



City of Duluth

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Meeting Agenda

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, August 10, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [26-024](#) MEETING MINUTES OF THE DULUTH CITY COUNCIL

Attachments: [2026-07-27 City Council Minutes](#)

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (AGENDA ITEMS)

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

CONSENT AGENDA

BY COUNCILOR RANDORF (FINANCE)

2. [26-0706R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A \$1,534,500 TAXABLE GRANT ANTICIPATION REVENUE NOTE, SERIES 2026A, AND PROVIDING FOR ITS PAYMENT.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
 [Exhibit A](#)
 [Exhibit B](#)
 [Exhibit C](#)

3. [26-0707R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A \$5,666,728 TAXABLE GRANT ANTICIPATION REVENUE NOTE, SERIES 2026B, AND PROVIDING FOR ITS PAYMENT.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
 [Exhibit A](#)
 [Exhibit B](#)
 [Exhibit C](#)

BY COUNCILOR DURRWACHTER (PURCHASING & LICENSING)

4. [26-0726R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS LIQUOR LICENSES

Attachments: [C&D App, Sister Cities](#)
 [Transfer App. & Foreclosure Docs, West Theater](#)

5. [26-0727R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR LAWFUL GAMBLING

Attachments: [Lawful Gambling App, Little Saints Street Ministry](#)

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (PERSONNEL)

6. [26-0723R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIANNA GUNDERSON TO THE DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

7. [26-0724R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GINKA TARNOWSKI TO THE SANITARY SEWER BOARD OF THE WESTERN LAKE SUPERIOR SANITARY DISTRICT.

8. [26-0725R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LUKE MEDIS TO THE BUILDING APPEAL BOARD

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

9. [26-0701R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, FOR USE OF OFFICE SPACE AT LAKE SUPERIOR COLLEGE AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - LSC Office Lease Agreement 07-01-2025 through 06-30-2028](#)
 [LSC Office Lease Agreement - 07-01-2025 through 06-30-2028](#)

BY COUNCILOR DESOTELLE (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

10. [26-0697R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY (MPFA) FOR A FORGIVABLE LOAN FROM THE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS AS PART OF THE N 40TH AVE W RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (PFA PROJECT 1690011-23, CITY PROJECT 1813) AS DESCRIBED IN THE LOAN APPLICATION.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
 [PFA Application 1690011-23](#)

11. [26-0711R](#) RESOLUTION AMENDING A CONTRACT WITH LHB, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT - DENFELD PROJECT, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$25,666.50 FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$388,256.50.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
 [31229 Amendment Request Documentation](#)

12. [26-0720R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERMIT FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY, FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF PROPERTY ABUTTING ST. MARIE ST. IN THE CHESTER PARK-UMD NEIGHBORHOOD, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

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

BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

13. [26-0698R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A THREE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE DULUTH AREA FAMILY Y.M.C.A. FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE WOODLAND COMMUNITY CENTER.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1](#)
 [Cover Memo YMCA](#)

14. [26-0712R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM) PARTS, SUPPLIES AND LABOR FOR 2026 FROM BOYER TRUCKS-SUPERIOR FOR \$20,000.00, FOR A NEW AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000.00.

Attachments: [Cover Memo for 26-0712R](#)

15. [26-0714R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY USE PROVISION ENCUMBERING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY MANAGED BY THE DULUTH AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

Attachments: [20260731 Cover Memo](#)

[Exhibit 1](#)

16. [26-0715R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A FEDERAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM GRANT OF \$150,000 TO CONSTRUCT A PORTION OF THE CROSS CITY TRAIL.

