

*This document details the votes (in blue), and the reasoning of such votes (in orange), of Ward 11 City Council Member Jamison Whiting during the Minneapolis City Council Meeting on February 5, 2026. Video recording of this meeting can be found on the [City of Minneapolis YouTube page](#).*

*For further explanation on how Council Member Whiting voted or to set up a meeting with our office, please contact [ward11@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:ward11@minneapolismn.gov).*

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[Due to the ongoing ICE occupation, the Minneapolis City Council has adjusted their February committee calendar to condense all committees into the Committee of the Whole. This reduces the required time staff and Council spend on meeting logistics to make time for responding to the ongoing crisis and resident needs. Given the new, temporary structure, CM Chowdhury reported on what previously occurred in the Committee of the Whole meeting on 2.3.2026. President Payne moved to accept that report, except for item #67, which he opened for discussion. (See page 13 of this scorecard to review that discussion and its associated votes). This means that items #1 through #66 in this scorecard were approved without objection. Items #1 through #66 broadly consist of routine administrative matters that passed without debate on 2.3.2026. To keep this scorecard concise, most are listed below without individual commentary. If you have questions about a specific item, please email [ward11@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:ward11@minneapolismn.gov).]

## Minneapolis City Council Agenda

Regular Meeting  
February 5, 2026 - 9:30 am  
Room 380, City Hall  
350 S. 5th St., Minneapolis, MN 55415

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

### Call to Order

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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.

*\*At the top of the meeting, CM Chughtai introduced an amendment to the agenda to include a Notice of Intent, officially kicking off the legislative process to update regulations regarding landlord entry into rental units.*

3. Acceptance of minutes - [Regular Meeting of January 15, 2026](#)

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** to accepting the 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 referral of petitions, communications, and reports. The referral was accepted 12 ayes to 0 nays with 1 absence.

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## Reports of Standing Committees

### Committee of the Whole

#### Feb 3, 2026 - Committee Report

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** to accepting the committee report, minus #67. The report was accepted 12 ayes to 0 nays with 1 absence.

**Context:** The reasoning for this vote is described above.

1. Collective bargaining agreement: IATSE Stage Technicians Unit, January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028 [\(2026-00069\)](#)

Authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with IATSE Stage Technicians Unit for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, consistent with the terms of the Executive Summary; and authorizing the Labor Relations Director to implement the terms and conditions of the agreement.

2. Collective bargaining agreement: IBEW Local 292 Electrical Technicians Unit, January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028 [\(2026-00070\)](#)

Authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with IBEW Local 292 Electrical Technicians Unit for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, consistent with the terms of the Executive Summary; and authorizing the Labor Relations Director to implement the terms and conditions of the agreement.

3. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Kenneth LaCroix II [\(2026-00052\)](#)

Approving the workers' compensation claim of Kenneth LaCroix II by payment of \$165,000 to Kenneth LaCroix II and attorney, Meshbesher & Spence Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

4. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Jackson Millikan [\(2026-00053\)](#)

Approving the workers' compensation claim of Jackson Millikan by payment of \$150,000 to Jackson Millikan and attorney, Michael Schultz Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

5. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Tracy MacDougall ([2026-00054](#))

Approving the workers' compensation claim of Tracy MacDougall by payment of \$175,000 to Tracy MacDougall and attorney, Meuser Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

6. 2025 Polling Place Accessibility Grant Program for improvements to polling places for individuals with disabilities ([2026-00071](#))

Accepting a grant from Office of the Secretary of State, in the amount of \$9,868.69, for sitework (concrete, drop-off, curbside voting), signage, flooring, and transitions, for 3000 Minnehaha (Minneapolis Democracy Center) to improve access to polling places for individuals with disabilities.

7. Liquor license approvals for February 3, 2026 ([2026-00031](#))

- i. Boludo, 1519 COMO AVE SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 1) submitted by BOLUDO-COMO, LLC, BLAmend, LIC428529
- ii. Brother Justus Whiskey Co., 3300 5TH ST NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 1) submitted by Brother Justus Whiskey Co., BLAmend, LIC428164
- iii. D'Amico Catering at the Atrium, 275 MARKET ST Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 5) submitted by D'Amico Catering LLC, BLAmend, LIC429045
- iv. D'Amico Catering at the Beach Club, 2925 DEAN PKWY Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by D'Amico Catering LLC, BLAmend, LIC429046
- v. D'Amico Catering at the Walker Art Center, 1750 HENNEPIN AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by D'Amico Catering LLC, BLAmend, LIC429044
- vi. D'Amico Hospitality @ Machine Shop, 300 2ND ST SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by D'Amico Catering LLC, BLLiquor, LIC428541
- vii. Puttshack, 700 3RD ST N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Puttshack Minneapolis LLC, BLAmend, LIC428297

8. Liquor license renewals for February 3, 2026 ([2026-00032](#))

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9. Gambling license approvals for February 3, 2026 ([2026-00033](#))

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10. Gambling license renewals for February 3, 2026 ([2026-00034](#))

- i. Firefighters for Healing, 414 6TH AVE N Minneapolis, MN, submitted by Firefighters for Healing, BLGeneral, LIC412271
- ii. ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS, 356 MONROE ST NE Minneapolis, MN, submitted by ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS, BLGeneral, LIC67648
- iii. MN Youth Athletics Services, 305 5TH AVE N Minneapolis, MN, submitted by MN Youth Athletics Services, BLGeneral, LIC406054
- iv. MPLS AERIE 34 FOE, 2507 25TH ST E Minneapolis, MN, submitted by MPLS FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES, BLGeneral, LIC67483
- v. VFW POST 246, 2916 LYNDALE AVE S Minneapolis, MN, submitted by VFW POST 246, BLGeneral, LIC66382

- vi. ALIVENESS PROJECT MINNEAPOLIS, 19 15TH ST W Minneapolis, MN, submitted by ALIVENESS PROJECT MINNEAPOLIS, BLGeneral, LIC69205

**11. Greenbelt Development Project Financing modification and extension ([2026-00023](#))**

- i. Authorizing a \$325,000 increase in development financing loan to PPL Homes LLC for a new total of up to \$725,000 to be available for project costs in support of the Greenbelt development project until October 31, 2027.
- ii. Authorizing an extension of the term of the existing acquisition loan totaling \$79,241.33 in support of the Greenbelt development project until October 31, 2027.
- iii. 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 April 30, 2026, subject to one 30-day administrative extension in exchange for a payment of \$1,000 per unit that has not yet closed.
- iv. 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 April 30, 2026, subject to one 30-day administrative extension in exchange for a payment of \$1,000 per unit that has not yet closed.
- v. 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 April 30, 2026, subject to one 30-day administrative extension in exchange for a payment of \$1,000 per unit that has not yet closed.
- vi. 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 April 30, 2026, subject to one 30-day administrative extension in exchange for a payment of \$1,000 per unit that has not yet closed.

**12. Contract amendment for the Minneapolis Convention Center Meeting Rooms Remodel - Phase 3 Project ([2026-00028](#))**

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0009562 with Sheehy Construction Company, in the amount of \$488,803.21, for a total amount not to exceed \$10,375,824.21, for change orders needed to complete the Minneapolis Convention Center Meeting Rooms Remodel - Phase 3 Project.

**13. Contract with multiple vendors for Real Estate Title and Abstract services ([2026-00036](#))**

- i. Authorizing a contract with Land Title, Inc., in the amount of \$120,000, for real estate title and abstract services from February 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
- ii. Authorizing a contract with Executive Title of MN LLC, in the amount of \$50,000, for real estate title and abstract services from February 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028.

**14. Saint Anthony Falls Heritage Board appointment ([2026-00037](#))**

Confirming the Heritage Preservation Commission's nomination of Kelly Mastin to the Saint Anthony Falls Heritage Board for a one-year term beginning February 10, 2026, and ending February 9, 2027.

15. Drive for 5 grant for employment and training services ([2026-00044](#))

- i. Accepting a grant from the State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, in the amount of \$450,000, to provide employment and training services.
- ii. Authorizing an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for the grant.
- iii. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Community Planning and Economic Development Department.

16. Bid and Appropriation for demolishing City-owned property: 4140-4146 Fremont Ave N ([2026-00045](#))

- i. Accepting the low responsive bid of Meyer Contracting, submitted on Event No. 3867, in the amount of \$183,000, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the demolition of 4140 and 4146 Fremont Ave N, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.
- ii. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Community Planning & Economic Development Department.

17. Gift acceptance from Missouri Southern State University for transportation, lodging, and meals ([2026-00020](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Missouri Southern State University for transportation, lodging up to 3 nights, and meals for Cindy Weckwerth, Environmental Health Director, to serve as an assessor and site visitor in Joplin, Missouri, from February 15-18, 2026.

18. Gift acceptance from Urban Sustainability Directors Network for transportation, lodging, and meals ([2026-00021](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Urban Sustainability Directors Network for transportation, lodging up to 3 nights, and meals for Grace Rude, Public Health Specialist, to attend the Urban Agriculture Director Network & Milan Urban Food Policy Pact in Austin, TX from March 8-12, 2026.

19. Gift acceptance from Metropolitan Police Department for transportation, lodging, and per diem ([2026-00022](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Metropolitan Police Department for transportation, lodging, and per diem for Police Chief Brian O'Hara to attend and speak at the DC 2026 Police Leadership Academy in Washington, DC, on March 20, 2026.

20. Contract with University of Minnesota for bomb detection at Huntington Bank Stadium ([2026-00024](#))

Authorizing a revenue contract with the University of Minnesota, in the amount of up to \$35,000 in buyback funds, for Minneapolis Police bomb detection security services at Huntington Bank Stadium from April 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026Dec 31, 2026.

21. Contract with Lexipol, LLC for the Fire Department's current Standard Operating Procedures update ([2026-00035](#))

Authorizing a contract with Lexipol, LLC, in the amount of \$100,018.45, for a term of three (3) years, starting February 1, 2026Feb 1, 2026, with an option to extend the contract on an annual basis if needed, at the sole option of the City, for two (2) additional years, for the Fire Department's current Standard Operating Procedures update.

22. Contract with Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa for one Conservation Corps Member ([2026-00041](#))

Authorizing a contract with Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa, in the amount of \$40,000, from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, for one (1) Conservation Corps Member to support the City Trees program.

23. Revenue contracts with SMG for law enforcement services at U.S. Bank Stadium ([2026-00025](#))

- i. Authorizing a contract with SMG, in the amount of \$665,000, for bomb detection security services at U.S. Bank Stadium from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.
- ii. Authorizing a contract with SMG, in the amount of \$469,000, for extra security and a tactical response at U.S. Bank Stadium from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.
- iii. Authorizing a contract with SMG, in the amount of \$75,000, for law enforcement equipment provided by the Minneapolis Police at U.S. Bank Stadium from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.

24. Contract amendment with Hennepin Technical College for police cadet training ([2026-00040](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0008499 with Hennepin Technical College (HTC), in the amount of \$624,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,651,000, for additional police cadet classes to train an estimated twenty (20) Police Cadets per class through February 2027.

25. Contract amendment with Ready Rebound, Inc for Firefighter Recovery Services ([2026-00042](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0007546 with Ready Rebound, Inc, in the amount of \$25,911.90 for a total amount not to exceed \$228,911.90, and an extension through March 31, 2026, for Firefighter Recovery Services.

26. Contract amendment with Tubman for 2025-2028 Violence Prevention Services ([2026-00063](#))

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010528 with Tubman, in the amount of \$200,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$800,000, for violence prevention services.

27. Contract amendment with Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL) for labor standards and claims navigator services ([2026-00068](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009249 with Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL), in the amount of \$656,686 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,315,512, for labor standards claims navigator and training services ("co-enforcement").

28. Redistribution funding from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) ([2026-00030](#))

- i. Accepting redistribution funding from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE), in the amount of \$229,774.40, for MBFTE-approved training conducted between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.
- ii. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Fire Department.

29. PetSmart Charities Inc grant for Minneapolis Animal Care and Control ([2026-00039](#))

- i. Accepting a grant from PetSmart Charities Inc, in the amount of \$53,000, for Minneapolis Animal Care and Control to increase pet shelter adoptions.
- ii. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Regulatory Services Department.

30. Federal grant extension through the MN Department of Public Safety for the Pathways to Policing program ([2026-00027](#))

- i. Authorizing a federal grant extension through the MN Department of Public Safety for the Pathways to Policing program for March 31, 2026, to June 30, 2026, for support of Minneapolis Police Community Service Officers.
- ii. Authorizing an agreement with the MN Department of Public Safety for the grant, to be executed in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

31. Contract amendment with J.L. Theis, Inc. for the biochar production facility phase 1 project ([2026-00067](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009317 with J.L. Theis, Inc., in the amount of \$130,862.01 for a total amount not to exceed \$767,603.21, for additional work to complete the biochar production facility phase 1 project, all in accordance with City specifications.

32. Contract amendments with various immigration legal service providers ([2026-00093](#))

- i. Authorizing an agreement with the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, in the amount of \$246,418, from budget to increase contract amounts with current immigration legal services providers.
- ii. Passage of Resolution delegating authority to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Director to increase contract amounts with immigration legal services providers.

33. 2026 Office of Community Safety Quarterly (OCS) Updates ([2026-00083](#))

Approving a legislative directive related to the Office of Community Safety (OCS) for quarterly presentations throughout 2026 on community safety function activities, including details from events in the previous quarter and details from events in the next quarter.

34. 2026 Summer Safety Plan ([2026-00084](#))

Approving a legislative directive related to information about the administration's 2026 summer safety plan.

35. 2026 Alley Reconstruction project: designation, cost estimate, and setting public hearing ([2026-00081](#))

- i. Passage of Resolution designating the location and improvements proposed for the 2026 Alley Reconstruction Project No. 1427A.
- ii. Adopting a report receiving a cost estimate of \$470,000 for the alley reconstruction program and a list of benefited properties for the alley construction project located between 12th Ave S, 13th Ave S, 42nd St E, and 41st St E; and between 13th Ave S,

14th Ave S, 42nd St E, and 41st St E; special improvement of existing alley project No. 1427A (CPV2663), and authorizing the City Engineer prepare a proposed Alley Construction Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2026 Uniform Assessment Rates.

36. 2026 Street Resurfacing Program: Designation, cost estimate and setting public hearings ([2026-00079](#))

- i. Passage of Resolution designating the location and improvements proposed for the 2026 Street Resurfacing Program, Special Improvement of Existing Street Projects No. 2380.
- ii. Adopting a report receiving a cost estimate of \$7,145,230 for street resurfacing improvements and a list of benefited properties for 2026 Resurfacing Program, Project No. 2380 (CPV05626), and authorizing the Department of Public Works to prepare a proposed Street Resurfacing Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2026 Uniform Assessment Rates.

37. 1st Ave S (Franklin to Grant) Street Reconstruction Project: Variance Request and Agreement Authorization ([2026-00082](#))

- i. Authorizing an agreement with 1801 Nicollet LLC regarding the removal of the former Allina Pedestrian Tunnel.
- ii. Authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department Transportation for the installation of bikeway curb on MnDOT Bridge No. 27838.
- iii. Passage of Resolution concurring with the City Engineer's request for a variance from Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid Operations Rules 8820.9936 for the lane width of 1st Avenue S from 17th Street E to Grant Street E.

38. Capital Improvement Program appropriation and revenue adjustment ([2026-00080](#))

Passage of Resolution amending the 2026 Capital Appropriation Resolution by decreasing the appropriations to the Alley Renovation Program by \$250,000 and increasing the appropriation to the Unpaved Alley Construction Program by \$250,000.

39. Grant acceptance for the Local Operational Research Assistance program for snowplow operator training documentation ([2026-00075](#))

- i. Accepting a Local Operational Research Assistance program (LRRB) grant from the University of Minnesota, in the amount of \$17,129, for snowplow operator training documentation.
- ii. Authorizing an agreement with the University of Minnesota covering the conditions and requirements of the Local Operational Research Assistance program (LRRB) grant.
- iii. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Public Works Department.

40. Grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for city-wide traffic signal retiming project ([2026-00074](#))

- i. Authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for project SP141-030-064, for the city-wide traffic signal retiming project.

- ii. Accepting a grant of Federal Highway Administration funds administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$2,500,000, for the city-wide traffic signal retiming project.

**41. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Discretionary Match Grant agreement for the Nicollet Ave Bridge over Minnehaha Creek Rehabilitation Project [\(2026-00077\)](#)**

- i. Accepting a grant from Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in the amount of \$8,575,896, for an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Technical Assistance Matching Grant for the Nicollet Ave bridge over Minnehaha Creek Rehabilitation Project.
- ii. Passage of Resolution authorizing an agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Discretionary Match Grant Agreement.
- iii. Passage of Resolution increasing the appropriation and revenue for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$8,575,896 for the Nicollet Ave bridge over Minnehaha Creek Project (CBR127).

**42. Local Bridge Replacement Program grant agreement for 10th Ave S bridge over Midtown Greenway project [\(2026-00076\)](#)**

- i. Accepting the Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$1,423,388.53 for the 10th Ave S Bridge over Midtown Greenway project.
- ii. Passage of Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the Local bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) grant.
- iii. Passage of Resolution increasing the appropriation and revenue for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$1,423,388.53 for the 10th Ave S Bridge over Midtown Greenway project.

**43. Local Bridge Replacement Program grant agreement for the Nicollet Ave Bridge over Minnehaha Creek Rehabilitation Project [\(2026-00078\)](#)**

- i. Accepting the Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$2,000,000, for the Nicollet Ave bridge over Minnehaha Creek Project (CBR127).
- ii. Passage of Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the Local bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) grant.
- iii. Passage of Resolution increasing the appropriation and revenue for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Nicollet Ave bridge over Minnehaha Creek Project (CBR127).

**44. Metropolitan Council Environmental Services grant for private sewer lateral repairs [\(2026-00072\)](#)**

- i. Accepting a grant from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), in the amount of \$248,500, to provide grants to property owners to replace or repair failing private sewer line laterals.
- ii. Authorizing an agreement with Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) for the grant for private sewer lateral repairs.
- iii. Passage of Resolution appropriating funds to the Public Works Department.

**45. Parking agreement with SA Management LLC at Jerry Haaf Municipal Ramp [\(2026-00066\)](#)**

Authorizing a lease agreement with SA Management LLC, for 200 parking stalls in the Jerry Haaf Parking Ramp.

**46. Bid for large area turf establishment [\(2026-00055\)](#)**

Accepting the sole responsive bid of JL Theis submitted on Event 3959, in the estimated annual amount of \$427,140, to provide all materials and services for Large Area Turf Establishment, and authorizing a contract through December 31, 2026, with the option to extend for one (1) additional year if agreeable by both parties for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

**47. Bid for planting soils [\(2026-00056\)](#)**

Accepting the sole bid of Plaisted Companies submitted on Event 3852, for an estimated annual amount of \$186,402.50, to provide all materials and trucking necessary for Planting Soil, and authorizing a one-year contract from March 30, 2026, to March 30, 2027, with the option to extend for one additional year if agreeable by both parties, all in accordance with City specifications.

**48. Bid for East River Terrace sewer improvement project [\(2026-00057\)](#)**

Accepting the low bid of PCiRoads, LLC, submitted on Event 3791, in the amount of \$1,997,080, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the East River Terrace sewer improvement project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

**49. Bid for 2026 Water Main Cleaning and Lining Project [\(2026-00058\)](#)**

Accepting the low bid of BLD Services, LLC, submitted on Event 3874, in the amount of \$5,715,085, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the 2026 Water Main Cleaning and Lining Project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

**50. Bid for Leamington Parking Ramp Elevator Modernization Project [\(2026-00059\)](#)**

Accepting the low responsive bid of Schumacher Elevator Company, submitted on Event No. 3642, in the amount of \$2,258,140 to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the Leamington Parking Ramp Elevator Modernization project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

**51. Bid for Private Water and Sewer Service Relocations [\(2026-00060\)](#)**

Accepting the low bid of North Starz Underground, submitted on Event # 3896, for an estimated annual amount of \$1,020,900, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for Private Water and Sewer Service Relocations, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

**52. Contract with CDM Smith, Inc. for Columbia Heights Water Treatment Train Master Plan Design Services [\(2026-00064\)](#)**

Authorizing a contract with CDM Smith Inc. in the amount of \$605,200, for Engineering Planning and Design Services for the Columbia Heights Water Treatment Train Master Plan.

53. Contract with Walker Consultants, Inc for project management of the 2nd Stage SMART Grant project [\(2026-00065\)](#)

Authorizing a contract with Walker Consultants, Inc in the total amount not to exceed of \$1,133,878, from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, for project management services for the Stage 2 Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant project.

54. Contract amendment with various contractors for alley snow plowing services [\(2026-00048\)](#)

- i. Authorizing an increase to Contract #COM0010196 with StonePros LLC, in the amount of \$515,630 for a total amount not to exceed \$753,630, for additional materials, labor, and equipment necessary for Alley Snow Plowing Services, all in accordance with City specifications.
- ii. Authorizing an increase to Contract #COM0010199 with Lake County Outdoors, LLC, in the amount of \$363,585 for a total amount not to exceed \$482,585, for additional materials, labor, and equipment necessary for Alley Snow Plowing Services, all in accordance with City specifications.
- iii. Authorizing an increase to Contract #COM0010197 with Kevitt Excavating, LLC, in the amount of \$819,875 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,232,375, for additional materials, labor, and equipment necessary for Alley Snow Plowing Services, all in accordance with City specifications.

55. Contract amendment with PCI Roads, LLC. for the Fridley Softening Plant Rail Area Structure Rehabilitation Project [\(2026-00050\)](#)

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0007389 with PCI Roads, LLC, in the amount of \$214,744.73 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,052,786.69, and a contract extension through April 30, 2026, for construction of structural repairs for the Division of Water Treatment & Distribution Services' Fridley Softening Plant building.

56. Contract amendment with Advanced Masonry Restoration for the Washburn Water Tower Rehabilitation Project [\(2026-00051\)](#)

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009758 with Advanced Masonry Restoration, in the amount of \$190,557 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,080,529, and a contract extension through June 30, 2026, for construction of masonry repairs for the Division of Water Treatment & Distribution Services' Washburn Water Tower.

57. Minnesota Department of Commerce grant for energy analysis and decarbonization/geothermal assessment of the City Traffic Maintenance Facility [\(2026-00073\)](#)

- i. Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Commerce, for \$102,254.34, for the period of starting January 2026, and ending December 2026, for building energy analysis and decarbonization/geothermal assessment of the City Traffic Maintenance Facility at 300 Border Ave.

- ii. Authorizing an agreement with Minnesota Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$102,254.34, for the period of starting January 2026, and ending December 2026, for building energy analysis and decarbonization/geothermal assessment of the City Traffic Maintenance Facility at 300 Border Ave.
- iii. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

**58. Contract amendment with Wold Architects & Engineers for architectural and engineering design services on the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center project [\(2026-00049\)](#)**

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0008644 with Wold Architects & Engineers, in an amount of \$78,000 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,076,000, for additional architectural and engineering design services for the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center.

**59. Zero Waste Project Manager [\(2026-00087\)](#)**

Passage of Resolution amending the 2026 budgeted funding source for the Zero Waste Project Manager from the Solid Waste and Recycling Fund to General Fund.

**60. Human Trafficking Services at the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center [\(2026-00088\)](#)**

Passage of Resolution amending the 2026 General Appropriation Resolution by decreasing the appropriation for the Community Safety Center Pilots (8200100) by \$500,000 and increasing the budget for the Neighborhood Safety Department (3500100) by \$500,000 for the Human Trafficking Services Contract.

**61. Gift acceptance from Local Progress for travel and lodging expenses [\(2026-00094\)](#)**

Passage of Resolution accepting a gift from Local Progress for travel costs for Council President Elliott Payne to attend the Local Progress Board Retreat in Philadelphia, PA from February 10-12, 2026.

**62. Contract with IDEA Analytics LLC, for misconduct investigation training curricula [\(2026-00085\)](#)**

Authorizing a contract with IDEA Analytics LLC, in the amount of \$975,078, for a three-year term starting March 1, 2026, through April 1, 2029, with the option to renew annually for two additional years, to provide assistance in developing police misconduct investigation training curricula for the Minneapolis Police Department and the Office of Police Conduct Review.

**63. 2026 Legislative Agenda and Policy Positions [\(2026-00090\)](#)**

Approving the 2026 Legislative Agenda and Policy Positions.

**Context:** The City of Minneapolis's Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Department presented on this topic at the Committee of the Whole meeting on 2.3.2026. The City's state legislative priorities this year include:

- Federal Disruptions and Impacts (ICE)
- Community Safety and Gun Violence Prevention
- Homelessness Response Funding (addressing our fiscal cliff)
- Economic Growth and Property Tax Relief
- Resilient Infrastructure

- Capital Investment Priorities

A full report on the City's Legislative Priorities can be found [here](#).

64. Lease agreement with the University of Minnesota for training site [\(2026-00062\)](#)

Authorizing a lease agreement with the University of Minnesota in the amount of \$1, for continued use of a portion of the University's Research Center in Rosemount, MN, for a one-year term with unlimited automatic one-year renewals, for a training site for Minneapolis Police Department.

65. Bid for Minneapolis Police Department Training Annex Project [\(2026-00061\)](#)

Accepting the low responsive bid of Rochon Corporation, submitted on Event 3843, in the amount of \$436,000, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Minneapolis Police Department Training Annex base project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

66. Immigration Legal Services [\(2026-00086\)](#)

Passage of Resolution amending the 2026 General Appropriation Resolution to address critical immigration legal service needs.

**Context:** Since the beginning of Operation Metro Surge, demand for immigration legal services has increased exponentially. Undocumented residents and mixed-status families in Minneapolis continue to be disproportionately targeted by federal enforcement and are often the least likely to have resources for private counsel. As an attorney, CM Whiting understands that the difference a lawyer can make is stark, and he was proud to support this unanimous vote to increase funding for immigrant legal services. CM Whiting is in conversations on how to best increase the availability of legal assistance here in Minneapolis. Attorneys currently tasked with immigration matters have been absolutely overwhelmed and inundated with cases, and CM Whiting is looking to partner with pro-bono attorneys, legal clinics, and other legal resources that will help reduce this burden.

67. Rental Assistance [\(2026-00095\)](#)

Considering a resolution amending the 2026 General Appropriation Resolution to provide funding for rental assistance.

**Context:** This resolution, as introduced by CM Wonsley, contemplated pulling funding for emergency rental assistance from the City of Minneapolis' contingency fund, which is intended for unexpected, emergency expenses. **CM Whiting supported this resolution** because he felt these dollars are well-suited for quick, relatively unrestricted emergency spending. Additional explanation can be found under the vote totals for CM Wonsley's motion below. The following explanations concern logistics around three different proposals that were in front of Council all on the topic of emergency rental assistance. Two resolutions were voted down prior to the adoption of the final, third resolution. The process is in chronological order.

CM Shaffer motioned to postpone this resolution until March 19<sup>th</sup>.

CM Chavez motioned to call the question and end debate on CM Shaffer's motion to postpone the vote on the underlying resolution.

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** on Chavez's motion to call the question. The motion failed 8 ayes to 5 nays, because it required 9 votes to pass.

*\*After continued debate, roll was called to vote on CM Shaffer's motion to postpone the vote on the underlying resolution.*

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** on Shaffer's motion to delay this vote. The motion failed 7 nays to 6 ayes.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** CM Whiting mistook this procedural vote as a "call the question" motion and erroneously voted in the affirmative for this postponement. CM Whiting's vote was not decisive, and the error did not impact the vote's outcome.

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** on Wonsley's original resolution. The motion failed 8 ayes to 5 nays, because an appropriation from the City's contingency fund requires 10 votes to pass.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** As expressed in the Ward 11 Office's previous scorecards, given that Minneapolis is living through terrifying and unprecedented times, caused by a massive federal occupation that continues to target our most vulnerable residents, CM Whiting believes this moment meets the criteria of an emergency to pull from the City's contingency fund. Our immigrant and impacted neighbors, are currently unable to work for fear of ICE, struggling to pay the rent, and need immediate relief. While nonprofits have stepped up in a big way in this moment, CM Whiting continues to believe that mutual aid remains the fastest vehicle for supporting at risk neighbors in the near term, long-term however, the State, County, and City have an opportunity to provide a small level of rental relief for neighbors who have slipped through the cracks by allocating funding to Hennepin County's Emergency Rental Assistance program. Contingency funds are intended for moments like this one, and passing this resolution would have helped our neighbors while limiting the financial impact on our strained City budget. Unfortunately, this resolution failed.

It was understood weeks before the vote on the above resolution that it would not pass the full Council. CM Whiting worked with his council colleagues to find another source that would successfully address concerns while meeting the immediate need for impacted residents. After the failure of the underlying resolution appropriating funds from the City's contingency fund, CM Whiting motioned to substitute the main motion with his resolution, altering the funding source from the contingency fund to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF).

- **During debate on CM Whiting's resolution, CM Stevenson motioned to "call the question."** Council Member Whiting voted "No" on Stevenson's motion to call the question. The motion failed 6 ayes to 6 nays with 1 absence, because it required 9 votes to pass.

*\*A call to the question is a way to end debate and vote directly on the motion on hand. There were still other Council Members in the queue to speak, and CM Whiting voted to allow his colleagues to continue debate.*

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** on his motion to substitute the underlying resolution to adopt the AHTF as the funding source. The motion failed 7 nays to 6 ayes.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** Pulling funding from the AHTF was far from an ideal source for emergency rental assistance. However, as previously expressed, the ongoing crisis for our immigrant and impacted neighbors is immediate, unprecedented, and an emergency. The first eligible use for Local Affordable Housing Aid (where this pot of AHTF funds would have been pulled from) is for emergency rental assistance, and reallocating housing dollars which have already been set aside by the previous council allows the City to address this need without dipping into the already stressed general cash reserves fund. A pull from the AHTF would not have taken dollars away from existing projects or developers, it would have taken funds away from future projects. Funding pulled from any source has potential drawbacks that affect the financial sustainability of projects within the City. Understanding emergencies necessitate tough choices, CM Whiting believed a pull from the AHTF, while not ideal, best fit this moment if the contingency fund vote did not pass, which it did not. Given that the issue of unpaid rents is extremely time sensitive, CM Whiting authored this proposal because he believed it to be the only version of rental assistance capable of garnering the support needed to be passed by Council and quickly approved by the Mayor's office. Unfortunately, this resolution failed.

*\*After the failure of CM Whiting's substitute resolution, CM Wonsley motioned to also substitute the main motion with a resolution that changed the funding source from the contingency fund to the general reserve cash fund.*

- **Council Member Whiting voted "No"** on this motion. The motion passed 9 ayes to 4 nays.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** Every Council Member received a briefing, ahead of this Council meeting, from the City's Emergency Operations Center regarding the ongoing humanitarian and economic fallout from Operation Metro Surge. CM Whiting is committed to being transparent with constituents about the scale of the problems our City is facing, even when it's difficult to hear.

To be blunt: Minneapolis is enduring, and will continue to endure, a COVID-level economic crisis. **This time without any monetary relief coming from the federal government.**

ICE disruptions have caused City emergency expenses to rise dramatically. For example, MPD overtime costs for 2026 have already exceeded \$4.3 million, blowing past MPD's entire annual overtime budget in just 6 weeks. The Minneapolis Fire Department, Public Works, and many other City departments are feeling the increased financial burden due to the onslaught of the federal government's occupation of our City. This runover isn't the result of poor planning or wastefulness on behalf of the City, it is the cost of protecting and maintaining City services during a hostile, unexpected occupation.

The instability caused by ICE is costing Minneapolis businesses an estimated \$10-\$20 million per week. Immigrant businesses have been hit particularly hard, reporting revenue drops north of 80%. Widespread closures and cancelations have drastically impacted our tourism and hotel industry, who have seen upwards of tens of millions in lost revenue each week. This economic fallout has grave implications, not only for the tens of thousands of Minneapolitans who are employed by these businesses, but for the City's financial solvency. When sales are down, the City's sales tax revenue plummets, meaning the Downtown Fund and the General Fund are taking a hit at the exact moment we need those resources the most.

The City believes more costs are on the horizon. Experts are telling us that ICE's presence is causing a vast, largely unseen, health crisis. Even as donations continue to pour into food pantries, last mile distribution issues (largely caused by resident fears that ICE agents will follow them back to their homes), have caused rampant food insecurity. Health Clinic participation, especially at non-English speaking clinics, are at an all-time low, and the need for prescription access and home visits have never been higher. This is to speak nothing of the mental health toll ICE's presence continues to exact on all of our residents, which will require community wide healing and increased access to mental health services.

With the recent announcement that DHS is pulling 700 agents out of Minneapolis, CM Whiting wishes he could tell you that the worst is past us. He wishes he could say that when ICE stops terrorizing our neighbors, we'll bounce back quickly. But the truth is, across almost every metric, the level of need that exists in Minneapolis today will be significantly higher next week, and higher the week after that. Even if Operation Metro Surge ended tomorrow, Minneapolis' road to recovery is going to be long.

**It is in this context that CM Whiting voted “no” on this motion.** The previous two motions would have paid for the proposed emergency rental assistance using funds (contingency and AHTF dollars) that were already “spent” by the previous council, which CM Whiting voted for. The third rendition of this resolution paid for emergency rental assistance by pulling it directly from the general cash reserve fund, which is the reserve portion of the primary general fund that pays for the core day-to-day services most residents interact with (Police, Fire, street paving, snow plowing, trash collection, etc). Minneapolis is already facing multi-million-dollar deficits due to the economic fallout from Operation Metro Surge, and, unlike during COVID-19, there will be no incoming federal relief package to stabilize our budget. Pulling additional dollars from the general fund cash reserves risks triggering a downgrade of our AAA bond rating, which the City received notice of last year, due to the dwindling balance of those cash reserves. The loss of our AAA bond rating would make it more expensive for the City to borrow funds, in turn increasing the property tax levy, for homeowners and renters alike, requiring cuts to both essential City services and the social programs the City provides and supports. This result would ultimately harm the very same residents we are currently aiming to assist by passing this resolution.

CM Whiting was also worried about speed and efficiency: the unknown political reality of the third resolution that sourced emergency rental assistance through the general cash reserves fund, could delay its implementation for weeks, meaning rental assistance dollars would not reach renters in time to address their immediate needs. A veto would send the issue back to Council for reconsideration, which would delay any possible distribution of City sponsored

emergency rental assistance by at least several weeks meaning rental assistance dollars would not reach renters in time to address their immediate needs.

Minneapolis' immediate financial future is fraught with risk. Again, unlike the financial hardships caused by COVID-19, there will be no federal relief package for Minneapolis. At the time of this writing, large financial support from the state legislature also seems unlikely. We are on our own.

For these reasons, while CM Whiting remains committed to supporting our vulnerable neighbors, and the concept of emergency rental assistance, CM Whiting could not support a version of this resolution which used the City's General Fund Cash Reserves balance to pay for it. CM Whiting believed that doing so would compromise the City's stability and ability to serve all residents with the least amount of harm. CM Whiting believes that during moments of crisis it is even more important to consider the financial health of our City to ensure we remain flexible and healthy so the City can respond to the unexpected and emerging needs precipitated by outside destabilization.

## **Notice of Ordinance Introductions**

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### **1. Drug paraphernalia ordinance ([2026-00096](#))**

Chavez, Chowdhury, Wonsley, Payne, and Stevenson give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 223 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Drugs, decriminalizing the possession of drug paraphernalia.

### **2. Tailgating ordinance ([2026-00100](#))**

Osman gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13, Chapter 319 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Open Air Motor Vehicle Parking Lots, amending the regulation of alcohol on licensed parking lot premises.

*\*This is a routine action of Council which allows for the public to be on notice of future business that will come before the Council. Think of it as a logistical step in a new ordinance process. These notices were received and filed by the City Council. No additional action/vote was necessary.*

## **Introduction & Referral Calendar**

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### **1. Eviction moratorium ordinance ([2026-00019](#))**

Pursuant to notice, motion by Wonsley, Osman, Chavez, and Stevenson to introduce the subject matter of 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 Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, authorizing eviction moratoria during states of emergency.

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** on this motion. The motion passed 8 to 5, because it required only required a simple majority.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** This motion was **not** a vote to enact an eviction moratorium, but a motion to discuss this item at the next council meeting.

## 2. Temporary pre-eviction notice extension ordinance [\(2026-00099\)](#)

Motion by Wonsley, Osman, Stevenson, Chavez, and Chowdhury 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 Committee of the Whole for a public hearing to be held February 17, 2026, temporarily extending the length of the required pre-eviction notice.

**Context:** This step in the process, introduced by CM Wonsley, calls for an expedited passage of this ordinance as a means of implementing an extended notice requirement as soon as possible. Under normal conditions, it generally takes two months—approximately four cycles—to pass an ordinance, which, in the current condensed council committee structure, would be sometime in March. Expedited passage requires unanimous consent.

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** on his motion. The motion failed 8 ayes to 5 nays, because it required unanimous consent from all Council Members.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** This vote does not pass CM Wonsley's resolution, which would temporarily increase the required notice that a landlord must give a tenant before eviction from 30 days to 60 days; instead, it expedited consideration of this resolution to the next meeting. CM Whiting believes that rent relief for our immigrant and impacted neighbors is pressing during the ongoing ICE occupation and any actions the Council can take to ensure quicker services is to the benefit of our City. Unfortunately, this motion failed.

*\*After its failure, CM Wonsley changed her motion to a notice so that this motion will continue moving forward on a normal schedule. This notice passed using the previous 8 to 5 vote count.*

## Resolutions

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### 1. 2026 Black History Month honorary resolution [\(2026-00098\)](#)

Passage of Resolution recognizing February as Black History Month.

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** on this motion to receive this update in a closed session. The motion passed 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

## Closed Session

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1. Litigation matter of State of Minnesota, et al. v. Noem, et al. [\(2026-00026\)](#)

Receiving a briefing on the litigation matter of State of Minnesota, et al. v. Noem, et al. 26-cv-00190.

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** on this motion to receive this update in a closed session. The motion passed 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

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## Announcements

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## Adjournment

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Next City Council meeting: February 19, 2026