



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]*

MN Statutes, 13D.02. *Members may participate by interactive technology*

Monday, June 15, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Clanaugh, Desotelle, Durrwachter, Tomanek, Johnson, Randorf, VP Kennedy, President Nephew
Members Excused: Forsman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [26-018](#) MEETING MINUTES OF THE DULUTH CITY COUNCIL

Indexes:

Attachments: [2026-05-26 City Council Minutes](#)

Minutes were accepted without objection.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (AGENDA ITEMS)

The following rose to speak regarding the UDC, housing, and development:
Paula Tsufis, Phil Luitjens, Julie Singewald, Tom McNamara, Shaun Floerke, Kristi Stokes, and Alexandra Panovich.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Andrew St. Croix spoke regarding a moratorium on data centers within Duluth. Roy Hamlin spoke regarding the vape shop next to the Hamlin Music Academy. Andrew Streitz spoke regarding the work being accomplished by the Natural Resources program of the city. Loren Martell spoke regarding the process of speaking at the School Board Meetings and how it differs from speaking in front of City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to pull item 18 (26-0557R) from the Consent Agenda made by Vice President Kennedy, seconded by Councilor Clanaugh. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (8-0). Consent Agenda was accepted as amended without objection.

BY COUNCILOR RANDORF (FINANCE)

2. [26-0531R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES DURING PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2025, TO JUNE 1, 2026.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

3. [26-0532R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS LEVIED AGAINST PROPERTY WITH REGARD TO PROPERTY VIOLATIONS DURING PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2025, TO APRIL 1, 2026.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

4. [26-0533R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF DELINQUENT UTILITY FEES DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025, TO DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

5. [26-0540R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 2026-2028 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DULUTH JOINT POWERS ENTERPRISE TRUST AND ACCEPTING \$441,377 IN YEAR 2026, \$452,412 IN YEAR 2027, AND \$463,722 IN YEAR 2028 FROM THE DULUTH JOINT POWERS ENTERPRISE TRUST

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR DURRWACHTER (PURCHASING & LICENSING)

6. [26-0525R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO FREIGHTLINER SINGLE AXLE PLOW TRUCK CHASSIS FROM BOYER TRUCKS SUPERIOR FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$262,251.78.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo 26-0525R](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

7. [26-0537R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR LAWFUL GAMBLING

Indexes:

Attachments: [Lawful Gambling, Irving Community Club](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

8. [26-0538R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS LIQUOR LICENSES

Indexes:

Attachments: [New Wine & Beer, The Back Alley LLC](#)
[Temp On Sale, Duluth Superior Pride](#)
[Temp On Sale, All Pints North](#)
[Temp On Sale, Northland Newborn Foundation](#)
[Temp On Sale, Girl Scouts of MN & WI](#)
[Permanent Expansion, Fitger's Brewhouse](#)
[Permanent Expansion, Duluth Whiskey Project](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

9. [26-0541R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING 2026/2027 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Indexes:

Attachments: [Liquor Licenses Up for Renewal 2026](#)

Motion to approve was made by

- 10. [26-0558R](#) RESOLUTION AMENDING AND CORRECTING THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,204,823 TO THE CORRECT TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,307,676.00 IN RESOLUTION 24-0305 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE LICENSING, MIGRATION SERVICES, VPN APPLIANCES AND ANNUAL SAAS HOSTING FEES FOR THE CITY'S MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS) FROM TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC..

Indexes:

Attachments: [26-0558R Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (PERSONNEL)

- 11. [26-0550R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ERIK JULSRUD TO THE SPIRIT MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA AUTHORITY

This Resolution was adopted.

- 12. [26-0551R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL SMISEK TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This Resolution was adopted.

- 13. [26-0552R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHERRI PUCKETT TO THE SPECIAL BOARD OF REVIEW

This Resolution was adopted.

- 14. [26-0553R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TODD OLSON TO THE DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY

This Resolution was adopted.

- 15. [26-0554R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF AYANA IZALA TO THE DULUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

This Resolution was adopted.

16. [26-0562R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NOMI OSTRANDER TO THE DULUTH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

This Resolution was adopted.

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

17. [26-0548R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATE OF MINNESOTA COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF DULUTH FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR THE PLANNING STUDY FROM THE RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR THE I-35 CORRIDOR WITHIN THE DULUTH CITY LIMITS.

