

# 4.23.26 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](mailto:ward11@minneapolismn.gov).

All my love,



Jamison Whiting, Ward 11 City Council Member

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## Key Votes Summary:

| Number/Title:   | CM Whiting's Vote:  | Pg. # |
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| COW #1: Temporary pre-eviction notice extension: 45 days                | CM Whiting voted <b>in support</b> of extending the pre-eviction notice period by 15 days until August 31st, 2026. This motion succeeded.   | 4     |
| COW #4: Drug paraphernalia decriminalization ordinance                  | CM Whiting voted <b>in support</b> of legalizing drug paraphernalia. This motion succeeded.   | 6     |
| PHSE #1: Immigration status of renters ordinance                        | CM Whiting voted <b>in support</b> of establishing renter protections for immigrants and prohibiting inquiries into immigration status during rental screenings. This motion unanimously succeeded. | 8     |
| Unfinished Business #1: Appointment of Commissioner of Community Safety | CM Whiting voted <b>against</b> overriding the Mayor's veto of the Council denying the reappointment of Commissioner of Community Safety Toddrick Barnette. This override failed.                   | 9     |

# Minneapolis City Council Agenda

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

**Context:** This meeting marked the first traditionally structured Council Meeting of CM Whiting's term. Since January, the City Council has been condensing all regular Committee meetings into one "super" Committee of the Whole Meeting. As of April 13<sup>th</sup>, we have returned to our normal two-week Committee structure.

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## 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.

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## Discussion

### Business, Housing, & Zoning Committee

6. Commemorative Street Name Addition: Birdell Beeks Way, between Penn Ave N and Queen Ave N ([2026-00408](#)).

Approving an application submitted by Council Member LaTrisha Vetaw to add the commemorative street name of Birdell Beeks Way to 21st Ave N between Penn Ave N and Queen Ave N.

**Context:** CM Vetaw pulled this item for discussion to recognize the work and life of Birdell Beeks who was a beloved resident of North Minneapolis whose life was lost to gun violence.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** on this motion. This motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

## Committee of the Whole

1. Temporary pre-eviction notice extension ordinance: 45 days ([2026-00352](#)).

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.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** on this motion. This motion was successful 8 ayes to 5 nays.

**Context:** While Council Member Whiting voted in favor of this measure and is pleased it passed, the inconvenient reality is that this exact relief could have been passed nearly two months ago.

On March 5th, the Council passed a 60-day pre-eviction extension. CM Whiting firmly agreed with the goal of protecting our neighbors, along with several colleagues and local affordable housing providers, but was concerned that a two-month moratorium would ultimately harm the very residents it aimed to help. To read more about why CM Whiting believes emergency rental relief was a necessary response to Operation Metro Surge, and why he didn't support the 60-day pre-eviction extension, you can find a detailed explanation in our [March 5th Scorecard](#) available on our City Website.

Knowing the 60-day version of this bill lacked the votes to override a guaranteed mayoral veto, CM Whiting spent the final days before the March vote trying to find a compromise that could both help Minneapolis families and actually become law.

Among the compromises floated was this exact bill: a temporary 45-day pre-eviction extension. That compromise was firmly rebuffed by his colleagues, who had no interest in "watering down" their proposed 60-day extension. As was widely expected, the 60-day ordinance was passed by the City Council on March 5th, immediately vetoed by Mayor Frey, and returned to the Council for a veto override vote, which failed.

Passing a bill through Council without coordinating with the Mayor's office or securing a veto-proof majority leaves the success of bills like this up to a Hail Mary. 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, as happened here, resulting in two months of potential relief for renters lost to procedural gridlock.

To actually help the residents who need it most, the working poor, our youth, our seniors, and our immigrant families, CM Whiting believes that City legislation needs to pass the first time. When the Council and the Mayor have successfully collaborated, the results are overwhelmingly positive. Since the beginning of Operation Metro Surge, collaborative City efforts have secured millions in emergency rental assistance in partnership with the Wilson Foundation, stood up a small business resiliency fund, and increased financial support for immigration legal services. This is real support, not an ephemeral wish that died on a desk because leaders were unwilling to make a deal.