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

[Project Map](#)

[Cover Memo - Resolution to Accept F RTP CCT](#)

17. [26-0716R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A REGIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM GRANT OF \$300,000 TO CONSTRUCT A PORTION OF THE CROSS CITY TRAIL.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Resolution to Accept RTP CCT](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Project Map](#)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS TABLED

BY COUNCILOR DURRWACHTER (PURCHASING & LICENSING)

18. [26-0681R](#) RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE LESTER PARK INITIATIVE ORDINANCES TO THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, AND DIRECTING CERTIFICATION TO THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR

Sponsors: Durrwachter and Clanaugh

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

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

19. [26-037-O](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10-5, OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUILDING APPEAL BOARD TO SEVEN MEMBERS.

Sponsors: Hamre

Attachments: [Cover Memo - 2026 Bylaw Ordinance Change](#)

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

BY COUNCILOR RANDORF (FINANCE)

20. [26-035-O](#) AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 10473, FILE NO. 16-061-O, AND GRANTING MINNESOTA POWER , A DIVISION OF ALLETE, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY.

Attachments: [20260717 Cover Memo](#)
[Document A - Duluth Franchise Fee Summary](#)

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (PERSONNEL)

21. [26-023-O](#) AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 2-2.1, 2-2.2, 2-2.3, AND 2-2.4 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)

BY PRESIDENT NEPHEW (PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

22. [26-026-O](#) ORDINANCE GRANTING VITTA PIZZA, INC. A CONCURRENT USE PERMIT FOR PERGOLAS AND A BARRICADE TO PROVIDE CODE COMPLIANT, PERMANENT, OUTDOOR SEATING WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 307 CANAL PARK DRIVE.

Attachments: [PLCUP-2605-0010 Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[Attachment 1- PLCUP-2605-0010 Staff Report with Attachments.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2- Vitta Pizza Survey Exhibit V2.pdf](#)
[Attachment 3- July 2026 Planning Commission Minutes \(not approved yet\).pdf](#)

23. [26-027-O](#) ORDINANCE GRANTING DULUTH COFFEE COMPANY INC. A CONCURRENT USE PERMIT FOR A PERGOLA AND A BARRICADE TO PROVIDE CODE COMPLIANT, PERMANENT, OUTDOOR SEATING WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 107 EAST SUPERIOR STREET.

Attachments: [PLCUP-2606-0012 Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[Attachment 1- PLCUP-2606-0012 Staff Report with Attachments.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2- Exhibit Concurrent Use 20260605 v1.pdf](#)
[Attachment 3- July 2026 Planning Commission Minutes \(not approved yet\).pdf](#)

24. [26-030-O](#) AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AT&T A CONCURRENT USE PERMIT TO INSTALL SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITY TO A MINNESOTA POWER POLE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE NORTH 9TH AVENUE EAST RIGHT OF WAY.

Attachments: [PLCUP-2606-0011 Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[1. Survey.pdf](#)
[2. PLCUP-2606-0011 Staff Report and Attachments.pdf](#)
[3. July 2026 Planning Commission Minutes \(not approved yet\).pdf](#)

ORDINANCES TABLED

BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

25. [26-033-O](#) AN ORDINANCE PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION THAT REQUIRES THE CITY TO REZONE AS PARK AND OPEN SPACE (P-1) THE 37.5-ACRE PARCEL KNOWN AS THE LAKE 9 PARCEL OF THE FORMER LESTER PARK GOLF COURSE, AND FURTHER PROHIBITING ANY REZONING OF THIS PARCEL THAT AUTHORIZES PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, HOSPITALITY, OR MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT UNLESS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS AT A CITY ELECTION.
26. [26-034-O](#) AN ORDINANCE PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION THAT WOULD PRECLUDE THE CITY OF DULUTH FROM REZONING THE 230-ACRE PARCEL LOCATED IN OR NEAR THE LESTER PARK GOLF COURSE FROM A PARK, OPEN SPACE, OR CONSERVATION DESIGNATION TO A CLASSIFICATION THAT AUTHORIZES PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, HOSPITALITY, OR MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT UNLESS THE REZONING IS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS VOTING ON THE QUESTION AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL CITY ELECTION.

COUNCILOR/ADMINISTRATION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

COUNCILOR/ADMINISTRATION PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS

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