

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 March 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.

[Due to the ongoing occupation, the Minneapolis City Council has adjusted their 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 3.3.2026 and 3.4.2026. President Payne moved to accept that report, except for items 2, 4, 41, 57, and 58 which he opened for discussion and items 1 and 46 which were deleted. (See items 2, 4, 41, 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 3.3.2026. 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.]

Minneapolis City Council Agenda

Regular Meeting
March 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

1. Roll Call.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
 - 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 voted **Yes** to accepting the minutes. The minutes were accepted 13 ayes to 0 nays.

4. Referral of petitions, communications, and reports to the proper Committees.
 - **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** to the referral of petitions, communications and reports. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

Reports of Standing Committees

Committee of the Whole - [Mar 3, 2026 - Committee Report](#), [Mar 4, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** to accepting the committee report, excluding items 2, 4, 41, 57, and 58 which were moved for discussion and items 1 and 46 which were deleted. The report was accepted 13 ayes to 0 nays.

Context: The reasoning for this vote is described above.

1. Site plan review appeal: Michael Margulies, on behalf of 800 Third Lot LLC, 760 3rd St N ([2026-00208](#))

Deleting from the agenda consideration of an appeal submitted by Michael Margulies, on behalf of 800 Third Lot LLC, regarding the decision of the City Planning Commission's condition of approval 4 to a site plan review (PLAN20777) approving a three-story, 34,000 square foot development for the property located at 760 3rd St N:

Condition of approval #4: The first-floor elevations along 3rd Street North and 8th Avenue North shall comply with the 30% window minimum and the windows shall be more or less evenly distributed along the building wall, in compliance with Section 555.590 of the zoning code.

Context: This quasi-judicial item was withdrawn by the applicant and so was deleted from this agenda.

2. Variance Appeal: Tom Peterson, 4155 41st Avenue S ([2026-00224](#))

Considering an appeal submitted by Tom Peterson regarding the decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment denying variances (PLAN20431) to allow increases to maximum impervious surface and lot coverage for the property located at 4155 41st Avenue S.

Context: This topic is 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. A staff presentation and recommendation, from the relevant department(s) in the City enterprise, is usually given to Council ahead of voting on these matters. In this case, staff recommended the approval of this appeal with various conditions.

CM Chowdhury moved to accept this appeal with conditions.

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** to this motion. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

3. Joe's Market on 8th, 630 8TH ST SE, Minneapolis, MN, submitted by Quick 8 Mart LLC, for an Extended Hours of Operation license ([2026-00211](#))

Joe's Market on 8th, 630 8TH ST SE Minneapolis, MN, submitted by Quick 8 Mart LLC, BLGeneral, LIC429364, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

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

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Maintenance Code, temporarily extending the length of the required pre-eviction notice.

Context: CM Whiting introduced and immediately withdrew an amendment to this ordinance that would have added language that targets the pre-eviction extension to those residents financially impacted by Operation Metro Surge or any other federal immigration enforcement action. Procedurally, this amounted to making a comment on this ordinance. This ensured that this ordinance would have 1) passed without a veto, and 2) relieved the short-term suffering of our most vulnerable residents while preventing the negative impacts that broad eviction moratoriums have caused for the same residents they are supposed to serve.

Some Council Members have expressed concern that any attempt to target an eviction notice extension to those most impacted by ICE's occupation amounts to creating a trail of documentation that could be used by the Trump administration to round up undocumented Minneapolitans. No one in Minneapolis wants this outcome, and CM Whiting would never support a policy that he felt increased the risk of eviction for undocumented neighbors.

However, CM Whiting disagrees that this is an impossible balance. Other cities have managed to target those most impacted and do this effectively. Engaging in a collaborative spirit across City departments (City Attorney's Office, City housing policy aides, etc.), housing advocacy groups (both on the tenant and provider sides), and consulting with experts that are already doing this work, CM Whiting was able to draft language amenable to the vast majority of interests. This proposed language targeted anyone who has been financially impacted by the harms of Operation Metro Surge, without any requirement to divulge citizenship/immigration status. While the language was not perfect, CM Whiting believed it to be a way to get this needed policy passed through levels of government.

The full reasoning for CM Whiting's vote is below.

- **Council Member Whiting abstained** from the motion to approve the original, unamended, ordinance. The motion passed with 7 ayes, 5 nays, and 1 abstention.

[This is the first instance of CM Whiting abstaining on a substantive Council action this term. Given the novelty, CM Whiting believes it is important to explain his general thought process when it comes to abstaining from a vote. That reasoning is below.]

CM Whiting's Approach to Abstentions: Abstaining is one of three ways a Council Member can respond to a roll call vote during a City Council meeting. An abstention is a deliberate choice to

withhold a vote, effectively taking a neutral stance on the item at hand. While abstentions are recorded in the total vote count, they do not contribute to the affirmative majority needed to pass a measure.

Abstentions are generally rare, and there are a wide variety of opinions on them at City Hall. The Ward 11 Office believes they are a useful tool in our toolbox to push for effective and informed policymaking.

When CM Whiting abstains from a vote, it is almost always for one of the following reasons:

Personal Conflict (Most common): CM Whiting has a personal or professional conflict that would interfere with the legitimacy of the vote. In these instances, a “yes” or “no” vote would not be proper due to the relation with the individual presenting the action, or a relation to the action itself. The act of an abstention, in effect, resembles a recusal from a specific vote. This tends to be the most common reason for a Council Member abstention.

Substantively Flawed Language or Bad Policy as Written: CM Whiting strongly agrees with the core goal of the action, but he has significant concerns that the legislation as written is not just bad policy, but the adoption of the action, as written, could result in serious, negative, unintended consequences. In these cases, a "no" vote would misrepresent his values towards the underlying policy and desire to see the policy move forward in some form, but to get to a "yes" vote, the policy would need to be amended to fix or improve the flawed language.

Insufficient Information: CM Whiting has not been provided with the necessary data or context to make a fully informed decision on behalf of Ward 11 and the City of Minneapolis. CM Whiting recognizes that he is not an expert on every subject, and the City enterprise is full of researchers and policy advisors who are tasked with helping Council Members take smart, well-researched actions on behalf of the City. CM Whiting believes that relying solely on his gut or the interpretations of fellow Council Members to make voting decisions is an unacceptable approach to governing. In these instances, CM Whiting will never “guess” when making important choices that impact Ward 11 and City residents and may choose to abstain.

Severely Compromised Legislative Procedure (Rare): CM Whiting supports a piece of legislation, but the process of creating that legislation was so unsound that it undermines public trust. The business of legislating is messy. While last-minute amendments or failures to bring fellow council members in on the decision-making process are regrettable, they are not, alone, sufficient reasons to abstain on a vote. These abstentions are reserved for scenarios where the public is excluded from the governing process, or when procedure is used to circumvent Council Members’ ability to take action on behalf of their constituents. In these instances, a "no" vote would contradict CM Whiting’s policy goals, but an abstention signals that the legislative process was fundamentally broken.

Being a City Council Member means taking hard votes. CM Whiting is very intentional about when and where to deploy abstentions and will never use them to avoid taking a position on a tough issue. The Ward 11 Office will always be direct with constituents about why CM Whiting

abstains on any vote, and we welcome outreach from constituents who desire more explanation on CM Whiting's reasoning.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: Operation Metro Surge has had a catastrophic humanitarian and economic impact on Minneapolitans, none more so than Minneapolis' immigrant and refugee communities, 75% of whom are renters according to [the American Immigration Council](#). During this occupation, these neighbors have been unable to go to work or leave their houses out of deep and justified fear for their personal safety and the safety of their families. [The Preliminary Impact Assessment & Relief Needs Overview](#) estimated that lost household income during Operation Metro Surge has created an additional \$15.7 million demand for rental assistance in Minneapolis each month.

Eviction is always a devastating outcome, but for some Minneapolis immigrant families, the prospect of eviction today represents an existential crisis. **Hennepin County is the only County in Minnesota that continues to require eviction court proceedings be held in-person.** ICE agents regularly detain undocumented and immigrant residents when they have shown up to their court appearances. The City is pushing Hennepin County to discontinue this practice and move, like every other county in the state, to online housing court hearings. As it stands, for our undocumented neighbors, showing up for eviction court risks not only their home, but their personal freedom.

Many of our residents, documented and undocumented alike, desperately need financial assistance to recover and make rent, and that requires time: time to find another job, apply for rental assistance through the County, and reach out to our mutual aid community for support. This eviction notice delay provides that time, **which is why CM Whiting supports a pre-eviction notice extension for those residents uniquely and financially impacted by Operation Metro Surge (as his amendment above specifies).**

But passing a blanket, City-wide policy, one that makes no effort to narrow the scope of impact or prescribe the eligibility of this extension, will almost certainly come with severe, unintended consequences. The policy, as written, will negatively impact a wide swath of Minneapolis' low-income renters, ultimately hurting many of the same families we are trying to help. This policy also risks delivering a permanent blow to our affordable housing ecosystem, one that could severely limit the City's ability to support those with the least.

This issue is incredibly complex, and it is simply not as easy as just delaying an eviction for an additional 30 days. **Simply put, CM Whiting believes that this action, without additional language, would cause more harm not only to those most impacted by federal immigration enforcement, but all our low-income renters across Minneapolis.**

Compounding Debt and Hennepin County Rental Relief

First, when evictions are delayed, residents are still legally on the hook for their missed rent. That debt is not forgiven. In Hennepin County, it can take upwards of 120 days before an eviction is fully executed. Extending the notice period pushes that timeline to 150 days, meaning

a struggling family will accrue, not one or two months, but four to five months of missing back rent. Several affordable housing experts have testified, both in writing to the City and in testimonials given during the Council's public hearing on 3.3.2026, that once a low-income family is that far behind, catching up is nearly impossible. This massive rental debt creates a permanent barrier to stable housing. It will follow these residents for years, destroying their credit rating, and effectively ruining their ability to secure new, safe housing in the future. We are trapping our lowest-income residents in a seemingly insurmountable financial hole to climb out of. Furthermore, this 60-day delay structurally disadvantages Minneapolis residents from receiving the very financial help we are trying to provide. Recently, the City Council universally agreed to send an additional \$1 million to Hennepin County for emergency rental assistance. However, because funds are so limited, the County program currently requires a tenant to have an **active eviction court filing** to qualify for and receive that prioritized aid.¹ Because most other cities in Hennepin County are operating under the state-standard 14-day notice period, suburban renters receive their court filings, and their eligibility for county funds, in two weeks. Delaying our pre-eviction notice period to 60 days pushes Minneapolis renters to the back of the line for emergency county funds. While our residents would be forced to wait 60 days to even qualify to apply, residents in neighboring suburbs will be claiming those limited dollars.

Low-income families have proven time and time again they best know how to effectively stretch their dollar, and they justifiably prioritize those expenses that are most immediate. As we saw during the COVID-19 pandemic eviction moratorium, those trying to make ends meet triaged funds to other more pressing needs but fell behind in rent, leading to a large increase in evictions following the lifting of the moratorium. **If we pass a policy that temporarily increases the amount of rental debt low-income families can accumulate, while simultaneously limiting the amount of County support they can receive during the same period, we are setting a financial trap that exacerbates the very problem we set out to solve.**

Lessons from COVID and our Affordable Housing Ecosystem

Second, the impact of a City mandated eviction delay amounts to a small-scale eviction moratorium, preventing evictions across the board for a set period of time. The only example we have on the impact of an eviction moratorium on affordable housing availability in Minneapolis came during the COVID-19 pandemic, a policy which put many of our largest affordable housing providers on the brink of bankruptcy, and has left them in disastrous circumstances.

Rent is the primary source of operating revenue for affordable housing providers. Sustained income loss not only directly impacts building quality and long-term housing preservation, but immediate solvency. When these operators go bankrupt, they are forced to sell their buildings, permanently removing a substantial amount of affordable housing from our neighborhoods and from those who desperately need these housing options.

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw a massive increase in evictions after the moratorium was lifted. People still owed their back rent, couldn't make it up, and were displaced from their homes all at the same time, ultimately causing more homelessness and substantially increasing

¹ Hennepin County is currently updating this policy in hopes to streamline the application process for those most in need of emergency rental assistance.

the need for shelter space. In a joint letter submitted to the City Council, 13 of our most trusted nonprofit affordable housing providers (including Aeon, Agate Housing, Beacon Interfaith, Catholic Charities Twin Cities, CommonBond, Project for Pride in Living among others) explicitly warned that this policy is counterproductive. They wrote: *"Our collective experience shows that longer timelines produce worse outcomes for our residents through larger balances and higher rates of eviction."* When the experts who actually house our lowest income residents are united in these concerns, the City has an obligation to listen.

Real Solutions and the Need for Immediate Relief

Finally, Thursday's Council meeting marked CM Whiting's second full month as a sitting council member since taking office on January 5th. He continues to be impressed with his colleagues' response to Operation Metro Surge, and how they get up every day ready to fight in the face of one of the greatest challenges our City has ever confronted.

However, there is one area that many Council Members seem disinterested in exploring that continually undermines their efforts: cooperation with the Mayor's office.

Time and time again, CM Whiting has seen critical, emergency proposals brought before the Council by well-intentioned members, who nevertheless seem to have made no initial attempt at collaboration with the one City official whose signature is required to make their ordinances go into effect. This is not about agreement with or against the Mayor. This is about the practicality of an action moving through the legislative process with any level of viability. CM Whiting does not see eye-to-eye with Mayor Frey on a variety of issues. He has had and continues to anticipate healthy debate and disagreement with the Mayor's office over the next four years. **However, in this unprecedented moment, where time is so critical and the margin for error is so slim, when certain Council Members repeatedly pass through actions on narrow vote margins, blithely hoping the Mayor signs on to their initiatives without doing due diligence in advance, the continued outcome will only bring about the absence of results and harm those that deserve action today.**

Even under the best circumstances, moving legislation through the Council process is laborious and time-consuming. City rules require certain procedural checkboxes to be checked, a process that can take weeks. When a bill is vetoed, this clock starts all over again.

This brings us to the nature of Thursday's vote. **This Council knew that this broad unamended ordinance, was highly likely to be vetoed by Mayor Frey.** Passing an ordinance under those circumstances leaves the success of the action to a guess. Those most impacted in this City should not have their interests relegated to a gamble. CM Whiting has no desire to use political theater as the method to move urgent policy actions forward, he believes that collaboration and compromise is the only way forward, *given the current makeup and political realities of this Council.* Leaving this policy action to a Hail Mary almost certainly guarantees any real relief for those that need it now will be delayed for weeks, while the issue is sent back to the Council for reconsideration.

Many of CM Whiting's colleagues have been explicit in their view that Minneapolis is in a state of emergency, a view that he shares. The impacts of Operation Metro Surge are being felt right now, and our residents are suffering today. They do not have time for these fights; they need

compromises that can be put into action immediately.

The Path Forward

Because he fiercely agrees with this ordinance’s goal of protecting our neighbors from eviction, but refuses to vote for a structurally flawed bill that traps them in rental debt, threatens to destroy our affordable housing stock, and wastes precious time, CM Whiting opted to abstain on this motion and work towards a viable option.

CM Whiting raises these concerns specifically to protect the people who rely on our affordable housing ecosystem to survive, the working poor and immigrant families of our City. While this ordinance is incredibly well-intentioned, short-term measures that operate in a vacuum, separated from the actual mechanics of rental assistance, can unfortunately do more harm than good for the residents we are trying to protect.

CM Whiting was incredibly moved by the testimony of so many Minneapolitans who spoke before Council on this motion on Thursday. The number of residents who have tapped their personal networks and raised money for mutual aid to keep neighbors in their homes shows an overwhelming charity that is as inspiring as it is heartbreaking. They can no longer be expected to carry this burden.

The only lasting solution to this crisis is rental assistance, and while CM Whiting is heartened that philanthropic groups like the Minneapolis Foundation have started to answer the call, we need the State and the Federal Government to step up and clean up the mess they’ve created, not an unfunded delay.

CM Whiting will continue to implore his colleagues, both the Council and the Mayor, to fundamentally change how they engage with each other in the legislation crafting process. If this ordinance is vetoed, he hopes that his amendment, which attempts to target this eviction delay to those impacted by Operation Metro Surge, will serve as a starting point for a real compromise that the Mayor and this Council can execute.

5. Legal Settlement: Jaber A. Abdalla v. City of Minneapolis ([2026-00223](#))

Approving the settlement of the claims of Jaber A. Abdalla by payment of \$23,000 to claimant's counsel, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

6. Legal Settlement: David Lee property damage claim ([2026-00225](#))

Approving the settlement of business loss claims concerning damage done to 4208 Vincent Ave. South, by payment of \$17,000 to David Lee from Fund 06940-1500100-145630, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to take all actions necessary to effectuate the settlement.

7. Legal Settlement: Pablo Ferreira v. City of Minneapolis ([2026-00221](#))

Approving the settlement of the claims of Pablo Ferreira v. City of Minneapolis, Case No. 27-CO-25-8191, Hennepin County Conciliation Court, State of Minnesota, by payment of \$9,500 to

Plaintiff, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

8. Legal Settlement: Jessi Wingett v. City of Minneapolis ([2026-00220](#))

Approving the settlement of the claims of Jessi Wingett by payment of \$9,500 to claimant's counsel, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

9. 2026 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization ([2026-00244](#))

- a. Passage of Resolution establishing the 2026 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization.
- b. Approving policies and procedures to be followed during meetings of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization.

10. 2025 quarterly donation reports ([2025-00470](#))

- a. Passage of Resolution accepting 2nd Quarter 2025 donations made to the City of Minneapolis valued under \$15,000.
- b. Passage of Resolution accepting 3rd Quarter 2025 donations made to the City of Minneapolis valued under \$15,000.
- c. Passage of Resolution accepting 4th Quarter 2025 donations made to the City of Minneapolis valued under \$15,000.

11. Collective bargaining agreement: AFSCME Council 5, Local 9 Water Maintenance Unit, January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028 ([2026-00219](#))

Authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME Council 5 Local 9 Water Maintenance 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.

12. Ethics Complaints 2025EPB-17 and 2025EPB-18 ([2026-00243](#))

Approving the administrative closing of Ethics Complaint Nos. 2025 EPB-17 and 2025EPB-18 with no action, neither agreeing nor disagreeing with the findings of the Ethical Practices Board.

13. Contract amendment with Hogen Adams, PLLC to accommodate additional in-scope work for after-action reviews and reports ([2026-00253](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009594 with Hogen Adams, PLLC., in the amount of \$100,000 for a new total amount not to exceed \$300,000, to accommodate additional in-scope work for after-action reviews and reports.

14. Liquor license renewals for March 3, 2026 ([2026-00199](#))

- a. Joe's Market, 1828 COMO AVE SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 2) submitted by TJK LLC, BLBeerOff, LIC74845
- b. Klassics Kitchen + Cocktails/Cream Cafe by Klassics, 428 2ND ST S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward None) submitted by Klassics LLC, BLLiquor, LIC412089

15. Gambling license approvals for March 3, 2026 ([2026-00200](#))

- a. The Aliveness Project, 501 WASHINGTON AVE S Minneapolis, MN, submitted by The Aliveness Project Inc, BLGeneral, LIC429588
 - b. Minnesota Youth Athletic Services, 411 WASHINGTON AVE N Minneapolis, MN, submitted by Minnesota Youth Athletic Services, BLGeneral, LIC429708
16. Gambling license renewals for March 3, 2026 ([2026-00201](#))
- a. City of Lakes Hockey Association, 225 THOMAS AVE N Minneapolis, MN, submitted by City of Lakes Hockey Association, BLGeneral, LIC412884
 - b. Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities, 4155 CEDAR AVE S Minneapolis, MN, submitted by Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities, BLGeneral, LIC412989
 - c. Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities, 1070 NICOLLET MALL Minneapolis, MN, submitted by Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities, BLGeneral, LIC412990
 - d. MN YOUTH ATHLETIC SERVICES, 600 WASHINGTON AVE N Minneapolis, MN, submitted by Minnesota Youth Athletic Services, Inc., BLGeneral, LIC421288
 - e. MN Youth Athletics Services, 6042 NICOLLET AVE Minneapolis, MN, submitted by MN Youth Athletics Services, BLGeneral, LIC399385
 - f. NE Minneapolis Lions Community Foundation, 1404 QUINCY ST NE Minneapolis, MN, submitted by NE Minneapolis Lions Community Foundation, BLGeneral, LIC412773
 - g. VFW POST 246, 2916 LYNDAL AVE S Minneapolis, MN, submitted by VFW POST 246 AUX MINNEAPOLIS, BLGeneral, LIC68343
17. Fall 2025 Brownfield grants from DEED, TBRA, and ERF ([2026-00210](#))
- a. Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for the following project: Lundstrum Performing Arts, 1617 2nd St N, and 211 17th Ave N (\$191,947).
 - b. Accepting grants from the Metropolitan Council's Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) in the total amount of \$619,800 for the following projects: CORA Townhomes, 2520 E Hennepin Ave, 1105 26th Ave SE, and 1104, 1108, and 1112 25th Ave SE (SEED, \$189,200); Native American Community Clinic and Housing, 1213 E Franklin Ave (TBRA, \$250,500); Henn 25 Shops, 2400, 2408, 2412, 2414, and 2416 Hennepin Ave S (TBRA, 130,900); and Rise Up Center, 2820, and 2828 Hennepin Ave S (TBRA, \$49,200).
 - c. Accepting grants from Hennepin County's Environmental Response Fund (ERF) in the total amount of \$459,362 for the following projects: CLCLT Homes – Fall 2025, 1206 Irving Ave N, 210 W 29th St, 2114 Irving Ave N, 2319 Upton Ave N, 4330 James Ave N, (\$140,000); Henn 25 Shops, 2400, 2408, 2412, 2414, and 2416 Hennepin Ave S (\$27,400); Lundstrum Performing Arts, 1617 2nd St N, and 211 17th Ave N (\$185,514); and Native American Community Clinic and Housing, 1213 E Franklin Ave (\$106,448)
 - d. Accepting grants from Hennepin County's Environmental Response Fund (ERF) in the total amount of \$459,362 for the following projects: CLCLT Homes – Fall 2025, 1206 Irving Ave N, 210 W 29th St, 2114 Irving Ave N, 2319 Upton Ave N, 4330 James Ave N, and 5106 Aldrich Ave N (\$140,000); Henn 25 Shops, 2400, 2408, 2412, 2414, and 2416 Hennepin Ave S (\$27,400); Lundstrum Performing Arts, 1617 2nd St N, and 211 17th Ave N (\$185,514); and Native American Community Clinic and Housing, 1213 E Franklin Ave (\$106,448).
 - e. Authorizing agreements with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, the Metropolitan Council, and Hennepin County for the aforesaid grants.
 - f. Authorizing execution of one or more funding agreements with each of the sub-recipients identified below (or an affiliated entity), and/or disbursement and related agreements for these grants.

- g. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Community Planning & Economic Development Department.
18. Contract amendments for the 2023-2026 Public Art Manager Pool ([2026-00213](#))
- a. Authorizing an extension of contract COM0006704 with Ann Godfrey for a term of three (3) months, through May 31, 2026May 31, 2026, for the 2023-2026 Public Art Manager Pool.
 - b. Authorizing an extension of contract COM0006703 with Kirstin Wiegmann for a term of three (3) months, through May 31, 2026May 31, 2026, for the 2023-2026 Public Art Manager Pool.
 - c. Authorizing an extension of contract COM0006705 with Keya Consulting for a term of three (3) months, through May 31, 2026May 31, 2026, for the 2023-2026 Public Art Manager Pool.
 - d. Authorizing an extension of contract COM0006707 with Witt Siasoco for a term of three (3) months, through May 31, 2026May 31, 2026, for the 2023-2026 Public Art Manager Pool.
 - e. Authorizing an extension of contract COM0006722 with Dudley Voigt for a term of three (3) months, through May 31, 2026May 31, 2026, for the 2023-2026 Public Art Manager Pool.
 - f. Authorizing an extension of contract COM0006706 with Sarah Linnes-Robinson for a term of three (3) months, through May 31, 2026May 31, 2026, for the 2023-2026 Public Art Manager Pool.
19. Contract with various vendors for the 2026-2029 Art Service Providers Pool ([2026-00209](#))
- Authorizing thirty-two (32) master contracts, in amounts not to exceed \$175,000 per vendor, for the period of April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2029, for the 2026-2029 art service providers pool.
20. DEED grant for the Center for Communication and Development / KMOJ project ([2026-00239](#))
- a. Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), in the amount of \$1,000,000, to pass through to the Center for Communication and Development / KMOJ project for predevelopment activities.
 - b. Authorizing grant agreements with the State of Minnesota and the Center for Communication and Development, consistent with the terms of the State grant agreement.
 - c. Approving payment of an administrative fee, in the amount of \$19,000, for the City to administer the State pass-through grant.
 - d. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Community Planning and Economic Development Department.
21. Rental Licenses Ordinance Implementation ([2026-00215](#))
- Approving a legislative directive related to the implementation of the Rental licenses ordinance.
22. Contract amendment with Professional Recovery Organization Network, LLC dba PRO Network for firefighter mental health services ([2026-00222](#))
- Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009220 with Professional Recovery Organization Network, LLC dba PRO Network, in the amount of \$75,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$211,200, and an extension through August 31, 2026, for firefighter mental health services.
23. Contract amendment with Metro Youth Diversion Center for East Lake Street and East Franklin Community Safety Ambassador programs ([2026-00217](#))

- a. Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009485 with Metro Youth Diversion Center, in the amount of \$249,975 for a total amount not to exceed \$700,407, and an extension through October 31, 2026, for East Lake Street Community Safety Ambassador program.
 - b. Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009171 with Metro Youth Diversion Center, in the amount of \$179,929 for a total amount not to exceed \$504,063.40, and an extension through October 31, 2026, for East Franklin Avenue Community Safety Ambassador program.
24. Contract amendments with multiple organizations for 2026 Youth Group Violence Intervention (YGVI) services ([2026-00226](#))
 - a. Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009183 with Sabathani Community Center, in the amount of \$163,201 for a total amount not to exceed \$326,402, for Youth Group Violence Intervention (YGVI) services.
 - b. Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009182 with EMERGE Community Development, in the amount of \$193,671 for a total amount not to exceed \$387,342, for Youth Group Violence Intervention (YGVI) services.
 - c. Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009181 with The Man Up Club, in the amount of \$78,315 for a total amount not to exceed \$156,630, for Youth Group Violence Intervention (YGVI) services.
25. Contract amendments with multiple organizations for 2026 Group Violence Intervention (GVI) services ([2026-00227](#))
 - a. Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009172 with W Berry Consulting LLC, in the amount of \$232,405 for a total amount not to exceed \$464,810, for Group Violence Intervention (GVI) services.
 - b. Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009173 with Urban Youth Conservation, in the amount of \$232,405 for a total amount not to exceed \$464,810, for Group Violence Intervention (GVI) services.
26. Contract amendment with TOUCH Outreach for 2026 Minneapolis Strategic Outreach Initiative ([2026-00228](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009403 with TOUCH Outreach, in the amount of \$708,400 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,416,800, for a one-year term from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, for Minneapolis Strategic Outreach Initiative.
27. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contracts and contract amendments in the category of Preventive Services ([2026-00245](#))
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28. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contracts and contract amendments in the category of Community Engagement and Outreach Services ([2026-00250](#))
[View Items](#)
29. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contracts and contract amendments with government entities and political subdivisions ([2026-00252](#))
[View Items](#)

30. Agreements with Hennepin County for shelter operations and beds ([2026-00214](#))

Authorizing one or more agreements with Hennepin County, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, for shelter operations and expansion/maintenance of shelter beds.
31. Gift acceptance from National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for transportation, lodging, and per diem ([2026-00229](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for transportation, lodging, and per diem for Damon Chaplin, Commissioner of Health, to attend the Preparedness Summit in Baltimore, MD from April 12-16, 2026.
32. Gift acceptance from National League of Cities for transportation, lodging, and per diem ([2026-00259](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from National League of Cities for transportation, lodging, and per diem for Police Chief Brian O'Hara to attend The Immigration Roundtable: Understanding Local Legal Responsibilities session in Washington, DC from March 16-17, 2026.
33. Southside Green Zone Council appointments ([2026-00131](#))
 - a. Approving Ella Kampelman for appointment to Seat 2 beginning April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2027.
 - b. Approving Jennifer Davis for appointment to Seat 10 beginning April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2027.
 - c. Approving Silvio Kavistan Vega for appointment to Seat 8 beginning April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2027.
34. Agreement with Hennepin County and the Metropolitan Council for the Metro Green Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project ([2026-00238](#))

Authorizing an Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Hennepin County and the Metropolitan Council for the Metro Green Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project.
35. Cooperative agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation for the 46th and Hiawatha (TH55) signals and multimodal improvements project ([2026-00236](#))
 - a. Authorizing execution of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) contract number 1061621 pertaining to the MnDOT led construction of traffic signals and pedestrian improvements in the vicinity of Hiawatha Ave (TH55) and 46th St East.
 - b. Passage of Resolution authorizing acceptance of revenue from MnDOT in the amount of \$54,490 and expenditure related to the City's construction of traffic signal controller cabinets required for the project.
36. Cooperative agreement with Hennepin County for Lowry Ave NE from Marshall St NE to Washington St NE Reconstruction Project Phase II ([2026-00234](#))

Authorizing cooperative agreement No. PW 39-20-25 with Hennepin County for Phase II of the Lowry Ave NE (County State Aid Highway 153) reconstruction from Marshall St NE (County State Aid Highway 23) to Washington St NE.
37. Cooperative agreement with Hennepin County for Hennepin Ave S improvements ([2026-00233](#))

- a. Authorizing a Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County, in the estimated amount of \$950,000, for planned improvements along Hennepin Ave S (CSAH 52) between 2nd Street South and the Hennepin Ave bridge.
 - b. Passage of Resolution approving the appropriation of funds to the Public Works Department for the estimated Hennepin County reimbursement of \$950,000 for improvements associated with the Hennepin Ave S project.
38. Support for the Metro Transit ABRT Plan Update – METRO K Line Designation ([2026-00255](#))
Passage of Resolution supporting the designation of Nicollet Corridor as the METRO K Line, arterial Bus Rapid Transit line.
39. Joint Powers Agreement with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for parkway trail and parking lot paving, repair and reconstruction ([2026-00241](#))
Authorizing a joint powers agreement with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board related to trail and parking lot paving, repair, and reconstruction.
40. Logan Park Industrial Street Reconstruction Project - Phase I: Project designation, cost estimate and setting public hearing ([2026-00256](#))
- a. Passage of Resolution designating the location and improvements proposed to be made in the Logan Park Industrial Phase I Street Reconstruction Project No. 2295 (CPV123).
 - b. Adopting a report receiving a cost estimate of \$17,319,644 for street reconstruction improvements and a list of benefited properties for Logan Park Industrial Street Reconstruction Project No. 2295 (CPV123), and authorizing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Reconstruction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2026 Uniform Assessment Rates.
41. Rethinking I-94 Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document (SD/DSDD) and Environmental Assessment Worksheet: City of Minneapolis Comments ([2026-00257](#))
Considering a resolution expressing the City’s comments on Minnesota Department of Transportation’s Rethinking I-94 Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document (SD/DSDD) and Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW).
- Context:** This resolution was broadly a recommendation from City staff to express comments on the MN DOT’s Rethinking I-94 Document. CM Whiting was briefed on this topic earlier in the week and has no significant concerns. CM Wonsley did introduce an amendment to adopt some language to address concerns shared by CM Shaffer. The action was adopted as amended.
- **Council Member Whiting voted “Yes”** to this motion. The motion was successful 9 ayes to 4 nays.
42. Residential Waste Reduction and Recycling Funding Policy agreement with Hennepin County ([2026-00240](#))
Authorizing an agreement with Hennepin County for Residential Waste Reduction and Recycling Funding Policy.

43. South Folwell Safe Routes to School Project: Acquisition of temporary construction easements [\(2026-00254\)](#)

Authorizing acquisition of temporary construction easements to facilitate the construction of the South Folwell Safe Routes to School Project.

44. Gift acceptance from the Minnesota Section of the American Water Works Association [\(2026-00247\)](#)

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the Minnesota Section of the American Water Works Association for travel, lodging, and meals for the Public Works Water Treatment and Distribution Service pipe tapping team to attend the American Water Works Association Annual Conference and Exposition in Washington, DC, from June 21-24, 2026.

45. Gift acceptance from the Minnesota Section of the American Water Works Association [\(2026-00248\)](#)

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the Minnesota section of the American Water Works Association for registration, travel, lodging and meals to attend the American Water Works Association Young Professionals Summit in Charlotte, NC, from March 22-24, 2026.

46. Gift acceptance from the Brookings Transportation Initiative [\(2026-00249\)](#)

Deleting from the agenda consideration of a resolution accepting donation from the Brookings Transportation Initiative for travel, hotel, and incidental costs for Tim Sexton, Director of Public Works, to attend a meeting of the Advisory Network for Brookings State/Local Transportation Initiative meeting in Denver, CO, from March 12-13, 2026.

Context: Item #46 was deleted from this agenda.

47. Gift acceptance from National Academy of Sciences [\(2026-00271\)](#)

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the National Academy of Sciences for transportation, lodging, and incidental costs to attend the World Congress on Winter Service and PIARC 3.5 Technical Committee (Road Infrastructure for Road Transport Decarbonization) meeting in Chambery, France, from March 10-12, 2026.

48. Bid for Lead Service Line Replacements Year 3, Event 2 of 2 Project [\(2026-00251\)](#)

- a. Accepting the low bid of M and B Services LLC, submitted on Event 3949, and authorizing a contract in the amount of \$750,000, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Lead Service Line Replacements Year 3 project, Event 2 of 2, Blue Package, all in accordance with City specifications.
- b. Accepting the low bid of Precision Infrastructure, LLC, submitted on Event 3949, and authorizing a contract in the amount of \$1,533,300, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Lead Service Line Replacements Year 3 project, Event 2 of 2, Brown Package, all in accordance with City specifications.
- c. Accepting the low bid of Precision Infrastructure, LLC, submitted on Event 3949, and authorizing a contract in the amount of \$2,396,000, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Lead Service Line Replacements Year 3 project, Event 2 of 2, Yellow Package, all in accordance with City specifications.
- d. Accepting the low bid of New Look Contracting, Inc., submitted on Event 3949, and authorizing a contract in the amount of \$1,198,000, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and

incidentals necessary for the Lead Service Line Replacements Year 3 project, Event 2 of 2, Orange Package, all in accordance with City specifications.

- e. Accepting the low bid of Precision Infrastructure, LLC, submitted on Event 3949, and authorizing a contract in the amount of \$1,450,300, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Lead Service Line Replacements Year 3 project, Event 2 of 2, Green Package, all in accordance with City specifications.
- f. Accepting the low bid of Precision Infrastructure, LLC, submitted on Event 3949, and authorizing a contract in the amount of \$2,409,375, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the Lead Service Line Replacements Year 3 project, Event 2 of 2, Purple Package, all in accordance with City specifications.

49. Bid for Concrete Maintenance Hole Structure ([2026-00246](#))

Accepting the sole bid of Wieser Concrete Inc. submitted on Event 3926, in the annual amount of \$726,619, to provide materials and delivery of Concrete Maintenance Hole Structures, and authorizing a contract for one (1) year with two (2) 12-month renewal options, all in accordance with City specifications.

50. Agreement extension for Shared Bike and Scooter Licenses ([2026-00258](#))

Authorizing license agreement extension for the Shared Bike and Scooter Program licenses from March 1, 2026, to April 1, 2026.

51. Contract amendment with Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc., for the Green Central Safe Routes to School project ([2026-00232](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0008283 with Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$70,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,286,486.10, for additional work to complete the Green Central Safe Routes to School project.

52. Federal Bridge Replacement Off-System (BROS) grant for the 10th Ave S Bridge over Midtown Greenway ([2026-00260](#))

- a. Accepting a grant from the Federal Bridge Replacement Off-System (BROS), through the Minnesota Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$5,040,000, for the 10th Ave S bridge over Midtown Greenway.
- b. Authorizing an agreement with the Federal Government through the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the grant.
- c. Passage of Resolution authorizing an Agreement (No.1060221) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Bridge L8915 (10th Ave S bridge) over Midtown Greenway, and appointing Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation as agent of the City of Minneapolis to accept federal funds for the project.

53. Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) grant for Pillsbury Ave bridge over Midtown Greenway Project ([2026-00269](#))

- a. Accepting the Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$669,374.90, for construction of the Pillsbury Ave Bridge over Midtown Greenway Project.

- b. Passage of Resolution increasing the appropriation and revenue for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$669,374.90, for construction of the Pillsbury Ave Bridge over Midtown Greenway Project.
- c. Passage of Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) for the Local bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) grant.

54. Consultative and advisory engagement request regarding the City's data security and existing surveillance ([2026-00231](#))

Passage of Resolution requesting that the Audit Committee request from the City Auditor a consultative and advisory engagement to survey the data security of the City's existing surveillance technology and make recommendations for best practices for data security for existing and future City surveillance technology.

55. Dropkick Ice Block Event Permit: March 6, 2026 ([2026-00276](#))

Approving deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances allowing block event Dropkick Ice submitted by Black Forest Inn, to be held on March 6, 2026, located on Nicollet Ave S between 26th St and 27th St, to operate outside the hours permitted.

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

- a. Amending Council Action 2026A-0095 to update the Minnesota School-Based Centers grant to the amount of \$300,000, for the period of November 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, to support the health education program at five of the School Based Clinic sites.
- b. Passage of Resolution amending Resolution 2026R-046 updating the appropriation amount to \$300,000.

57. Public safety training facilities ([2026-00270](#))

Directing the Legislative Research and Oversight staff to conduct an analysis of current training needs and alignment with national best practices, the national landscape of public safety facilities in comparable cities, and the costs associated with those facilities.

Context: CM Palmisano accepted a friendly amendment from CM Stevenson to add more specificity on the scope of this Legislative Directive. This was noted as feasible by staff. Upon passing, this action will request information from City staff and the Mayor's Office to analyze the topics listed above.

- **Council Member Whiting voted "Yes"** to this motion. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

58. Appointed position in the Police Department: Director Police Health and Wellness ([2026-00237](#))

- a. Considering the proposed position of Director Health and Wellness 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 578 total points, and allocated to grade 12.
- b. Considering an 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 \$132,275 to \$156,804, in accordance with the adopted compensation plan for appointed officials effective March 5, 2026.

Context: During the 3.3.2026 COW Meeting, Council Members expressed concerns about the proposed funding for this position coming from the removal of an imbedded social worker position. Embedded social workers are contracted with Hennepin County to provide mental health support for MPD officers and staff in MPD precincts. The Council requested that Police Chief O’Hara return to the Council Meeting today with a different funding source. He did so, with a proposal to pull funds from a vacant Forensic Science position instead of the embedded social worker program.

New concerns were raised by CM Chughtai about the process for creating new positions outside of the standard budget process. She motioned to refer this back to staff.

CM Whiting believes that the need for this position, given the extraordinary pressure on our officers during the response to the Annunciation shooting and Operation Metro Surge, makes the creation of this Health and Wellness position too pressing to delay. He is grateful to his colleagues for protecting the embedded social worker program, and to the Chief for quickly providing an alternate funding source.

- **Council Member Whiting voted “No”** to the motion to delay. The motion was unsuccessful 3 ayes to 10 nays.
- **Council Member Whiting voted “Yes”** to the original motion. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

Notice of Ordinance Introductions

1. Adult bathhouses and sex venues: Health and sanitation ordinance ([2026-00264](#))
Payne, Stevenson, and Chavez 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 219 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Contagious Diseases, amending provisions pertaining to venereal diseases and high-risk sexual conduct.
2. Adult bathhouses and sex venues: Licenses and business regulations ordinance ([2026-00265](#))
Payne, Stevenson, and Chavez give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations, amending regulations applicable to adult entertainment, where sexual activity between consenting adults may be facilitated, and updating language to be inclusive of new definitions:
 1. Chapter 267 Amusements
 2. Adding a new Chapter 270 Adult Sex Venues
3. Adult bathhouses and sex venues: Miscellaneous offenses ordinance ([2026-00266](#))
Payne, Stevenson, and Chavez give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 15, Chapter 385 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Offenses—Miscellaneous: In General, amending

provisions pertaining to indecent conduct and disorderly houses, adding exceptions for licensed establishments where sexual activity between consenting adults may be facilitated.

4. Adult bathhouses and sex venues: Zoning ordinance ([2026-00267](#))

Payne, Stevenson, and Chavez give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code, amending definitions to update descriptions, characteristics, and standards for Sexually Oriented Uses, updating definitions to eliminate stigmatizing language, reflect advances in preventative care, and adding new definitions to be inclusive of establishments where sexual activity between consenting adults may be facilitated:

1. Chapter 545 Use Regulations
2. Chapter 550 Development Standards
3. Chapter 565 Definitions

5. Law enforcement concealment of identity ordinance ([2026-00268](#))

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 15, Chapter 385 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Offenses—Miscellaneous: In General, adding a new Section 385.400 relating to general welfare - law enforcement concealment of identity.

6. Commercial pre-eviction notice ordinance ([2026-00272](#))

Payne and Chavez give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13, Chapter 259 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: In General, requiring commercial tenant notification prior to initiation of eviction actions for nonpayment of rent or other financial obligations.

7. Encampment reporting policy ordinance ([2026-00275](#))

Chowdhury, Chughtai, and Chavez give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 11 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation, adding a new Chapter 237 establishing provisions of a temporary homeless encampment reporting policy.

Introduction & Referral Calendar

- **Council Member Whiting** voted **Yes** to this motion. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

Context: The notice of ordinance introduction is standard process for the City Council. These ordinances will now be referred to their appropriate committees for development and/or consideration.

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

- a. Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez, Chowdhury, and Chughtai to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 1, Chapter 3 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to General Provisions: Rules of Construction, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, amending Section 3.80 to recognize all genders.

- b. Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez, Chowdhury, and Chughtai to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances by adding a new Title 7.5 entitled “All-Gender Welcoming City,” for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, 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](#))

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez, Chowdhury, Chughtai, and Osman 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, prohibiting inquiries into immigration status during the rental screening process and creating protections for tenants against retaliation based on immigration status.

Resolutions

- **Council Member Whiting voted “Yes”** to this motion accepting both resolutions. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.
1. 2026 Women's History Month honorary resolution ([2026-00273](#))

Passage of Resolution honoring Women's History Month.
 2. 2026 Ramadan honorary resolution ([2026-00274](#))

Passage of Resolution recognizing the Holy Month of Ramadan.

New Business

1. Support for Minneapolis during Operation Metro Surge ([2026-00156](#))

Receiving and filing resolutions from the Berkeley, CA City Council and 4x4 Joint Task Force on Housing Committee related to immigration surges in Minneapolis and across the country.
2. Appointment of Commissioner of Community Safety ([2026-00261](#))
 - a. Receiving and filing Mayor Frey's appointment of Toddrick Barnette to the appointed position of Commissioner of Community Safety for a term ending January 2030.
 - b. Referring the Mayor's nomination of Toddrick Barnette to the appointed position of Commissioner of Community Safety to the Committee of the Whole for the setting of a public hearing.
3. Appointment of City Operations Officer ([2026-00262](#))
 - a. Receiving and filing Mayor Frey's appointment of Margaret Anderson Kelliher to the appointed position of City Operations Officer for a term ending January 2030.
 - b. Referring the Mayor's nomination of Margaret Anderson Kelliher to the appointed position of City Operations Officer to the Committee of the Whole for the setting of a public hearing.
4. Appointment of City Attorney ([2026-00263](#))

- a. Receiving and filing Mayor Frey's appointment of Kristyn Anderson to the appointed position of City Attorney for a term ending January 2030.
- b. Referring the Mayor's nomination of Kristyn Anderson to the appointed position of City Attorney to the Committee of the Whole for the setting of a public hearing.

Context: The new business at this meeting was the start of the standard approval process for Mayor Jacob Frey's nominees for Commissioner of Community Safety, City Operations Officer, and City Attorney. These nominees have been referred to the Committee of the Whole for a public hearing.

- **Council Member Whiting** voted **Yes** to this motion. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

Adjournment

Next City Council meeting: March 26, 2026