



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, September 22, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Councilor Azrin Awal, Councilor Wendy Durrwachter, Councilor Arik Forsman, Councilor Janet Kennedy, Councilor Deborah DeLuca, Councilor Roz Randorf, Councilor Tara Swenson, Vice President Lynn Nephew and President Terese Tomanek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [25-030](#) Meeting Minutes of the Duluth City Council

Indexes:

Attachments: [2025-09-08](#)

A motion was made by Councilor DeLuca to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kennedy.
The Minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

The following citizens spoke in regard to the Duluth Transit Authority: Drew Filkins, Eleanor Dolan, Jack Lind, Hadrian DeMaioribus, Mike Casey, Asher Estrin-Haire and Caroline Olson.

Brad Little, Libby Bent and Amber Boettcher spoke in regard to transportation.

Jonah Sargent Egermeier spoke in regard to a house renovation/project and Kevin Christensen.

Barbara Montee spoke in regard to bedroom count restrictions in housing.

Daniel Jahr spoke about set back requirements for non accessory structures.

Brandon Parker spoke in regard to AI price-fixing

RESOLUTIONS TABLED

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (FINANCE)

2. [25-0697R](#) RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE SUM TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR GENERAL PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2026.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Motion to Amend: Awal \(Passed 5-4\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Forsman to remove this Resolution from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilor Randorf. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilor Awal to pass the motion to amend. The motion was seconded by Councilor Durrwachter. The motion passed 5 yes and 4 no.

A motion was made by Councilor Forsman to pass the Resolution as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kennedy. This Resolution passed as amended.

3. [25-0698R](#) RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE SUM TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR THE SPECIAL PARKS FUND LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2026.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Forsman to remove this Resolution from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilor Randorf. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilor Forsman to pass this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Randorf. This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

4. [25-0700R](#) RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE SUM TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION

FOR THE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT, HOUSING AND
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, FOR THE YEAR 2026.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Forsman to remove this Resolution from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilor Awal. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilor Forsman to adopt this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Awal. This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

5. [25-0702R](#) RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE SUM TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION
FOR THE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT, DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY,
FOR THE YEAR 2026.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Motion to Amend: Forsman, Nephew, & Randorf \(Removed\)](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Forsman to remove this Resolution from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilor Awal. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilor Forsman to adopt this Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Awal. This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (FINANCE)

6. [25-0716R](#) RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$4,570,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION TOURISM TAX REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE OR
MORE SERIES.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

7. [25-0721R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT A
\$510,000 GRANT FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA FOR THE LAKE
SUPERIOR ZOO.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Exhibit B](#)

[Exhibit C](#)

[Exhibit D](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

BY COUNCILOR DURRWACHTER (PURCHASING & LICENSING)

8. [25-0707R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK DATA BACKUP SOFTWARE AND SERVICES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$278,440.20

Indexes:

Attachments: [Backup Extension - Resolution Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

9. [25-0718R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PREMISE PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR GLEN AVON HOCKEY CLUB AND DULUTH CURLING CLUB.

Indexes:

Attachments: [2025-08-12, Temp Expansion, Duluth Cider](#)

[2025-08-25, App, Gambling, Duluth Curling Club](#)

[Cover Memo Premises Permit Application](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

10. [25-0719R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS LIQUOR LICENSES.

Indexes:

Attachments: [2025-07-10, App, Temporary On Sale Liquor, Lester River Rendezvous_Redacted](#)

[2025-07-31, Annual Liquor License Ritual Salad_Redacted](#)

[2025-08-12, Temp Expansion, Duluth Cider](#)

[2025-08-25, Temp On Sale Liquor, 2, Duluth](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

BY COUNCILOR AWAL (PERSONNEL)

11. [25-0726R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION OF WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FOREPERSON.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

12. [25-0728R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE NEW CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION OF GRADUATE ENGINEER, AND SPECIFYING CONTRACT BENEFITS FOR SAME.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

13. [25-0732R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION OF DATA PRACTICES COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

14. [25-0743R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TIM MEYER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

BY COUNCILOR RANDORF (INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS)

15. [25-0725R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SOFTWARE SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN ONLINE SOFTWARE TO ACCESS ELECTRONIC DATABASES OF REAL PROPERTY RECORDS AT THE CURRENT COUNTY BOARD APPROVED RATE OF \$125 PER MONTH PER LICENSE, SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INCREASE.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1-Agreement](#)
[Cover Memo-SLC Agreement](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

BY COUNCILOR DELUCA (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

16. [25-0714R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO NORTHLAND CONSTRUCTORS OF DULUTH, INC, FOR THE GARFIELD AVENUE CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPAIRS AND 3RD AVENUE W. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$444,600.00.

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

17. [25-0715R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO AE2S FOR THE LAKEWOOD FILTER REHABILITATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$386,559.00.

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

18. [25-0724R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO EASEMENT AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTING A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR ROADWAY AND UTILITY PURPOSES FROM LAUREL ANN SANDERS AND JOHN DONAHUE OVER, UNDER AND ACROSS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE FOND DU LAC NEIGHBORHOOD, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1-Easement](#)
[Exhibit 2-Map](#)
[Cover Memo-Cass St Easement](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

19. [25-0731R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DETOUR AGREEMENT NO.1061151 WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE CITY FOR USE OF SUPERIOR STREET, 40TH AVENUE EAST, 26TH AVENUE EAST AND 21ST AVENUE EAST AS DETOUR ROUTES FOR THE TRUNK HIGHWAY NO. 61 PROJECT.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
[1061151 Agr Duluth](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

20. [25-0733R](#) RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR STREET AND UTILITY PURPOSES FROM CHRISTINE A. KING, TRUSTEE OF THE CHRIS KING REVOCABLE TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2018 (ALSO KNOWN AS THE CHRISTINE A. KING REVOCABLE TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2018) AND CHRISTINE A. KING, TRUSTEE OF THE DAN KING REVOCABLE TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2018 (ALSO KNOWN AS THE RESIDUARY TRUST UNDER THE DAN KING REVOCABLE TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2018) OVER, UNDER, AND ACROSS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1-Permanent Easement](#)
[Cover Memo-King Trust Permanent Easement](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

21. [25-0734R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM CHRISTINE A. KING, TRUSTEE OF THE CHRIS KING REVOCABLE TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2018 (ALSO KNOWN AS THE CHRISTINE A. KING REVOCABLE TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2018) AND CHRISTINE A. KING, TRUSTEE OF THE DAN KING REVOCABLE TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2018 (ALSO KNOWN AS THE RESIDUARY TRUST UNDER THE DAN KING REVOCABLE TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2018) OVER, UNDER, AND ACROSS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1-Temp Easement](#)
[Cover Memo-King Trust Temp Easement](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

22. [25-0735R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM GARFIELD SQUARE, LLLP OVER, UNDER, AND ACROSS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo-Garfield Sq Temp Easement](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

23. [25-0736R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM RKE ENTERPRISES, LLC OVER, UNDER, AND ACROSS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1-Temp Easement](#)
[Cover Memo-RKE Enterprises Temp Easement](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

24. [25-0737R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM JACK GARTNER, CAROL GARTNER, RICHARD S. LUCK, RENAE LUCK AND 4GRC LLC OVER, UNDER, AND ACROSS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit 1-Temp Easement](#)
[Cover Memo-4RGC Temp Easement](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

25. [25-0738R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR THE 2026 TOWNSHIPS AND CITIES MAINTENANCE STRIPING PROGRAM FOR ROAD LINE STRIPING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF DULUTH

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

BY COUNCILOR KENNEDY (PUBLIC SAFETY)

26. [25-0713R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT GRANT FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,724 FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FORENSIC LABRATORY EQUIPMENT.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Document A - Coverdell Grant Agreement](#)
[Resolution Cover Memo_Coverdell](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

BY COUNCILOR SWENSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

27. [25-0699R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH INNOVATIVE MASONRY RESTORATION LLC FOR STAGE REPAIRS AT LEIF ERIKSON PARK FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$298,000.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Leif Erikson Stage Repair](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

28. [25-0723R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,000 FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND FOR ENHANCING PRESERVATION AND ACCESSIBILITY AT HAWK RIDGE NATURE RESERVE.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

29. [25-0727R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING GRANT OF UP TO \$385,000 TO SUPPORT REPLACEMENT OF TREES LOST TO EMERALD ASH BORER AND ESTABLISH A MORE RESILIENT URBAN FOREST.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution to Apply](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

30. [25-0730R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CONFLUENCE INC. FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE PRILEY CIRCLE RESTORATION PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$355,135.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Priley Circle Restoration](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (FINANCE)

31. [25-023-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION LAKEWALK RESTORATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF DULUTH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,245,000 UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO BE PROVIDED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

32. [25-024-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION LAKE FRONT RESTORATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF DULUTH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,840,000 UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO BE PROVIDED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

BY COUNCILOR KENNEDY (PUBLIC SAFETY)

33. [25-025-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8A-4 TO EXCLUDE COMBINATION BUSINESSES OPERATING A RETAIL LOCATION FROM THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR CANNABIS RETAIL BUSINESSES.

This Ordinance was read for the first time.

COUNCILOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

COUNCILOR PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS