



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, February 9, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Councilor David Clanaugh, Councilor Diane Desotelle, Councilor Wendy Durrwachter, Councilor Arik Forsman, Councilor Jordon Johnson, Councilor Roz Randorf, Councilor Terese Tomanek, Vice President Janet Kennedy and President Lynn Nephew

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [26-004](#) Meeting Minutes of the Duluth City Council

Indexes:

Attachments: [2026-01-26 City Council Minutes](#)

A motion was made to approve the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously. These Minutes were approved.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Roy Hamlin spoke in regard to a vape shop opening on Grand Avenue.

Barb Montee spoke in regard to housing.
Gail Francis and Jessica LaBumbard spoke regarding Election Protection.
JoAnne Bates spoke in regard to Data Centers.
Ginka Tarnowski spoke regarding community.

The following individuals spoke regarding ICE, immigration enforcement resolutions/ordinances and the Duluth Police Department: Rose Stout, Donny Banerti, Brandon Parker, Eleanor Dolan, Mabel Smebakken, Ahnika Berg, JT Haines, Andrew St. Croix, Geoff Schumacher, Will Richardson, Kathy Peterson, Harry Redmann, Nicole Charles, Larry T., Tabby Helgeson, Max Huber, Ken Loeffler-Kemp, Lindsey Lee, Alendara Panovich, and Jim Klukkert

RESOLUTIONS TABLED

BY COUNCILOR RANDORF (FINANCE)

2. [26-0061R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT GIFTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 OR LESS.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution remains on the table

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Forsman to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kennedy. The Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (PERSONNEL)

3. [26-0089R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JANET KENNEDY TO THE DULUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

4. [26-0092R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND COMMITTEE.

A motion was made by Councilor Clanaugh to remove this Resolution from the

Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Durrwachter. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilor Durrwachter to table this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clanaugh. This motion failed 6-3

A motion was made by Councilor Forsman to approve this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Vice President Kennedy. This motion passed 6-1-2. This Resolution was passed

Yea: 6 - Councilor Forsman, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Randorf, Councilor Tomanek, Vice President Kennedy and President Nephew

Nay: 2 - Councilor Desotelle and Councilor Durrwachter

Abstain: 1 - Councilor Clanaugh

5. [26-0104R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIK BIRKELAND TO DIRECTOR, PROPERTY, PARKS AND LIBRARIES FOR THE CITY OF DULUTH.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

6. [26-0072R](#) RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF NORTH 94TH AVENUE WEST IN THE PLAT OF RIVER SIDE PARK 2ND ADDITION TO DULUTH.

Indexes:

Attachments: [PLVAC-2509-0008 Cover Memo.pdf](#)

[Exhibit A - 94th Ave W.pdf](#)

[Exhibit B - PLVAC-2509-0008 Staff Report.pdf](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

BY COUNCILOR DESOTELLE (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

7. [26-0088R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD VAN WITH ENVIROSIGHT ROVER X SEWER CAMERA SYSTEM FROM MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$335,597.52.

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

8. [26-0090R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO NORTHLAND CONSTRUCTORS OF DULUTH FOR THE LIFT STATION 3, 27, AND 40 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,149,200.00

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

9. [26-0094R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE WESTERN STAR TANDEM DUMP TRUCK CHASSIS FROM BOYER TRUCKS SUPERIOR FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$175,541.18.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

10. [26-0097R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO A PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT WITH THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR HALLETT DOCK 7 PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,000,000.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover memo](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
[Attachment 2](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

11. [26-0098R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLERS (PLCS) FROM VAN METER, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$64,995.18.

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

12. [26-0099R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR CLASS 5 GRAVEL FOR 2026 FROM NORTHLAND CONSTRUCTORS OF DULUTH, FOR THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$332,300.00

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Cover Memo](#)
[Exhibit B - 26-AA03 Bid Summary](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

13. [26-0108R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF W. SUPERIOR STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,999,160.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)
[Superior St Project Map](#)
[Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

BY COUNCILOR TOMANEK (PUBLIC SAFETY)

14. [26-0079R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,774.50 FOR THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC VESTS.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Document A](#)
[Resolution Cover Memo MN DPS BVP Reimbursement](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

15. [26-0083R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT 24920 WITH THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY (MPCA) TO SUPPORT INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION AT ENDION STATION.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - MPCA - 26-0083R](#)
[Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

16. [26-0095R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT L31034 WITH RW FERN ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE CITY HALL RESTROOM REMODEL PHASE ONE PROJECT, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$15,000.00 AND A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,150.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - RW Fern - 26-0095R](#)
[Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following entitled resolutions are also to be considered:

BY COUNCILOR DURRWACHTER (PURCHASING & LICENSING)

- 17. [26-0105R](#) RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE MINNESOTA GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER INSTITUTING A TEMPORARY STATEWIDE PROGRAM OF FINANCIAL RESIDENTIAL PROTECTION TO FAMILIES DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY OPERATION METRO SURGE (REPLACEMENT)

Indexes:

Attachments: [2020-3-23 Exec Order 20-14](#)
[Cover Memo 26-0105R](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Johnson to table this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tomanek. This Resolution was tabled by the following vote:

- Yea:** 5 - Councilor Forsman, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Tomanek, Vice President Kennedy and President Nephew
- Nay:** 4 - Councilor Clanaugh, Councilor Desotelle, Councilor Durrwachter and Councilor Randorf

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

- 18. [26-0084R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO SUB-RECIPIENT FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH FOND DU LAC TRIBAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ON BEHALF OF LAKE SUPERIOR COLLEGE, AND TRUE NORTH GOODWILL FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES FUNDED THROUGH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA'S PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY BRIDGE TO HEALTHCARE CAREERS GRANT.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo FDLTCC LSC TNG P2P SFY26 SFY27 - Sub-recipient Agreements](#)
[Attachment A - FDLTCC P2P SFY26 & SFY27 - Sub-recipient Agreement](#)
[Attachment B - LSC P2P SFY26 & SFY27 - Sub-recipient Agreement](#)
[Attachment C - TNG P2P SFY26 & SFY27 - Sub-recipient Agreement](#)

A motion was made by President Nephew to pass this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Vice President Kennedy.
This Resolution passed unanimously.

19. [26-0085R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A SUB-RECIPIENT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709 DULUTH ADULT EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES FUNDED THROUGH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA'S PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY, DRIVE FOR FIVE, AND WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT GRANT PROGRAMS.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo ISD #709 DAE P2P, WESA, Drive for Five SFY26 SFY27 - Sub-recipient Agreement](#)
[Attachment A - ISD #709 DAE P2P, WESA, Drive for Five SFY26 SFY27 - Sub-recipient Agreement](#)

A motion was made by President Nephew to pass this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Vice President Kennedy.
This Resolution passed unanimously.

BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

20. [26-0100R](#) RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE COMMUNICATION AND ENFORCEMENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION LAWS WITHIN THE CITY OF DULUTH.

A motion was made by Councilor Johnson to pass this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Vice President Kennedy. This Resolution passed unanimously.

21. [26-0101R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MJ COMPANIES LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PERCH LAKE LANDING SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$276,750.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Perch Lake Landing Site Improvements](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Johnson to pass this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Vice President Kennedy. This Resolution passed unanimously.

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

BY COUNCILOR RANDORF (FINANCE)

22. [26-005-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XXXIX REGARDING THE COMMUNICATION AND ENFORCEMENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION LAWS WITHIN THE CITY OF DULUTH.

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

23. [26-003-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF DULUTH TO RECLASSIFY PARCELS IN THE DULUTH HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD FROM RESIDENTIAL-TRADITIONAL (R-1) TO RESIDENTIAL-PLANNED (R-P).

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo PLUMA-2512-0007 .pdf](#)

[Attachment 1.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2.pdf](#)

[Attachment 3.pdf](#)

[Attachment 4.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

COUNCILOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

COUNCILOR PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS