



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]*

Monday, March 24, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Councilor Azrin Awal, Councilor Wendy Durrwachter, Councilor Arik Forsman, Councilor Janet Kennedy, Councilor Mike Mayou, Councilor Tara Swenson, Vice President Lynn Nephew and President Terese Tomanek

Absent: 1 - Councilor Roz Randorf

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [25-014](#) Meeting Minutes of the Duluth City Council

Indexes:

Attachments: [2025-03-10](#)

These Minutes were approved.

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

2. [25-015](#) Budget Memo

Indexes:

Attachments: [2024- BA General Fund Reconciled Budget Memo](#)
[2024 General Fund Budget Adjustments](#)

This Informational Report was received.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

The following citizens spoke in regard to Allete/MN Power: Eric Enberg, Beth Tamminen, Linda Herron, John Krumm, Luke Nolle, Kate Yapel, Evan Leebens, Justin Dean, Lisa Fitzpatrick, Matt Baumgartner, Rebecca Kellher, Kim Klukkert and Rachel Johnson.

Cheyenne Pyan spoke in regard to the "safety ordinances"

Brandon Parker spoke in regard to Allete, Board and Commissions and Skyline.

CONSENT AGENDA

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (FINANCE)

3. [25-0187R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET AND COST SHARING FORMULA OF MINNEAPOLIS-DULUTH/SUPERIOR AND PASSENGER RAIL ALLIANCE AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CITY'S COST SHARE OF \$18,648.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Absent: Councilor Randorf

4. [25-0199R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH J&M DISPLAYS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$62,100.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Absent: Councilor Randorf

BY COUNCILOR DURRWACHTER (PURCHASING & LICENSING)

5. [25-0216R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CIVIL DEFENSE SIREN CONTROL BOARD UPGRADES AND REPLACEMENT CABINETS FROM FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS

FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$93,260.00.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

BY COUNCILOR AWAL (PERSONNEL)

- 6. [25-0200R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BEN VANTASSEL TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND COMMITTEE.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

- 7. [25-0201R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRAD SCOTT TO THE DULUTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Indexes:

Attachments: [Scott, Brad_Application.Resume](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

- 8. [25-0224R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION OF ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

- 9. [25-0225R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION OF SEASONAL UTILITIES LABORER.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

- 10. [25-0226R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION OF SENIOR ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

- 11. [25-0227R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE NEW CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION OF UNHOUSED RESPONSE COORDINATOR, AND SPECIFYING CONTRACT BENEFITS FOR SAME.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

- 12. [25-0229R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION OF UTILITY OPERATOR.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

- 13. [25-0230R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION OF UTILITY OPERATOR APPRENTICE.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

- 14. [25-0251R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CITY OF DULUTH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

BY VICE PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

- 15. [25-0219R](#) RESOLUTION VACATING PLATTED SECTIONS OF FOURTH STREET AND ROUSSAIN AVENUE IN THE PLAT OF FOND DU LAC, SUBJECT TO THE RETENTION OF UTILITY EASEMENTS.

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

16. [25-0220R](#) RESOLUTION VACATING A SECTION OF W FIRST STREET IN THE PLATS OF DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION AND GLEN PLACE DIVISION.

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

BY COUNCILOR MAYOU (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

17. [25-0197R](#) 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.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

18. [25-0215R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH NORTHLAND CONSTRUCTORS OF DULUTH, A DIVISION OF MATHY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR BITUMINOUS (HOT MIX BLACKTOP) FOR STREET MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES FOR AN ANNUAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$295,000.00

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

19. [25-0233R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO VEIT & COMPANY INC FOR THE LEAD WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENT - HIGH PRIORITY SITES 49-52 & 94-99 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$363,921.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Resolution Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

20. [25-0234R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO HOVLAND INC. FOR THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT - LINCOLN PARK 4 PROJECT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,550,218.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Resolution Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Absent: Councilor Randorf

21. [25-0235R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO TRUEPANI, INC FOR 2025 LEAD WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENT - FILTER PITCHER AND TEST KIT SERVICES FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$290,900.00.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Absent: Councilor Randorf

BY COUNCILOR SWENSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

22. [25-0210R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LHB, INC. FOR A PARK, RECREATION, AND COASTAL PRESERVATION PLAN FOR PARK POINT RECREATION AREA FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$129,461.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit B](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Absent: Councilor Randorf

23. [25-0222R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT L30637 WITH KRAUS ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS AGENT SERVICES FOR THE SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CHAIR LIFT INSTALLATION, AS PART OF THE OVERALL SPIRIT MOUNTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL PROJECT, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$156,772.00 FOR A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$181,772.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Absent: Councilor Randorf

24. [25-0223R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH THE DULUTH AREA FAMILY YMCA FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED

\$100,883.21 FOR LIFEGUARDING SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE CITY'S PARK POINT BEACH HOUSE AND RECREATION AREA DURING THE 2025 OPERATING SEASON.

Indexes:

Attachments: [2025 Lifeguard Agreement](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

25. [25-0228R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT 24365 WITH THE ARROWHEAD BOWHUNTERS ALLIANCE, INC., TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE DEER MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following entitled resolutions are also to be considered:

26. [25-0217R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE DULUTH BOAT CLUB FOR USE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN PARK POINT THROUGH 2030 FOR OPERATION OF ITS SERVICES AT NO COST TO THE CITY

Indexes:

Attachments: [License Agreement \(signed by DBC\)](#)

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

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

BY VICE PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

27. [25-002-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING UDC SECTION 50-18; NATURAL RESOURCES OVERLAY, SEC 50-20; USE SPECIFIC STANDARDS FOR MANUFACTURED HOME PARK AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK, SEC 50-33.2; SITE DESIGN FOR PLATS, TABLE 50-35-1

PROCEDURES SUMMARY TABLE; SEC 50-37; ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL USE PERMITS, SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL AND VARIANCES, SEC 50-38.2; PROVISIONS FOR NON-CONFORMITIES IN FLOODPLAINS, AND ARTICLE 6; DEFINITIONS.

Indexes:

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

A motion was made by Councilor Durrwachter to table this Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mayou. This motion failed: 3 Y - 1 A - 5 N. A motion was made by Councilor Nephew to pass this Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kennedy. This motion passed unanimously. This Ordinance passed unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf.

28. [25-003-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING UDC SECTION 50-41.16; PRINCIPAL USE DEFINITION.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Attachment 1](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Nephew to adopt this Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.
Absent: Councilor Randorf

COUNCILOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

COUNCILOR PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS