



City of Duluth

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Minutes

Parking Commission.

Friday, March 6, 2026

7:30 AM

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall

ROLL CALL

Members Present

- Mike Mayou
- Andrew Paszak
- Branden Robinson, President
- Brandon Van Tassel, Vice President
- Robert Woods
- Mark Bauer, Ex Officio

Members Absent

- Antonio Davis
- Terese Tomanek

Guests Present

- Isaiah Helmin, Assistant Duluth Operations Manager – Interstate Parking Company

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City of Duluth Parking Services Manager Mark Bauer presented the February 2026 Duluth Parking Commission meeting minutes for approval. Commissioner Robert Woods motioned that the minutes be approved. Commission Vice President Brandon Van Tassel seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments during the initial public comments period.

ON-STREET ACCESSIBLE PARKING ZONE SIGNAGE REQUESTS

Mr. Bauer presented two on-street accessible parking zone requests. He stated that he had visited both sites, communicated with the applicants, and presented both to the City of Duluth Commission on Disabilities. Commissioner Woods motioned that the first, for 2426 East 4th Street, be approved. Commissioner Andrew Paszak seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0. Commissioner Van Tassel motioned that the second, for 514 East 8th Street, be approved. Commissioner Mike Mayou seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0.

PROPOSAL TO CREATE A NEW 10-MINUTE DROP-OFF ZONE ON 2ND AVENUE WEST

Mr. Bauer presented a proposal to create a new 10-minute drop-off zone on 2nd Avenue West, on the east side of the roadway between 1st and 2nd Streets. He stated that the zone, which would be adjacent to Brightwater Health, would serve the pick-up and drop-off needs related to that organization, as well as those of other area stakeholders. He stated that the zone was currently unregulated and often abused. Commissioner Mayou inquired into the needs of the building across the avenue from Brightwater. Commissioner Paszak and Mr. Bauer stated that this was a mixed-use building that had a service organization component and that they would also be able to utilize the new zone. Commissioner Woods motioned that the proposed new zone be approved. Commissioner Mayou seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0 (Commissioner Paszak abstaining).

OFF-STREET PARKING UPDATE

Interstate Parking Company Assistant Duluth Operations Manager Isaiah Helmin provided an update on off-street parking operations. He stated that demand at Lakeside Ramp remained very strong and that the City and Essentia were working on solutions that would help in ensuring stalls were regularly available for patients parking at the facility. Mr. Bauer stated that the City's agreement with the new Lakeview 333 development for parking at Lakeside Ramp had been approved by Council and that preparations for occupancy were ongoing. Mr. Helmin stated that seasonal planning for parking facility cleaning and restriping was in progress. He added that he was gathering updated quotes for fencing of areas that featured gaps in the secure perimeters of two locations and would provide those to the City.

ON-STREET PARKING UPDATE

Mr. Bauer provided an update on on-street parking. He stated that signage had been received for the new on-street parking payment methods transition and that plans to remove the old single-stall meters and install the signage were underway. Commissioner Woods inquired whether on-street parking time limit notification would be included on the new signage. Mr. Bauer stated that the signage did not currently include that language but that all of the new virtual on-street payment methods did include this. Commission President Branden Robinson inquired whether new on-street parking zones could be added in the future. Mr. Bauer stated that parking zones could be adjusted as needed. Commissioner Mayou suggested that the City add online illustrations of the on-street parking zones for the public to view. Mr. Bauer stated that the suggestion would be considered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOLLOW-UP

Commissioner Woods inquired whether the Parking Services Division would be providing the Commission with an updated proposal to adjust parking fees in Canal Park public lots to year-round enforcement. Mr. Bauer stated that it was likely that such a proposal would be brought to the Commission during the summer.