

4.9.26 Scorecard

Ward 11 Council Member Jamison Whiting



Dear Ward 11,

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

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

This document shares my votes **(in blue)** and my reasoning for these votes **(in orange)** during the City Council Meeting on April 9, 2026. Video recording of this meeting can be found on the [City of Minneapolis YouTube page](#).

For further explanation of how I voted or to set up a meeting with my Office, please call 612-673-2211 or email ward11@minneapolismn.gov.

All my love,



Jamison Whiting, Ward 11 City Council Member

Key Votes Summary:

Number/Title:	CM Whiting's Vote:	Pg. #
#6 - Drug paraphernalia decriminalization ordinance	CM Whiting voted in support of the unanimous delay of this motion for the reasons shared below. This delay was successful.	3
#7-9 - Appointments of City Attorney, City Operations Officer, & Commissioner of Public Safety	CM Whiting voted in support of the re-appointment of City Attorney Kristyn Anderson, City Operations Officer Margaret Anderson Kelliher, and Commissioner of Public Safety Toddrick Barnette for the reasons shared below. The first two appointments were successful; the final was not.	4
#1 - Firearms regulation ordinance (under "Introduction & Referral")	CM Whiting is proud to co-author this ordinance establishing a trigger ban for assault rifles in Minneapolis. This vote introduced the topic to Council - beginning the policy creation process. It will return to the Council for a final vote in the near future.	17

[Due to the ongoing occupation, the Minneapolis City Council has adjusted its 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. **This is the final cycle of this change and normal committees will begin again next week.**]

[Given the new, temporary structure, CM Chowdhury reported on what previously occurred in the Committee of the Whole meeting on 4.7.2026. President Payne moved to accept that report, except for items being pulled: 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 52, and 55, which he opened for discussion. (*See items 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 52, and 55, in this scorecard 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 4.7.2026. 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

April 9, 2026 - 9:30 am

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

Call to Order

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

Council Member Whiting voted YES to adopting the agenda. The agenda was accepted 13 ayes to 0 nays.

3. Acceptance of minutes.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to accepting the meeting 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.

Discussion

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

Considering an ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 223 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Drugs, decriminalizing the possession of drug paraphernalia.

Council Member Chavez motioned to postpone this ordinance to the Council meeting on April 23rd, 2026, to allow for continued conversation on this topic.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion to delay. The motion was successful, 13 ayes to 0 nays.

Later in the meeting, Council Member Palmisano motioned to postpone this ordinance to the next Committee of the Whole meeting instead of the Council meeting on April 23rd, 2026.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion to delay. The motion was successful, 13 ayes to 0 nays.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:

Though this vote had the support needed to pass today, CM Whiting supports and applauds CM Chavez's collaborative decision to delay this vote to allow continued conversation on this topic to increase support among Council members. CM Whiting plans to vote in favor of this ordinance when it is next before the City Council, as it is a necessary legislative clean-up measure designed to align the Minneapolis municipal code with current Minnesota state law.

In 2023, the State of Minnesota decriminalized the possession of drug paraphernalia statewide. The City of Minneapolis still has ordinances on its books (Title 11, Chapter 223) which criminalize the same conduct. Amending these specific sections ensures local law enforcement and prosecutors aren't operating under municipal statutes that conflict with the spirit of state law.

While CM Whiting supports the push for state alignment, the initial draft of this ordinance failed to fully close the gap between the City's definitions and the State's legal definitions of drugs, drug paraphernalia, and other related terms. To bridge this gap, CM Whiting worked with the bill authors to write an amendment to update the ordinance, bringing the City's definitions directly in line with state terms verbatim, and add a section with additional legal safeguards for youth. This amendment will be proposed during the April 23rd, 2026, Council meeting.

Additionally, CM Whiting is supportive of reasonable changes, like this one, that encourage a public health approach to addiction rather than the criminalization of addiction - which is frequently felt most acutely by Black and Brown communities.

There has been some public confusion around this ordinance, largely born from misleading headlines which insinuate that this ordinance would somehow legalize open drug use in the City of Minneapolis. This is incorrect. Drug use remains illegal in the City of Minneapolis, and the City Attorney's Office has confirmed that. From a practicality standpoint, this change will have little impact on how police officers and prosecuting attorneys investigate and charge drug crimes.

For CM Whiting, this vote was about pragmatic governance: cleaning up incongruous laws and ensuring our police have clear and legally sound directives, fully aligning our local public health strategies with the State of Minnesota.

7. Appointment of City Attorney ([2026-00263](#)).

Considering the Mayor's nomination of Kristyn Anderson to the appointed position of City Attorney for a term ending January 2030.

Context: Every four year term the Mayor of Minneapolis has the power to appoint his Cabinet (aka. key City leadership staff), including the City Attorney, City Operations Officer, and Commissioner of Public Safety. These nominated appointees go through a notice and public hearing process to ask questions and receive public input before going before the City Council for approval. The public hearing for City Attorney Kristyn Anderson was held on 4.7.2026; the vote before the Council in this meeting is to approve her re-appointment to this position. She has served in the role since 2022.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion to re-appoint City Attorney Anderson. The motion was successful, 11 ayes to 2 nays.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: City Attorney Anderson has been an exemplary local leader who has championed Minneapolis through the negotiation of the transformative police reform agreements, the Minnesota Department of Human Rights Settlement Agreement and the Department of Justice Consent Decree, and numerous federal lawsuits, including our recent lawsuit in response to Operation Metro Surge. The City of Minneapolis has sued the federal government four times this year. This is unprecedented and CM Whiting could not be more grateful for the tenacity, work ethic, and commitment to justice that our City Attorney's Office has shown. CM Whiting believes that removing this tested leader with 30+ years of public sector legal experience would harm our City and its ongoing litigation and was proud to support City Attorney Anderson's nomination today.

8. Appointment of City Operations Officer ([2026-00262](#)).

Considering the Mayor's nomination of Margaret Anderson Kelliher to the appointed position of City Operations Officer for a term ending January 2030.

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Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion to re-appoint City Operations Officer Anderson Kelliher. The motion was successful, 7 ayes to 6 nays.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting has been grateful for COO Kelliher's leadership and communication in response to Operation Metro Surge. He hears his colleagues concerns that COO Anderson Kelliher has not advanced partnership between the Administration and the City Council; however, as a new Council Member this has not been CM Whiting's experience. He believes that consistent leadership and individuals with proven track records of public sector experience, are essential for the stability of our City at this time, and for this reason, he was supportive of COO Anderson Kelliher's re-appointment.

9. Appointment of Commissioner of Community Safety ([2026-00261](#)).

Considering the Mayor's nomination of Toddrick Barnette to the appointed position of Commissioner of Community Safety for a term ending January 2030.

Context: Every four year term the Mayor of Minneapolis has the power to appoint his Cabinet (aka. key City leadership staff), including the City Attorney, City Operations Officer, and Commissioner of Public Safety. These nominated appointees go through a notice and public hearing process to ask questions and receive public input before going before the City Council for approval. The public hearing for Commissioner of Public Safety Toddrick Barnette was held on 4.7.2026; the vote before the Council in this meeting is to approve his re-appointment to this position. He has served in the role since 2023.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion to re-appoint Commissioner Toddrick Barnette. The motion was unsuccessful, 6 ayes to 7 nays.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: Commissioner Barnette has stepped into arguably the hardest job in the City of Minneapolis, managing the public safety response and police reform efforts after 2020. This job has only gotten harder in the wake of the Annunciation School shooting and Operation Metro Surge. While our City has a long way to go in this work, CM Whiting is hard pressed to suggest a candidate with greater experience for this role. This job demands consistency and character, and Commissioner Barnette fully embodies those characteristics. That Furthermore, a failure to reappoint will almost certainly result in a lengthy national search taking significant time in advance of a year, plus an increased learning curve for any new hire CM Whiting believes that a delay of this kind will harm the Minneapolis police reform process which has been making marked progress in the last few years.

Toddrick Barnette has 20+ years of legal experience, including his tenure as Chief Judge of Hennepin County from 2020 to 2023, and he is deeply committed to our City and robust police reform. CM Whiting is also transparent about his personal relationship with Commissioner Barnette, who he has known since he was 18 as an aspiring law student. CM Whiting cannot speak more highly of his character, and he was extremely disappointed to see that Commissioner Barnette was not reappointed by the City Council. This failure will delay and harm the police reform process in Minneapolis while we search for a replacement.

13. Appointed position in the Fire Department: Fire Chief ([2026-00319](#)).
- Adopting findings that the proposed position of Fire Chief 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 790 total points, and allocated to grade 17.
 - 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 \$194,854 to \$230,986, in accordance with the adopted compensation plan for appointed officials effective March 26, 2026.

Context: CM Chughtai pulled this item for a sperate vote to note her disagreement.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 1 nay.

24. Adult bathhouses and sex venues: Licenses and business regulations ordinance ([2026-00265](#))

Referring to staff 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:

- Chapter 267 Amusements
- Adding a new Chapter 270 Adult Sex Venues

Context: This vote was a procedural vote to pass this topic to City staff for consideration and the development of an ordinance related to the legalization of adult bathhouses and sex venues and other definitional changes. The vote today did not legalize these venues. This item will return to the Council for discussion and consideration at a later date.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 abstain.

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

Referring to staff 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:

- Chapter 545 Use Regulations
- Chapter 550 Development Standards
- Chapter 565 Definitions

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Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 abstain.

26. Adult bathhouses and sex venues: Health and sanitation ordinance ([2026-00264](#))

Referring to staff 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.

Context: This vote was a procedural vote to pass this topic to City staff for consideration and the development of an ordinance related to the legalization of adult bathhouses and sex venues and other definitional changes. The vote today did not legalize these venues. This item will return to the Council for discussion and consideration at a later date.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 abstain.

27. Adult bathhouses and sex venues: Miscellaneous offenses ordinance ([2026-00266](#)).

Referring to staff 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.

Context: This vote was a procedural vote to pass this topic to City staff for consideration and the development of an ordinance related to the legalization of adult bathhouses and sex venues and other definitional changes. The vote today did not legalize these venues. This item will return to the Council for discussion and consideration at a later date.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 abstain.

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

Referring to staff 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.

Context: This vote was a procedural vote to pass this topic to City staff and the development of an ordinance related to creating a pre-eviction notice timeline for commercial properties. The vote today did not establish this change. This item will return to the Council for discussion and consideration at a later date.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion. The motion was successful, 13 ayes to 0 nays.

52. Nontraditional and Culturally Specific Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Services at the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center ([2026-00382](#)).

Considering a resolution amending the 2026 General Appropriation Resolution to support community mental health and wellbeing services at the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center.

CM Wonsley motioned to table this item and return to it at the end of the agenda. This succeeded without objection.

CM Wonsley motioned to delay this item until the next Committee of the Whole meeting to allow for time to answer questions.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion to delay. The motion was successful, 13 ayes to 0 nays.

55. Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. (HHS): Funding and continued operation ([2026-00423](#))

Considering a resolution supporting Hennepin County's efforts to find an ongoing, sustainable funding solution to support Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. (HHS).

Council Member Whiting voted YES to this motion. The motion was successful, 13 ayes to 0 nays.

Passed by Unanimous Consent

1. El Ranchito Taqueria, 1821 LAKE ST E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 9) submitted by El Ranchito Taqueria LLC, for an On Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, General Entertainment, 2am license ([2026-00361](#)).

Approving a license for El Ranchito Taqueria, 1821 LAKE ST E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 9) submitted by El Ranchito Taqueria LLC, BLLiquor, LIC429061, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

2. Ramadan's Cafe, 813 4TH ST SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Abdalla Food Inc, for an Extended Hours of Operation license ([2026-00362](#)).

Approving a license for Ramadan's Cafe, 813 4TH ST SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Abdalla Food Inc, BLGeneral, LIC429937, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

3. Farview South Residential Resurfacing project: Project approval and assessment ([2026-00398](#))
 - Passage of Resolution adopting special assessments in the amount of \$389,118.15. for the Street Resurfacing Project No. 2380A (CPV05626).
 - Passage of Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation authorize the City's issuance and sale of assessment bonds in the amount of \$389,118.15.
4. Whittier NE residential resurfacing project: Project approval and assessment ([2026-00400](#))
 - Passage of Resolution adopting special assessments, in the amount of \$590,791.71, for the Street Resurfacing Project No. 2380B.
 - Passage of Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation authorize the City's issuance and sale of assessment bonds in the amount of \$590,791.71.

5. Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment ([2026-00299](#))
 - Approving Ishmael Israel for appointment to Seat 5 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027.
 - Approving Anna Callahan for appointment to Seat 7 beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.
 - Approving George Shannon for appointment to Seat 8 beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.

- Approving Annie Wang for appointment to Seat 9 beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.

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

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9. Appointment of Commissioner of Community Safety ([2026-00261](#)).

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

10. Packer garbage truck donation to Minneapolis' Sister City of Eldoret, Kenya ([2026-00394](#)).

Passage of Resolution committing to packer garbage truck donation in 2026 to Minneapolis' Sister City of Eldoret, Kenya.

11. Gift acceptance from International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) ([2026-00381](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) for Kristyn Anderson, City Attorney, to attend IMLA's Top 50 program in Philadelphia, PA, June 3-4, 2026.

12. Legal settlement: Claims against Six Remnant Defendants ([2026-00385](#)).

Approving settlement of opioid claims against the Six Remnant Defendants, as negotiated by national opioid litigation counsel, depositing all funds received into 01610 8600140 376001, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute all documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

13. Appointed position in the Fire Department: Fire Chief ([2026-00319](#)).

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

14. Liquor license approvals for April 7, 2026 ([2026-00353](#)).

- Jimmy's Bar & Lounge, 1828 4TH ST NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 1) submitted by Jimmy's Holdings LLC, BLLiquor, LIC429862
- Fat Head Bill's, 903 WASHINGTON AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by KKM Restaurants LLC, BLLiquor, LIC429146
- Guthrie Theater, 818 2ND ST S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Guthrie Theater Foundation, BLAmend, LIC428910
- Orpheum Theatre, 910 HENNEPIN AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Historic Theatre Group LLC, BLAmend, LIC430293
- Brass Rail, 422 HENNEPIN AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Rail Minneapolis LLC, BLAmend, LIC429872
- Gay 90'S, 400 HENNEPIN AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by 90's Minneapolis LLC, BLAmend, LIC429871
- The Office Pub & Grill, 307 WASHINGTON AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Office Minneapolis LLC, BLAmend, LIC429873

15. Liquor license renewals for April 7, 2026 ([2026-00355](#)).

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16. Gambling license approvals for April 7, 2026 ([2026-00356](#)).

- City of Lakes Youth Hockey Association, 26 5TH ST N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by City of Lakes Youth Hockey Association, BLGeneral, LIC430356
- Edinburgh USA Pro Am Foundation, 118 4TH ST N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Edinburgh USA Pro Am Foundation, BLGeneral, LIC430359

17. Gambling license renewals for April 7, 2026 ([2026-00357](#)).

- Eagles Aries #34, 913 CEDAR AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 6) submitted by Eagles Aries #34, BLGeneral, LIC400334
- Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities, 307 WASHINGTON AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities, BLGeneral, LIC422431
- Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities, 106 3RD ST N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities, BLGeneral, LIC422441
- Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities, 14 5TH ST N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities, BLGeneral, LIC422445

18. Great Streets loan to the Mni Sota Fund: 1530 Franklin Ave E ([2026-00363](#)).

Authorizing a \$250,000 Great Streets loan to Mni Sota Fund or an affiliated entity, for the construction of the Indigenous Wealth Building Center at 1530 Franklin Ave. E.

19. Revised terms for the Great Streets loan to One Southside Clinic Project: 1000 Lake St E ([2026-00364](#))

Approving revised terms for the \$174,000 Great Streets Gap Financing Loan to Southside Community Health Services, Inc for the One Southside Clinic project.

20. Dislocated worker grant for employment and training services ([2026-00376](#))

- Accepting a grant from the State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, in the amount of \$100,000, to provide employment and training services.
- Authorizing an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for the grant.
- Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Community Planning and Economic Development Department.

21. Gift acceptance from Minneapolis Foundation ([2026-00390](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting a donation from Minneapolis Foundation for Marie Larson, Industry Relations Manager, and Tammy Dickinson, Step Up Director, to attend the Jobs for the Future Pathways to Prosperity National Institute in New Orleans, Louisiana, from April 21-22, 2026.

22. Contract amendment with Robb P Willman for Minneapolis Convention Center snow plowing and removal ([2026-00379](#)).

Authorizing an increase to Contract COM0009626 with Robb P Willman, in the amount of \$175,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$363,700, for snow plowing and removal at the Minneapolis Convention Center (MCC).

23. Bid for the Minneapolis Convention Center Four (4) Overhead Exhibit Hall Door Replacements ([2026-00377](#)).

Accepting the low bid of Yale Mechanical LLC, submitted on Event 3982, in the amount of \$193,200, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for Minneapolis Convention Center Four (4) Overhead Exhibit Hall Door Replacements, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

24. Adult bathhouses and sex venues: Licenses and business regulations ordinance ([2026-00265](#)).

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

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

29. Revenue contract with SMG for traffic management services ([2026-00365](#)).

Authorizing a revenue contract with SMG, in the amount of \$283,500, for a three-year term, from August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2029, for traffic management services near US Bank Stadium for games and major events.

30. Revenue contract with SMG for firewatch services ([2026-00369](#)).

Authorizing a revenue contract with SMG, in the amount of \$35,000, from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2029, to provide firewatch services for large scale events at US Bank Stadium.

31. Revenue contract with Regents of the University of Minnesota for traffic management services ([2026-00396](#)).

Authorizing a revenue contract with Regents of the University of Minnesota through its Department of Public Safety at the University of Minnesota, in the amount of \$283,500, to provide traffic management services at Gopher football games from August 1, 2026, through July 30, 2029.

32. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contracts and contract amendment in the category of Public Health Workforce Development ([2026-00384](#)).

- Authorizing a master contract with Anything Helps, in the not to exceed amount of \$20,000, to be added to the eligible agencies list, for the period of April 20, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
- Authorizing a master contract with Smart North, in the not to exceed amount of \$50,000, to be added to the eligible agencies list, for the period of April 20, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
- Authorizing a master contract with The Power of the People Leadership Institute, in the not to exceed amount of \$20,000, to be added to the eligible agencies list, for the period of April 20, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
- Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010443 with Advocates for Better Health, in the amount of \$40,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$115,000, for the eligible agencies list.

33. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contracts and contract amendment in the category of Operations and Infrastructure ([2026-00386](#))
- Authorizing a master contract with AJB Consulting, in the not to exceed amount of \$10,000, to be added to the eligible agencies list, for the period of April 20, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
 - Authorizing a master contract with Common Sense Consulting @ Work, in the not to exceed amount of \$50,000, to be added to the eligible agencies list, for the period of April 20, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
 - Authorizing a master contract with Karen DeYoung, in the not to exceed amount of \$20,000, to be added to the eligible agencies list, for the period of April 20, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
 - Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010791 with More Insight, LLC, in the amount of \$75,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the eligible agencies list.
34. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contracts and contract amendment in the category of Injury Prevention ([2026-00387](#))
- Authorizing a master contract with American Indian Community Development Center, in the not to exceed amount of \$75,000, to be added to the eligible agencies list, for the period of April 20, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
 - Authorizing a master contract with Center for Multicultural Mediation, in the not to exceed amount of \$30,000, to be added to the eligible agencies list, for the period of April 20, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
 - Authorizing a master contract with Crown Medical Support Services, in the not to exceed amount of \$10,000, to be added to the eligible agencies list, for the period of April 20, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
 - Authorizing a master contract with Hired, in the not to exceed amount of \$10,000, to be added to the eligible agencies list, for the period of April 20, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
 - Authorizing a master contract with Wellspring Second Chance Center, in the not to exceed amount of \$30,000, to be added to the eligible agencies list, for the period of April 20, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
 - Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010562 with Southside Harm Reduction Services, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$30,000, for the eligible agencies list.
35. Contracts with various vendors for 2026 Homegrown Collaborative Projects services ([2026-00374](#))
- Authorizing a contract with The Heart at Church of the Incarnation, in the amount of \$30,000, from April 20, 2026, through December 31, 2026, for 2026 Homegrown Collaborative Projects services.
 - Authorizing a contract with Open Arms of Minnesota, in the amount of \$20,000, from April 20, 2026, through December 31, 2026, for 2026 Homegrown Collaborative Projects services.
 - Authorizing a contract with Pillsbury United Communities, in the amount of \$20,000, from April 20, 2026, through December 31, 2026, for 2026 Homegrown Collaborative Projects services.
 - Authorizing a contract with The Sanneh Foundation, in the amount of \$30,000, from April 20, 2026, through December 31, 2026, for 2026 Homegrown Collaborative Projects services.
36. 2026 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant ([2026-00393](#))
- Accepting the 2026 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant from the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division, in the amount of \$19,500, for members to attend the 2026 Cold Zone Regional HazMat Conference from May 6-8, 2026.
 - Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Fire Department.

37. Gift acceptance from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ([2026-00391](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for Adam Kalahar, Senior Environmental Health Specialist, to present at the North Carolina Environmental Health State of Practice Symposium in New Bern, North Carolina, from July 29-31, 2026.

38. Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the 42nd Street intersection safety improvements project ([2026-00380](#))

Passage of Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for installation and maintenance of a Pedestrian Crosswalk Flasher System, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, and sidewalk on MnDOT right of way.

39. Construction easements for 2026 Pedestrian Ramps ([2026-00395](#))

Authorizing acquisition of temporary construction easements with private property owners, if needed, for improvement of pedestrian curb ramps in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as part of the Asphalt Resurfacing Program Pedestrian, ADA Pedestrian Ramp Program (PV104), 2026 Parkway Paving Program ramps (PV001), and 2026 Sewer Restoration pedestrian ramps.

40. Lake Harriet Parkway Paving Project: Agreement with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Hennepin County; and State Park Road Account (SPRA) Grant acceptance ([2026-00397](#))

- Accepting the State Park Road Account (SPRA) Grant from Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in the amount of \$320,000, for the rehabilitation of Lake Harriet Parkway from Roseway Rd to 42nd St W.
- Passage of Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Hennepin County, in the amount of \$320,000 for a State Park Road Account (SPRA) Grant for the rehabilitation of Lake Harriet Parkway from Roseway Rd to 42nd St W.

41. Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant for Neighborhood Traffic Calming projects ([2026-00399](#))

- Accepting the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant from Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in the amount of \$202,250, for the construction of traffic calming infrastructure improvements.
- Passage of Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in the amount of \$202,250, for a Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant for the construction of traffic calming infrastructure improvements.

42. West Fulton Neighborhood Improvements Phase 1 (Chowen Ave S and Beard Ave S from 51st St W to 52nd St W) project: Project designation, cost estimate, and setting public hearing ([2026-00392](#))

- Passage of Resolution designating the location and improvements proposed to be made in the West Fulton Neighborhood Improvements Phase 1 (Chowen Ave S and Beard Ave S from 51st St W to 52nd St W) Project No.2388 (CPV131).

- Adopting the report, receiving the cost estimate in the amount of \$502,690, and directing the preparation of proposed special assessments against the list of benefited properties.

43. Bid for Stabilized Full Depth Reclamation ([2026-00368](#))

Accepting the sole bid from Allstates Pavement Recycling & Stabilization, submitted on Event 3983, in the amount of \$1,033,500, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary to perform Stabilized Full Depth Reclamation, and authorizing a two (2) year contract, all in accordance with City specifications.

44. Bid for 42nd Street Intersection Safety Improvements Project ([2026-00378](#))

Accepting the low bid of Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc., submitted for Event 3939, in the amount of \$1,514,240.50, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the 42nd Street Intersection Safety Improvements Project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

45. Bid for 2026 Sidewalk Replacement Program ([2026-00388](#))

Accepting the low bid of Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc., submitted on Event 3925, in the amount of \$2,891,138.65, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the 2026 Sidewalk Replacement Program, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

46. Bid for Liquid Chlorine ([2026-00358](#))

Accepting the sole bid from Hawkins, Inc., for Bid Event 4046, in the amount of \$1,018,500, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary to deliver liquid chlorine, and authorizing a contract for the material, all in accordance with City specifications.

47. Membership agreement for the second SMART Curb Collaborative organized by the Open Mobility Foundation ([2026-00383](#))

Authorizing a membership agreement for the Second Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Collaborative organized by the Open Mobility Foundation (OMF), in the amount of \$550,000, from April 15, 2026, to December 31, 2028.

48. Bid for 1st Ave S St Reconstruction Project ([2026-00354](#))

Accepting the low bid of Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc., submitted for Event 3940, in the amount of \$8,660,449.98, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the 1st Ave S (Franklin

to Grant) Street Reconstruction Project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

49. Bid for Removal and Disposal of Historic Brick Pavement on the Logan Park Industrial Project ([2026-00366](#)).

Accepting the low bid from New Look Contracting Inc. submitted on Event 4040, in the amount of \$329,973.50, for the Removal and Disposal of Historic Clay Brick Pavement and other items for the Logan Park Industrial Park Project.

50. Gift acceptance from Volgenau Climate Initiative ([2026-00389](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Volgenau Climate Initiative for Kellie Kish, Recycling Coordinator, to attend the Large-Scale Composting Convening in Boulder, Colorado from May 4–7, 2026.

51. Agreement with Minneapolis Public Housing Authority for emergency housing vouchers ([2026-00375](#)).

Authorizing a contract with Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, in the amount of \$2,091,786, for a Minneapolis emergency housing voucher program with operations and management, for a term of up to five years, based on funding availability.

52. Nontraditional and Culturally Specific Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Services at the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center ([2026-00382](#)).

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

53. Exclusive development rights to John Aish Inc.: 3212 - 3226 Penn Ave N ([2026-00367](#)).

Authorizing exclusive development rights to John Aish Inc., or an affiliated entity, for the City-owned parcels located at 3212-3226 Penn Ave N for up to 24 months, with the possibility of two, 12-month administrative extensions at the discretion of the Director of Community Planning and Economic Development department.

Context: When the City of Minneapolis owns vacant land, it wants to see it developed into something useful, like housing or commercial space. John Aish Inc. has submitted a preliminary proposal to build a four-story residential building on one of these vacant City plots with 49 units of affordable rental housing and ground-floor commercial space. Before a developer can break ground on a project like this, they have to spend significant capital on due diligence, like environmental testing, securing financing, and engaging the neighborhood. This motion, takes the property off the market temporarily, giving the developer and exclusive to safely invest in that necessary homework necessary for development. This motion not a final land sale or a project approval, it is moving us one step closer to putting this vacant land to good use for our residents.

54. Exclusive development rights to Trellis Co.: 2901 Nicollet Ave ([2026-00370](#)).

Authorizing exclusive development rights to Trellis Co. or an affiliated entity for City-owned property located at 2901 Nicollet Ave, for a period of 24 months, with the possibility of two, 12-month extensions at the discretion of the Director of Community Planning & Economic Development, for the development of a mixed-use project on the Phase 1 New Nicollet redevelopment site.

55. Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. (HHS): Funding and continued operation ([2026-00423](#)).

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

Notice of Ordinance Introductions

1. Moratorium on data center uses ([2026-00446](#))

Chowdhury 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 21 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Interim Ordinances, adding a new Chapter 597 providing for a moratorium on the establishment, re-establishment, or expansion of data center uses.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to refer this item to its appropriate committees. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

2. Ethics education ordinance ([2026-00447](#))

Whiting gives notice of intent to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 2 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration, amending the requirements for completion of ethics education:

- Chapter 10 Boards, Commissions and Advisory Bodies
- Chapter 15 Ethics in Government

Context: CM Whiting was excited to introduce his first solo ordinance during this Council Meeting. This ordinance was brought to CM Whiting by staff and makes changes to the timeline on which appointed members of boards and commissions complete ethics training. Current City code does not dictate the time during which trainings are held and appointees must attend, with the result that some officers have been a year or more into their position before receiving ethics training. This ordinance will require appointees to complete their ethics training within 90 days of their appointment.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to refer this item to its appropriate committees. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

Introduction & Referral Calendar

1. Firearm regulations ordinance ([2026-00202](#))

Motion by Chowdhury to amend the prior introduction of the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 15, Chapter 393 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Offenses—Miscellaneous: Weapons, which was given at the regular meeting of February 19, 2026, by referring the matter to the Committee of the Whole.

Context: Council Member Whiting could not be prouder to be a co-author alongside CM Chowdhury and CM Palmisano on this ordinance to establish a “trigger ban” on assault weapons, binary triggers, and more in Minneapolis. This vote is the first step in the ordinance process and will return to the Council for a final vote in the near future. CM Whiting would like to share his sincere gratitude to all of the local leaders and community members who have called for stricter gun laws in Minnesota, and he is hopeful that this change at the local level can spur action statewide. Our office will share upcoming public hearing opportunities once they are available.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to refer this item to their appropriate committees. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

2. Safe outdoor spaces: Licenses and business regulations ordinance ([2026-00348](#))

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez, Chughtai, and Chowdhury to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, adding a new Chapter 296 entitled “Safe Outdoor Spaces” establishing licensing requirements for authorized and regulated “safe outdoor spaces” or individualized outdoor sheltering options for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to refer this item to their appropriate committees. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

3. Hotel regulations ordinances ([2026-00350](#))

- Pursuant to notice, motion by Wonsley, Chowdhury, Stevenson, and Chughtai to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 8, Chapter 152 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Consumer Protection: In General, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, adding provisions related to consumer protections for hotel guests and ticket holders for ticketed events.
- Pursuant to notice, motion by Wonsley, Chowdhury, Stevenson, and Chughtai to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13, Chapter 297 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Hotels, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, adding and amending provisions related to license requirements and worker safety.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to refer this item to their appropriate committees. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

4. Temporary pre-eviction notice extension ordinance ([2026-00352](#)).

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chowdhury and 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 Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, temporarily extending the length of the required pre-eviction notice.

Context: This topic will become a new version of the previously proposed 60-day pre-eviction notice ordinance that was vetoed by Mayor Jacob Frey. It will likely propose several of the compromises that CM Whiting floated early in the discussion process of the last ordinance (ex. 45 days). Our Office is grateful to author CM Chowdhury for her leadership on this and for the opportunity to return to this important issue. He is hopeful that the full Council and Mayor can find a version that will pass to begin helping our neighbors.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to refer this item to their appropriate committees. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

Resolutions

1. 2026 International Transgender Day of Visibility honorary resolution ([2026-00448](#)).

Passage of Resolution recognizing March 31, 2026, as the International Transgender Day of Visibility.

2. 2026 High School Voter Registration Week honorary resolution ([2026-00449](#)).

Passage of Resolution recognizing High School Voter Registration Week.

3. Dave Bicking honorary resolution ([2026-00450](#)).

Passage of Resolution honoring Dave Bicking for his years of activism and service to improve the lives of the people of Minneapolis.

Council Member Whiting voted YES to adopting these resolutions. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

Adjournment

Next City Council meeting: April 23rd, 2026