



City of Duluth

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Meeting Agenda - 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, June 16, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [25-024](#) Meeting Minutes of the Duluth City Council
Attachments: [2025-06-05_Special Meeting_Planning Commission Appeal](#)

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

RESOLUTIONS TABLED

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (FINANCE)

2. [25-0393R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING A POLICY ON DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING.

Sponsors: Forsman, Randorf and Kennedy

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

[Cover Memo](#)

[MTA 25-0393R No. 1 Durrwachter](#)

[MTA 25-0393R No. 2 Durrwachter](#)

[MTA 25-0393R No.3 Durrwachter](#)

[MTA 25-0393R No. 4 Durrwachter](#)

[MTA 25-0393R No. 5 Durrwachter](#)

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BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (FINANCE)

3. [25-0493R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES DURING PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2024, TO JUNE 1, 2025.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

4. [25-0496R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST PROPERTY WITH REGARD TO PROPERTY VIOLATIONS DURING PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2024, TO APRIL 1, 2025.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

5. [25-0511R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF DELINQUENT UTILITY FEES DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024, TO DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

BY COUNCILOR DURRWACHTER (PURCHASING & LICENSING)

6. [25-0514R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PREMISES APPLICATION FOR THE IRVING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

7. [25-0515R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSES.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[\(1\) - Valley Youth Center - June 28 2025 Rock the Park](#)

[\(2\) - Duluth Superior Pride - August 30th 2025 DuluthSuperior Pride](#)

[\(4\) - Grandma's Marathon - July 17 2025](#)

8. [25-0516R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING 2025/2026 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS.

Attachments: [Liquor License Renewals](#)

9. [25-0517R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION FOR UP NORTH TAPS, LLC.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[\(1\) Up North Taps LLC - DBA 7 West Taphouse](#)

BY COUNCILOR AWAL (PERSONNEL)

10. [25-0513R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL HENDERSON AND JASON CRAWFORD TO THE DULUTH AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

BY VICE PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

11. [25-0443R](#) RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE REQUEST BY ONE ROOF COMMUNITY HOUSING TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA FOR QUALIFYING MULTIFAMILY FUNDING AND A CONDITIONAL PRE-COMMITMENT OF \$400,000 FISCAL YEAR 2026 FUNDING ALLOCATION TO THE CITY OF DULUTH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DECKER II PROJECT

Attachments: [Council Memo_MHFA RFP_Decker II](#)

[Attachment_Decker II_Signed CD Resolution](#)

12. [25-0446R](#) RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE REQUEST BY UNION GOSPEL MISSION TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA FOR QUALIFYING MULTIFAMILY FUNDING AND A CONDITIONAL PRE-COMMITMENT OF \$400,000 FISCAL YEAR 2026 FUNDING ALLOCATION TO THE CITY OF DULUTH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MISSION HEIGHTS HOUSING PROJECT.

Attachments: [Council Memo_MHFA RFP_Mission Heights](#)
[Attachment_Mission Heights_Signed CD Resolution](#)

13. [25-0469R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY RELATED TO THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2026.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
[Exhibit A](#)

14. [25-0488R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF \$20,106.07 FY 2025 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - HOME](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

15. [25-0489R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPROGRAMMING OF \$48,030.71 OF EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT FUNDS FROM 2022, 2023, AND 2024 FOR THE 2025 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - ESG reprogramming](#)
[Attachment 1 ESG Reprogramming](#)

16. [25-0490R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DECREASE OF \$245 FY 2025 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT) PROGRAM.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - ESG](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

17. [25-0491R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DECREASE OF \$9,087 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE 2025 PROGRAM YEAR.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - CDBG](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

18. [25-0492R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING ALLOCATION CHANGES AND FINALIZING THE 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT , HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Action Plan](#)

19. [25-0502R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONDITIONAL PRE-COMMITMENT OF \$228,000 IN STATEWIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AID FISCAL YEAR 2026 FUNDS TO THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DULUTH FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MISSION HEIGHTS HOUSING PROJECT.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

20. [25-0503R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF \$149,000 IN STATEWIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AID FUNDS TO CENTER CITY HOUSING CORPORATION FOR THE WADENA WEST PROJECT

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
[2025 CCHC SAHA Grant Agreement_final](#)

21. [25-0509R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM ULLAND BROTHERS, INC. FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE BECKS ROAD LAND USE STUDY

Attachments: [Council Memo-Becks Rd Land Use Study-Ulland-final](#)
[Exhibit A-Land Use Study Agreement-Ulland Brothers](#)
[Exhibit B-Becks Rd Study Area](#)

22. [25-0510R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM IRON NORTH PRODUCTIONS, LLC, FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE BECKS ROAD LAND USE STUDY

Attachments: [Council Memo-Becks Rd Land Use Study-Iron North-final](#)
[Exhibit A-Land Use Study Agreement-Iron North Productions LLC](#)
[Exhibit B-Becks Rd Study Area](#)

