

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Councilor Azrin Awal, Councilor Wendy Durrwachter, Councilor Arik Forsman, Councilor Janet Kennedy, Councilor Roz Randorf, Councilor Tara Swenson, Vice President Lynn Nephew and President Terese Tomanek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

All speakers spoke in regards to the ordinances being voted on tonight. Grant Studer, Joel Sipress, Allan Kehr, Aaron Rose, Molly MacGregor, Nick Demairoribus, Matt Benson, Lily Boehland-Goeden, Chloe Holloway, Gloria Allen, Riley Bardnhardt, Ginka Tarnowski, Matt Baumgartner, Mikaela Williams and Brandon Parker.

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

1. [25-016-O](#) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29A OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE TO ADD TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDLORDS, ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TENANTS, AND REQUIRING REPAIRS TO BE MADE IN A TIMELY FASHION.

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A motion was made by President Tomanek to vote on this Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilor Randorf. The Ordinance passed 6-2

Yea: 6 - Councilor Forsman, Councilor Kennedy, Councilor Randorf, Councilor Swenson, Vice President Nephew and President Tomanek

Nay: 2 - Councilor Awal and Councilor Durrwachter

BY PRESIDENT TOMANEK (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

2. [25-015-O](#) PETITION ORDINANCE PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY DULUTH TENANTS UNION AND HOUSING JUSTICE CENTER "TENANT RIGHT TO REPAIR IN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY"

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**A motion was made to vote on this Ordinance by Councilor Awal. The motion was seconded by Councilor Durrwachter.
The Ordinance failed 2-6**

Per Chapter 51 of the Duluth City Charter, this Ordinance will move onto the Municipal. General ballot for a vote.

Yea: 2 - Councilor Awal and Councilor Durrwachter

Nay: 6 - Councilor Forsman, Councilor Kennedy, Councilor Randorf, Councilor Swenson, Vice President Nephew and President Tomanek