Circumstances on the ground have changed in the last two months, and there is reason to believe that Mayor Frey is significantly less likely to pass this 45-day eviction extension today than he was two months ago. Given this political reality, CM Whiting worked with Mayor Frey to find a policy that would be more likely to pass. For example, CM Whiting proposed a solution that would require a self-attestation form to be included in this ordinance which would target the additional 15 days to those directly impacted by Operation Metro Surge, or ordinance language attaching the 45-day notice to residents who have applied for any type of rental assistance. Mayor Frey supported both of these options. Throughout the weeks leading up to the Council meeting and up until the last few minutes before the Council meeting, CM Whiting worked with his colleagues to garner the requisite support needed to successfully move either option through the body. It became clear that there was not enough (7 votes) of an appetite for such an amendment among his Council colleagues. CM Whiting is determined to not let the perfect be the enemy of the good when it comes to supporting our neighbors.

CM Whiting has asked Mayor Frey to sign this ordinance, and he sincerely hopes he will, but if he doesn't, it is yet another demonstration of how important it is for the City Council and the Mayor to change tack on how they approach drafting legislation to deliver tangible results for Minneapolitans.

### **CM Whiting's Thoughts on This Vote:**

Two additional key factors have changed since the early March vote that make Council Member Whiting believe the new 45-day eviction extension is a significant improvement over the previous 60-day proposal.

First, there is data to suggest, backed up by CM Whiting's own conversations with affordable

housing providers, that there is a significant difference between adding a full month of back rent to a tenant's debt load vs. a partial month's rent. While the difference between a 6-week eviction notice extension and an 8-week eviction notice extension may seem marginal, the impact on the median Minneapolis renter is the difference between being an additional \$1500 behind on rent vs. \$3000 behind. For most families, the former is recoverable, the latter is not.

Second, when the 60-day notice extension was debated two months ago, CM Whiting's and many of his colleagues' primary concern was the threat it posed to affordable housing providers. These organizations, which house our most vulnerable residents, operate on razor-thin margins and rely on rent to survive. Forcing them to absorb months of unpaid rent, as they were during the Covid-19 eviction moratorium, pushes them toward insolvency, which ultimately forces the sale of buildings, resulting in the permanent loss of affordable housing in Minneapolis.

But the facts on the ground have changed. The State is likely to pass a \$40 million emergency rental assistance package, altering this equation entirely. While the City's previous local rental relief efforts have helped stem the bleeding, the scale of the need has simply outpaced its budget. This potential new state investment gives certainty that housing providers will be made whole, ensuring we keep families housed without bankrupting our nonprofit partners who provide those homes.

Those are the primary reasons CM Whiting supported Thursday's bill, but he has emphasized to his Council colleagues that this must be a one-time action in response to the very specific circumstances and the emergency moment brought about by Operation Metro Surge, which is why his support was contingent on the extension only applying through August. Both nonprofit and market housing developers need to have consistent housing policy from City Hall in order to operate effectively, and CM Whiting wants to give them confidence that this truly is a one-time thing. Barring a crisis of similar scale to Operation Metro Surge, CM Whiting will not be supporting any additional eviction notice extensions come August.

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

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

CM Whiting introduced an amendment to change the scope of this ordinance to legalize only marijuana paraphernalia, rather than all drug paraphernalia.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** on his motion to amend this ordinance. This motion was unsuccessful 6 ayes to 7 nays.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** on the underlying motion. This motion was successful 7 ayes to 6 nays.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on This Vote:** CM Whiting supports the ordinance written by CM Chavez to decriminalize drug paraphernalia and prioritize a public health approach to addiction. **During the 2023 legislative session at the Minnesota State Capitol, drug paraphernalia was decriminalized statewide with bipartisan support. The primary impact of this ordinance change would be to update City law to reflect existing State law.** Bringing municipal code into alignment with state statutes is broadly considered best practice for avoiding confusion between law enforcement and residents, and it removes the guesswork from policing and compliance. This ordinance does not legalize drugs or open-air drug dealing in Minneapolis, and CM Whiting would never support an ordinance that does.

CM Whiting believes that responding to addiction from a public health and harm-reduction angle, rather than through an over-reliance on the criminal justice system, is the most effective approach to reducing fatal overdoses and improving long-term public safety. Criminalizing drug paraphernalia, which includes some basic harm-reduction tools, actively works against these goals by pushing those struggling with addiction further into the shadows and away from treatment, cutting them off from public health resources, such as syringe exchanges, and driving up the spread of diseases like HIV and Hepatitis C. We also cannot ignore the unfortunate reality that the enforcement of paraphernalia laws has historically disproportionately targeted Black and Brown communities, despite data consistently showing similar rates of drug use in White communities.

Mayor Frey and CM Whiting share the same goal of curbing drug addiction and improving drug treatment in Minneapolis but have a difference of opinion on this ordinance, and the Mayor has expressed that he would likely veto it if passed by the City Council. Public health advocates met with CM Whiting prior to the vote and expressed concerns that a veto at this point in time would have long-term negative impacts on the movement to decriminalize drug paraphernalia in other cities across Minnesota. They urged the Council to take steps to avoid a veto.

Because he is invested in the long-term success of this effort, CM Whiting opted to change his approach and propose an amendment to CM Chavez's ordinance that is less likely to be vetoed; this amendment changes language to not decriminalize all paraphernalia, just marijuana paraphernalia. He also supported a legislative directive by CM Chavez asking for research by the Health Department about the impacts of decriminalizing drug paraphernalia. This compromise would have ensured that something, rather than nothing, could pass the Council and begin helping Minneapolis residents. This would have been a meaningful step forward for the decriminalization movement, despite not being CM Whiting's preferred policy outcome. Unfortunately, that compromise did not garner enough support to pass the full body, and the underlying policy is likely to be vetoed.

# Public Health, Safety, & Equity Committee

1. Immigration status of renters ordinance ([2026-00177](#)).

Considering an ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Maintenance Code, prohibiting inquiries into immigration status during the rental screening process and creating protections for tenants against retaliation based on immigration status.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** on the underlying motion. This motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on This Vote:** CM Whiting is proud to support this ordinance and the incredible strides it takes towards protecting our immigrant and refugee neighbors in the midst of unprecedented attacks by our federal government. He is grateful to his colleagues and City staff who have championed this ordinance.

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

Passage of 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.

**Context:** CM Palmisano pulled this item for discussion to ask staff questions regarding this ordinance. This is a largely administrative ordinance to change some definitions and the location of this ordinance in City code.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** on the underlying motion. This motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

## Introduction & Referral Calendar

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

Motion by Chowdhury and Chavez to postpone to May 21, 2026, consideration of the introduction and referral of 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.

**Authors CM Chowdhury and CM Chavez motioned to postpone this item to the meeting on 5.21.26.**

CM Shaffer motioned to refer this topic back to authors.

**Context:** Moratoriums operate differently than other City ordinances because they are temporarily implemented when introduced (aka. before final passage). This ordinance intends to place a moratorium on the establishment of data centers in Minneapolis and would do so upon introduction when introduced on 5.21.26. CM Shaffer expressed significant concerns that this topic being proposed today could already have a chilling effect on companies exploring purchasing buildings downtown for data centers, which could benefit the commercial tax base downtown.



**Council Member Whiting voted no** to CM Shaffer's motion to refer this ordinance back to its authors. The motion was unsuccessful 8 ayes to 5 nays.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** on CM Chowdhury's motion to delay this introduction to 5.21.26. This motion was successful 8 ayes to 5 nays.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on This Vote:** CM Whiting is highly skeptical of the usefulness of a blanket moratorium on data centers in Minneapolis at this time. He shares the concerns of several of his colleagues that the City of Minneapolis should not be taking actions that might limit or harm the redevelopment of downtown and our downtown tax base. Given the potential for significant energy and water demands, CM Whiting supports regulations that ensure the welcoming of data centers to fill vacant downtown real estate does not compromise the City's climate goals or overly strain our local grid.

CM Whiting believes that any decision to end debate on this topic should be based on complete language. A delay until 5.21.26 would allow for this language to be developed and robust discussion and approval/disapproval to happen at this time. This vote did not allow or disallow data centers at this time; it provided more time to discuss this topic.

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## Unfinished Business

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

Considering Mayor Frey's veto of Council Action 2026A-0236 denying consent to the Mayor's nomination of Toddrick Barnette to the appointed position of Commissioner of Community Safety for a term ending January 2030.



**Council Member Whiting voted no** to override Mayo Jacob Frey's veto. The motion was unsuccessful 7 ayes to 6 nays because it required 9 votes to pass.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on This Vote:** CM Whiting supports the reappointment of

Commissioner of Community Safety, Toddrick Barnette for the reasons outlined in his [scorecard from 4.9.26](#). For these same reasons, he does not support overriding the Mayor's veto of the Council's failure to reappoint. Procedurally, this restarts the appointment process and the Mayor will need to renominate Barnette or nominate another candidate; the veto does not appoint Commissioner Barnette.

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## Passed by Unanimous Consent

### Business, Housing & Zoning Committee [Apr 14, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Bottineau Commons & Lofts Housing Project: Tax Exempt Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond (HRB) Issuance ([2026-00342](#)).

Passage of Resolution authorizing preliminary and final approval of the issuance of Tax-Exempt Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,400,000 for the Bottineau Commons & Lofts project.

2. Land Sale: Minneapolis Homes Property Purchase program ([2026-00328](#)).

Passage of Resolution authorizing the sale of the property at 3242 Girard Ave N (Disposition Parcel No. MH-340) for \$1, a write-down of \$89,999 from the fair reuse value of \$90,000, to PRG Inc. or an affiliated entity, subject to conditions.

Passage of Resolution authorizing the sale of the property at 2714 Emerson Ave N (Disposition Parcel No. TF-1042) for \$1, a write-down of \$119,999 from the fair reuse value of \$120,000, to PRG Inc. or an affiliated entity, subject to conditions.

Passage of Resolution authorizing the sale of the property at 2319 3rd St N (Disposition Parcel No. TF-1014) for \$1, a write-down of \$64,999 from the fair reuse value of \$65,000, to eStore Masters or an affiliated entity, subject to conditions.

Passage of Resolution authorizing the sale of the property at 3414 Emerson Ave N (Disposition Parcel No. TF-1043) for \$1, a write-down of \$99,999 from the fair reuse value of \$100,000, to Vision Development Group or an affiliated entity, subject to conditions.

Passage of Resolution authorizing the sale of the property at 2122 Ilion Ave N (Disposition Parcel No. MH-267) for \$1, a write-down of \$29,999 from the fair reuse value of \$30,000, to Molina Investment Group LLC or an affiliated entity, subject to conditions.

3. Liquor license approvals for April 14, 2026 ([2026-00403](#)).

Tacos Tacuba, 5748 34TH AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 11) submitted by Mexico City

Street Grill LLC, BLWine, LIC429250

4. Liquor license renewals for April 14, 2026 ([2026-00404](#))

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5. Gambling license approvals for April 14, 2026 ([2026-00405](#)).

Edinburgh USA Pro Am Foundation, 2500 UNIVERSITY AVE NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 1) submitted by Edinburgh USA Pro Am Foundation, BLGeneral, LIC430550

Edinburgh USA Pro Am Foundation, 3675 MINNEHAHA AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 12) submitted by Edinburgh USA Pro Am Foundation, BLGeneral, LIC430551

6. Commemorative Street Name Addition: Birdell Beeks Way, between Penn Ave N and Queen Ave N ([2026-00408](#)).

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

7. Land sale resolution correction: 2401 Ilion Ave N ([2026-00407](#)).

Passage of Resolution amending Resolution 2024R-156 by updating the legal description in the resolution.

8. 2025-29 Cooperative funding agreement for fair housing planning ([2026-00406](#)).

Authorizing a cooperative funding agreement among members of the Fair Housing Implementation Council with City participation not to exceed \$25,000 to facilitate implementation of fair housing planning activities having metro-wide significance for a term of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2029.

9. Upper Harbor easement agreements ([2026-00436](#)).

Authorizing an easement agreement granting a utility easement to Northern States Power Company (dba Xcel Energy) for portions of City-owned property at 3351 West River Rd N, 3451 West River Rd N, and 3501 West River Rd N.

Amending the legal description for a Watermain Easement Declaration at 3501 West River Rd N.

10. Parkland Dedication Fee Waiver: Malcolm Yards Project ([2026-00434](#)).

Passage of Resolution granting a waiver of park dedication fee requirements associated with the Malcolm Yards Market LLC and Malcolm Yards Housing Project, LP development at

445 Malcolm Avenue SE, 419-504 29th Avenue SE, & 501 30th Avenue SE in exchange for land interests in and in close proximity to the District property for parkland located within the Grand Rounds Missing Link Regional Trail to satisfy all Park Dedication Ordinance requirements for the entire district.

Authorizing staff to execute a Parkland Development and Easement Agreement between the City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and Wall Development Company, LLC.

11. 2025 Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Account grant award ([2026-00433](#))

Accepting a grant from the 2025 Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) - Affordable Homeownership grants, in the amount of \$229,212, for the construction of four rehabilitated homes sold to households earning 41%-60% AMI or less.

Authorizing agreements with the Metropolitan Council, Pedzo Star Properties LLC, and the City of Lakes Community Land Trust or related entities for the grant.

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

12. Spring 2026 Brownfield grant applications ([2026-00428](#))

Passage of Resolution authorizing a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development [DEED] Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Program for environmental investigation and/or remediation funding for the following projects: 250 Fremont Development (250 Fremont Ave N), \$358,361; InnerCity Tennis (155 Irving Ave N), \$1,035,800; and Seven Points Redevelopment (3045 Hennepin Ave), \$141,042.

Passage of Resolution authorizing a grant application to the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Act's program(s) for environmental investigation and/or remediation funding for the following project: Grain Exchange Redevelopment (400 4th St S and 301 4th Ave S), \$2,179,550.

Passage of Resolution authorizing grant applications to Hennepin County's Environmental Response Fund [ERF] program for environmental investigation and/or remediation funding for the following projects: 250 Fremont Development (250 Fremont Ave N), \$143,983; CLCLT Homes -- Spring 2026 (2108 Glenwood Ave, 2418 Cole Ave SE, 2501 16th Ave S, 2543 10th Ave S, 3015 36th Ave S, 3132 Park Ave, 3417 5th Ave S, 3654 Queen Ave N, 3844 38th Ave S, 3905 26th Ave S, 4217 12th Ave S, 5417 Nokomis Ave S, and 5724 46th Ave S), \$290,000; Grain Exchange Redevelopment (400 4th St S, and 301 4th Ave S), \$500,000;

InnerCity Tennis (155 Irving Ave N), \$690,500; and Minnesota Brownfields -- Brownfield Gap Financing Program (addresses TBD), \$400,000.

## Climate & Infrastructure Committee [Apr 16, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Logan Park Industrial Reconstruction project- Phase 1: Project approval, assessment, and areaway abandonment ([2026-00422](#)).

Passage of Resolution adopting special assessments, in the amount of \$1,903,074.70, for the Logan Park Industrial Street Reconstruction- Phase 1 Project No.2295 (CPV123).

Passage of Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation authorize the City's issuance and sale of assessment bonds, in the amount of \$1,903,074.70, for the project.

Passage of Resolution ordering the abandonment and removal of areaways located in the public right-of-way in conflict with the project.

2. Northrop Residential resurfacing project: Project approval and assessment ([2026-00442](#)).

Passage of Resolution adopting special assessments in the amount of \$1,375,505.78 for the Street Resurfacing Project No. 2380C (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 \$1,375,505.78.

3. Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for landscaping improvements at the Triangle Park Downtown Minneapolis ([2026-00430](#)).

Authorizing a cooperative agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), to accept up to \$8,000 in funding from the MnDOT Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program, for landscaping improvements within the Interstate right-of-way at Triangle Park.

4. Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for landscaping improvements at the West Bank ([2026-00429](#)).

Authorizing a cooperative agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to accept up to \$8,000 in funding from the MnDOT Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program for landscaping improvements within the Interstate right-of-way at the intersection of 7th St.

5. Art-A-Whirl Large Block Event Permit: May 15-17, 2026 ([2026-00427](#)).

Approving deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for a large block event permit submitted by Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA) allowing Art-A-Whirl block event held on May 15 through May 17, 2026May 17, 2026, located on 14th Ave NE between Van Buren St NE and Quincy St NE and on Quincy St NE between 15th Ave NE and 12th Ave NE to operate outside the hours permitted by ordinance.

6. Edina Art Fair Large Block Event Permit: June 5-7, 2026 ([2026-00426](#))

Approving deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for the large business district block event permit application submitted by 50th & France Business Association to enable Edina Art Fair to close roads from June 5, 2026, through June 7, 2026, for a block event and to operate outside the hours permitted.

7. Prince Celebration: 10th Anniversary Celebration of Life Block Event Permit: June 6 and 7, 2026 ([2026-00425](#))

Approving deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for the business district block event permit application submitted by Paisley Park Operations, LLC, allowing Prince Celebration: 10th Anniversary Celebration of Life Block Event to close roads on June 6, 2026, and June 7, 2026 which will include operating outside the hours permitted under Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, and permitting Amplified Sound outside the hours allowed under Title 15, Chapter 389.

8. Marshall Street Northeast (CSAH 23) Reconstruction Project ([2026-00441](#))

Passage of Resolution expressing the City's support for Hennepin County's Marshall St Northeast (CSAH 23) reconstruction project.

9. Bid for Dewatering Gate Site Improvements at 4300 Marshall Avenue NE ([2026-00431](#))

Accepting the low bid of Minger Construction Companies, Inc, submitted on Event No. 4022, in the amount of \$235,742, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the Dewatering Gate Site Improvements at 4300 Marshall project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

10. Bid for the Traffic Marking-1st Ave South and Nicollet Avenue project ([2026-00437](#))

Accepting the low bid of Groove Tech of Minnesota, Inc., submitted on Event No. 4043, in the amount of \$256,085.50, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the Traffic Marking-1st Ave South and Nicollet Avenue project and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

11. Contract amendment with PCI Roads, LLC, for the 2025 Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation

Project ([2026-00439](#)).

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0009789 with PCI Roads, LLC, in the amount of \$433,307 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,037,809.58, for additional repairs to complete the 2025 Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation Project, all in accordance with City specifications.

12. 38th Street and Chicago Avenue (George Floyd Square) street reconstruction project: Project designation, cost estimate, and setting public hearing ([2026-00440](#)).

Passage of Resolution designating the location and improvements proposed to be made in the 38th Street and Chicago Avenue Street Reconstruction Project No. 10030 (CPV177).

Adopting a report receiving a cost estimate of \$14,868,343 for street reconstruction improvements and a list of benefited properties for 38th Street and Chicago Avenue Street Reconstruction Project No. 10030 (CPV177), 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.

## Committee of the Whole

1. Temporary pre-eviction notice extension ordinance: 45-days ([2026-00352](#)).

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

2. Gift acceptance from Refugees International ([2026-00457](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Refugees International for Jacob Frey, Jennifer Schmid, and Ibrahim Jedal to attend the 2026 Refugees International Annual meeting in Washington D.C. on April 28, 2026.

3. Gift acceptance from Vera Institute of Justice ([2026-00483](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Vera Institute of Justice for Michelle Rivero, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Director, to attend the Uniting for Universal Representation in Denver, Colorado, from May 7-8, 2026.

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

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

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

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

6. Gift acceptance from Local Progress ([2026-00493](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Local Progress for Council President Elliott Payne to attend the Ford Foundation panel discussion in New York, New York, from April 27-29, 2026.

7. Gift acceptance from Community Solutions ([2026-00494](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Community Solutions for Libby Murphy, Senior Policy Aide, to attend the 2026 Large City Leadership Convening hosted by Community Solutions in Denver, Colorado.

8. Minneapolis Police Department Spending for Fiscal Year 2025 ([2026-00495](#)).

Approving a legislative directive requesting information and data regarding spending within the Minneapolis Police Department for Fiscal Year 2025.

## Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee

1. Contract with Claims Management Resources, Inc. for subrogation and related services ([2026-00409](#)).

Authorizing a contract with Claims Management Resources, Inc., in the annual amount of \$350,000, for a three (3) year period starting May 4, 2026May 4, 2026 through May 3, 2029May 3, 2029, with the option to renew for two (2) additional years at the City's sole discretion, to perform as-needed subrogation and related services on behalf of the City.

2. Contract with Paymentus Corporation for an Enterprise Payment Platform system ([2026-00410](#)).

Authorizing customization of the City's Terms and Conditions for Professional Services Contracts, to enter into a contract with Paymentus Corporation, in the amount of \$985,000, for a term of seven (7) years starting May 1, 2026May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2033, with an option to extend for three (3) additional one-year terms, or one (1) additional three-year term, to provide license(s), professional services, and maintenance & support for an Enterprise Payment Platform system, including, pursuant to the parties' negotiations, modifications to Insurance, Indemnity and Hold Harmless, Default Remedies, and Termination sections.

3. Contract amendment with Automated Logic Minnesota for Building Automation System

service and maintenance ([2026-00411](#)).

Authorizing an extension to contract COM0006473 with Automated Logic Minnesota through April 30, 2027, for Building Automation System (BAS) service and maintenance.

4. Contract amendment with NAC Building Technologies for Building Automation System service and maintenance ([2026-00424](#)).

Authorizing an extension to contract COM0006474 with NAC Building Technologies through April 30, 2027, for Building Automation System (BAS) service and maintenance.

5. Contract amendment with West Publishing for online legal research services ([2026-00419](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract C-42145 with West Publishing, in the amount of \$90,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,090,000, to ensure adequate funds to continue online legal research services through the end of the current contract term on December 31, 2026.

6. Contract with HDR Architecture, Inc. for architectural and engineering consulting services ([2026-00421](#)).

Authorizing a contract with HDR Architectural, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$188,877, for consulting services to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study for the North Minneapolis Community Safety Center.

7. Contract amendment with Wold Architects for additional architectural and engineering design services for Phase 3 of City Hall Office Space Renovation Project ([2026-00435](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0004187 with Wold Architects, in the amount of \$23,194 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,949,893, for additional in-scope architectural and engineering design services for Council Chambers broadcasting technology room for Phase 3 of the City Hall Office Space Renovation Project.

8. Bid for Prospect Park Water Tower Restoration ([2026-00432](#)).

Accepting the low bid of Restoration and Constructions Services, LLC, submitted on Event No. 4078, in the amount of \$180,248.60, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the Prospect Park Water Tower Restoration project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

## Public Health, Safety & Equity

1. Immigration status of renters ordinance ([2026-00177](#)).

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

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

Passage of 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.

3. Grant Application to United States Department of Justice for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through Hennepin County ([2026-00414](#))

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, with Hennepin County acting as fiscal agent, in the amount of \$307,220, over 48 months, for Police and Office of City Attorney initiatives, in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally funded grants.

4. Grant application to the Federal Office of National Drug Control Policy for drug nexus supplies ([2026-00416](#))

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Federal Office of National Drug Control Policy, in the amount of \$42,500, from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, for supplies for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program, in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally funded grants.

5. Minnesota School-Based Health Center Grant for health education program ([2026-00415](#))

Accepting a one time grant award from the Minnesota School-Based Health Center Grant, in the total amount of \$150,000, for the period of April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, to support the health education program and clinical services in the School Based Clinics.

6. Gift acceptance from the National Association of Food and Drug Officials ([2026-00412](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the National Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) for Gebi Kurkura, Environmental Health Specialist II, to attend and present at the AFDO Annual Educational Conference in Columbus, Ohio, from June 6-9, 2026.

7. Financial Sustainability of Minneapolis Neighborhood Organizations ([2026-00417](#))

Approving a legislative directive requesting information and data regarding the financial health of all recognized neighborhood organizations within the City of Minneapolis.

8. Rental dwelling license reinstatement: 2301, 2318, 2339 Cole Ave SE ([2026-00418](#))

Approving the reinstatement of the Rental Dwelling Licenses for the properties at 2301,

2318, 2339 Cole Ave SE, formerly owned by Frank Zaragoza, to be held by new owner Seth Bork, based on verification that the properties are now in compliance with rental licensing standards.

9. Public Safety Policies and Practices Related to Public Gatherings and Transparency ([2026-00456](#)).

Directing staff to conduct an analysis of law enforcement practices and policies related to public gathering response and public information sharing/transparency initiatives.

10. Encampment Response Policies ([2026-00455](#)).

Directing staff to conduct an analysis of municipal regulations around homeless encampment sweeps and prevention, notable trends, and best practices for humane response.

11. Operation Metro Surge Police Department overtime expenses ([2026-00345](#)).

Amending Council Action No. 2026A-0210, passed March 26, 2026, by changing the committee and date for presentation of the requested information and adding additional requests for information regarding overtime and standby spending and deployment.

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## Addendum - Notice of Ordinance Introductions

1. Infectious diseases ordinance ([2026-00498](#)).

Payne, Wonsley, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, and Chowdhury 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 227 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Nuisances Generally, addressing gaps in the Health Department's authority to act to reduce the spread of infectious diseases.



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

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## Introduction & Referral Calendar

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

Motion by Vetaw and Palmisano to amend the prior introduction of the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 20, Chapter 550 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to

Zoning Code: Development Standards, given at the regular meeting on February 19, 2026, by updating the description to read "amending fence regulations."



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** to introduce this item and refer it to its appropriate staff or committee. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

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

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

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

Pursuant to notice, motion by Whiting to introduce an ordinance amending Title 2 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration, for first reading and referral to the Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee, amending the requirements for completion of ethics education:

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



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** to introduce this item and refer it to its appropriate staff or committee. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

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## Resolutions

1. 2026 Administrative Professionals Day honorary resolution ([2026-00490](#)).

Passage of Resolution recognizing Administrative Professionals Day in the City of Minneapolis.

2. 2026 International Workers Day honorary resolution ([2026-00491](#)).

Passage of Resolution recognizing International Workers Day.

3. Allen Hoppe honorary resolution ([2026-00492](#)).

Passage of Resolution recognizing Allen Hoppe for his decades of service and dedication to the City of Minneapolis.

4. James Novak honorary resolution ([2026-00497](#)).

Passage of Resolution honoring James Novak for his service and dedication to the City of Minneapolis.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** to approve the above resolutions. The motion was successful 13 ayes to 0 nays.

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## Other Business

CM Palmisano motioned to strike from the record a letter by Council President Payne regarding the vote for Community Safety Commissioner Toddrick Barnette.

CM Chowdhury motioned to add this letter to the record.

**Context:** Council President Payne included in a [letter](#) he authored titled “City Council’s Vision for Community Safety and Toddrick Barnette’s Failure to Meet that Vision” in the official record of the vote to approve the Mayoral appointment of Toddrick Barnette as Community Safety Commissioner. This letter was unsigned, implying it came from the full Council, and was posted without the review or input of all Council Members.

CM Warren moved to call the question and end discussion on this topic.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** to call the question, thus ending debate. The motion was successful 12 ayes to 1 nay.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** to CM Palmisano’s motion to strike this from the record. The motion was unsuccessful 6 ayes to 7 nays.

**CM Whiting’s Thoughts on This Vote:** This letter does not reflect CM Whiting’s opinions of Commissioner Barnette. He was disappointed to see that this letter was publicly shared in a way that implies that it represents the opinions of the full Council, and voted to strike it from the record to encourage a more collaborative and representative approach to Council communications and to allow President Payne to resubmit this letter to the record should he choose to with clear signatures indicating which voices this letter represents.

That said, CM Whiting was similarly disappointed by the charged disagreement that this relatively procedural question raised during the discussion of this topic today. CM Whiting hopes to continue to work with his colleagues to develop better processes and procedures for congeniality, collaboration, and effectiveness so that this doesn’t happen again and the City Council can prioritize policymaking.

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## Adjournment

**Next City Council meeting:** May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

