



7.30.26 Scorecard

Ward 11 Office - Council Member Jamison Whiting



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Dear Ward 11,

Thank you for your ongoing trust and outreach about the important issues facing our City.

Democracy depends on the core values of transparency, accountability, and accessibility. That is why my Office produces bi-weekly scorecards that offer thorough explanations of how I voted and why in the most recent Minneapolis City Council Meeting.

This document shares my votes **(in blue)** and my reasoning for these votes **(in orange)** during the City Council Meeting on July 30th, 2026. Video recording of this meeting can be found on the City of Minneapolis YouTube page.

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All my love,



Jamison Whiting, Ward 11 Council Member

Key Votes Summary:

Number / Title	Council Member Whiting's Vote	Page #
BHZ #1: Appointment of Regulatory Services Department Director	CM Whiting voted in support of the re-appointment of Enrique Velazquez as the Director of the Regulatory Services Department. This motion succeeded.	3
COW #2: Grant application to U.S. Department of Justice NIBIN	CM Whiting voted in support of this grant application to replace technology in its ballistics imaging systems. This motion succeeded.	4
PHSE #1: Appointment of Fire Chief	CM Whiting voted in support of the appointment of Dr. Reginald Freeman as the Fire Chief. This motion succeeded.	5
Introductions #4: Pet ownership restrictions ordinance	CM Whiting is proud to be co-authoring this ordinance with Council Members Wonsley, Chavez, and Chowdhury to remove rental unit conditions and restrictions on pet ownership solely due to a prior conviction for certain felonies. It will be referred to staff for development and return to Council for a future vote.	16

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Minneapolis City Council Agenda

July 30th, 2026 - 9:30 am

Members: Council Members Elliott Payne (President), Jamal Osman (Vice-President), Aisha Chughtai (Majority Leader), Robin Wonsley (Minority Leader), Michael Rainville, LaTrisha Vetaw, Pearl Warren, Elizabeth Shaffer, Soren Stevenson, Jason Chavez, Jamison Whiting, Aurin Chowdhury, and Linea Palmisano.

Call to Order

1. Roll Call.
2. Adoption of the agenda.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to adopting the agenda. The agenda was accepted 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

3. Acceptance of minutes.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to accepting the meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

4. Referral of petitions, communications, and reports to the proper Committees.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to the referral of petitions, communications, and reports. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

Discussion

Business, Housing & Zoning Committee

1. Appointment of Regulatory Services Department Director ([2026-00791](#)).

Granting consent to the Mayor's nomination of Enrique Velazquez to the appointed position of Regulatory Services Department Director for a term ending January 2030.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to the appointment of Enrique Velazquez as the Director of the Regulatory Services Department. The motion was successful, 9 ayes to 3 nays, with 1 absence.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: Council Member Whiting was proud to support Director Velazquez's reappointment as Director of Regulatory Services. The City of Minneapolis has a long way to go to transform our Regulatory Services work, including in our response to homelessness and our reform of rental license tiering. However, Dir. Velazquez has led this work during his tenure with compassion, humanity, and focus on real solutions. CM Whiting looks forward to working with him to address the pressing problems facing our City this year and beyond.

4. Conditional Use Permit, Preliminary Plat, and Site Plan Review Appeal: Kristine Smith, on behalf of FG & C LLC, 3000 Minnehaha Ave, 3033 Snelling Ave ([2026-00849](#)).

Considering an appeal submitted by Kristine Smith, on behalf of FG & C LLC, regarding the decision of the City Planning Commission approving a conditional use permit, preliminary plat, and site plan review (PLAN21164) to allow the construction of a two-story, approximately 16,800 square-foot addition to the existing building located at 3000 Minnehaha Ave and 3033 Snelling Ave.

CM Chowdhury introduced a motion to deny the appeal of the decision of the City Planning Commission approving the conditional use permit, preliminary plat, and site plan review.

CM Chowdhury introduced a motion to add a condition to the conditional use permit and approve the conditional use permit, preliminary plat, and site plan review subject to conditions.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to CM Chowdhury's motion. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting is grateful to motion co-authors Chowdhury and Chavez for finding a compromise that allows this project to proceed without delay. The Longfellow neighborhood, and the entire City of Minneapolis, has been incredibly patient as plans for [The Democracy Center](#) at 3000 Minnehaha Ave (formerly the Third Precinct) have proceeded. The approved action will allow for this work to continue, and CM Whiting is hopeful that this investment will allow the project to be fully realized before the 2028 Presidential Elections.

Committee of the Whole

2. Grant application to U.S. Department of Justice for National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program ([2026-00890](#)).

Considering authorization for a grant application to U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ), in the amount of \$300,000 from September 30, 2026, to December 30, 2031, for the Fiscal Year 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) Modernization program, in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to this motion. The motion was successful, 7 ayes to 5 nays, with 1 absence.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: To understand why CM Whiting ultimately supported this motion, it is necessary to look at how the federal grant process operates under the Trump Administration.

Under the U.S. Constitution, Congress holds the power to allocate funding for specific, functional purposes, including municipal grants. The executive branch manages the distribution of those funds and drafts application guidelines, typically through a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

The Trump Administration has repeatedly abused its administrative role to attach political boilerplate language to these grant applications—to try to pressure grant recipients to advance its specific political agenda, particularly around immigration enforcement. This toxic rhetoric is completely out of alignment with the values of Minneapolitans.

This and similar boilerplate language, found in other grants the council has approved, is ultimately political jargon with absolutely no legal authority to compel grant recipients to adopt White House policies or assist, in any way, in federal immigration enforcement. It is Congress that dictates how grant dollars are legally used, not the President.

In this case, Congress allocated a specific pot of money exclusively for local crime gun intelligence technology—specifically, the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). This system functions as a national database of digital images showing the unique markings left on bullet casings after a weapon is fired, allowing investigators to quickly link firearms to crimes across different jurisdictions both locally and nationally. This specific grant strictly funds the purchase of new physical NIBIN scanners to replace our aging hardware. Because our current equipment is reaching the end of its service life, Minneapolis would lose access to the national database entirely if we do not replace it. Based on CM Whiting’s conversations with his colleagues, the vast majority of Council Members agree this ballistics imaging system is a crucial tool for tracking and reducing gun violence in Minneapolis.

While the Federal Government inserted language into the NOFO describing one purpose of these funds to federal immigration enforcement priorities using dehumanizing terms like “illegal aliens,” this language has no effect on the legal scope of the grant.

There are valid concerns that applying for or accepting this grant might require the City to support federal immigration enforcement. CM Whiting deeply empathizes with this fear, given the harm and violence the Trump administration has inflicted on our City, particularly our immigrant and BIPOC communities. Alarming as this preamble language is, it cannot override Congressional intent or force local policy changes. The Minneapolis City Attorney’s Office has thoroughly reviewed all of the grant documentation, as they do with every federal grant application, and confirmed that nothing within it violates our City’s Separation Ordinance (which prohibits MPD from performing or supporting ICE enforcement) or requires the City to engage in federal immigration enforcement or compromise its values.

Stripped of the White House's hostile rhetoric, this grant serves the same functional purpose as similar grants issued under the Biden and Obama administrations. Ballistics tracking equipment is fundamental to addressing gun violence in Minneapolis. Denying this federal grant will sadly not stop the President’s rhetoric, and it would simply force our residents to shoulder a \$300,000 expense out-of-pocket or require cuts to other City programs to fund the equipment.

CM Whiting strongly condemns the Trump Administrations’ hijacking of the federal grant process to spread hateful propaganda. He looks forward to a return to principled federal governance, where grants are recognized for what they truly are: mechanisms for cities like Minneapolis to secure the resources we need to improve the lives of our residents.

Public Health, Safety, and Equity

1. Appointment of Fire Chief [\(2026-00775\)](#)

Considering the Mayor's nomination of Dr. Reginald Freeman to the appointed position of Fire Chief for a term ending January 2030.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to this motion. The motion was successful, 10 ayes to 2 nays, with 1 absence.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: Council Member Whiting based his support for Dr. Reginald Freeman on the recommendations provided for him by the Minneapolis Firefighter's Union and Freeman's previous Departments, both in Hartford, CT, and Oakland, CA.

CM Whiting has lingering concerns about how Dr. Freeman plans to limit Fire Department overtime without operational cuts but looks forward to working with him on the job to address this concern. He is sympathetic to the concerns of several of his Council colleagues regarding Dr. Freeman's professional work in Saudi Arabia and the existence of a 2022 lawsuit alleging harassment and discrimination in the Hartford Fire Department during the years Freeman was in charge. Because Freeman was not named nor accused of personal misconduct in the lawsuit, CM Whiting does not believe the existence of a lawsuit is disqualifying at this time. If any evidence of misconduct emerges, CM Whiting will call for full accountability. Harassment and discrimination will not be tolerated at the City of Minneapolis.

Passed by Unanimous Consent

Business, Housing & Zoning Committee [Jul 21, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Appointment of Regulatory Services Department Director ([2026-00791](#)).

Context: Pulled for discussion. See "Discussion" section above for vote and full reasoning.

2. Strange Loop Laboratory, 1629 HENNEPIN AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Strange Loop Projects LLC, for an On Sale Wine with Strong Beer, General Entertainment license ([2026-00812](#)).

Strange Loop Laboratory, 1629 HENNEPIN AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Strange Loop Projects LLC, BLWine, LIC429907, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

3. Interim use permit: Grace Rieck, on behalf of People Serving People, 219 4th St S ([2026-00837](#)).

Approving an application submitted by Grace Rieck, on behalf of People Serving People, for an interim use permit (PLAN21712) to allow an emergency shelter for the property located at 219 4th St S, subject to conditions.

4. Conditional Use Permit, Preliminary Plat, and Site Plan Review Appeal: Kristine Smith, on behalf of FG & C LLC, 3000 Minnehaha Ave, 3033 Snelling Ave ([2026-00849](#)).

Context: Pulled for discussion. See "Discussion" section above for vote and full reasoning.

5. Rezoning and alley vacation: City of Minneapolis Property Services, 3000 Minnehaha Ave, 3033 Snelling Ave ([2026-00848](#)).

Considering an application submitted by the City of Minneapolis Property Services to rezone (PLAN21164) the property located at 3000 Minnehaha Ave at add the SZ Split Zoning Overlay District, retaining the CM4 Destination Mixed Use District, and the BFC6 Corridor 6 Built Form Overlay District.

Considering an application submitted by the City of Minneapolis Property Services to rezone (PLAN21164) the property located at 3033 Snelling Ave to add the SZ Split Zoning Overlay District to the northern portion of the parcel, and to rezone the northern portion of the parcel from the CM3 Community Mixed Use District to the CM4 Destination Mixed Use District, retaining the CM3 Community Mixed Use District for the southern portion of the parcel, and the BFT10 Transit 10 Built Form Overlay District for the entire parcel.

Considering an ordinance amending Title 20, Chapter 530 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Zoning Districts and Maps Generally.

Considering a resolution approving an application submitted by the City of Minneapolis Property Services, to vacate the east-west public alley segment located east of Snelling Ave and south of Lake St E, Vacation File No. 1802.

6. Liquor license approval for July 21, 2026 [\(2026-00810\)](#).

Asher's Bar & Grill, 2730 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Chilango LLC, BLAmend, LIC432087

Barcelona Wine Bar, 508 WASHINGTON AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Barcelona Minneapolis LLC, BLAmend, LIC431705

Puttshack, 700 3RD ST N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Puttshack Minneapolis LLC, BLAmend, LIC429853

Asher's Bar & Grill, 2730 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Chilango LLC, BLAmend, LIC432086

Nokomis House, 5401 CHICAGO AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 11) submitted by La Familia Tapatia, LLC, BLLiquor, LIC432547

7. Liquor license renewals for July 21, 2026 [\(2026-00813\)](#).

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8. Gambling license approvals for July 21, 2026 [\(2026-00811\)](#).

Islander Foundation, 1 DE LASALLE DR Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 2) submitted by Islander Foundation, BLGeneral, LIC432946

9. Business license operating conditions: Bloomington Commercial Kitchen Inc, 1516 Lake St E, #300, Minneapolis, MN (Ward 9), submitted by Bloomington Commercial Kitchen Inc, Food Catering license, LIC432441 [\(2026-00834\)](#).

Granting a license for Bloomington Commercial Kitchen Inc, 1516 LAKE ST E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 9) submitted by Bloomington Commercial Kitchen Inc, BLFood, LIC432441, subject to conditions.

10. Tow truck service fees [\(2026-00815\)](#).

Amending the 2026 License Fee Schedule related to maximum fees for Class A Motor Vehicle Services.

11. Contract amendment with the MacPhail Center for Music [\(2026-00818\)](#).

Authorizing an extension of contract No. C-24836 with the MacPhail Center for Music, for a twenty-year extension, through August 28, 2046, for continuing the governmental program for the music center.

12. State of Minnesota grants for employment and training services [\(2026-00863\)](#).

Accepting a State of Minnesota dislocated worker grant, in the amount of \$1,252,963, to provide employment and training services.

Accepting a State of Minnesota Youth Program grant, in the amount of \$500,463, to provide employment and training services.

Authorizing agreements with State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for the grants.

Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Community Planning and Economic Development Department

13. Developer Technical Assistance Program (DTAP) funding recommendations [\(2026-00853\)](#).

Authorizing the following contracts for the Developer Technical Assistance Program (DTAP), consistent with the recommendations given in this report and subject to modifications as approved by the Director of the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development, with the following entities or their designees: Amani Construction & Development, \$25,000; Aspen Blue, \$25,000; Element Inc., \$75,000; Hortensia PLLC, \$25,000; Magnolia Homes, \$25,000; Neighborhood Development Center, \$25,000; NEOO Partners, \$50,000; Platform Commercial Real Estate, SBC, \$40,000; Varro Real Estate, \$60,000.

14. Bid for Convention Center Hall E Floor Box Replacement [\(2026-00842\)](#).

Accepting the low responsive bid of Premier Electrical Corporation, submitted on Event No. 4076, in the amount of \$2,569,098.96, to provide all materials, labor, and equipment to replace floor boxes in Exhibition Hall E of the Convention Center, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

15. Owner-Occupied Rehab program Delegated Authority [\(2026-00841\)](#).

Passage of Resolution adopting form documents and delegating authority to the Director of the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development or their designees to make and execute Participation Agreements in form approved by the City Attorney's Office consistent with City Council approved Guidelines for the Home Improvement Program.

Passage of Resolution adopting form documents and delegating authority to the Director of the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development or their designees to make and execute Participation Agreements in form approved by the City Attorney's Office consistent with the Minnesota Housing Lender Participation Agreement and its associated program guidelines for home improvement financing.

14. Metropolitan Council Water Efficiency Grant Program ([2026-00844](#))

Accepting a grant from the Metropolitan Council, in the amount of \$37,000, for the Equity-Focused Water Efficiency grant pilot program.

Authorizing an agreement with the Metropolitan Council for the Equity-Focused Water Efficiency grant pilot program.

Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Community Planning and Economic Development Department.

Authorizing the adoption of the Equity-Focused Water Efficiency grant program guidelines.

Passage of Resolution adopting form documents and delegating authority to the Director of the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development or their designees to make and execute Participation Agreements in a form approved by the City Attorney's Office consistent with City Council approved Guidelines for the Water Efficiency Grant Program.

17. Greenbelt Development Project Financial closing extension ([2026-00874](#))

Authorizing an amendment to the terms of contract COM0010807 for 429 31st Ave N. with PPL Homes LLC to extend performance deadlines provided all preconstruction requirements are met and closing occurs by August 31, 2026.

Authorizing an amendment to the terms of contract COM0010805 for 409 31st Ave N with PPL Homes LLC to extend performance deadlines provided all preconstruction requirements are met and closing occurs by August 31, 2026.