BY PRESIDENT TOMANEK (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

23. [25-0512R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MOORE IACOFANO GOLTSMAN, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,900.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Skywalk Study Professional Services](#)
[Attachment A](#)

BY COUNCILOR MAYOU (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

24. [25-0482R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ZEITGEIST CENTER FOR ARTS AND COMMUNITY FOR JOINT CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN ISLAND AND MEDIAN ALONG 6TH AVENUE EAST.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Agreement](#)

[Resolution Map](#)

25. [25-0497R](#) RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A NO-PARKING ZONE ON 40TH AVENUE WEST BETWEEN GRAND AVENUE AND NORTH 4TH STREET.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[40th-Grand_Intersection_Layout](#)

[40TH WEST NO PARKING ZONE](#)

26. [25-0498R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING A COUNTY PROJECT WITHIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY 91 (40th AVE. WEST).

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Project Map](#)

[County Plan Cover Sheet - 60% Plans](#)

27. [25-0500R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO A-1 EXCAVATING LLC FOR THE 26TH AVENUE EAST AND LONDON ROAD WATER MAIN RELOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$933,933.00.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Bid Tabulation](#)

[Resolution Map](#)

28. [25-0504R](#) RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT L31095 WITH LHB, INC. TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION SURVEYING, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION, INSPECTION, GEOTECHNICAL, AND DESIGN SERVICES, FOR THE RETROFIT OF THE PALM STREET STORMWATER POND, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$254,718.78 FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$402,322.78.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[LHB Amendment](#)

29. [25-0505R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MINNESOTA POWER FOR ELECTRICAL FEED UPGRADES TO THE NEW WOODLAND BOOSTER STATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$319,209.00.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
[Resolution Map](#)

30. [25-0508R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FIVE-YEAR RIGHT OF ENTRY WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR USE OF PROPERTY RELATED TO IMPROVEMENTS ON THE AERIAL LIFT BRIDGE, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1](#)
[Cover Memo](#)

BY COUNCILOR SWENSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

31. [25-0483R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT 24423 WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT EXPANDING RECREATIONAL ACCESS ALONG THE ST. LOUIS RIVER ESTUARY.

Attachments: [Cover Memo LCCMR 1 - Amendment to Extend](#)
[Amendment to Extend - City of Duluth ML22](#)

32. [25-0484R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT 24617 WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT EXPANDING RECREATIONAL ACCESS ALONG THE ST. LOUIS RIVER ESTUARY

Attachments: [Exhibit A_Amendment](#)
[Cover Memo LCCMR 2 - Second Amendment to Extend](#)

33. [25-0485R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ARCHKEY TECHNOLOGIES FOR CARD ACCESS UPGRADES AT CITY HALL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$196,477.96.

Attachments: [Card Access Upgrade - Cover Memo](#)

34. [25-0486R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT L30505 WITH CONFLUENCE INC. FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE DESIGN AND CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE DULUTH SEAWALL, BAYWALK AND HARBOR PLAZA PROJECT, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$28,560.00 AND A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$664,830.00.

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)
[Cover Memo](#)

35. [25-0494R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NOMINATION OF THE LESTER-AMITY-HAWK RIDGE NATURAL AREA TO THE DULUTH NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM.

Attachments: [Cover Memo_Lester-Amity-Hawk Ridge Natural Area](#)
[Exhibit A - Proposed Boundary Map](#)
[Exhibit B - Nomination Package](#)

36. [25-0495R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT OF \$150,000 TO SUPPORT ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT PERCH LAKE LANDING.

Attachments: [Cover Memo_Perch Lake DNR Cooperative Agreement](#)
[Exhibit A - Perch Lake Public Water Access Cooperative Agreement](#)

37. [25-0507R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT L30986 WITH LHB, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO ASSESS AND EVALUATE SITES FOR SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC & STORAGE PROJECTS, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$13,827.00 AND A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$194,301.00.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - 25-0507R](#)
[Exhibit A](#)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following entitled resolutions are also to be considered:

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (FINANCE)

38. [25-0520R](#) RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMPREHENSIVE ZONING AND CODE MODERNIZATION TO INCREASE HOUSING SUPPLY ACROSS ALL INCOME LEVELS.

Sponsors: Forsman, Swenson, Nephew and Awal

BY COUNCILOR MAYOU (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

39. [25-0499R](#) RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR UTILITY AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES FROM THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA OVER, UNDER, AND ACROSS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CHESTER PARK-UMD NEIGHBORHOOD, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

Attachments:[Exhibit 1](#)[Exhibit 2](#)[Cover Memo](#)

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

BY COUNCILOR MAYOU (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

40. [25-014-O](#) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE XXXVIII ESTABLISHING THE DULUTH TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

Sponsors:

Mayou and Awal

COUNCILOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**COUNCILOR PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS**