



# 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*

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Monday, April 27, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### ROLL CALL

All members present at Roll Call.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [26-014](#) MEETING MINUTES OF THE DULUTH CITY COUNCIL

Indexes:

Attachments: [2026-04-13 City Council Minutes](#)

Minutes were accepted by the Council without objection.

### REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

### PUBLIC HEARING(S)/APPEALS - TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 39

Public Hearing was called to open by President Nephew. No speakers rose to address Council during the Public Hearing. Hearing was closed by President Nephew.

**FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (AGENDA ITEMS)**

The following spoke regarding Item 31 (26-0335R): Derek Pederson, Dan Collison, Carolyn Sundquist, Deb Schaber, Matt Baumgartner.  
Josie LaPorte spoke regarding her reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

Roy Hamlin spoke regarding the Vape Shop near Hamlin Music Academy.  
Dillon Messick spoke regarding his appreciation to the work of City Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve by Council Tomanek, Second by Councilor Johnson. Motion to pull Item 9 (26-0348R) from the Consent Agenda by Durrwachter, Seconded by Councilor Clanaugh. Motion to pull Item 9 from the Consent Agenda carries unanimously by voice vote. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended was carried unanimously by voice vote.

**BY COUNCILOR DURRWACHTER (PURCHASING & LICENSING)**

2. [26-0336R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FIVE-YEAR LEASE OF A MAIL MACHINE AND SERVICES WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$40,231.20.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Lease Agreement](#)  
[Resolution 26-0336R Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

3. [26-0350R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTION POLLING PADS FROM KNOWINK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,160.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)  
[Exhibit A - Election Polling Pads Quote](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

**BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (PERSONNEL)**

4. [26-0313R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KATI ANNIS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

This Resolution was adopted.

5. [26-0355R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOSIE

## LAPORTE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

This Resolution was adopted.

6. [26-0356R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RUSS SALGY TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This Resolution was adopted.

7. [26-0357R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE MCDERMITH TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

This Resolution was adopted.

8. [26-0360R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINA WOODS TO THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION.

This Resolution was adopted.

**BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

9. [26-0348R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING DEDA RESOLUTION 26D-08 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH EHLERS AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR 2026-2028 FINANCIAL CONSULTING IN A YEARLY AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

**Motion to approve was made by President Nephew, seconded by Councilor Randorf. Motion carries 7-2 by roll call vote, Councilors Durrwachter and Clanaugh voting in opposition.**

10. [26-0351R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DULUTH HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACCEPTING \$22,500 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ONE ROOF COMMUNITY HOUSING PROVIDING \$22,500 IN SUPPORT OF THE TENANT LANDLORD CONNECTION PROGRAM

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo to Resolution 26-0351R](#)  
[Exhibit A - 2026 HRA Agreement Tenant Landlord Connection](#)  
[Exhibit B - 2026 ONE ROOF Agreement Tenant Landlord Connection](#)

**This Resolution was adopted.**

**BY COUNCILOR DESOTELLE (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)**

11. [26-0308R](#) RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A “NO PARKING ZONE” ON WEST NIAGARA STREET FROM APPROXIMATELY 120’ EAST OF THE CHESTER CREEK CROSSING TO THE WEST TERMINUS OF WEST NIAGARA STREET.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo](#)  
[Location Map](#)

**This Resolution was adopted.**

12. [26-0317R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION OF THE 32ND AVE WEST CREEK WATERSHED STORMWATER RESILIENCY IMPROVEMENTS, CITY PROJECT NO. 2069, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$117,720.00.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo](#)  
[00616261 Duluth 34th Ave W SW Resiliency Observation](#)  
[Bid Tabulation](#)  
[Location map](#)

**This Resolution was adopted.**

13. [26-0318R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO NORTHLAND CONSTRUCTORS OF DULUTH, A DIVISION OF MATHY CONSTRUCTION CO., FOR THE WEST SUPERIOR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,376,000.00.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo](#)  
[Bid Tabulation](#)  
[Superior St Project Map](#)

**This Resolution was adopted.**

14. [26-0319R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE STATE PROGRAM FOR IJA ASSISTANCE FOR THE

RECONSTRUCTION OF WEST SUPERIOR STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,684,530.00.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo](#)

[118-109-021IJJAMatchAgreeDRAFT-R](#)

[Superior St Project Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

15. [26-0321R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH JMF CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE 2026 STREET PRESERVATION PROJECT - GARY NEW DULUTH, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,232,160.65.

**Indexes:**

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

[Exhibit B - Bid Summary for 26-99399](#)

[Exhibit C - Project Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

16. [26-0323R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO WSB LLC FOR MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES FOR 2026 LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS NOT TO EXCEED \$51,220.00

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Cover memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

17. [26-0331R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. L31239 WITH LHB, INC., TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE 2026 STREET PRESERVATION PROJECT-MORLEY HEIGHTS, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$295,714.00 FOR A NEW TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$412,634.00.

**Indexes:**

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

[Exhibit B - Amendment No. 1 to L 31239](#)

[Exhibit C - Street Pres. Proj. 2255 Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

18. [26-0337R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE FREIGHTLINER TANDEM DUMP TRUCK CHASSIS FROM BOYER TRUCKS SUPERIOR FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$151,348.62.

**Indexes:****Attachments:** [Resolution 26-0337R Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

19. [26-0338R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO BONNELL COMMANDER SINGLE AXLE PLOW TRUCK BODY BUILDS FROM BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$421,448.00.

**Indexes:****Attachments:** [Resolution 26-0338R Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

20. [26-0342R](#) RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT L31095 WITH LHB, INC. TO INCLUDE REGULATED SEDIMENT EXCAVATION OVERSIGHT, FOR THE RETROFIT OF THE PALM STREET STORMWATER POND, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$13,587.00 FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$415,909.78.

**Indexes:****Attachments:** [Cover Memo](#)[Proposal for Professional Services- Amendment 02](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

21. [26-0344R](#) 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:** [Resolution 26-0344R Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

22. [26-0347R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HOVLAND, INC., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 2026 STREET PRESERVATION PROJECT - LINCOLN PARK, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,302,903.22.

**Indexes:****Attachments:** [Exhibit A - Cover Memo](#)[Exhibit B - Bid Summary](#)[Exhibit C - Street Pres. Proj 2317 Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

23. [26-0352R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

AGREEMENT TO MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC. FOR DESIGN OF THE PUMP STATIONS POWER SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,200.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Cover Letter](#)

[Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

24. [26-0353R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO TANKSCO, INC. FOR THE WATER TOWER RECONDITIONING - PROCTOR AND BAYVIEW PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$986,000.00

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Bid Summary](#)

[Map](#)

[Cover Memo for 26-0353R](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

25. [26-0354R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO TANKSCO, INC. FOR THE WATER TOWER RECONDITIONING - HIGHLAND AND ORPHANAGE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$951,000.00

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Bid Summary](#)

[Map](#)

[Resolution 26-0354R Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

26. [26-0358R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE BONNELL COMMANDER SINGLE AXLE PLOW TRUCK HOOK BODY BUILDS FROM BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$247,941.00.00.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Resolution 26-0358R Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

**BY COUNCILOR TOMANEK (PUBLIC SAFETY)**

27. [26-0307R](#) RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN UNCONDITIONAL NON-MONETARY GIFT FROM THE DULUTH POLICE FOUNDATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DULUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 2026.

Indexes:

Attachments: [CODE 4 Community Engagement Vehicle Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

**BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)**

28. [26-0341R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO MAX GRAY CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY HALL-ATTORNEYS AND CLERKS OFFICE REMODEL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,500.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - City Hall-Attorneys and Clerks Office Remodel](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

29. [26-0343R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO ZENITH TRAIL CONTRACTING LLC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HAWK RIDGE TRAIL ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$137,200.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Hawk Ridge Adaptive Trail](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

30. [26-0345R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT OF \$36,000 FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR A CD3 SYSTEM AT MUNGER LANDING.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Grant Agreement](#)  
[Cover Memo Resolution to Accept AIS Grant](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

*The following entitled resolutions are also to be considered:*

**BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

31. [26-0335R](#) RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MODIFICATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT/MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROGRAM PLAN AND ESTABLISHING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 39

THEREIN AND ADOPTING A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN THEREFOR.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Council Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Exhibit B](#)

**Motion to approve made by President Nephew, seconded by Councilor Tomanek. Motion carried 7-2 by roll call vote, Councilors Clanaugh and Durrwachter voting in opposition.**

32. [26-0346R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN FOR THE ORCHARDS OF MORGAN PARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (HOUSING) DISTRICT AS PROPOSED BY THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DULUTH, MINNESOTA.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

**Motion to approve made by President Nephew, seconded by Councilor Johnson. Motion carried 8-1 by roll call vote, Councilor Durrwachter voting in opposition.**

33. [26-0349R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING DEDA RESOLUTION 26D-12 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER TO DEDA CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. 24 860 043 WITH CARLETON COMPANIES, INC. FOR DEMOLITION OF THE SHOPPER'S RAMP FOR A NEW TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$3,045,430.84 AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF AN AMOUNT UP TO \$400,000 TO DEDA FOR DEMOLITION COSTS.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo](#)

[Attachment 1](#)

**Motion to approve was made by President Nephew, seconded by Councilor Tomanek. Question was called by Councilor Forsman, seconded by Councilor Randorf, motion carried unanimously. Motion on the item carried 7-2 by roll call vote, Councilors Clanaugh and Durrwachter voting in opposition.**

**BY COUNCILOR DESOTELLE (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)**

34. [26-0333R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. L31238 WITH MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE 2026 STREET PRESERVATION PROJECT - GARY/NEW DULUTH, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$273,930.00 FOR A NEW TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED

\$367,542.00.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A - Cover Memo](#)  
[Exhibit B - Amendment No. 1 to L31238](#)  
[Exhibit C - Project Map](#)

Motion to approve made by Councilor Desotelle, seconded by Vice President Kennedy. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

35. [26-0339R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. L31240 WITH SHORT ELLIOT HENDRICKSON, INC., TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE 2026 STREET PRESERVATION PROJECT - LINCOLN PARK, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$128,615.00 FOR A NEW TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$352,390.00.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A - Cover Memo](#)  
[Exhibit B - Amendment No. 2 to L31240](#)  
[Exhibit C - Project Maps](#)

Motion to approve was made by Councilor Desotelle, seconded by Vice President Kennedy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)**

36. [26-0332R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE ONEOTA NEIGHBORHOOD FROM KNIFE RIVER PROPERTIES LLC FOR \$1,175,000.00, PLUS ASSOCIATED COSTS, UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A CERTAIN PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

**Indexes:**

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - Purchase of Knife River Properties](#)  
[Exhibit 1-Legal Description](#)  
[Exhibit 2-Purchase Agreement](#)  
[Exhibit 3-Map](#)

Motion to approve made by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Clanaugh. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**RESOLUTIONS TABLED**

**BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)**

37. [26-0249R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO RACHEL CONTRACTING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HILLSIDE SPORT COURT PARK SITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,369,367.50.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Hillside Sport Court Park Improvement Project](#)

Motion to remove Resolution 26-0249R from the table made by Councilor Randorf, seconded by Vice President Kennedy. Motion to remove carried unanimously by voice vote. Motion to approve made by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Vice President Kennedy. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**COUNCILOR/ADMINISTRATION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**COUNCILOR/ADMINISTRATION PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Randorf, seconded by Councilor Forsman. Motion to adjourn carries unanimously by voice vote.