Authorizing an amendment to the terms of contract COM0010806 for 427 31st Ave N with PPL Homes LLC to extend performance deadlines provided all preconstruction requirements are met and closing occurs by August 31, 2026.

Authorizing an amendment to the terms of contract COM0010808 for 3020 6th St N with PPL Homes LLC to extend performance deadlines provided all preconstruction requirements are met and closing occurs by August 31, 2026.

18. Problem Rental Properties ([2026-00878](#))

Directing the Legislative Department to undertake research and analysis on problem rental properties.

19. Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) program updates ([2026-00816](#))

Authorizing the described changes to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program for Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA).

20. Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) program updates ([2026-00839](#))

Authorizing revisions to the program guidelines for the Minneapolis Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) Preservation Fund.

1. Dinner du Nord Commercial Block Event Permit: September 10, 2026 [\(2026-00836\)](#).

Approving deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for a commercial block event permit application submitted by Hospitality Minnesota allowing Dinner du Nord event to be held on September 10, 2026, located on Nicollet Mall between Alice Rainville Place and 5th St S, to operate outside the hours permitted.

2. Banana Ball Games Block Event Permit: August 7-9, 2026 [\(2026-00838\)](#).

Approving deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for the large business district block event permit application submitted by Minnesota Twins/Target Field Events, to enable Banana Ball Games to close roads outside the hours permitted.

3. Skyway easement from Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board for a portion of 2nd Ave N [\(2026-00843\)](#).

Authorizing a permanent skyway easement agreement between the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board and The City of Minneapolis.

4. METRO Green Line Extension (Southwest Light Rail): Subordinate Funding Agreement No. 14 [\(2026-00847\)](#).

Authorizing Subordinate Funding Agreement (SFA) No. 14 with the Metropolitan Council, to reimburse the City for a not to exceed amount of \$64,180, for professional staff costs incurred in 2026 by the Public Works Department in the areas of construction oversight, inspection, coordination, permitting, staging, maintenance of traffic, and acceptance of infrastructure to be owned and maintained by the City related to the METRO Green Line Extension (Southwest Light Rail).

5. Minneapolis Street Lighting Plan amendment [\(2026-00858\)](#).

Amending the 2022 Minneapolis Street Lighting Policy Figure 2 Map to re-classify the following roadway segments to Pedestrian Street Light Corridors:

Abbott Ave S from Excelsior Blvd to Chowen Ave S

Chowen Ave S from Abbott Ave S to 32nd St W

32nd St W from Chowen Ave S to Excelsior Blvd

6. Cedar Lake Rd Bridge Project: Overpass Agreement [\(2026-00860\)](#).

Authorizing execution of an Overpass Agreement with BNSF Railway Company which includes: BNSF Contribution for bridge design and replacement; execution of a temporary construction easement on BNSF property; execution of an easement agreement on BNSF property for the replacement bridge elements; and transfer ownership of the existing structure and replacement structure to the City.

7. Cooperative agreement with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority for the Grand Ave S bridge over the Midtown Greenway [\(2026-00852\)](#).

Authorizing a cooperative agreement with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) for the construction of the Grand Ave S Bridge over the Midtown Greenway.

8. Metropolitan Council Municipal Infiltration and Inflow grant for cured-in-place pipe lining, repairs of existing sewers and cross connection elimination [\(2026-00865\)](#).

Accepting a grant from the Metropolitan Council Municipal Infiltration/Inflow Grant Program, in the amount of \$4,091,061, for cross connection elimination, cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining and repairs of existing sewers.

Passage of Resolution authorizing execution of a state bond funded grant agreement with the Metropolitan Council to accept \$4,091,061 for cross connection elimination, cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining and repairs of existing sewers that have taken place between Jan 1, 2024, and December 31, 2025 Dec 31, 2025, pursuant to the Metropolitan Council Municipal Infiltration/Inflow Grant Program.

Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Public Works Department.

9. Bid for 2026-2027 Public Works Tree Removal and Disposal ([2026-00833](#)).

Accepting the low bid of Birch Tree Care, submitted on Event 4179, in the amount of \$109,125 for the initial two-year term and \$54,562.50 for the optional additional year, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for 2026-2027 Tree Removal and Disposal, and authorizing a contract for a two-year term with the option to renew for up to one (1) 12-month term, all in accordance with City specifications.

10. Bid for the Installation of Green Stormwater Infrastructure for the West Fulton Neighborhood Improvement Project ([2026-00832](#)).

Accepting the low bid of Urban Companies, LLC. submitted on Event 4126, in the amount of \$345,203.05, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Installation of Green Stormwater Infrastructure for the West Fulton Neighborhood Improvement Project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

11. Columbia Heights Membrane Plant Roof Replacement ([2026-00850](#)).

Accepting the low bid of Dura-Roof, LLC., submitted on Event 3975, in the amount of \$2,200,000, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the Columbia Heights Membrane Plant Roof Replacement, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

12. Contract amendment with CS McCrossan Construction Inc. for the Bridge 9 Improvements ([2026-00846](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009207 with CS McCrossan Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$15,439.89 for a total amount not to exceed \$5,324,477.19, and an extension through July 31, 2026, for additional work to complete the Bridge 9 Abutment 1, bridge decks and railing project.

13. Bicycle Advisory Committee appointments ([2026-00698](#)).

Approving June Werner for appointment to Seat 18 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

Committee of the Whole

1. Local approval of special law: Food Hall licenses ([2026-00817](#)).

Passage of Resolution approving Laws of Minnesota 2026, Chapter 48, Article 1, Section 7, related to Food Hall Licenses.

2. Grant application to U.S. Department of Justice for National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program ([2026-00890](#)).

Context: Pulled for discussion. See “Discussion” section above for vote and full reasoning.

3. Legislative Budget Process Analysis ([2026-00891](#))

Directing Legislative Research & Oversight staff to conduct an analysis on national examples of legislative budget processes to identify potential trends and examples for consideration.

Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee [Jul 20, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Legislative process reform: research and recommendations ([2026-00777](#)).

Directing the City Clerk's Office to research and make recommendations on reforms to improve the Council's legislative process.

Context: CM Whiting is proud to be co-authoring this effort to improve the accessibility, ease, and pace of the City Council Legislative Process with CM Palmisano. This effort will now go to the City Clerks for development and return to the Council for consideration at a future date.

2. Bid for the Fire Department Training Apparatus Expansion Project ([2026-00828](#)).

Accepting the low responsive bid of Ebert, Inc. submitted on Event 4131, in the amount of \$1,369,100, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Fire Department Training Apparatus Expansion Project base bid and all four (4) add alternates, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

3. Contract amendment with Shaw Lundquist Associates for the City Hall Restack Phase 3 project ([2026-00830](#)).

Authorizing an increase to Contract No.COM0007568 with Shaw Lindquist Associates, Inc, in the amount of \$5,574 for a total amount not to exceed \$29,617,711, for additional materials, labor, and equipment to complete the City Hall Restack Phase 3 project, all in accordance with City Specifications.

4. Contract amendment with Saba Software (Canada), Inc. for enterprise-wide performance management system support and maintenance ([2026-00845](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract C-32017 with Saba Software (Canada), Inc. (“Saba”), in amount of \$290,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,291,753, and an extension for two (2) years through July 29, 2028, for the support and maintenance of the enterprise-wide performance management system.

5. Legal Settlement: Cameron Cecchini v. City of Minneapolis, et al ([2026-00826](#)).

Approving the settlement of all claims asserted in Cameron Cecchini v. City of Minneapolis, et al., United States District Court File No. 26-cv-00040 (NEB/ECW), by payment of \$35,000 to plaintiff's counsel at Law Office of Eric A. Rice IOLTA, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

6. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Terrence Floyd ([2026-00827](#)).

Approving the workers' compensation claim of Terrence Floyd by payment of \$85,000 to Terrence Floyd and attorney Harper and Furth, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

7. Claim Settlement: Minneapolis Convention Center claim against Northern States Power Company ([2026-00854](#)).

Approving the settlement of the Minneapolis Convention Center's claim against Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, regarding the failure of a power cabinet on July 28, 2025, by accepting payment of \$60,000 from Northern States Power Company, to be paid into Fund 01760-8650121-375504, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office, or the Director of the Convention Center, to execute all documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

8. Indebtedness and bond issuance authorization related to outstanding Capital Improvement Bonds ([2026-00875](#)).

Passage of Resolution authorizing certain actions be taken by the Chief Financial Officer with respect to certain indebtedness to be incurred by the City of Minneapolis and by the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell City of Minneapolis general obligation refunding bonds to refund all or a portion of the outstanding bonds of the City's General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds (Green Bonds), Series 2018.

9. Appointed position in the Health Department: Director Environmental Health ([2026-00829](#)).

Adopting findings that the proposed position of Director Environmental Health meets the criteria in Section 20.1010 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, City Council to Establish Positions; and approving the establishment of the position in the unclassified service, evaluated at 575 total points, and allocated to grade 12.

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Personnel, approving the salary schedule for the position, which has a salary range of \$131,575 to \$155,971, in accordance with the adopted compensation plan for appointed officials effective July 30, 2026.

10. 2026-2029 Enterprise & Labor Relations (ELR) Committee Work Plan ([2026-00881](#)).

Approving the 2026-2029 Enterprise & Labor Relations (ELR) Committee Work Plan.

Public Health, Safety & Equity [Jul 22, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Appointment of Fire Chief ([2026-00775](#)).

Considering the Mayor's nomination of Dr. Reginald Freeman to the appointed position of Fire Chief for a term ending January 2030.

Context: Pulled for discussion. See "Discussion" section above for vote and full reasoning.

2. Contract with Hennepin Technical College for police cadet training ([2026-00823](#)).

Authorizing a contract with Hennepin Technical College (HTC) in the amount of \$1,400,000 for a three (3) year term, starting August 17, 2026, through August 16, 2029, with an option to extend the contract for two (2) additional years, for the Minneapolis Police Cadet Program.

3. Contract amendment with GovWorx, Inc. to provide quality assurance software for 911 ([2026-00819](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0010321 with GovWorx, Inc., in the amount of \$21,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$324,780, to provide quality assurance software for 911.

4. Contract amendment with Center for Multicultural Mediation for Community Trauma Response Services ([2026-00821](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0008751 with Center for Multicultural Mediation, in the amount of \$3,000 for a new not to exceed total of \$181,980, for Community Trauma Response Services.

5. Contract amendment with A Mother's Love Initiative for Community Trauma Response Services ([2026-00822](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0008698 with A Mother's Love Initiative, in the amount of \$300,000 for a new not to exceed total of \$723,622.27, and an extension through August 31, 2027, for Community Trauma Response Services.

6. Promising Practices grant for family home visiting ([2026-00801](#)).

Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health, in the amount of \$150,000, to provide family home visiting services.

Authorizing an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the grant.

Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

7. Neighborhood Safety Contract Management Legislative Directive ([2026-00808](#)).

Approving a legislative directive related to the Neighborhood Safety Department Contract Management Audit.

Notice of Ordinance Introductions



Council Member Whiting voted yes to refer these items to their appropriate committees. The motion was successful, 12 yeas to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

1. Commercial hood and exhaust cleaning program ordinance ([2026-00889](#)).

Payne gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 174 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Fire and Police Protection: Minneapolis Fire Department; Fire Prevention Bureau, amending provisions related to the commercial hood and exhaust cleaning program.

2. Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) accountability ordinance ([2026-00936](#)).

Warren gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 16, Chapter 420 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Planning and Development: Public Housing Authority, relating to ensuring the accountability of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority.

3. Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board elections ordinance ([2026-00937](#)).

Warren gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council an ordinance amending Title 16, Chapter 419 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Planning and

Introduction & Referral Calendar



Council Member Whiting voted yes to introduce this item and refer it to its appropriate staff or committee. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

1. Dress code posting requirement ordinance ([2026-00806](#)).

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez, Payne, Wonsley, and Warren to introduce an ordinance amending Title 14, Chapter 360 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Liquor and Beer: In General, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, requiring any licensed premises that requires a dress code for entry to post said dress code.

2. Noise regulations ordinances ([2026-00809](#)).

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez and Stevenson to introduce an ordinance amending Title 15 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Offenses—Miscellaneous, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, amending provisions related to noise regulations to remove irrelevant content, organize the structure in a more logical format, clarify language, add a clause regulating the sounding of motion-sensor devices on private property, and to amend a clerical error referencing Chapter 389 that should be referring to an earlier subsection in Chapter 399:

Chapter 389 Noise

Chapter 399 Control of Invasive Species Tree Pests

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez and Stevenson to introduce an ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 45 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Air Pollution and Environmental Protection: Environmental Program Fees, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, amending provisions referring to Chapter 389 to correct reference numbers.

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez and Stevenson to introduce an ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Maintenance Code, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, amending provisions referring to Chapter 389 to correct reference numbers.

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez and Stevenson to introduce an ordinance amending Title 13, Chapter 259 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: In General, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, amending provisions referring to Chapter 389 to correct reference numbers.

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez and Stevenson to introduce an ordinance amending Title 14, Chapter 360 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Liquor and Beer: In General, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, amending provisions referring to Chapter 389 to correct reference numbers.

3. Event center license ordinance ([2026-00864](#)).

Pursuant to notice, motion by Shaffer and Rainville to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, amending, repealing and adding provisions related to rental halls and places of entertainment to create an event center license allowing for the hosting of both public and private events:

Chapter 266 Rental Halls

Chapter 267 Amusements

4. Pet ownership restrictions ordinance ([2026-00871](#)).

Pursuant to notice, motion by Wonsley, Chavez, Whiting, and Chowdhury to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 4, Chapter 66 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Animal Care and Control: Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Animals, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, removing conditions and restrictions on pet ownership solely due to a prior conviction for certain felonies.

Context: CM Whiting is proud to be co-authoring this ordinance with CMs Wonsley, Chavez, and Chowdhury to remove restrictions and conditions on pet ownership by landlords solely based on a prior conviction for certain felonies. This work now goes to staff for development and will return to the Council for consideration at a future date.

Resolutions



Council Member Whiting voted yes to approve the following resolutions. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

1. 2026 Aquatennial honorary resolution ([2026-00938](#)).

Passage of Resolution honoring and recognizing the Minneapolis Aquatennial 2026.

Unfinished Business

Context: The following two items are before the City Council for reconsideration under “Unfinished Business” and “Addendum” due to those items ending in a tie vote (6-6) at previous meetings of the City Council.

Under the Minneapolis City Charter, tie votes have a procedural effect (aka. they allow the meeting to continue), but they do not dispose of the item before the Council because dispositive action requires a majority. In other words, the vote did not succeed (because there was not a majority in support) but it also did not fail, because a majority did not vote against the action. Instead, the Council needs to take a dispositive action (i.e., delete from the agenda, send back to staff for development, or approval) at this Council meeting.

1. Contract with Skydio, Inc. for a drones-as-first-responder pilot program ([2026-00609](#)).

Considering a no cost contract with Skydio, Inc. to launch a pilot program utilizing drones as first responders.

CM Vetaw motioned to refer this item back to staff.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to send this motion to refer back to staff. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

Addendum

1. Community Safety Commissioner: National search ([2026-00653](#)).

Passage of Resolution requesting an immediate national search for qualified candidates for consideration for the next Community Safety Commissioner.

Context: This item was erroneously left off of the agenda of a previous City Council meeting. It is added to the agenda today to address this inconsistency.

CM Chavez motioned to delete form the agenda.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to send this motion to delete from the agenda. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

Closed Session

1. Litigation matter of Assad Awaijane, et al. v. Bittell, et al. ([2024-01174](#)).

Receiving a briefing on the litigation matter of Assad Awaijane, et al. v. Bittell, et al.

Context: Closed Sessions are publicly noticed private meetings of the Minneapolis City Council for the purpose of legal cases (attorney-client privilege), labor negotiations, or other sensitive topics.

Adjournment

Next City Council meeting: August 13th, 2026