



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, May 11, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Clanaugh, Desotelle, Forsman, Johnson, Randorf, Vice President Kennedy, President Nephew
Members Absent: Durrwachter, Tomanek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [26-015](#) MEETING MINUTES OF THE DULUTH CITY COUNCIL

Indexes:

Attachments: [2026-04-27 City Council Minutes](#)

Minutes were accepted by Council without objection.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (AGENDA ITEMS)

No speakers rose to address Council regarding agenda items.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Cody Pals spoke about conflict of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Councilor Randorf, Seconded by Councilor Clanaugh.

BY COUNCILOR DURRWACHTER (PURCHASING & LICENSING)

2. [26-0422R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY ON SALE LIQUOR LICENSE

Indexes:

Attachments: [Temporary On Sale Liquor Mesabi Symphony Orchestra](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (PERSONNEL)

3. [26-0369R](#) RESOLUTION ELECTING MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE DULUTH/NORTH SHORE SANITARY DISTRICT PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 442A.14, SUBDIVISION 7.

This Resolution was adopted.

4. [26-0428R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK DEGROOD TO THE DULUTH AIRPORT AUTHORITY

This Resolution was adopted.

5. [26-0429R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF AMBER BURNS TO THE DULUTH PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION.

This Resolution was adopted.

6. [26-0430R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE GANNAWAY TO THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

This Resolution was adopted.

7. [26-0431R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JASON HIRT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

This Resolution was adopted.

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

8. [26-0362R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH, AND ACCEPT \$15,196 IN FUNDS FROM THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF WORKFORCE BOARDS FOR REGIONAL PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DEED).

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Letter MAWB - Duluth Regional Planning Funds Agreement 2026-2027](#)
[MAWB - Duluth Regional Planning Funds Agreement 2026-2027](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

9. [26-0413R](#) RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF A SLOPES AND FILLS EASEMENT AFFECTING LOTS 18 AND 20, WEST SECOND STREET, DULUTH PROPER FIRST DIVISION.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo 26-0413R](#)
[Exhibit A - Signed Survey](#)
[Exhibit B - PLVAC-2602-0001 Staff Report and Attachments](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

10. [26-0415R](#) RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 25-0063R AND AUTHORIZING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DULUTH AND AMITY BLUFFS, LLC ET AL., FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAT TITLED "AMITY BLUFFS" LOCATED EAST OF WOODLAND AVENUE AND NORTH OF VASSAR STREET.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo 26-0415R](#)
[Document A](#)
[Document B](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

11. [26-0419R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, TERMINATION OF STORM WATER

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, AND ACCEPTING A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR UTILITY, STORMWATER AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES, ALL WITH OR FROM LOTUS REALTY SERVICES, INC., AFFECTING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE DULUTH HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit I - Amendment to DA](#)

[Exhibit II - Termination of Stormwater Maintenance Agreement](#)

[Exhibit III - Easement](#)

[Exhibit IV - Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR DESOTELLE (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

12. [26-0364R](#) RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A “NO PARKING” ZONE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST COLLEGE STREET FROM 19TH AVENUE E TO LAWN STREET.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover memo](#)

[No Parking Zone Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

13. [26-0388R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO TRIPLE E WATER AND SEWER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT - ENDION 1 PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,485,190.90.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Location Map](#)

[Bid Tabulation](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

14. [26-0416R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO REQUEST AND ACCEPT FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, CERTAIN TAX FORFEITED LAND TO BE USED FOR ROAD PURPOSES.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A-Map](#)
[Cover Memo 26-0416R](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

15. [26-0418R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF A NATURAL GAS REGULATOR STATION HEATER FROM OGI PROCESS EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$346,450.00

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Cover Memo](#)
[Exhibit B - Standard Terms of Sale](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR TOMANEK (PUBLIC SAFETY)

16. [26-0406R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO COORDINATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND INTRASTATE MUTUAL AID FOR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
[Intrastate Mutual Aid Cooperative Agreement](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

17. [26-0361R](#) RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REIMBURSEMENT MONEY FROM THE ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LIBRARY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo 26-0361R Arrowhead Library System Resolution 2026](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

18. [26-0380R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO KTM PAVING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIPLE SITES AS PART OF THE STORM DAMAGE CIVIL SITES REPAIRS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,251,588.27.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Civil Sites Repairs](#)
[Exhibit A Storm Damage Sites Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

19. [26-0381R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROJECT AND LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE MUD LAKE HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Mud Lake Cover Memo](#)
[Exhibit I](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

20. [26-0382R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RELATED TO ASSESSMENT AND DESIGN OF A FLOW RESTRICTIVE CULVERT AND FLOOD STORAGE AT HARTLEY DAM.