Indexes:

Attachments: [26-0548R Cover Memo I-35 RCP.pdf](#)
[118-010-030AgreePE_ToLPA.pdf](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

18. [26-0557R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPROGRAMMING OF 2019, 2021, AND 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR 2023 AND 2024 CDBG PROJECTS AND ADMINISTRATION.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover memo.pdf](#)
[Attachment 1- CDBG Reprogramming Resolution .pdf](#)

Item was pulled from the Consent Agenda. VP Kennedy asked for an explanation from Director Van Tassel. Van Tassel gave a brief explanation of the item. Motion to approve was made by President Nephew, seconded by Councilor Tomanek. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (8-0).

BY COUNCILOR DESOTELLE (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

19. [26-0519R](#) RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 25-0316R AND AUTHORIZING AN OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RICE LAKE AND THE CITY OF DULUTH.

Indexes:

Attachments: [20260529 Cover Memo](#)
[20260529 Document 1](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

20. [26-0523R](#) RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE AND ESTABLISH AS A ONE-WAY

STREET A PUBLIC HIGHWAY IN CANAL PARK BETWEEN LAKE AVENUE AND THE UNNAMED ALLEY IN THE PLAT OF REARRANGEMENT OF BLOCKS 7 & 8 INDUSTRIAL DIVISION OF DULUTH.

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted.

21. [26-0526R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COLD MIX ASPHALT FROM MONARCH PAVING COMPANY TO BE USED BY UTILITY OPERATIONS IN THE YEAR 2026 FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$65,000.00

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted.

22. [26-0528R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE PURCHASE OF AN INSTALLED ENERGY TRANSFER SKID FOR THE LAKEVIEW PROJECT 333 FROM ALPHA TIER SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$169,949.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo to 26-0528R](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

23. [26-0535R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO K & H EXCAVATION, INC., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STORM SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 2222, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$749,065.05.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
[Bid Tabulation](#)
[Location Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

24. [26-0536R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE PROGRAM FOR A GRANT OF UP TO \$750,000 FOR THE CODY STREET STORMWATER FILTRATION BASIN.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover memo](#)
[Concept Design](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR TOMANEK (PUBLIC SAFETY)

25. [26-0479R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$309,000 FOR AN AUTO THEFT INVESTIGATOR AND RELATED TRAVEL AND TRAINING EXPENSES.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Document A Grant Contract Agreement](#)
[Resolution Cover Memo 2026 Auto Theft Investigator](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

26. [26-0480R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT A \$36,966.98 GRANT AWARD FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, TO BE USED TO REIMBURSE THE DULUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF THE WAGES PAID TO COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS PARTICIPATING IN THE PATHWAY TO POLICING PROGRAM.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Document A Grant Contract Agreement](#)
[Resolution Cover Memo 2026 Pathways to Policing](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

27. [26-0512R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN AWARD UNDER THE FY2025 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) PROGRAM FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,926.02 FOR THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC VESTS.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Document A - BVP Program Approval](#)
[Resolution Cover Memo DOJ BJA BVP Reimbursement](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

28. [26-0534R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT #2 TO AGREEMENT L30831 WITH TKDA FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE DESIGN OF WAABIZHESHKANA: THE MARTEN TRAIL SEGMENTS 0, 1, and 2 PROJECT FOR AN INCREASE OF \$54,936.00 AND A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$208,885.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)
[Cover Memo - TKDA Amendment](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

29. [26-0543R](#) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DOCK SITES ALONG THE MARTEN TRAIL.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following entitled resolutions are also to be considered:

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (PERSONNEL)

30. [26-0544R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATT MASSMAN TO THE DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

Motion to approve was made by Councilor Randorf, seconded by Councilor Desotelle. Motion to table was made by Councilor Tomanek, seconded by Councilor Durrwachter. Motion to table passed unanimously by voice vote (8-0).

31. [26-0546R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GERRY GOLDFARB TO THE DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

Motion to approve was made by Councilor Randorf, seconded by President Nephew. Motion to table was made by Councilor Tomanek, seconded by Councilor Durrwachter. Motion to table passed unanimously by voice vote (8-0).

