



City of Duluth

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Minutes

Parking Commission.

Friday, April 3, 2026

7:30 AM

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall

ROLL CALL

Members Present

- Antonio Davis
- Jordon Johnson
- Andrew Paszak
- Branden Robinson, President
- Brandon Van Tassel, Vice President
- Robert Woods
- Mark Bauer, Ex Officio

Members Absent

- Mike Mayou

Guests Present

- Amanda Paszak, Chair – City of Duluth Commission on Disabilities
- Duncan Schwensohn, Chief Transportation Engineer – City of Duluth

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City of Duluth Parking Services Manager Mark Bauer presented the March 2026 Duluth Parking Commission meeting minutes for approval. Commissioner Robert Woods motioned that the minutes be approved. Commission Vice President Brandon Van Tassel seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0 (Commissioner Antonio Davis had not yet arrived).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments during the initial public comments period.

ON-STREET ACCESSIBLE PARKING ZONE REQUESTS

Mr. Bauer presented one on-street accessible parking zone request, for 204 South 71st Avenue West. He stated that he had visited the site, communicated with the applicant, and consulted with the City of Duluth Commission on Disabilities. He stated that during his site visit, he noted that there was parking available behind the residence, off the alley, but that the distance and terrain presented a barrier for the applicant. Mr. Bauer stated that the resident requested that a mirrored accessible zone be installed on the opposite side of the street in addition to the primary zone. Commissioner Woods questioned whether the mirrored zone would be more useful than the off-alley parking, as it would need to be positioned further to the south due to avoid a driveway access point directly

across the street from the primary zone. Mr. Bauer stated that he believed the mirrored zone would still be useful to the resident and added that there was very little demand from the neighboring properties for parking on the opposite side of the street. Commissioner Andrew Paszak motioned that the proposed zone be approved. Commissioner Jordon Johnson seconded the motion, which was approved 6-0.

PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON A PORTION OF NIAGARA STREET

Mr. Bauer presented a proposal to prohibit parking on a portion of Niagara Street. He stated that the proposal had been generated by the City's engineering division in relation to an upcoming bridge reconstruction project that involved State Aid funding. City Chief Transportation Engineer Duncan Schwensohn described the project, noting that the roadway would need to be narrowed as part of the project to a point that would not allow room for on-street parking. He and Mr. Bauer both noted that there was very little public demand for on-street parking in the area, due to off-street parking availability for the residents. Commissioner Van Tassel motioned that the proposal be approved. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which was approved 6-0.

OFF-STREET PARKING UPDATE

Mr. Bauer provided an update on off-street parking. He stated that the annual springtime cleanup of the ramps and lots was underway, which included striping, sweeping, and pressure-washing. He stated that plans were in process for annual parking facility repairs. Commission President Branden Robinson inquired into the City's plans for public education on the differences between the on- and off- street payment systems. Mr. Bauer stated that the City and Interstate Parking Company have been promoting the parking operator's InFlow proprietary system for off-street parking and the City's Park Duluth system for all on-street parking and would continue to do so.

ON-STREET PARKING UPDATE

Mr. Bauer provided an update on on-street parking. He stated that installation of new payment signage for on-street parking, and the associated removal of the single-stall parking meters, was underway. He stated that stickers would be added to the signage which indicated the on-street fees, time limits, and legal language, as well as note the provision to allow up to four hours of parking for those displaying valid State-issued accessible parking credentials.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOLLOW-UP

With the arrival of Commissioner Jordon Johnson, Commissioner Robinson suggested that all Commissioners introduce themselves, which they did.