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted.

21. [26-0389R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO GRANT CONTRACT AGREEMENT 24658 WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO EXTEND COMPLETION OF PREDESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATION OR REPLACEMENT OF THE MAIN BUILDING AT THE LAKE SUPERIOR ZOO.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1](#)
[Cover Memo 24658 01 Amendment](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

22. [26-0417R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 22879 WITH THE ARROWHEAD ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR ZOO.

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA**REGULAR AGENDA****BY COUNCILOR DESOTELLE (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)**

23. [26-0410R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A POLE ATTACHMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH MINNESOTA POWER AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF \$18.50 PER POLE, SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INCREASE.

Indexes:

Attachments: [26-0410R Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A - MN Power Pole Attachment License Agreement 2026](#)

Motion to approve made by Councilor Desotelle, Seconded by Vice President Kennedy. Councilor Forsman identified a conflict of interest as Minnesota Power is his employer and announced he would be abstaining. Motion passed 6-0 with Councilor Forsman Abstaining by voice vote.

BY COUNCILOR TOMANEK (PUBLIC SAFETY)

24. [26-0414R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED PARKING AGREEMENT WITH HERMANTOWN CHURCH OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD (HERMANTOWN CHURCH) FOR UP TO 47 RESERVED PARKING SPACES IN THE WEST MEDICAL DISTRICT (HILLSIDE) PARKING RAMP, AT NO COST TO HERMANTOWN CHURCH.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo 26-0414R](#)

[Exhibit 1](#)

[Exhibit 2](#)

Motion to approve made by Vice President Kennedy, Seconded by Councilor Randorf. Motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

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

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

25. [26-010-O](#) AN ORDINANCE GRANTING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709 A CONCURRENT USE PERMIT TO PAVE AND STRIPE THE EASTERLY PORTION OF THE 101ST AVE W RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [PLCUP-2603-0006 Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[Attachment 1- Exhibit.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2- Staff Report.pdf](#)
[Attachment 3- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes \(not approved yet\).pdf](#)

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

26. [26-012-O](#) AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AT&T A CONCURRENT USE PERMIT TO INSTALL SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITY TO A MINNESOTA POWER POLE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF PARKWOOD LANE RIGHT OF WAY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[Attachment 1- Exhibit.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2- PLCUP-2602-0002 Staff Report and Attachments.pdf](#)
[Attachment 3- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes \(not approved yet\).pdf](#)

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

27. [26-013-O](#) AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AT&T A CONCURRENT USE PERMIT TO INSTALL SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITY TO MINNESOTA POWER POLE ON THE EAST SIDE OF NORTH 53RD AVENUE EAST RIGHT OF WAY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[Attachment 1 - Survey.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 PLCUP-2602-0003 Staff Report and Attachments.pdf](#)
[Attachment 3 Public Comment.pdf](#)
[Attachment 4- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes \(not approved yet\).pdf](#)

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

28. [26-014-O](#) AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AT&T A CONCURRENT USE PERMIT TO INSTALL SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITY TO MINNESOTA POWER POLE ON THE EAST SIDE OF NORTH 50th AVENUE EAST RIGHT OF WAY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo.pdf](#)[Attachment 1- Exhibit.pdf](#)[Attachment 2- PLCUP-2602-0004 Staff Report and Attachments.pdf](#)[Attachment 3- Public Comment.pdf](#)[Attachment 4- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes \(not approved yet\).pdf](#)

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

29. [26-015-O](#) AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AT&T A CONCURRENT USE PERMIT TO INSTALL SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITY TO A MINNESOTA POWER POLE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE NORTH 58TH AVENUE EAST RIGHT OF WAY.

Indexes:**Attachments:** [Cover Memo.pdf](#)[Attachment 1- CUP Exhibit.pdf](#)[Attachment 2- PLCUP-2602-0005 Staff Report and Attachments.pdf](#)[Attachment 3- Public Comment.pdf](#)[Attachment 4- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes \(not approved yet\).pdf](#)

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

COUNCILOR/ADMINISTRATION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

COUNCILOR/ADMINISTRATION PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS

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