32. [26-0547R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JASON P. GRESH TO THE SPIRIT MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA AUTHORITY

Motion to approve was made by Councilor Randorf, seconded by Councilor Desotelle. Motion to table was made by Councilor Tomanek, seconded by Councilor Durrwachter. Motion to table passed unanimously by voice vote (8-0).

33. [26-0549R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN GALL TO THE SPIRIT MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA AUTHORITY

Motion to approve was made by Councilor Randorf, seconded by Councilor Desotelle. Motion to table was made by Councilor Tomanek, seconded by Councilor Durrwachter. Motion to table passed unanimously by voice vote (8-0).

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

34. [26-0555R](#) RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF SERVICE CHARGES WITHIN THE LINCOLN PARK SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT.

Indexes:

Attachments: [20260605 Cover Memo SSD ResOrd](#)

Motion to approve was made by President Nephew, seconded by Councilor Tomanek. Motion to table was made by Vice President Kennedy, Seconded by Councilor Clanaugh. Motion to table carried unanimously by voice vote (8-0).

RESOLUTIONS TABLED

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

35. [26-0450R](#) RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF DULUTH'S DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Downtown Strategy.pdf](#)
[Downtown Development Strategy - Final Draft - reduced file size.pdf](#)

Item did not receive a motion. Item to remain on the table.

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

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

36. [26-018-O](#) ORDINANCE GRANTING TALL HOUSE LLC A CONCURRENT USE PERMIT FOR A REPLACEMENT DECK AND STAIRS AT 1712 WEST 3RD STREET.

Indexes:

Attachments: [PLCUP-2603-0007 Cover Memo - Final.pdf](#)

[Attachment 1- PLCUP-2603-0007 Staff Report with Attachments.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2- PLCUP-2503-0007 Exhibit.pdf](#)

[Attachment 3- May 12, 2026 PC Minutes \(not approved yet\).pdf](#)

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

37. [26-019-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE, 1959, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REVISIONS OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CHAPTER.

Indexes:

Attachments: [PLUTA-2510-0003 Cover Memo.pdf](#)

[Attachment 1 - Chapter 50, Article I of the Duluth City Code 1959, as amended.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2 - Chapter 50, Article II of the Duluth City Code 1959, as amended.pdf](#)

[Attachment 3 - Chapter 50, Article III of the Duluth City Code 1959, as amended.pdf](#)

[Attachment 4 - Chapter 50, Article IV of the Duluth City Code 1959, as amended.pdf](#)

[Attachment 5 - Chapter 50, Article V of the Duluth City Code 1959, as amended.pdf](#)

[Attachment 6 - Chapter 50, Article VI of the Duluth City Code 1959, as amended.pdf](#)

[Attachment 7 - Planning Commission Memo.pdf](#)

[-WITHDRAWN- Motion to Amend 29-1 ASHRAE_Desotelle](#)

This Ordinance was read for the first time. Councilor Desotelle made a motion to propose an amendment, seconded by Councilor Durrwachter. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

38. [26-020-O](#) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LINCOLN PARK SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT.

Indexes:

Attachments: [20260605 Cover Memo SSD ResOrd](#)

[Exhibit A Lincoln Park SSD Operating Plan - May 2026](#)

[Exhibit B Proposed Lincoln Park SSD](#)

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

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

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

39. [26-016-O](#) AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MINNESOTA POWER A CONCURRENT USE PERMIT TO INSTALL A NEW TRANSFORMER AND TRANSITION CABINET WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN 602 W MICHIGAN ST AND 530 W MICHIGAN ST.

Indexes:

- Attachments:** [PLCUP-2604-0009 Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[Attachment 1- Exhibit.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2- Staff Report.pdf](#)

Motion to approve was made by President Nephew, seconded by Councilor Johnson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (8-0).

BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

40. [26-017-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE TO REGULATE PRIVATE EGRESS ACROSS THE MARTEN TRAIL

Indexes:

- Attachments:** [Cover Memo - Dock Ordinance](#)
[Marten Trail Map of Permittable Dock Locations](#)

Motion to approve was made by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Vice President Kennedy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (8-0).

COUNCILOR/ADMINISTRATION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

COUNCILOR/ADMINISTRATION PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Kennedy, seconded by Councilor Johnson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (8-0).