



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, April 13, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

All members present at roll call. Councilor Tomanek joining by Microsoft Teams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This was approved.

1. [26-012](#) MEETING MINUTES OF THE DULUTH CITY COUNCIL

Indexes:

Attachments: [2026-03-23 City Council Minutes Revised](#)

Motion to approve the minutes made by Councilor Clanaugh, seconded by Councilor Johnson. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (AGENDA ITEMS)

Speaking regarding Resolution 26-0248R was Julia Covert, Karin White, Andrew St. Croix, and Andrea Hanek.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Roy Hamlin spoke regarding an ordinance revision regarding vape shops he has been researching.
Christy Rounds spoke regarding civility.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Forsman. A motion to pull Agenda Item 11 (Resolution 26-0248R) from the Consent Agenda was made by Councilor Durrwachter, seconded by Councilor Clanaugh. Motion to pull Item 11 carried unanimously by roll call vote. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with Item 11 pulled carried unanimously by roll call vote. President Nephew moved Item 11 to follow Item 19 on the Agenda.

BY COUNCILOR RANDORF (FINANCE)

2. [26-0297R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY TO ASSIST WITH THE COST TO COMPLETE A FACILITIES CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT (FCA) STUDY AT THE DECC.

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR DURRWACHTER (PURCHASING & LICENSING)

3. [26-0299R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR LAWFUL GAMBLING.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Gambling Premises, So SLC Fair Assn](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR DESOTELLE (PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES)

4. [26-0184R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE FORD TRANSIT T-250 UTILITY VANS FROM MIDWAY FORD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$272,552.50 PER MINNESOTA STATE CONTRACT T-175(5), CONTRACT NO. 265343.

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted.

5. [26-0185R](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE FORD F-250 CREW CAB PICKUPS FROM MIDWAY FORD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$160,921.11, PER MN STATE CONTRACT T-642(5), CONTRACT NO. 259180.

Indexes:

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

This Resolution was adopted.

6. [26-0221R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACTS TO NORTHLAND CONSTRUCTORS OF DULUTH, A DIVISION OF MATHY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND ULLAND BROTHERS, INC. FOR BITUMINOUS (HOT MIX ASPHALT) FOR STREET MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES FOR 2026 IN AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED THE TOTAL OF \$429,500.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Resolution 26-0221R Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

7. [26-0260R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT L31293 WITH NORTHLAND CONSULTING ENGINEERS, LLP, FOR THE IDEAL STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$128,060.00 FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$187,620.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover memo](#)
[Ideal Street 30-100% Design Work Plan](#)
[Project Location Map](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

8. [26-0270R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HOVLAND, INC. FOR THE 2026 CITYWIDE PATCH AND SIDEWALK PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$371,774.52.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Cover Memo](#)
[Exhibit B - Bid Summary](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

9. [26-0275R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH NORTHERN

INTERSTATE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE 2026 STREET PRESERVATION PROJECT, MORLEY HEIGHTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,180,958.31.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Cover Memo](#)
[Exhibit B - Project Map](#)
[Exhibit C - Bid Summary](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

10. [26-0287R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO MJ COMPANIES LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT - DENFELD 1 PROJECT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,199,565.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover memo](#)
[Location Map](#)
[Bid Tabulation](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR TOMANEK (PUBLIC SAFETY)

11. [26-0248R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DULUTH (HRA) FOR THE SERVICES AND FUNDING OF A PUBLICLY OWNED AND MANAGED HOUSING COMMUNITY BASED POLICE OFFICER FOR FIVE YEARS AND ACCEPTING A TOTAL OF \$559,719 TO FUND SAID POSITION.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Document A_PSA](#)
[Exhibit A_Job Description](#)
[Resolution Cover Memo_HRA Officer](#)

(This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda to follow Item 19) Motion to approve was made by Councilor Tomanek, seconded by Councilor Johnson. A motion to amend the contract duration from five (5) years to one (1) year by Councilor Durrwachter, seconded by Councilor Desotelle. The motion to amend failed 3-6 by roll call vote, Councilors Tomanek, Forsman, Johnson, Randorf, Vice President Kennedy, and President Nephew voting in opposition. Motion on the Resolution carried 7-2 by roll call vote, Councilors Clanaugh and Durrwachter voting in opposition.

12. [26-0258R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF TAYLOR CARDINAL VS. CITY OF DULUTH, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT

AGREEMENT.

Indexes:

Attachments: [20260326 Exhibit 1](#)
[20260326 Cardinal Cover Letter](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

13. [26-0274R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT L31294 WITH CONFLUENCE, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE PRILEY CIRCLE RESTORATION PROJECT, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$29,000.00 AND A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$384,135.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Confluence 26-0274R](#)
[Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

14. [26-0293R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING GRANT OF \$213,705 FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT REPLACEMENT OF TREES LOST TO EMERALD ASH BORER AND ESTABLISH A MORE RESILIENT URBAN FOREST.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Resolution to Accept CTP](#)
[Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

15. [26-0294R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE GREATER MINNESOTA LEGACY GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE SPIRIT MOUNTAIN LEGACY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Spirit 25-17 First Amendment](#)
[Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

16. [26-0295R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A THREE-YEAR NON-EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN DULUTH LITTLE LEAGUE INCORPORATED FOR THE USE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FIELDS

BEHIND WADE STADIUM.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo WLL Agreement](#)
[Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following entitled resolutions are also to be considered:

BY COUNCILOR RANDORF (FINANCE)

17. [26-0272R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2026 TO APRIL 30, 2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,765,536 FOR THE SPIRIT MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA AUTHORITY.

Indexes:

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

Motion to approve was made by Councilor Randorf, seconded by Councilor Johnson. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

BY COUNCILOR DURRWACHTER (PURCHASING & LICENSING)

18. [26-0300R](#) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS LIQUOR LICENSES.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Temp Expansion, Duluth Cider](#)
[Temp Liquor, MNJOA Conference](#)
[Temp Liquor, Duluth Air Show](#)
[Temp Liquor, Duluth Drag Races](#)
[Temp Liquor, Oktoberfest](#)
[Temp Expansion, Lemon's Reef](#)
[Temp Liquor, Grandmas Inc.](#)

Motion to approve was made by Councilor Durrwachter, seconded by Councilor Clanaugh. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

BY COUNCILOR TOMANEK (PUBLIC SAFETY)

19. [26-0261R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A MASTER ENTERPRISE RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS)

SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT WITH FIFTEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Indexes:

Attachments: [Document A - Master Police RMS Subscriber Agreement](#)
[Resolution Cover Memo RMS Master Subscriber Agreement Final](#)

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

BY COUNCILOR JOHNSON (RECREATION, LIBRARIES & AUTHORITIES)

20. [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 approve was made by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Vice President Kennedy. Motion to table was made by Councilor Randorf, seconded by Councilor Clanaugh. Motion to table carried unanimously by roll call vote.

21. [26-0271R](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEN-YEAR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA FOR EQUESTRIAN USE ON A PORTION OF THE MUNGER TRAIL, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo-JPA with DNR](#)
[Exhibit 1](#)

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

22. [26-0273R](#) RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BP BUILDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHESTER BOWL CHALET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,254,735.00.

Indexes:

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Chester Bowl Chalet Recontruction](#)

Motion to approve was made by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Clanaugh. Councilor Desotelle declared a conflict of interest and that she would be recusing from this item. Motion passed 8-0, with Councilor Desotelle abstaining.

RESOLUTIONS TABLED

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN (PERSONNEL)

23. [26-0232R](#) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND SPIRIT MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA AUTHORITY.

Motion to remove the item from the table was made by Councilor Forsman, seconded by Vice President Kennedy. Motion to remove from the table carried unanimously by roll call vote. Motion to approve was made by Councilor Forsman, seconded by Vice President Kennedy. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COUNCILOR/ADMINISTRATION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

COUNCILOR/ADMINISTRATION PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS