

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 19, 2026. Video recording of this meeting can be found on the [City of Minneapolis YouTube page](#).

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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 2.17.2026. President Payne moved to accept that report, except for items 3, 5, 6, 53, 54, 55, 57 which he opened for discussion, the deletion of item 48.1, and moving item 58 forward with CM Whiting's amendment. (See items 3, 5, 6, 53, 54, 55, 57, and 58 for their associated discussion and/or votes). This means that all other items in this scorecard were approved without objection. These items broadly consist of routine administrative matters that passed without debate on 2.17.2026. 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, Pearl 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.

CM Chughtai moved to amend the agenda to add a gift acceptance for conference attendance.

CM Chowdhury moved to amend the agenda to add a Legislative Directive related to Item #56: Small Business Resiliency Fund.

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** to adopting the agenda. The agenda was accepted 13 ayes to 0 nays.
3. Acceptance of minutes
    - **Council Member Whiting was absent during the vote** accept the minutes. The minutes were accepted 12 ayes to 0 nays with 1 absence. *[CM Whiting was conversing with family and community members from Annunciation that were in attendance for Fletcher Merkel's Honorary Resolution presentation and was not present for the first ten minutes of the meeting.]*
  4. Referral of petitions, communications, and reports to the proper Committees.
    - **Council Member Whiting was absent during the vote** accept the minutes. The minutes were accepted 12 ayes to 0 nays with 1 absence. *[CM Whiting was conversing with family and community members from Annunciation that were in attendance for Fletcher Merkel's Honorary Resolution presentation and was not present for the first ten minutes of the meeting.]*

## Reports of Standing Committees

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### Committee of the Whole

#### Feb 17, 2026 - Committee Report

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** to accepting the committee report, excluding 3, 5, 6, 53, 54, 55, 57 which were moved for discussion, the deletion of item 48.1, and moving item 58 forward with CM Whiting's amendment. The report was accepted 13 ayes to 0 nays.

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

1. Interim Use Permit: Tocali, LLC, 1901 Lake St E ([2026-00038](#))  
Approving an application submitted by Tocali, LLC for an interim use permit (PLAN20585) to allow a principal parking facility located at 1901 Lake St E until January 27, 2031, subject to conditions.
2. Certificate of Appropriateness appeal: Nicholas Bates, 201 Franklin Ave E ([2026-00029](#))  
Granting an appeal submitted by Nicholas Bates regarding conditions #1 and #2 of the decision of the Heritage Preservation Commission approving a Certificate of Appropriateness application (PLAN20521) for retroactive approval to replace the siding and gutters for the property located at 201 Franklin Ave E in the Washburn-Fair Oaks Historic District.
3. Variance appeal: Patrick Hargarten, 3906 York Ave S ([2026-00043](#))

Considering an appeal submitted by Patrick Hargarten regarding the decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment denying a variance to increase the maximum height of a fence in the corner side yard for the property located at 3906 York Ave S (PLAN20543).

CM Chughtai moved to deny this appeal and adopt the findings from staff.

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** to denying this appeal and adopting the findings from staff. The agenda was accepted 13 ayes to 0 nays.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on This Vote:** This topic was a quasi-judicial matter meaning it is an instance in which the City Council functions like a court of law to interpret City laws in a specific case. They receive factual evidence during a committee meeting and apply a legal standard to arrive at a decision during a Council meeting.

In this instance, the case before the Council was in regard to a fence that was out of compliance with the maximum allowed height in a corner lot. Given the instance's conflict with City law, the City Council had no legal standing to approve this appeal. This instance proves a gap in City policy that puts greater restrictions on corner blocks; however, the Council cannot make legislative fixes through quasi-judicial matters meaning they cannot provide an exception in this case. CM Whiting supports his colleagues who plan to introduce legislative actions on this matter to prevent future cases related to these matters.

4. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Grant Limke ([2026-00110](#))  
Approving the workers' compensation claim of Grant Limke by payment of \$226,000 to Grant Limke and attorney, Law offices of Donald F. Noack, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.
5. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Matthew St. George ([2026-00111](#))  
Approving the workers' compensation claim of Matthew St. George by payment of \$165,000 to Matthew St. George and attorney, Schmidt & Salita, PLLC, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.
  - **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** to this motion. This motion was accepted 9 ayes to 4 nays.

**Context:** The reasoning for this vote is under item #6.

6. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Robert Heiple ([2026-00112](#))  
Approving the workers' compensation claim of Robert Heiple by payment of \$125,000 to Robert Heiple and attorney, Meuser Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.
  - **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** to this motion. This motion was accepted 9 ayes to 4 nays.

**Context:** Matters #5 and #6 were voted on together. Both are standard worker's compensation claims through City Departments. CM Whiting trusts the City Attorney's Office to have best represented the City in these matters and defers to the settlement recommendation that was decided upon by the parties involved.

7. Legal settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Cavis Adams ([2026-00113](#))  
Approving the workers' compensation claim of Cavis Adams by payment of \$125,000 to Cavis Adams and attorney, Meuser Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.
8. Contract amendment with Shaw Lundquist Associates for the City Hall Council Chamber Security project ([2026-00105](#))  
Authorizing an increase to Contract No.COM0009095 with Shaw Lindquist Associates, Inc, in the amount of \$173,343 for a total amount not to exceed \$481,060, for additional materials, labor and equipment to complete the City Hall Council Chamber Security Upgrade project, all in accordance with City Specifications.
9. Contract amendment with Special School District No. 1 for election administration services ([2026-00120](#))  
Authorizing an extension to contract COM0001489 with Minneapolis Special School District #1, in the amount of \$103,524, for a one-year term through December 31, 2026, for election administrative services provided by Elections and Voter Services.
10. Contract amendment with Morcon Construction, Inc. for Hawthorne Office Buildout Project ([2026-00127](#))  
Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0009567 with Morcon Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$31,814.05 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,324,851.41, for additional work to complete the Hawthorne Office Buildout Project, all in accordance with City specifications.
11. Gift acceptance from the Partnership for Participatory International Policy ([2026-00158](#))  
Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the Partnership for Participatory International Policy for Council Member Robin Wonsley for conference costs.
12. Liquor license approvals for February 17, 2026 ([2026-00101](#))  
Arizona Taco Company, 3001 HENNEPIN AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by Arizona Taco Company 2 LLC, BLLiquor, LIC428885
13. Liquor license renewals for February 17, 2026 ([2026-00102](#))
  - a. Acadia Cafe, 329 CEDAR AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 6) submitted by Espresso Monkeys Inc, BLLiquor, LIC78248
  - b. Jasmine 26 Restaurant & Bar, 8 26TH ST E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by Jasmine 26 Inc, BLLiquor, LIC75826
14. Gambling license renewals for February 17, 2026 ([2026-00103](#))

- a. American Legion Post 577, 1111 HENNEPIN AVE Minneapolis, MN, submitted by American Legion Post 577, BLGeneral, LIC420130
  - b. American Legion Wold-Chamberlain Post 99, 5600 34TH AVE S Minneapolis, MN, submitted by American Legion Wold-Chamberlain Post 99, BLGeneral, LIC420846
  - c. Fridley Lions Club, 2024 WASHINGTON AVE N Minneapolis, MN, submitted by Fridley Lions Club, BLGeneral, LIC420031
  - d. The Aliveness Project, 990 CENTRAL AVE NE Minneapolis, MN, submitted by THE ALIVENESS PROJECT INC, BLGeneral, LIC397368
  - e. NE Minneapolis Lions Community Foundation, 965 CENTRAL AVE NE Minneapolis, MN, submitted by NE Minneapolis Lions Community Foundation, BLGeneral, LIC420751
  - f. South Baseball Boosters, 861 HENNEPIN AVE E Minneapolis, MN, submitted by South Baseball Boosters, BLGeneral, LIC420823
15. Heritage Preservation Commission appointments ([2026-00104](#))
- a. Approving Kelly Mastin for appointment to Seat 6 beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.
  - b. Approving Marais Bjornberg for appointment to Seat 10 beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.
16. Contract amendment for the Minneapolis Convention Center Mill City Kitchen Concessions 134 Remodel ([2026-00106](#))
- Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0010362 with Versacon, Inc., in the amount of \$66,925, for a total amount not to exceed \$643,925, for the Minneapolis Convention Center Mill City Kitchen Concessions 134 Remodel.
17. Contract amendment with Greater Minneapolis Convention & Visitor Association, dba Meet Minneapolis, for Minneapolis Convention Center sales and marketing ([2026-00107](#))
- Authorizing an increase to contract COM0008586 with Greater Minneapolis Convention & Visitor Association Meet Minneapolis, in the amount of \$500,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$79,075,211, for agreed upon event expenses related to the August 2026 Summer Slam event.
18. Gift acceptance from Green Cities Accord (Green Minneapolis) and appropriation ([2026-00109](#))
- a. Passage of Resolution accepting a donation from Green Cities Accord (Green Minneapolis) for the operational maintenance needed to restore cement walls at Peavey Plaza.
  - b. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds, not to exceed \$91,239, to the Peavey Plaza Fund for maintenance work.
19. Comprehensive plan amendment: Future land use guidance: 1914 Washington Ave N ([2026-00114](#))
- Passage of Resolution approving an amendment to the City's comprehensive plan to amend the future land use guidance from Corridor Mixed-Use to Production Mixed-Use for the property located at 1914 Washington Ave N.
20. Parkland Dedication Fee Waiver: 1500, 1516, 1600 Marshall Street NE ([2026-00118](#))

- a. Passage of Resolution granting a waiver of 75% of park dedication fee requirements associated with the Silva JV Owner, LLC development project at 1500, 1516, and 1600 Marshall Street NE in exchange for private land maintained for public use.
  - b. Authorizing staff to execute a Parkland Development and Easement Agreement between the City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and Silva JV Owner, LLC.
21. Revising program guidelines for the Two Percent Loan Program ([2026-00140](#))
  - a. Authorizing revisions to the program guidelines for the Two Percent Loan Program, previously known as the Revolving Loan Fund Program.
  - b. Passage of Resolution authorizing form documents and delegating authority to the Business Development Manager of the Community Planning & Economic Development Department to make and execute Lender Agreements in form approved by the City Attorney's Office consistent with program guidelines for the City's Two Percent Loan.
22. 2025 Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Account grant awards ([2026-00138](#))
  - a. Accepting 2025 Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) Development grants, in the amount of \$1,600,000 for the Zaria project at 3033 Blaisdell Ave, and \$600,000 for the 1345 Central project at 1345 Central Ave.
  - b. Accepting 2025 Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account-Transit Oriented Development (TOD) grants, in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the 2116 Nicollet project at 2116 Nicollet Ave, and \$500,000 for the EPIC + R project at 1014 and 1026 Plymouth Ave N.
  - c. Accepting a 2025 Metropolitan Council Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) grant in the amount of \$650,000 for the Flour Exchange project at 310 4th Ave S.
  - d. Authorizing agreements to implement the LCDA, TOD, and LHIA grants with the Metropolitan Council, Noor Development, Project for Pride in Living (PPL), Northgate Development, Solhem Development, Trellis Company, and Alliance Housing or related entities.
  - e. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Community Planning & Economic Development Department.
23. Silva on the River second extension of zero-unit Inclusionary Zoning requirement ([2026-00136](#))

Approving a second extension of the zero-unit Inclusionary Zoning requirement for the Silva on the River housing project, located at 1516 Marshall St NE, to February 6, 2027.
24. The LOMA Project - 3246 Nicollet Ave ([2026-00129](#))

Authorizing additional funding of up to \$600,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) Contingency Pool for The LOMA located at 3246 Nicollet Ave to increase the total award from a maximum of \$2,260,000 to a maximum of \$2,860,000.
25. Contract amendment with Association for Nonsmokers of Minnesota for community engagement and outreach ([2026-00091](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0010341 with Association for Nonsmokers of Minnesota, in the amount of \$11,896 for a total amount not to exceed \$36,896, for provision of resources and technical assistance to support equitable implementation and enforcement of smoke free housing policies in Minneapolis, as well as point of sale and other policies to limit commercial tobacco exposure and use.

26. Contract amendment with the Association for Nonsmokers of Minnesota for an online training for Lower Potency Hemp Edible retailers in Minneapolis ([2026-00135](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0010368 with the Association for Nonsmokers of Minnesota, in the amount of \$24,704 for a total amount not to exceed \$33,208, for development of an online training for Lower Potency Hemp Edible (LPHE) retailers in Minneapolis.

27. Contract amendment with DiRAD Technologies, Inc. for interactive voice response system ([2026-00133](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0005700 with DiRAD Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$70,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$335,712, for additional services associated with interactive voice response (IVR) system for the City's 311-call center.

28. Contract amendment with Precision Landscape and Tree, Inc. and Birch Tree Care for tree and stump removal services ([2026-00134](#))

- a. Authorizing the two (2) optional annual extensions of contract COM0009169 with Precision Landscape and Tree, Inc., to be increased to an annual amount of \$500,000, from the previously approved annual amount of \$160,000, all in accordance with City specifications.
- b. Authorizing the two (2) optional annual extensions of contract COM0009166 with Birch Tree Care, to be increased to an annual amount of \$500,000, from the previously approved annual amount of \$160,000, all in accordance with City specifications.

29. Gift acceptance from US Biochar Initiative (USBI) for hotel and airfare ([2026-00137](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from US Biochar Initiative (USBI) for hotel and airfare for Jim Doten, Carbon Sequestration Program Manager, to attend a USBI board meeting in Kansas City, MO, from February 21-23, 2026.

30. Gift acceptance from National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC) for transportation, lodging, meals, and incidentals ([2026-00142](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from NACCHO and BCHC for transportation, lodging, meals, and incidentals for Damon Chaplin, Commissioner of Health, to attend NACCHO Leadership Week and BCHC Hill Week in Washington, DC, from February 22-27, 2026.

31. Gift acceptance from the National Immigration Law Center for travel, lodging, and meals ([2026-00159](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the National Immigration Law Center for travel, lodging, and meals for Brian Walsh, Labor Standards Enforcement Associate Director, to attend the NYU Wagner Labor Initiative Convening on State and Local Enforcement of Labor Standards in New York, NY from February 23-24, 2026.

32. Minnesota School-Based Health Centers grant for health education program ([2026-00143](#))

- a. Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health, in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of November 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, to support the health education program at five of the School Based Clinic sites.

- b. Authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health to be executed in accordance with Resolution related to state-funded grant.
- c. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department, School Based Clinics.

33. Bid for Yard Maintenance Services ([2026-00126](#))

- a. Accepting the low bid of Metro Lawns LLC, submitted on Event 3891, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for Yard Maintenance Services, and authorizing a contract from March 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year extensions in the annual amount of \$150,000, all in accordance with City specifications.
- b. Accepting the second low bid of Right Away Construction Corp., submitted on Event 3891, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for Yard Maintenance Services, and authorizing a contract from March 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year extensions in the annual amount of \$150,000, all in accordance with City specifications.

34. 2026 Street Resurfacing Program Farview South Residential and 3rd St N Project: Designation, cost estimate and setting public hearing ([2026-00147](#))

- a. Passage of Resolution designating the location and improvements proposed for the 2026 Street Resurfacing Program Farview South Residential and 3rd St N Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street Projects No. 2380A.
- b. Adopting report receiving the cost estimate of \$7,145,230 for the street resurfacing improvements and a list of benefited properties for the 2026 Street Resurfacing Program Farview South Residential and 3rd St N Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street Projects No. 2380A, and authorizing the City's 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 as per Resolution 2025R-328.

35. Gift acceptance from the North American Society for Trenchless Technology of registration and lodging expenses ([2026-00139](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting a donation from North American Society for Trenchless Technology (NASTT) of registration and lodging costs for Public Works Surface Water and Sewers staff attending the NASTT No-Dig Conference in Palm Springs, CA, from March 29, 2026, to April 2, 2026.

36. Highway Safety Improvement Program grant for the Broadway St NE and Lyndale Ave N projects ([2026-00141](#))

- a. Passage of Resolution accepting federal transportation grant funding awarded through Minnesota Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Improvement Program.
- b. Passage of Resolution increasing federal revenue and appropriation for CTR02224SG100 by \$737,900 and increasing federal revenue and appropriation for CTR02226SG100 by \$671,723.
- c. Authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the grant, to be executed in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

37. Bid For Green Stormwater Infrastructure ([2026-00121](#))

- a. Accepting the second low bid of Metro Blooms Design and Build LLC, submitted on Event 3717, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for Green Stormwater Infrastructure Inspection for Public Works, and authorizing a contract for an estimated annual amount of \$110,000 through December 31, 2026, with the option to extend for two (2) additional 12-month terms, all in accordance with City specifications.
- b. Accepting the third low bid of Native Resource Preservation, LLC., submitted on Event 3717, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for Green Stormwater Infrastructure Inspection for Public Works, and authorizing a contract for an estimated annual amount of \$319,595 through December 31, 2026, with the option to extend for two (2) additional 12-month terms, all in accordance with City specifications.
- c. Accepting the fourth low bid of Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc., submitted on Event 3717, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for Green Stormwater Infrastructure Inspection for Public Works, and authorizing a contract for an estimated annual amount of \$44,502 through December 31, 2026, with the option to extend for two (2) additional 12-month terms, all in accordance with City specifications.

38. Bid for Lead Service Line Replacements Year 3, Event 1 of 2 Project [\(2026-00123\)](#)

Accepting the low bid of Advanced Sewer and Water, Inc., submitted on Event 3948, and authorizing a contract in the amount of \$419,450 to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Lead Service Line Replacements Year 3, Event 1 of 2, Red Package, all in accordance with City specifications.

39. Bid for Pillsbury Ave Bridge Reconstruction over Midtown Greenway project [\(2026-00124\)](#)

Accepting the low bid of Lunda Construction Company, submitted on Event 3694, in the amount of \$5,346,311.30, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Reconstruction of Pillsbury Ave Bridge over Midtown Greenway project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

40. Bid for Ready Mix Concrete [\(2026-00125\)](#)

Accepting the low, responsive bid of Cemstone Products Company, submitted on Event 3936, in the annual amount of \$3,337,391, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for providing Ready Mix Concrete, and authorizing a one (1) year contract, with the option to extend for up to two (2) 12-month terms, all in accordance with City specifications.

41. Contract amendment with Z Companies, Inc. dba Zan Associates for engineering and design services for the Northside Greenway Phase 1 & 2 Project [\(2026-00128\)](#)

Authorizing an increase to contract COM007962 with Z Companies, Inc. dba Zan Associates in the amount of \$225,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,578,889, for additional engineering and design services for the Northside Greenway Phase 1 and 2 Project.

42. Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for engineering and design services for the 7th St S Reconstruction Project [\(2026-00132\)](#)

Authorizing a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,891,076 for engineering and design services for the 7th St S Street Reconstruction Project.

43. 48th & Chicago Special Service District Advisory Board appointments ([2026-00130](#))  
Approving Pavel Ushakov for appointment to Seat 3 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026.
44. 50th & France Special Service District Advisory Board appointments ([2026-00149](#))  
Approving Jennifer Shinnars for appointment to Seat 3 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026, and waiving the residency requirement pursuant to the Code of Ordinances.
45. 54th & Lyndale Special Service District Advisory Board appointments ([2026-00150](#))
  - a. Approving Dan Campo for appointment to Seat 1 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026.
  - b. Approving Matt Bartel for appointment to Seat 2 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026, and waiving the residency requirement pursuant to the Code of Ordinances.
46. Chicago-Lake Special Service District Advisory Board appointments ([2026-00151](#))  
Approving Julie Ingebretsen for appointment to Seat 1 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026.
47. Dinkytown Special Service District Advisory Board appointments ([2026-00152](#))  
Approving Benjamin Reichert for appointment to Seat 1 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026.
48. Stadium Village Special Service District Advisory Board appointments ([2026-00153](#))
  - a. Denying Michael Berk for appointment to Seat 2 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026.
  - b. Approving Amy Campbell for appointment to Seat 3 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026, and waiving the residency requirement pursuant to the Code of Ordinances.

**Context:** Michael Berk withdrew his application to the Stadium Village Special Service District Advisory Board. Item A (referenced as 48.1) was removed from the agenda when the agenda was adopted.
49. West Broadway Improvement Special Service District Advisory Board appointments ([2026-00154](#))  
Approving Lisa Spicer Lankford for appointment to Seat 4 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026, and waiving the residency requirement pursuant to the Code of Ordinances.
50. East Lake Special Service District Advisory Board appointments ([2026-00155](#))
  - a. Approving Matthew Lerner for appointment to Seat 1 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026, and waiving the residency requirement pursuant to the Code of Ordinances.
  - b. Approving David Quisenberry for appointment to Seat 3 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026, and waiving the residency requirement pursuant to the Code of Ordinances.

51. Amy Moser Consulting LLC Blueprint Approved Institute Training and Facilitation ([2026-00145](#))

Passage of Resolution amending the 2026 General Appropriation Resolution by decreasing the Neighborhood Safety Department general fund budget by \$129,000 and increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department general fund budget by \$129,000, for the Blueprint Approved Institute training and facilitation by Amy Moser Consulting LLC effective, March 1, 2026.

52. City Council calendar of regular meetings (2026-2029 Term) ([2026-00005](#))

Passage of Resolution adopting 2027-2029 calendars of regular meetings for the City Council and its Committees, and directing the City Clerk to publish and post the calendars, in final form, in appropriate places as notice of regular meetings.

53. Appointment of Council Members to various boards, commissions, and committees (2026-2029 Term) ([2026-00008](#))

Considering a resolution appointing Council Members to various boards, commissions, and committees for the 2026-2029 Term.

CM Shaffer moved an amendment to re-add her to the Executive Committee of Meet Minneapolis in the place of CM Wonsley.

**Context:** This item appoints Council Members to positions on various boards, commissions, and committees relevant to City Business. The recommended list is decided on by the Council President. CM Shaffer was removed from her requested appointment to the Executive Committee of Meet Minneapolis and replaced with CM Wonsley on 2.19.2026 for the stated reason of parity for geographic regions on this Committee. CM Shaffer objected to her removal because of the long-standing tradition of having the Council Member from Ward 7 on the Executive Committee due to their representing the majority of Downtown Minneapolis. After robust discussion, President Payne moved this item to the end of the agenda to be returned to at the end of the meeting in the hopes of finding a compromise during that delay.

This was returned to at the end of the agenda after a compromise was not found.

- Council Member Whiting voted **Yes** to CM Shaffer's motion. This motion was passed 7 ayes to 6 nays.
- Council Member Whiting voted **Yes** to the full motion. This motion was passed 13 ayes to 0 nays.

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

- a. Considering a license application for Canopy by Hilton Minneapolis-Mill District, 708 3RD ST S Minneapolis, MN, submitted by SA Hospitality Management LLC, BLLiquor, LIC374712
- b. Considering a license application for The Depot Minneapolis, a Renaissance Hotel, 225 3RD AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by CSM Depot LLC, BLLiquor, LIC80237

**Context:** City staff from CPED presented findings from their investigation into liquor license compliance and safety concerns at The Depot and The Canopy hotels. This investigation included conversations with hotel owners about unsecured weapons in common areas after reports of unsecured weapons in hotel rooms were received. Staff reviewed this policy with hotel staff and hotel ownership, and concluded that unsecured weapons in hotel rooms apply to the approval of hotel licenses and not liquor licenses. They found no "legal basis" to deny the liquor licenses of either business. They recommended the renewal for both businesses without conditions and will continue to monitor safety concerns at both locations.

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** to this motion. This motion was passed 8 ayes to 5 nays.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** CM Whiting shares the deep frustration many residents feel regarding businesses that may have housed federal agents during the ICE occupation. However, without any legal basis, the City of Minneapolis has no legal recourse to deny the licenses of The Depot or The Canopy hotels. CM Whiting supported a vote to delay approval for these licenses during the last Council meeting (2.5.26) to allow for further discussion and adequate investigation. This delay had no impact on the current liquor operations of either business.

In Minneapolis, liquor licenses may only be revoked for very specific violations like serving minors, unpaid taxes, or violence on the premises. The Department of Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED) shared the results of their investigation during this Council meeting and concluded that no license standards had been violated.

While CM Whiting condemns the presence of ICE agents in Minneapolis and welcomes creative solutions to limit their impact, the action of housing ICE agents alone provided no nexus for the revocation of the hotels liquor licenses via City/State Code. He could not justify voting for any further delays or for the revocation of licenses that are legally unenforceable or whose economic fallout would hurt local workers more than the CEOs of massive hotel conglomerates responsible for welcoming ICE.

55. Suspend procurement requirements for Operation Metro Surge ([2026-00144](#))

Passage of Resolution authorizing the suspension of City procurement-related ordinances, policies, and procedures for purchases and contracts reasonably related to the City's emergency management response to Operation Metro Surge.

CM Chughtai moved to deny this motion by deleting it from the agenda.

- **Council Member Whiting voted "No"** to this motion. This motion was passed 7 ayes to 6 nays.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** CM Whiting opposed removing this from the agenda because he trusts the expertise of the City of Minneapolis Emergency Management Department. On Tuesday (2.17.26), Emergency Management Department Director Rachel Sayre shared that the suspension of onerous procurement requirements is standard procedure during declared states of emergency; in these instances, the City still fulfills State and Federal procurement requirements. At time of writing, a formal state of emergency has not been declared in response to Operation

Metro Surge – meaning a suspension of procurement procedures has not taken effect. However, this moment of crisis more than meets the threshold of an emergency, warranting the same operational flexibility we would deploy in any other natural disaster.

CM Whiting understands his colleagues concerns that waiving procurement requirements temporarily abdicates City Council powers to City staff and the Mayor’s Office. However, the short timeline for this authorization (expiring April 30<sup>th</sup>) and the importance of quick action in a crisis, convinced him to support this measure. Unfortunately, the motion to strike it from the agenda was successful and a vote for approval was ultimately never held.

56. Minneapolis Small Business Resiliency Fund ([2026-00116](#))

Passage of Resolution amending the 2026 General Appropriation Resolution to redistribute Downtown Assets Funds to support small businesses impacted by immigration enforcement.

- This motion was approved in unanimous consent.

**CM Whiting’s Thoughts on this Vote:** On Friday (2.13.26), the City released data that confirms our fears: In addition to its vast humanitarian impact, Operation Metro Surge has created a \$203 million, fully preventable, economic disaster for Minneapolis. In just one month, our local economy suffered \$81 million in lost revenue for small businesses and \$47 million in lost wages for workers afraid to leave their homes. Faced with unsustainable revenue drops, many businesses are facing undue hardship and permanent closure. As stated in our previous scorecard, **Minneapolis continues to face an economic emergency that rivals the early days of the pandemic, except this time, there is no monetary relief coming from the federal government.**

It is in this context that CM Whiting voted to establish the Minneapolis Small Business Resiliency Fund, and co-authored a resolution to increase the proposed amount of funding from \$5 million to \$7 million. He also co-authored a Legislative Directive to request that City staff and the Mayor’s Office spell out possible uses for this funding so that we are confident it is getting to our residents and businesses in need. Without immediate City support, our mom-and-pop shops are at risk of bankruptcy, a tragedy caused entirely by the cruel and intentional actions of our federal government. The City has an obligation to act before it’s too late.

Yet even here, Minneapolis is faced with bad choices that cannot be made lightly – the City’s budget is already strained, and our resources are limited. Pulling these funds away from the Downtown Assets Fund to fund City projects will also have financial consequences. Ultimately, however, CM Whiting believes the greatest, most immediate threat to our city’s financial health is the permanent closure of businesses. By reallocating these funds, we are fulfilling our obligation to help our neighbors rebuild, creating a floor from which Minneapolis will begin to bounce back.

57. Support Small Businesses resolution ([2026-00122](#))

Passage of Resolution calling on all levels of government to help secure funding for small businesses impacted by Operation Metro Surge.

- This motion was approved in unanimous consent.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** Operation Metro Surge has been a humanitarian and economic crisis at the scale of the 2020 pandemic. Minneapolis experienced an economic impact of \$203.1 million dollars in January alone – much of which is shouldered by our small business owners and vulnerable residents. Rebuilding will require a joint effort from all levels of government. This resolution calls on Hennepin County, the State of Minnesota, and the federal government to provide funding to support small businesses in Minneapolis impacted by Operation Metro Surge. CM Whiting believes this kind of support is an important and necessary step towards rebuilding Minneapolis.

58. Opposing Immigration Enforcement Funding and Asking for Congress to Take Action ([2026-00119](#))

Passage of Resolution calling on all U.S. legislators to oppose funding for immigration enforcement and to repeal the Laken Riley Act.

- This motion was approved in unanimous consent.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** This level of unconstitutional violence in American streets can never happen again. Our only assurance that it will not happen again is through significant reform and/or the abolition of ICE. This resolution urges our Minnesota federal elected officials to support several measures that ensure change and justice. CM Whiting broadly supports these actions but encourages a reform mindset given the current volatility and division at the federal level; he believes reform would have the greatest likelihood of immediate success. For this reason, CM Whiting introduced amendment language (that was adopted without discussion by the resolution's author, CM Chavez) that strengthens the reform-oriented portions of this resolution. It still contains abolition language because CM Whiting supports the abolition of ICE in its current form, as he would support the abolition of any federal Department that repeatedly violates the constitutional rights of Americans. He is not in favor of the abolition of ICE should adequate reforms be made. He was proud that his amendment helped this resolution pass 13-0 so that the City Council could remain united in our full-throated opposition to ICE in Minneapolis.

59. Electric and Gas Shutoff Moratorium ([2026-00157](#))

Passage of Resolution calling for an electric and gas shutoff moratorium.

- This motion was approved in unanimous consent.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** CM Whiting believes it is the responsibility of our elected officials to take any actions that will protect our most vulnerable residents during this devastating moment. Similar to the Council's request that Governor Walz institute an eviction moratorium, this resolution would help those residents. Xcel Energy has already committed to suspending all disconnections for residential and commercial customers in Minneapolis and St. Paul until the end of February; requiring companies to do so in March would provide similar meaningful relief. Additionally, CM Whiting fully supported the clause within this resolution that requires Xcel Energy to expand language services in bill payment assistance.

60. Denouncing the Trump Administration's Attack on Gender Affirming Care for Youth ([2026-00148](#))

Passage of Resolution denouncing the Trump Administration's attack on gender affirming care for youth.

- This motion was approved in unanimous consent.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** CM Whiting fully supports this resolution and opposes the appalling steps that the Federal Administration has taken to regulate the personal and medicals decisions of transgender and nonbinary youth. He fully supports the rights of our residents to make healthcare decisions alongside their families and doctors without government interference.

61. Appointed position in the City Auditor Department: Director Special Review and Advisory Services [\(2026-00146\)](#)

- a. Adopting findings that the proposed position of Director Special Review and Advisory Services 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 590 total points, and allocated to grade 13.
- b. 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 \$135,084 to \$160,133, in accordance with the adopted compensation plan for appointed officials effective February 19, 2026.

62. Expired ordinances and directives [\(2026-00089\)](#)

Directing the City Clerk to expire all ordinances and directives which were introduced but undisposed from the 2024-2025 Term of City Council.

63. Data practices related to evidence of unlawful federal actions [\(2026-00179\)](#)

Approving a legislative directive regarding the City's data practices related to unlawful actions of federal agents.

64. Lease Non-Disturbance and Consent agreement: 1500 44th Ave N [\(2026-00165\)](#)

Authorizing a Lease Non-Disturbance and Consent agreement with Anniemae LLC, HWJ Property Limited Liability Company, and USBCDE Sub-CDE 286LLC for the property at 1500 44th Ave N.

## Notice of Ordinance Introductions

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**Context:** The following introductions are a necessary step to begin the ordinance (aka. City law-making) process on the specified topics. Once ordinance language is decided on, the topics will be assigned to a committee/returned to the Council for a vote. There are no formal votes on either topic at this time.

1. All-gender Welcoming City ordinances [\(2026-00176\)](#)

- a. Chavez, Chowdhury, and Chughtai give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 1, Chapter 3 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to General Provisions: Rules of Construction, amending section 3.80 Masculine, feminine, or neuter to recognize all genders.

- b. Chavez, Chowdhury, and Chughtai give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances by adding a new Title 7.5 entitled “All-Gender Welcoming City” to codify the City’s status as a city that welcomes and protects people of all genders.
2. Immigration status of renters ordinance ([2026-00177](#))

Chavez, Chowdhury, Chughtai, and Osman give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Maintenance Code, prohibiting inquiries into immigration status during the rental screening process and creating protections for tenants against retaliation based on immigration status.

## Introduction & Referral Calendar

- **Council Member Whiting voted “Yes”** on accepting the following introductions. These introductions were passed 13 ayes to 0 nays.

**Context:** Notices #5 through #35 are being reintroduced by their listed Council Members after they expired at the end of last year. This is a standard process and allows work on these topics to continue. For the relevant notices and directives, they will be referred to their appropriate committees. When decisions are made on these topics, they will return to the Council for votes in their committee meeting and/or council meeting.

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

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez, Chowdhury, Wonsley, Payne, and Stevenson to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 223 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Drugs, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, decriminalizing the possession of drug paraphernalia.
2. Temporary pre-eviction notice extension ordinance ([2026-00099](#))

Pursuant to notice, 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 March 3, 2026, temporarily extending the length of the required pre-eviction notice.
3. Tailgating ordinance ([2026-00100](#))

Pursuant to notice, motion by Osman to introduce 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, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, amending the regulation of alcohol on licensed parking lot premises.
4. Owner entry into a rental unit ordinance ([2026-00117](#))

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chughtai 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, amending Section 244.285 to add regulations regarding owner entry into a rented dwelling unit.

5. Safe outdoor spaces: Housing ordinance ([2026-00163](#))

Motion by Chavez 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 Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, amending temporary housing provisions, including Section 244.60, to develop regulations establishing authorized and regulated “safe outdoor spaces” or individualized outdoor sheltering options for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

6. Safe outdoor spaces: Building ordinance ([2026-00161](#))

Motion by Chavez to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 5 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Building Code, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, establishing authorized and regulated “safe outdoor spaces” or individualized outdoor sheltering options for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness:

- i. Chapter 85 Building Code Established
- ii. Chapter 91 Fees
- iii. Chapter 95 Projections and Encroachments
- iv. Chapter 99 Exterior Electrical Regulations and Installations

7. Safe outdoor spaces: Health and sanitation ordinance ([2026-00162](#))

Motion by Chavez to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 225 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Garbage and Refuse, for first reading and referral to the Climate & Infrastructure Committee, establishing authorized and regulated “safe outdoor spaces” or individualized sheltering options for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

8. Safe outdoor spaces: Zoning ordinance ([2026-00164](#))

Motion by Chavez to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, establishing authorized and regulated “safe outdoor spaces” or individualized outdoor sheltering options for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness:

- i. Chapter 520 General Provisions
- ii. Chapter 525 Administration and Procedures
- iii. Chapter 530 Zoning Districts
- iv. Chapter 535 Overlay Districts
- v. Chapter 540 Built Form Overlay Districts
- vi. Chapter 545 Use Regulations
- vii. Chapter 550 Development Standards
- viii. Chapter 555 Off-Street Parking, Loading, and Mobility
- ix. Chapter 560 Signs

x. Chapter 565 Definitions

9. Information governance policy ordinance ([2026-00180](#))

Motion by Wonsley to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 41 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Information Governance, for first reading and referral to the Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee, amending provisions to address, generally, the issues of data and information governance, including but not limited to accuracy, accessibility, integrity, legal and regulatory compliance, retention and disposition, and policy and programmatic administration and enforcement.

10. Tenant relocation assistance ordinance ([2026-00182](#))

Motion by Wonsley 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, amending provisions related to the payment of tenant relocation assistance.

11. Fence height regulations ordinance ([2026-00196](#))

Motion by Vetaw to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 20, Chapter 550 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Development Standards, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, amending fence height regulations.

12. Boards and commissions attendance and reporting ordinance ([2026-00181](#))

Motion by Wonsley to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 10 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Boards, Commissions and Advisory Bodies, for first reading and referral to the Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee, amending Section 10.70 regarding member attendance and Section 10.110 regarding reporting requirements.

13. Capital Long Range Improvement Committee reform ordinance ([2026-00167](#))

Motion by Palmisano to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 35 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Capital Long Range Improvement Program Process, for first reading and referral to the Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee, by repealing Chapter 35 in whole to allow for the creation of a capital long range improvement committee consistent with appointed boards and commissions reform.

14. Government structure implementation ordinance ([2026-00178](#))

Motion by Payne to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 2 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration, for first reading and referral to the Committee of the Whole, updating government structure implementation to address outstanding gaps and improve government operations and collaboration:

- i. Chapter 8 City Council
- ii. Chapter 11 Mayor
- iii. Chapter 12 City Administration

15. Enterprise risk management ordinance ([2026-00183](#))

Motion by Wonsley to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 12 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: City Administration, for first reading and referral to the Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee, adding a new section 12.35 to Article I relating to Office of Enterprise Risk Management.

16. Police Department public data reporting ordinance ([2026-00184](#))

Motion by Payne to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 172 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Fire and Police Protection: Police Conduct Oversight, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, adding provisions for public data reporting on: response to First Amendment events; reportable force statistics; any steps taken to address any racial disparities that are found to be produced by particular types of law enforcement actions; behavioral health crisis response numbers; misconduct system statistics; off-duty work numbers; officer hiring, recruitment, and retention efforts; and officer assistance and support programs.

17. Public safety property use follow-up analysis ([2026-00185](#))

Motion by Wonsley approving a legislative directive related to a follow-up analysis regarding the current and future property by the Police Department and unarmed public safety workers within the various departments in the city enterprise.

18. ShotSpotter technology evaluation ([2026-00168](#))

Motion by Palmisano approving a legislative directive to receive an update on ShotSpotter's use in crime response strategies, outcomes, metrics for success, alternative strategies, and racial equity impact.

19. Supplemental behavioral crisis response funding ([2026-00169](#))

Motion by Palmisano approving a legislative directive requesting an evaluation of the Behavioral Crisis Responders (BCR) program.

20. South Minneapolis Community Safety Center vendor selection ([2026-00173](#))

Motion by Whiting approving a legislative directive requesting a comprehensive review and analysis of the development, issuance, and evaluation of the Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center.

21. Boulevard ordinance costs of implementation ([2026-00170](#))

Motion by Palmisano approving a legislative directive to track the actual costs for implementing, enforcing, and managing the revised boulevard ordinance.

22. Impervious surfaces ([2026-00186](#))

Motion by Wonsley approving a legislative directive requesting information related to impervious surfaces.

23. Shooting of Davis Moturi ([2026-00187](#))

Motion by Wonsley approving a legislative directive requesting information related to the internal Police Department review on the shooting and the surrounding violence of Davis Moturi.

24. Opioid overdoses and possession of naloxone or other opioid antagonists ([2026-00171](#))

Motion by Chavez approving a legislative directive requesting information regarding whether a city-wide requirement of possession of naloxone or other opioid antagonists by bars, nightclubs, restaurants, and city buildings, among other institutions, would be beneficial, feasible, and permissible under law.

25. South Lyndale Corridor Master Plan ([2026-00174](#))

Motion by Whiting approving a legislative directive requesting a summary of the 2006 South Lyndale Corridor Master Plan and information and analysis needed to advance the potential turnback of TH 121 and redevelopment of the South Lyndale Corridor.

26. Future Community Connections Conference ([2026-00172](#))

Motion by Chavez approving a legislative directive related to information regarding a future Community Connections Conference.

27. Non-fatal shooting taskforce ([2026-00188](#))

Motion by Wonsley approving a legislative directive for quarterly updates on the status of implementation of the non-fatal shooting taskforce, and quarterly updated reports on the current clearance rates of the Police Department, including staffing numbers for investigators.

28. Emergency Housing Vouchers program quarterly updates ([2026-00189](#))

Motion by Wonsley approving a legislative directive related to a comprehensive analysis of the Emergency Housing Vouchers program and quarterly updates.

29. ShotSpotter independent evaluation ([2026-00190](#))

Motion by Wonsley directing the Legislative Department to contract with one or more consultants to undertake an independent analysis of the effectiveness of the ShotSpotter program.

30. Stable and affordable housing options for senior and elder residents ([2026-00191](#))

Motion by Wonsley directing the Legislative Department to provide an overview related to stable and affordable housing options for senior and elder residents of Minneapolis.

31. Safe outdoor spaces ordinances: Staff direction for drafting ([2026-00166](#))

Motion by Chavez directing the City Attorney's Office to prepare draft ordinances on safe outdoor spaces with the ordinances to be based on Denver Safe Outdoor Space and Duluth Safe Bay.

32. Independent legal counsel ([2026-00192](#))

Motion by Wonsley directing the Legislative Department to provide information on independent legal counsel for legislative branches in local, state, and federal governments.

33. Municipal oversight and implementation of consent decrees ([2026-00193](#))

Motion by Payne directing the Legislative Department to produce an analysis of municipal oversight, communication, and transparency efforts related to consent decrees and similar agreements focused on public safety.

34. Charter compliance and enforcement ([2026-00194](#))

Motion by Wonsley directing the Legislative Department to produce an analysis related to codifying penalties and consequences for charter violations.

35. Legislative Research and Oversight division positions classification ([2026-00195](#))

Motion by Wonsley directing the City Clerk to report back on progress related to completing the classification of positions in the Legislative Research and Oversight division.

## Resolutions

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- **Council Member Whiting** voted **Yes** on accepting the following honorary resolutions. These resolutions were passed 13 ayes to 0 nays.

1. 2026 Human Trafficking and Exploitation Awareness Month honorary resolution ([2026-00160](#))

Passage of Resolution recognizing February 2026 as Human Trafficking and Exploitation Awareness Month in the City of Minneapolis.

2. Fletcher Alexander Merkel honorary resolution ([2026-00175](#))

Passage of Resolution honoring the life and memory of Fletcher Alexander Merkel.

## New Business

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1. Gift Acceptance for Council Member Chughtai regarding conference attendance

- **Council Member Whiting** voted **Yes** on accepting the following gift acceptance. This motion was accepted 13 ayes to 0 nays.

2. Legislative Directive on the Small Business Resiliency Fund

**Context:** Legislative Directives are a formal action taken by a legislative body (in this case, the Minneapolis City Council) to provide/request guidance on specific policies, priorities, or programs from another body (in this case the Mayor's Office).

- **Council Member Whiting** voted **Yes** on accepting the following gift acceptance. This motion was accepted 13 ayes to 0 nays.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on This Vote:** CM Whiting worked with Council Members Chavez, Chughtai, and Chowdhury to write this Legislative Directive. It requests a general picture of how these funds could be used to support small businesses in response to Operation Metro Surge from City staff and the Mayor's Office. Authors sought to give both guidance and guardrails to the Small Business Resiliency Fund created earlier in this meeting. He noted that the Legislative Directive includes the language "to include, but not limited to" and does not restrict how the City may use these funds.

## **Adjournment**

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**Next City Council meeting:** March 5, 2026