



# City of Duluth

411 West First Street  
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

## Minutes

### Parking Commission.

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Friday, January 9, 2026

7:30 AM

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall

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#### ROLL CALL

##### Members Present

- Mike Mayou
- Branden Robinson, President
- Terese Tomanek
- Robert Woods
- Mark Bauer, Ex Officio

##### Members Absent

- Antonio Davis
- Andrew Paszak
- Brandon Van Tassel, Vice President

##### Guests Present

- Isaiah Helmin, Assistant Duluth Operations Manager – Interstate Parking Company
- Bryn Pollard, Duluth Operations Manager – Interstate Parking Company
- John Ramos, Investigative Reporter – Duluth Monitor

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City of Duluth Parking Services Manager Mark Bauer presented the December 2025 Duluth Parking Commission meeting minutes for approval. Commissioner Terese Tomanek motioned that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Robert Woods seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments during the initial public comments period.

#### ACCESSIBLE ON-STREET PARKING ZONE REQUESTS

Mr. Bauer presented an on-street accessible parking zone request for approval. He stated he had visited the site, at 1714 East 6th Street, verified that there was no available off-street parking for the resident, and that he had confirmed that the applicant's stated credentials were valid and current. Commissioner Woods motioned that the request be approved. Commissioner Mike Mayou seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

#### PROPOSAL TO AFFIRM EXISTING PARKING CONFIGURATION ON 24TH AVENUE WEST

Mr. Bauer presented a proposal to affirm the existing on-street parking configuration of 24th Avenue West from Michigan Street to Skyline Parkway. He stated that the proposal was similar to those in past meetings and that the State of Minnesota required this affirmation to commit to the project, as the referenced section of road is a State Aid Route. Mr. Bauer stated that the existing configuration prohibited parking on both sides of the road due to lack of width in relation to the location of the centerline. Commissioner Woods motioned that the proposal be approved. Commissioner Mayou seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

#### PROPOSAL TO ADJUST ON-STREET PARKING TIME LIMIT FROM 80 TO 90 MINUTES

Mr. Bauer described an upcoming proposal to replace single-stall on-street parking meters with virtual payment technology, and that this proposal would be presented to the Commission in the February meeting. He stated that he had originally planned to propose an adjustment to the on-street time limit for most meters from 80 minutes to 90 minutes to align with the recently-approved on-street parking rates but that he now recommended moving this proposal to align with the following month's anticipated overarching on-street meters proposal to better present a comprehensive picture of the on-street changes. With regard to Mr. Bauer's description of the upcoming on-street proposal, Commissioner Tomanek expressed concern that seniors and other parkers may have challenges utilizing a virtual-only payment system. Commissioner Woods echoed those concerns. Mr. Bauer stated that the changes, if approved, would involve a large amount of public education and could involve the strategic relocation of some of the current multi-stall payment kiosks to better serve those with these needs. Commissioner Tomanek suggested the use of online videos for instruction on how to use the new system. Commissioner Mayou inquired into which specific payment methods would be available to parkers following the change. Mr. Bauer stated that the enhanced system would allow payments via QR code, "text-to-park," and the existing Park Duluth mobile application but that he would provide further detail on what types of payment methods were accepted into those portions of the overall application. Commissioner Tomanek moved to table the on-street time limits proposal until the following meeting. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

#### PROPOSAL TO ADJUST FEBRUARY PARKING COMMISSION MEETING DATE

Mr. Bauer presented a proposal to adjust the February Parking Commission meeting date from February 6 to February 13 to accommodate Commission President Branden Robinson schedule. Two Commissioners indicated that they would not be able to attend the adjusted date. Mr. Bauer withdrew the proposal to adjust the date, which would remain scheduled for February 6.

### OFF-STREET PARKING UPDATE

Interstate Parking Company Assistant Duluth Operations Manager Isaiah Helmin

provided an update on off-street parking operations. He stated that the broken Hart Ramp vehicle entrance door had been repaired, thereby restoring perimeter security to the facility. He stated that upgrades to several ramps' fire panels were in progress. He added that plans were in progress for incoming parkers related to the adjacent Lakeview building, which was scheduled to open soon.

### **ON-STREET PARKING UPDATE**

Mr. Bauer stated that there were no significant updates regarding on-street parking, beyond those described previously in the meeting involving the upcoming on-street payment systems upgrade.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOLLOW-UP**

There were no additional public comments.