

# 10.1.26 Scorecard

Ward 11 Office - 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 I voted and why 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 October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Video recording of this meeting can be found on the City of Minneapolis YouTube page.

If you would like further explanation of how I voted or want 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 Council Member

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## Key Votes Summary:

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| COW #1: Autonomous vehicle regulations ordinance                      | CM Whiting voted <b>against</b> this resolution requiring a human safety monitor in autonomous vehicles. The resolution <b>passed</b> .                                                       | 3      |
| PHSE #9: Gift acceptance from Minneapolis Police Foundation           | CM Whiting voted <b>in favor</b> of an amended version of this resolution accepting a financial gift awarded to the Minneapolis Police Department. The amended resolution <b>passed</b> .     | 7      |
| PHSE #11: Flock camera use by the Hennepin County Sheriff and the UMN | CM Whiting voted <b>in favor</b> this resolution calling on the Hennepin County Sherrif and University of Minnesota to discontinue their contracts with Flock. The resolution <b>passed</b> . | 8      |

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# Minneapolis City Council Agenda

October 1<sup>st</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.

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## Call to Order

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

CM Osman motioned to amend the agenda to add a Workforce Development Resolution.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** to adopting the agenda with this amendment. The amended 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

### Committee of the Whole

1. Autonomous vehicle regulations ordinance ([2026-00738](#)).

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 13 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations, adding a new Chapter 342 regulating operation of autonomous vehicles for commercial purposes.

**Clarification on Definitions:** This ordinance only applies to true autonomous transportation network companies which use automated driving systems to provide rides to fare-paying customers for trips originating within the City of Minneapolis (such as Waymo). It does not apply to consumer driver-assist systems such as Tesla's autopilot/full self-driving features, which require an attentive human driver. CM Whiting's reasoning surrounding autonomous vehicles applies only to the prior category of vehicles, not the latter.

**Context:** In June of this year, the City Council commissioned a formal research briefing from the

Legislative Department through a [staff directive](#). The directive requests for a landscape analysis and presentation on the current technological and regulatory landscape of autonomous vehicles and robotaxi services, as well as their potential impacts on local transportation systems, public transit, accessibility, rideshare drivers and labor, and the City's climate and transportation goals.

The directive asks the Legislative Department to report their findings to the City Council by October 6, 2026 – less than one week after this week's (Oct 1st) Council meeting, where Council Members considered this ordinance change.

This directive was authored by the same Council Members who are bringing the above ordinance, meaning **the authors are asking Council Members to vote on an issue before having a chance to review the research the authors previously requested to inform their decision.**

Conducting this vote so close to the release of this legislative report feels premature. The Council requested this report to better educate itself and the public about the potential impacts of autonomous driving vehicles in Minneapolis, and failing to take its findings into consideration before passing substantive regulations squanders staff labor and amounts to a failure of due diligence.

The Ward 11 Office and other Council Members inquired into whether this vote could be postponed until the Council had an opportunity to receive the autonomous vehicle staff report, but found no appetite among the bill's authors for such a delay.

CM Whiting's reasoning in opposition to the proposed ordinance was based on the thorough research into autonomous transportation network companies, but given the Council's choice to move this ordinance forward without the guidance of the City's professional research team, he views it as an incomplete picture of this issue. He looks forward to receiving the legislative department's report to better inform the Council on future votes related to autonomous vehicles.

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

This ordinance mandates that no autonomous transportation network companies and their corresponding autonomous vehicles (AV's), such as Waymo, may provide passenger service without a **"human safety monitor physically present within the driver's seat of the vehicle and with immediate access to controls for steering, braking, and acceleration."** Requiring a human sitting in the driver's seat of an AV with mechanical controls eliminates the primary technological and safety purpose of automated mobility: removing human error from the equation.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, [approximately 36,640 people died in motor vehicle crashes in the United States in 2025](#). Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death in the United States among people ages 1–75 and the [number one cause of death for 5-24 year olds in the U.S.](#), surpassing all diseases, medical conditions, and other types of accidents. In Minneapolis, between 2017 and 2025, [about 160 people each year died or were seriously injured in traffic crashes in our city](#), a total of almost 1500 people.

According to [State crash analyses](#), the vast majority of severe automobile collisions in Minnesota involve human behavioral error. The unfortunate reality is that humans drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, they text and become distracted by their phones on the road, they speed to excess, they run red

lights and stop signs, and they cut each other off in traffic.

An AV never drives drunk, never texts behind the wheel, never experiences road rage, and never falls asleep. [Safety data collected across tens of millions of commercial, rider-only autonomous miles](#) show an ~ 81% reduction in crashes resulting in any injury compared to human driver baselines. **In the entire history of full, non-test, commercial AV deployments, not a single fatal accident has been caused by an AV. There has been one fatal crash caused by an AV, that was yet to be deployed, in the testing phase.** In that [specific instance](#), a human safety monitor was behind the wheel and was streaming a TV show at the time of the incident.

When it comes to AVs, there are many facts that need to be considered (their impact on our local economy and jobs, for example), but safety is not one of them. As of today, based on the information available, AV services are empirically safer than human drivers.

Many, many Minneapolitans have lost friends or family members to vehicle accidents or know someone who has. These deaths ripple out into our communities even as they remain a “normal” part of American life, quietly accepted as an unfortunate, unavoidable risk every time we get behind the wheel.

That reality hung heavily over CM Whiting’s decision to oppose this ordinance change. The adoption of AVs are not the only way to prevent vehicular loss of life, and building a future focused around human centered infrastructure and world class public transit is the best way to keep Minneapolitans safe from the negative impacts of living in a car centered world.

Even so, AV’s potential to reduce vehicle fatalities demands the approach attempts to restrict AV operations in Minneapolis with scrutiny.

However, even putting aside accident concerns, there are other reasons to be skeptical of an AV ban in Minneapolis. During public hearings on September 22nd and September 29th, the Council heard testimony from a number of disability rights advocates and blind residents, including Jennifer Dunham, President of the National Federation of the Blind Minnesota.

For decades, disabled residents in Minneapolis have endured persistent discrimination from traditional taxis and rideshare programs. Blind travelers and people using mobility devices regularly experience drivers pulling up, seeing a white cane or wheelchair, and immediately cancelling the trip. Guide dog users routinely suffer ride cancellations and illegal curb drive-aways from drivers who refuse to transport animals. Lack of reliable, on-demand transportation has historically been among the greatest barriers to disabled residents accessing jobs, education, and healthcare.

AVs do not discriminate. An automated driving system cannot refuse a rider because of their disability, age, or race. Banning driverless vehicles locks out our disability community from a potential advancement in transportation equity.

These potential improvements in equity also extend to interpersonal safety. Council Members heard testimony from a number of women and members of our LGBTQIA+ community that felt more physically safe in a driverless vehicle over traditional rideshares, which involve sharing a confined, private space with an unfamiliar driver. According to stats published in their own [US Safety Data](#), Uber receives thousands of

reports of sexual harassment and non-consensual contact annually, ranging from unwanted touching to sexual assault.

The vast majority of rideshare drivers in Minneapolis do not participate in sexually inappropriate behavior, nor discriminatory behavior in general, but a small number do. The fear this reality engenders is valid, and having the option of taking a driverless car removes that element from the equation for those who want that option.

CM Whiting is very sympathetic to the perspectives of members of the public who supported this ordinance change, and he is grateful to those who showed up to express those concerns at City hall over the last few weeks.

The majority of residents who testified in favor of this ordinance were primarily concerned about the potential impact AV's could have on rideshare jobs in Minneapolis. Advocates have asserted that over 10,000 rideshare drivers operate in our City. These are largely immigrant workers and workers of color who pay taxes, raise their families here, and contribute to the local economy. To lose these jobs overnight would cause a tangible hit to our City and constitute a personal financial crisis for thousands of families. The Council heard from dozens of Uber and Lyft drivers and their advocates who repeatedly expressed these concerns, and CM Whiting strongly took them into consideration.

CM Whiting deeply respects and shares the goal of protecting working families in our City. The job displacement potential of AV's is very real, especially in the long run, and given the advantages and conveniences AV's present, it is hard to imagine a future where they do not constitute a large percentage of the mobility-as-a-service market. There is also evidence that the [presence of commercial AV's suppress rideshare driver's wages](#): a painful fact that gave CM Whiting serious pause when he considered this ordinance change.

But today, in every American City with a significant number of commercial AVs, human drivers still dominate the overall volume of rides. CM Whiting believes the transition to AVs will be implemented over the scale of years, not months. Rather than focusing on inhibiting AVs in Minneapolis, the City should explore how to directly assist rideshare drivers, such as workforce development transition programs and requirements attached to [autonomous transportation network companies' remote assistance operators](#).

CM Whiting is also clear eyed about the role big tech plays in the adoption of AVs. Despite their potential, Google, Tesla and the other big tech companies behind most AV programs, have not invested significant resources into AV research and development out of charity, their goal is to turn a profit, and Minneapolitans should be rightly skeptical of blue sky promises or attempts to remove rider protections in the name of progress.

That is why the MN State Government needs to take decisive action to regulate AVs statewide. Minneapolis is part of a broader metro community, and allowing a patchwork system of regulations to develop, one where Minneapolis, St Paul, and every City in the metro area each have different rules for how and where AVs should operate, is an unacceptable outcome, guaranteed to cause widespread confusion with potential safety gaps. However, CM Whiting agrees with the majority of his colleagues that the City should develop a full-throated regulatory framework as we await state action.

This was a difficult vote for CM Whiting, but the immediate safety outcomes that AVs provide is akin to having the cure for cancer and deciding not to use it. The vote taken today was not a decisive choice on the future of AVs in Minneapolis. The subject will be continually revisited over the coming months, both by the Council and government bodies across Minnesota. CM Whiting looks forward to exploring ways to ensure that future AV adoption in Minneapolis is safe, equitable, and paired with more thoughtful, adaptive economic protections for our local rideshare drivers.



**Council Member Whiting voted no** to this motion. The motion was successful, 7 ayes to 6 nays.

## Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee

### 9. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Jason Andersen ([2026-00988](#))

Considering the workers' compensation claim of Jason Andersen by payment of \$150,000 to Jason Andersen and attorney Meshbesher & Spence Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** This worker's compensation claim involves a former MPD Officer who has been accused of and acquitted of charges of wrongdoing, including the shooting death of Fong Lee. Minnesota State law requires the City of Minneapolis to pay worker's compensation in this case. CM Whiting is sympathetic to his colleagues' disdain for the City of Minneapolis' limited options to assess employee PTSD claims, particularly when they involve MPD officers who have been accused of wrongdoing. He has concerns about the current PTSD worker's compensation process but feels it is his responsibility to vote in the affirmative to ensure that the City of Minneapolis complies with Minnesota State law.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** to this motion. The motion was successful, 7 ayes to 6 nays.

## Public Health, Safety, & Equity Committee

### 9. Gift acceptance from Minneapolis Police Foundation ([2026-01034](#))

Considering a resolution accepting donation from the Minneapolis Police Foundation for Police officers to attend the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) Conference and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference in Orlando, FL, from October 21-28, 2026.

CM Chavez authored an amendment to this resolution that would make the acceptance of this gift contingent on the Minneapolis Police Department not exceeding their 2026 budget.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** to this motion. The motion was successful, 11 ayes to 2 nays.

**Context:** This gift acceptance approved the receipt of roughly \$16,000 in funds to send select MPD officers to the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) Conference and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference in Orlando, FL, from October 21-28, 2026. Attendance is in recognition of Minneapolis Police Inspector Ryan Kelly being nominated for the IACP Police Officer of the Year.

CM Chavez's amendment adds stipulations that all but ensure that the Minneapolis Police Department does not spend additional City dollars beyond the gifted \$16,000 to send officers to this conference by making the acceptance of the gift contingent on the MPD not exceeding their 2026 budget.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** CM Whiting is grateful to the amendment author CM Chavez for arranging a way for the City of Minneapolis to accept these funds and send officers to the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) Conference and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference in recognition of their exemplary work for our City. That said, given MPD's expected 2026 overspending, he does not support spending additional City dollars beyond what is included in this gift at this time. The passage of this motion as amended limits spending to the amount awarded in the gift.

11. Flock camera use by the Hennepin County Sheriff and the University of Minnesota ([2026-01037](#)).

Passage of Resolution calling on Hennepin County and the University of Minnesota to terminate the use of Flock Safety cameras used as license plate reader cameras.



**Council Member Whiting voted yes** to this motion. The motion was successful, 9 ayes to 4 nays.

**Context:** Flock Safety is an Atlanta-based company that produces public safety and surveillance technology. They are most widely known for their Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) cameras which have been used by businesses and police departments across the U.S. The City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Police Department do not have a contract with Flock or own/operate any Flock cameras. However, other entities within Minneapolis, including the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department and the University of Minnesota currently have contracts with Flock and operate Flock cameras.

**CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote:** Like many Ward 11 residents, Council Member Whiting has significant concerns about resident privacy and Flock's data security practices. Though Flock does not have a contract with ICE to conduct immigration related searches, [reporting by the Star Tribune found that their technology was accessed by ICE agents in certain municipalities during Operation Metro Surge](#). Minneapolis neighbors need to know that they are not being surveilled by devices whose data has ever been accessed by ICE agents. This resolution urges both the University of Minnesota and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office to discontinue their contracts with Flock.

CM Whiting is grateful that University of Minnesota has already begun to take down their Flock cameras on their West Bank campus and has shared their intentions to transition away from using Flock cameras with the City Council.

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## Passed by Unanimous Consent

### Business, Housing & Zoning Committee [Sep 22, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Cliff-n-Norm's Bar, 2024 WASHINGTON AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 5) submitted by Cliff-n-Norm's Bar LLC, for an entertainment upgrade from No Live Entertainment to Limited Entertainment ([2026-01050](#)).  
Approving an application for Cliff-n-Norm's Bar, 2024 WASHINGTON AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 5) submitted by Cliff-n-Norm's Bar LLC, BLAmend, LIC430651, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

2. The 1029 Bar, 1029 MARSHALL ST NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Bats and Hats LLC, for an On Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Limited Entertainment, 2am license ([2026-01054](#)).  
Approving an application for The 1029 Bar, 1029 MARSHALL ST NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Bats and Hats LLC, BLLiquor, LIC433359, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.
3. Liquor license approvals for September 22, 2026 ([2026-01039](#)).  
Square Roots, 2700 LAKE ST E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 9) submitted by Square Roots, BLLiquor, LIC433284
4. Liquor license renewals for September 22, 2026 ([2026-01040](#)).  
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5. Gambling license approvals for September 22, 2026 ([2026-01038](#)).  
Edinburgh USA Pro Am Foundation, 200 WEST BROADWAY Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 5) submitted by Edinburgh USA Pro Am Foundation, BLGeneral, LIC434372
6. State of Minnesota grants for employment and training services ([2026-00863](#)).  
Amending Council Action 2026A-0542 to update the grant amount for State Dislocated Worker Grant from the State of Minnesota to the amount of \$1,261,879.  
Passage of Resolution amending Resolution 2026R-311 updating the appropriation amount to the Community Planning and Economic Development Department.
7. Gift acceptance from Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund ([2026-01036](#)).  
Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund for Tammy Dickinson (Step Up Director), and Alana McDevitt (Step Up Foundations Program Manager), to attend the 2026 Bank on Leadership Training, in Charlotte, North Carolina, from October 27-29, 2026.
8. Anti-Displacement Community Prosperity Program board appointment ([2026-01057](#)).  
Confirming the Mayoral appointment of Jim Voll to the Anti-Displacement Community Prosperity Program Board of Directors, for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2029.
9. Exclusive Developments Rights to JADT Development Group: 1823 and 1839 Bryant Ave N ([2026-01070](#)).  
Authorizing exclusive development rights to JADT Development Group, LLC, or an affiliated entity, for two City-owned parcels located at 1823 and 1839 Bryant Ave N, for a period of 12 months with a possibility of a 12-month administrative extension at the discretion of the Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED) Director, for the development of the Satori Senior Housing project.
10. Exclusive development rights to Classic Lake, LLC and TRI Construction, Inc: 1001 West Broadway ([2026-01071](#)).  
Authorizing exclusive development rights to the joint venture team of Classic Lake, LLC, and TRI Construction, Inc., or an affiliated entity, for the City-owned property located at 1001 West Broadway, for a period of 24 months, with the possibility of a 12-month extension at the discretion of the Director of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED), for the development of a new commercial project.
11. Bid for demolition of 1001 West Broadway([2025-00580](#)).  
Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0009843 with Rachel Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$8,420, for a total amount not to exceed \$107,320, for the 1001 West Broadway Demolition and Site Clearance project, all in accordance with City Specifications.
12. Bid for Plumbing, Pipefitter, and Mechanical Services at Minneapolis Convention Center([2026-01072](#)).  
Accepting the low bid of UHL Company, Inc., submitted on Event N. 4237, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for Plumbing, Pipefitter, and Mechanical Services at Minneapolis Convention Center, and authorizing a contract for an initial one (1) year term, with the option to extend for two (2) additional 12-month terms in the annual amount of \$125,000, all in accordance with City specifications.

Accepting the second low bid of APi HVAC Services, Inc., submitted on Event N. 4237, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for Plumbing, Pipefitter, and Mechanical Services at the Minneapolis Convention Center, and authorizing a contract for an initial one (1) year term, with the option to extend for two (2) additional 12-month terms in the annual amount of \$125,000, all in accordance with City specifications.

## Climate & Infrastructure Committee [Sep 24, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Sanitary sewer service availability charges [\(2026-00856\)](#)

Passage of Resolution adopting the assessments, levying the assessments, and adopting the assessment roll for sanitary sewer availability charges (SAC) on the list of properties as on file in the City Engineer's Special Assessment Office.

2. Downtown Business Improvement District (DID): 2027 operating plan and service charges [\(2026-00855\)](#)

Passage of Resolution approving the 2027 operating plan, special services, cost estimates, service charges, and the list of 2027 service charges for the Downtown Business Improvement Special Service District (428A District).

3. Areaway removal between 1800 1st Ave S and 110 18th St E - Project designation, cost estimate, and setting public hearing [\(2026-01081\)](#)

Passage of Resolution designating the location of the former Allina pedestrian tunnel for areaway removal between 1800 1st Ave S and 110 18th St E as part of the 1st Ave S Reconstruction Project No 2347(CPV160).

Adopting report receiving cost estimate of \$584,371.03 and directing the preparation of proposed special assessments against the benefitted property.

4. METRO H Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Recommended Corridor Plan: City of Minneapolis comments [\(2026-01079\)](#)

Approving City of Minneapolis comments on the METRO H Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Recommended Corridor Plan and directing submittal of the City comments to Metro Transit.

**Context:** This item was pulled for a separate vote and passed 12-1.

5. Special Service Districts: 2025 annual reports and year-end budget procedures [\(2026-01078\)](#)

Authorizing 2025 year-end budget procedures for the 48th & Chicago, 50th and France, 54th & Lyndale, Bloomington-Lake, Central Avenue, Chicago-Lake, Dinkytown, East Lake Street, Eat Street, Linden Hills, Lowry Hill, Lyndale-Lake, Stadium Village, Uptown, and West Broadway Improvement Special Service Districts.

6. Uniform Assessment Rates updates [\(2026-01080\)](#)

Passage of Resolution updating uniform assessment rates for street construction, street renovation, street resurfacing, alley construction and alley resurfacing improvements.

7. Bid for Haaf Ramp Vehicle Door Installation Project [\(2026-01073\)](#)

Accepting the low bid of Sheehy Construction Company, submitted on Event 4220, in the amount of \$521,300, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Haaf Ramp Vehicle Door Installation Project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

8. Bid for Hauling and Disposal of Waste Materials [\(2026-01077\)](#)

Accepting the low responsive bid of New Look Contracting, Inc., submitted on Event 4242, in the annual amount of \$3,800,000, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for Hauling and Disposal of Waste Materials and authorizing a contract for on-call service for Public Works, for a one (1) year term with the option for a one (1) year extension, all in accordance with City specifications.

9. Bid for Hawthorne Fire Alarm Replacement([2026-01076](#)).

Accepting the sole bid of Bluesky Electric, submitted on Event 4234, in the amount of \$296,500, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Hawthorne Fire Alarm Replacement Project, and authorizing a contract for the project all in accordance with City specifications.

10. Bid for the Phillips and Trunk Highway 55 Storm Tunnel Rehabilitation Project([2026-01065](#)).

Accepting the low responsive bid of PCiRoads LLC, submitted on Event 4173, in the amount of \$4,396,735, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Phillips/TH 55 Storm Tunnel Rehabilitation Project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

11. Contract with Alliant Engineering, Inc. for engineering services for the Citywide Traffic Signal Retiming project ([2026-01068](#)).

Authorizing a contract with Alliant Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$3,613,187.29, for engineering services for the Citywide Traffic Signal Retiming project.

Authorizing a contract with Alliant Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$3,613,187.29, for engineering services for the Citywide Traffic Signal Retiming project.

12. Contract with Stantec for engineering and design services for the 34th St Neighborhood Greenway Project ([2026-01053](#)).

Authorizing a contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$809,918, for engineering and design services for the 34th St Neighborhood Greenway Project.

13. Contract amendment with Meyer Contracting, Inc., for the 16th Avenue South Sewer Improvement Project ([2026-01061](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0010701 with Meyer Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$437,941.71 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,694,858.72, and an extension through July 31, 2027, for construction work on the 16th Avenue South Sewer Improvement Project.

14. Contract amendment with Morcon Construction, Inc. for the Jerry Haaf Parking Ramp Roof Replacement Project([2026-01055](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0010776 with Morcon Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$15,682 for a total amount not to exceed \$550,682, for additional work necessary to complete the Jerry Haaf Parking Ramp Roof Replacement Project.

15. Contract amendment with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for engineering and design services for the Upper Harbor Terminal Project ([2026-01058](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0002570 with Stantec Consulting Services Inc., in the amount of \$330,238 for a total amount not to exceed \$3,700,841, and an extension through December 31, 2028Dec 31, 2028, for additional engineering and design services on the Upper Harbor Terminal Project.

16. Contract amendment with Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc. for the West River Road Phase II Project ([2026-01067](#)).

Authorizing an increase to Contract COM0011699 with Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$181,657.29 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,783,737.70, for additional work to complete the West River Road Phase II Project, all in accordance with City specifications.

17. Right turn conflicts with bike infrastructure([2026-01032](#)).

Approving a legislative directive related to intersections where a one- or two-way bike lane or bikeway crossing configuration exists.

CMs Chavez, Wonsley, and Stevenson offered an amendment to this item, which they co-authored, that that limits the request to signalized intersections, two-way bike lane crossings, and increases the timeline to Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

18. Green Cost Share program guidelines update([2026-01066](#))

Approving the Green Cost Share program guidelines for large greenhouse reduction funding opportunities.

19. Pedestrian Advisory Committee appointments ([2026-00699](#))

Approving Eli Harvey for appointment to Seat 2 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

Approving Michelle Einstein for appointment to Seat 15 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028.

20. Dakota Block Party Block Event Permit: September 26, 2026 ([2026-01089](#))

Considering deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for a commercial block event permit submitted by The Dakota Jazz Club and Restaurant, allowing the Dakota Block Party Block event held September 26, 2026, located on 10th St S between LaSalle Ave and Marquette Ave, and Nicollet Mall between 9th St S and 11th St S to operate outside the hours permitted.

## Committee of the Whole

1. Autonomous vehicle regulations ordinance ([2026-00738](#))

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

2. Spring 2026 Brownfield grants([2026-01033](#))

Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), in the total amount of \$671,119, for the following projects: InnerCity Tennis, 155 Irving Ave N (\$530,077), and Seven Points Residential, 3045 Hennepin Ave (\$141,042).

Accepting a grant from the Metropolitan Council’s Livable Communities Program, in the amount of \$1,500,000, for the following project: Grain Exchange Redevelopment, 400 4th St S and 301 4th Ave S.

Accepting a grant from Hennepin County’s Environmental Response Fund (ERF), in the amount of \$1,218,483, for the following projects: 250 Fremont, 250 Fremont Ave N (\$143,983); Grain Exchange Redevelopment, 400 4th St S and 301 4th Ave S (\$466,000); and InnerCity Tennis, 155 Irving Ave N (\$608,500).

Authorizing a contract with DEED, the Metropolitan Council, and Hennepin County for the grants.

Authorizing execution of one or more funding agreements with each of the sub-recipients identified below (or an affiliated entity), and/or disbursement and related agreements for these grants.

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

3. Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing Program (NOAH) Preservation Fund: Release of Mortgage and Restrictive Covenants for the Villa Nova project ([2026-01069](#))

Approving the release of City mortgage and declaration of restrictive covenants related to a Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing Preservation Fund loan, in the amount of \$4,500,000, for Aeon's Villa Nova project, in exchange for a partial payment of \$100,000, receipt of excess proceeds after the first mortgage lender is paid in full, and tenant protection commitments.

Authorizing the drafting and execution of necessary documents to facilitate the transactions described in this report.

## Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee [Sep 22, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Election judge and deputy city clerk appointments for the November 3, 2026, General Election [\(2026-01046\)](#)

Passage of Resolution approving the appointment of election judges and deputy city clerks in connection with the November 3, 2026, General Election; and authorizing the City Clerk to appoint additional election judges and deputy city clerks as necessary.

2. Contract with Clearwater Analytics, LLC for an investment accounting, aggregation, analytics and reporting system [\(2026-01045\)](#)

Authorizing a contract with Clearwater Analytics, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$326,809, for a three (3) year term from November 1, 2026Nov 1, 2026, through October 31, 2029Oct 31, 2029, with an option to extend for two (2) additional one-year terms, or one (1) additional two-year term, to provide a Software-as-a-Service ("SaaS") investment accounting, aggregation, analytics, and reporting solution, including, pursuant to the parties' negotiations, modifications to the City's terms and conditions.

3. Contract amendment with TerminalFour for support and maintenance of the City's website [\(2026-01044\)](#)

Considering an increase to contract C-44154 with TerminalFour, Inc. ("TerminalFour"), in the amount of \$1,232,936, for a new not to exceed total of \$3,237,079, and an extension for an additional three (3) years through October 21, 2029Oct 21, 2029, with a further optional two (2) one-year extensions at the City's sole option, for the support and maintenance of the City's website.

4. Contract amendment with Metropolitan Council for Housing Opportunities for Persons With HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) programming [\(2026-01047\)](#)

Authorizing an extension to contract COM0009033 with Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority, through Sept 30, 2027, for Tenant Based Rental Assistance programming, to be executed in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

5. Legal Settlement: Minnesota Department of Human Rights Charge No. 76511 [\(2026-01059\)](#)

Considering the settlement of the claims in Minnesota Department of Human Rights Charge No. 76511 by payment of \$10,000 to claimant, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

6. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Eugene Danielson [\(2026-01019\)](#)

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

7. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of John Levens [\(2026-01020\)](#)

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

8. Settlement agreement related to demolition of City-owned property at [4140–4146 Fremont Ave N](#) [\(2026-01074\)](#)

Approving a settlement agreement with Joseph C. Abell and Marion L. Abell and Bella Property Management, Inc. related to the demolition of the City-owned property located at [4140-4146](#) Fremont Ave N, consistent with the terms described in this report, and authorizing the appropriate City officials to execute the agreement.

Passage of Resolution approving an increase to the Community Planning and Economic Development Department appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 to support settlement agreement costs and related demolition project expenses.

9. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Jason Andersen ([2026-00988](#))

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

## Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee [Sep 23, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Joint Powers Agreement with the cities of St. Paul, Rochester, and Edina, and Dakota County for the Minnesota Task Force One Urban Search & Rescue Team ([2026-01043](#))

Authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement with the cities of St. Paul, Rochester, and Edina, and Dakota County for the purpose of deploying Minnesota Task Force One to incidents inside and outside the State of Minnesota for a term of 10 years from the date of contract execution.

2. Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) grant for chronic disease prevention ([2026-01027](#))

Accepting a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in the amount of \$641,224 for chronic disease prevention.

Authorizing an agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the grant, to be executed in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

Authorizing a contract with Casa Valencia, in the amount of \$8,000, for graphic design and communications services to support Nutrition projects from September 30, 2026, to September 29, 2027.

Authorizing a contract with Cultural Wellness Center, in the amount of \$17,250, for lactation trainings for healthcare providers serving the African American and East African communities to support the Breastfeeding project from September 30, 2026, to September 29, 2027.

Authorizing a contract with The Loppet Foundation, in the amount of \$10,000, for development and implementation of an active people action plan for the Trailhead space and programming at Theodore Wirth Regional Park to support the Physical Activity project from September 30, 2026, to September 29, 2027.

Authorizing a contract with Public Health Law Center, in the amount of \$15,000, for technical assistance with Food Service Guideline policies and practices in hospitals to support Nutrition projects from September 30, 2026, to September 29, 2027.

3. Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) grant for chronic disease prevention ([2026-01028](#))

Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health, in the amount of \$754,253, for chronic disease prevention.

Authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for the grant, to be executed in accordance with Minnesota State Statute 145.986 Statewide Health Improvement Program

Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

Authorizing a contract with St. Paul Area Chamber Workstream, in the amount of \$5,000, for outreach and communication services to support the Healthy Worksites Program from November 1, 2026, to October 31, 2027.

4. DWI Court of the State of Minnesota grant for police liaison and DWI defendant monitoring services [\(2026-01031\)](#).

Accepting a grant from the DWI Court of the State of Minnesota, Fourth Judicial District Court, in the amount of \$35,000, for a one-year period beginning October 1, 2026, for a police liaison to the DWI Court and DWI defendant monitoring services.

Authorizing an agreement with the DWI Court of the State of Minnesota for police liaison and DWI defendant monitoring services.

5. Grant application to Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, for DWI Traffic Safety Officer [\(2026-01029\)](#).

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, in the amount of \$165,000, for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, for a dedicated DWI Officer within the Traffic Investigation Unit, in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

6. Grant application to Bureau of Justice Assistance to expand low-barrier medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) access [\(2026-01035\)](#).

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Program, in an amount up to \$1,300,000 over a 36-month period, to expand the existing low-barrier medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) access and create cross-sector connections to guide ongoing opioid treatment service expansion, in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

7. Grant application to Bureau of Justice Assistance for Police initiatives [\(2026-01051\)](#).

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to Bureau of Justice Assistance, in the amount of \$324,026.02, from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027, to support department initiatives, in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

8. Gift acceptance from New York Police Department (NYPD) and NYPD Police Foundation [\(2026-01026\)](#).

Considering a resolution accepting donation from New York Police Department (NYPD) and NYPD Police Foundation for Police Commander Emily Olson to attend the Operation Sentry Conference in New York City, NY, from November 10-14, 2026.

9. Gift acceptance from Minneapolis Police Foundation [\(2026-01034\)](#).

Considering a resolution accepting donation from the Minneapolis Police Foundation for Police officers to attend the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) Conference and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference in Orlando, FL, from October 21-28, 2026.

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

10. Public Health Advisory Committee appointments [\(2026-00658\)](#).

Approving Blake Smith for appointment to Seat 8 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

11. Flock camera use by the Hennepin County Sheriff and the University of Minnesota [\(2026-01037\)](#).

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

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## Notice of Ordinance Introductions

1. Comcast cable television franchise ordinance([2026-01141](#)).

Wonsley and Stevenson give notice of intent to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Appendix H, Chapter 1 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Minneapolis Cable Communication Franchises: Cable Television Franchise Agreement between City of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Comcast of Arkansas/Florida/Louisiana/Minnesota/Mississippi/Tennessee, Inc., renaming said chapter to read “Cable Television Franchise Agreement between City of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Comcast of Arkansas/Louisiana/Minnesota/Mississippi/Tennessee, LLC,” extending the franchise agreement, modifying the PEG fee, and adding a provision concerning transmission of access channels.

2. Smokeless tobacco use in stadiums ordinance([2026-01142](#)).

Vetaw and Rainville give notice of intent to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 234 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Indoor Smoking, prohibiting the use of smokeless tobacco in stadiums.



**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. Community Commission on Police Oversight (CCPO) ethics education ordinance ([2026-01024](#))

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez to introduce an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 172 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Fire and Police Protection: Police Conduct Oversight, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, amending the requirements for completion of ethics education training for Community Commission on Police Oversight.

2. Ethics updates ordinance ([2026-01062](#)).

Pursuant to notice, motion by Payne to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 15 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Ethics in Government, for first reading and referral to the Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee, amending provisions to update ethics standards for enhanced accountability and clarity and to address recommendations from the Ethical Practices Board in its 2026 annual report.



**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 National Disability Employment Awareness Month honorary resolution ([2026-01151](#)).

Passage of Resolution acknowledging October 2026 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

2. 140 Years of Mexican Music honorary resolution ([2026-01150](#)).

Passage of Resolution recognizing 140 years of Mexican music, art, and culture in Minneapolis.

3. 2026 Food Waste Prevention Week honorary resolution ([2026-01149](#)).

Passage of Resolution recognizing September 28 – October 4, 2026, as Food Waste Prevention Week in the City of Minneapolis.

4. 2026 Indigenous Peoples Day honorary resolution ([2026-01152](#))

Passage of Resolution honoring Indigenous Peoples Day.



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

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## Addendum

1. Workforce Development Month honorary resolution ([2026-01153](#))

Passage of Resolution recognizing September 2026 as Workforce Development Month in the City of Minneapolis.



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

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## Adjournment

**Next City Council meeting:**