



10.15.26 Scorecard

Ward 11 Office - Council Member Jamison Whiting



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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 15th, 2026. Video recording of this meeting can be found on the City of Minneapolis YouTube page.

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All my love,



Jamison Whiting, Ward 11 Council Member

Key Votes Summary:

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COW #1: MPS Proposed School Closure Plan	This Resolution was removed from the agenda in response to actions taken by the School Board that made it irrelevant. CM Whiting would have supported this Resolution.	4
COW #2: Council subpoena authority	CM Whiting voted in support of this resolution requesting that the City Attorney provide legal analysis on Council subpoena authority. The resolution passed .	5
PHSE #22: Contract for Mobile Crisis Response services	CM Whiting voted against the motion to deny a contract with Community Bridges for Mobile Crisis Response services. The motion to deny succeeded .	8
PHSE #23: MPD off-duty work audit oversight legislative directive	CM Whiting voted in support of this motion requesting an legislative directive related to the Police Off-duty Work Audit . The resolution succeeded unanimously .	11

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Minneapolis City Council Agenda

October 15th, 2026 - 9:30 am

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

Call to Order

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

President Payne proposed moving the Unfinished Business portion of the agenda (aka. the consideration of the Mayor's veto of the Autonomous vehicle regulations ordinance) to the first item on the agenda. This was unanimously accepted.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to adopting the agenda with this amendment. The amended agenda was accepted 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

3. Acceptance of minutes.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to accepting the meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

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, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

Discussion

Business, Housing, & Zoning Committee

10. License Settlement Conference Recommendations and Business License Operating Conditions: Los Andes Latin Bistro/Los Andes, 607 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 8) submitted by Los Andes Restaurant Inc, for an On Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, General Entertainment, 2a.m. license, LIC384189 ([2026-01125](#))

Considering the License Settlement Conference Recommendations and Business License Operating Conditions for Los Andes Latin Bistro/Los Andes, 607 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 8) submitted by Los Andes Restaurant Inc, BLAmend, LIC434682

Considering the License Settlement Conference Recommendations and Business License Operating Conditions for Los Andes Latin Bistro/Los Andes, 607 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 8) submitted by Los Andes Restaurant Inc, BLAmend, LIC434684

Context: In January 2026, the co-owner of Lyn-Lake's Los Andes Latin Bistro was charged with third degree sexual conduct involving a minor employee. A second case on a felony charge of fourth-degree sexual assault was filed in mid-June.

The matter before the Council today is binary -- whether to accept or reject the proposed license settlement agreement. The matter still remains within the jurisdiction of the MN Court of Administrative Hearings so it is not positioned in a manner in which the Council could deny or revoke the license. By rejecting the proposed settlement agreement, the matter returns to the Court of Administrative Hearings for scheduling of an evidentiary hearing in which the assigned administrative law judge (ALJ) would make written findings and a recommendation on a licensing action to the City Council. Once it returns to the Council in that capacity, the Council will have discretion to make the final licensing determination based on the record and findings before them.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to denying this settlement agreement. The motion to deny was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

Climate & Infrastructure Committee

12. Contract amendment with Hennepin County for waste disposal services [\(2026-01056\)](#)

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0010801 with Hennepin County, in the amount of \$7,876,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$15,213,000, and a one-year extension through December 31, 2027, at a rate of \$88 per ton for the extended year, for processing and disposal of municipal solid wastes collected in Minneapolis by the Public Works Divisions of Solid Waste and Recycling, and Transportation Maintenance and Repair.

Context: This item approves a one-year contract with Hennepin County for waste disposal at the Hennepin County Recovery Center (HERC). Approval of this contract does not necessarily contradict the City's stated goal of HERC closure by the end of 2027 but showcases the City's reliance on the HERC for waste disposal in the short-term. CM Whiting believes that, without a robust alternative waste disposal plan, the City currently needs this contract for timely waste disposal. That said, he would like to see significantly more work done to develop a comprehensive alternative plan for waste disposal at the City and believes that the City has a long way to go to play our part in this effort to achieve zero waste.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to denying this contract. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

Committee of the Whole

1. Minneapolis Public Schools Proposed School Closure Plan [\(2026-01158\)](#)

Passage of Resolution calling on Minneapolis Public Schools to delay any final vote on the current school closure and deprogramming plan, consider alternatives, and develop a comprehensive strategy addressing enrollment, finances, facilities, and the long-term stability of Minneapolis Public Schools.

CM Vetaw motioned to remove this item from the agenda. This was unanimously accepted.

Context: Earlier this week, the [Minneapolis School Board voted unanimously](#) to scrap plans to close or consolidate schools next fall. For this reason, this Resolution is no longer relevant and so, as its primary author, CM Vetaw opted to remove this item from the agenda. CM Whiting would have supported this Resolution had the School Board not taken this action and the Resolution was still before the Council for a vote. Our public schools are one of the many things that makes Minneapolis great, and he hopes that the district can advance a plan that addresses the changing nature of our schools without negatively impacting students or teachers and with robust community input at a later date.

2. Council subpoena authority ([2026-01166](#)).

Requesting from the City Attorney's Office a legal analysis as to whether the City Council has the authority to subpoena the Administration for information, including what legal avenues may be available to give the City Council such authority.

Context: CM Whiting does not believe that the Council has, nor necessarily should have, subpoena authority over the Administration. However, he is supportive of any effort by his colleagues to learn more about the legal options available to the City Council and was happy to support this request for analysis of the City Attorney's Office. He will base his ultimate support of this authority on the advice of the City's exemplary legal team.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to this motion. The request was successful, 9 ayes to 3 nays, with 1 absence.

Public Health, Safety, & Equity

CM Shaffer motioned to delay items #2-10 to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Context: CM Shaffer expressed significant concerns about items #2-10 and a desire for greater public scrutiny on these contracts due to their large dollar amounts, including a presentation about these contracts to the full body. CM Stevenson emphasized that there was significant discussion on these items during the Public Health, Safety, & Equity Committee last week and that this kind of work should be left to committees, not the whole body. CM Chughtai emphasized that the majority of these contracts are not paid for by property taxes, but through grant funding.

CM Whiting motioned to amend Shaffer's motion to delay these items to the next City Council meeting rather than the next Committee of the Whole meeting.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to the amended delay of this item to the next City Council meeting. The motion was unsuccessful, 3 ayes to 9 nays, with 1 absence.



Council Member Whiting voted no to the unamended motion, delaying this item to the next Committee of the Whole. The motion was unsuccessful, 0 ayes to 12 nays, with 1 absence.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to items #2-10. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting is generally supportive of any request by his colleagues to a delay in an action by a cycle to gather additional information on a vote, so long as the delay does not impact service delivery. Interim Health Commissioner Heidi Ritchie confirmed that a one

cycle delay on these contracts would not impact City services or the receipt of funds. For this reason, CM Whiting was willing to delay these items to the next full Council meeting so that CM Shaffer would have time for additional review. He did not support moving the items to the next Committee of the Whole meeting because he agreed with CM Stevenson that we should not be repeating committee presentations and because of the lengthy agenda for the COW meeting already.

In the end, CM Whiting supported the underlying contracts because he felt he had significant understanding of what was contained within them to approve of them now.

2. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contracts and contract amendments in the category of climate and environment ([2026-01099](#)).

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3. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of Public Health Workforce Development ([2026-01101](#)).

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010443 with Advocates for Better Health, in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$230,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011275 with Smart North, in the amount of \$100,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the eligible agencies list.

4. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of chronic disease ([2026-01102](#)).

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011032 with Hope Community, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$70,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011033 with Open Arms of MN, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$70,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010464 with WellShare International, in the amount of \$50,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$110,000, for the eligible agencies list.

5. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of behavioral health ([2026-01108](#)).

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011055 with Abdur Razzaq Counseling and Social Architecture, in the amount of \$100,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011267 with Generation Hope, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$30,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010450 with Hue-Man Partnership, in the amount of \$400,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$555,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011269 with Minnesota Care Partner, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$30,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010453 with Native American Community Clinic, in the amount of \$400,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$480,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011056 with Restoration Incorporated, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010565 with St. David's, in the amount of \$400,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$600,000, for the eligible agencies list.

6. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of Preventive Services ([2026-01110](#)).

7. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of Injury Prevention ([2026-01112](#)).

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011277 with American Indian Community Development Center, in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$225,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010562 with Southside Harm Reduction Services, in the amount of \$40,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$60,000, for the eligible agencies list.

8. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of Operations and Infrastructure ([2026-01114](#)).

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011282 with Common Sense Consulting @ Work, in the amount of \$10,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$60,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011283 with Karen DeYoung, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000, for the eligible agencies list.

9. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments with government entities and political subdivisions ([2026-01115](#)).

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010405 with Hennepin County, in the amount of \$10,000,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$14,770,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010756 with Hennepin Healthcare, in the amount of \$300,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$740,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010434 with Fairview Health Services, in the amount of \$600,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,305,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010753 with Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$70,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010757 with Minneapolis Public Schools, in the amount of \$300,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$510,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010436 with University of Minnesota, in the amount of \$3,000,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$4,095,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010752 with Youth Coordinating Board, in the amount of \$2,210,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$3,315,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

10. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of Community Engagement and Outreach ([2026-01122](#)).

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21. Mariah Samuels After Action Review Request ([2026-01116](#)).

Passage of Resolution requesting the Audit Committee to request the City Auditor to undertake an independent After Action Review of the City's response to domestic violence-related calls for service by Mariah Samuels, as well as the City's investigation into her death.



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

22. Contract with Community Bridges, Inc. for Mobile Crisis Response services ([2026-01042](#))

Denying a contract with Community Bridges, Inc., in the annual amount of up to \$5,900,000 for Mobile Crisis Response services from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2028, with an option to extend the contract on an annual basis, at the sole option of the City, for three (3) additional years.

Denying authorization for customization of the termination terms and conditions in the contract to allow both parties to terminate the contract without cause.

CM Rainville called a Point of Order arguing that CM Wonsley's comments against this contract were not germane (aka. relevant) when she spoke about ShotSpotter.

President Payne ruled that her comments were germane because they related to the conclusion of contracts, which is relevant to this BCR/MCR debate.

CM Rainville appealed this ruling and called for a vote on the topic.



Council Member Whiting voted aye to upholding President Payne's ruling. The appeal was unsuccessful, 10 ayes to 2 nays, with 1 absence.

After robust discussion, President Payne moved this item to the end of the agenda to give the City Attorney's Office time to draft language that meets the needs of a discussed compromise.



Council Member Whiting voted no to denying this contract. The request was unsuccessful, 7 ayes to 5 nays, with 1 absence.

CM Wonsley motioned to approve a motion to waive procurement policies to allow the Administration to negotiate a new contract with the existing vendor. **See the Addendum portion of this document for this item.**

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: The Behavioral Crisis Response (BCR) program is Minneapolis's 24/7 unarmed mobile mental health first-responder service. Launched in December 2021 under a City contract with Canopy Roots and housed under the oversight of the Minneapolis Fire Department and the Office of Community Safety, BCR functions as an alternative to armed police response for residents experiencing non-violent behavioral or mental health emergencies. The program was designed around the City's legal obligations under [paragraph 289 of the Settlement Agreement](#), expounded upon in the [Safe and Thriving Communities Report](#), and the Department of Justice Consent Decree.

BCR is widely regarded as the most successful pillar of Minneapolis' alternative public safety network. It maintains an exceptional safety record, handling tens of thousands of service calls while using trauma-informed, culturally affirming practices to de-escalate situations. By taking over non-violent behavioral health emergencies, BCR has diverted a massive volume of 911 calls away from the Minneapolis Police Department, freeing officers to address other crises.

The program also represents a major City investment, amounting to millions of dollars in commitments since its initial pilot contract was approved in 2021.

With the City's initial BCR contract expiring at the end of the year, the administration conducted a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) to evolve the program into a broader Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) model. Community Bridges, Inc. won the RFP and was recommended by City staff for a two-year contract to operate the expanded MCR program.

The Benefits of the Expanded MCR Model

Under the current BCR contract, responders are restricted to a narrow definition of mental health crises and are barred from responding to many urgent, non-violent 911 calls. The new MCR contract closes these gaps by expanding unarmed response to cover critical community needs outside of strict mental health emergencies, including crises occurring inside homeless shelters, calls involving intoxication or co-occurring substance use, and urgent social or "livability" crises. [During committee testimony](#), Fire Department leadership shared real-world examples of calls that current BCR teams do not normally respond to, such as a mother and her children locked out of their home in the cold after a domestic fallout, or a resident with a disability stranded in the street in the dead of winter after their motorized wheelchair battery died.

Additionally, the MCR contract stations crisis responders directly inside Minneapolis fire stations in high-need neighborhoods and upgrades the program's data-management systems to track whether residents are getting connected to long-term care.

As CM Whiting emphasized during the Council debate, all of these expanded livability, homelessness, and substance-use crisis calls are currently directed to MPD and the Fire Department. Rejecting this MCR expansion does not make those calls disappear, it actively continues attaching non-violent social and livability crises to MPD and armed police responses, rather than shifting that work to unarmed crisis professionals.

One of the top complaints with our current public safety ecosystem CM Whiting hears from residents is that law enforcement has become the one-stop shop to resolve all of our City's social woes. This includes issues that officers were never trained to address, stretching our already understaffed police force to its limit.

Residents continually ask, "Why do we need to send an armed police officer to 911 calls that could be better served by a civilian behavioral health, mental health, or social service provider? How do we change that?"

The answer to that question is MCR.

Logistical Concerns and Operational Realities

Despite the clear benefits of the expanded MCR model, CM Whiting and his colleagues shared two primary concerns regarding the contract's rollout:

First, the contract has an aggressively fast turnaround. Under the terms of the agreement, Community Bridges would begin its MCR program operations starting January 1, 2027, leaving a little over two months to set up operations in Minneapolis. Community Bridges has not previously operated in Minneapolis, a fact that critics of the contract say could further delay MCR's rollout, resulting in a decline in service quality in early 2027.

Second, there is widespread agreement on Council that the MCR program should eventually come “in-house” as a permanent municipal service. Given how critical the program is to the success of the City’s public safety strategy, gaining direct operational control of the program is the best way to protect workers, provide accountability to outcomes, and further professionalize and expand the program.

While CM Whiting agrees with these concerns, he also recognizes that the City must govern based on its current, actual capacity, prioritizing the survival of the program and preventing a lapse in unarmed emergency response.

While the turnaround is quick, the Council’s only legal authority over procurement contracts is an up-or-down vote. Denying this contract neither extends the current BCR contract nor creates an in-house team. Regardless of whether the Council approves the new MCR contract, the City’s current BCR contract ends on January 1st. If no replacement or extension of the BCR contract is approved, all non-violent behavioral health response programs will end on January 1st. Several Council Members expressed a desire to see Canopy Roots’ current contract extended. CM Whiting agrees that the BCR contract should be extended to either to help alleviate any service disruption during the transition over to MCR or, in the current reality, to continue unarmed response in the City. CM Whiting has no principled objection to this, however, the Council does not have the power to contract with vendors directly; it can only approve or deny the administration’s presented contracts. While the Council voted to lower the procedural hurdles at the 10/15 Council meeting to allow the City to potentially extend its contract with Canopy Roots, there is no guarantee that such an agreement will be reached, nor under what terms.

During committee testimony, leadership from both the Minneapolis Fire Department and the Office of Community Safety made clear that the City does not currently have the infrastructure or administrative capacity to run an MCR program in-house. The Fire Department and City staff cannot stand up a 24/7 clinical crisis division in just two months without a transition plan in place, and a plausible timeline for adopting such a program will likely be measured in years, not weeks.

CM Whiting believes voting down this contract poses an unacceptable risk to both Minneapolis residents and the City’s legal compliance under the MDHR settlement agreement and DOJ Consent Decree. Without approving the MCR contract and allowing the BCR program to lapse on January 1st will route all mental health crisis calls back to armed police officers and amounts to backsliding on our commitments to invest in police alternatives. Approving the MCR contract prevents this outcome, preserving the Council’s ability to transition the program in-house once the City actually builds up the infrastructure to do so.

CM Whiting is unwilling to risk a service blackout for one of the most important, unarmed police-alternative programs in Minneapolis, which is why he voted *against* the denial of this contract.

Sadly, the Council voted to reject the contract, leaving the immediate future of the City’s MCR program uncertain. CM Whiting hopes that City staff will swiftly bring forward another contract to prevent the BCR program from lapsing, which he will be happy to support.

23. MPD off-duty work audit oversight legislative directive ([2026-01154](#)).

Approving a legislative directive related to the Unresolved Management Corrective Action Plans:

Context: CM Whiting was added to this item as a co-author.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to this motion. The motion was successful, 11 ayes to 0 nays, with 2 absences.

24. MPD fleet management audit oversight legislative directive [\(2026-01155\)](#).

Approving a legislative directive related to the Unresolved Management Corrective Action Plans: Minneapolis Police Department Fleet Management Audit.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to this motion. The motion was successful, 11 ayes to 0 nays, with 2 absences.

25. MPD Overtime Spending Audit Request [\(2026-01161\)](#).

Passage of Resolution requesting the Audit Committee request the City Auditor to conduct an independent audit of the Police Department overtime management, controls, and use.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to this motion. The motion was successful, 11 ayes to 0 nays, with 2 absences.

Passed by Unanimous Consent

Business, Housing & Zoning Committee [Oct 6, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Liquor license approvals for October 6, 2026 [\(2026-01120\)](#).

Salsa A La Salsa, 920 LAKE ST E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 9) submitted by Yummy Bites Food LLC, BLLiquor, LIC433341

Flight Club, 729 WASHINGTON AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward None) submitted by SPH FC NA 14 LLC, BLLiquor, LIC433351

Umami Sushi & Chinese Cuisine, 220 LOWRY AVE NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 1) submitted by UMAMI CUISINE LLC, BLWine, LIC433956

Sushi by Baaska, 602 WASHINGTON AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Sushi by Baaska LLC, BLLiquor, LIC434064

Bassett Hound, 350 5TH ST N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership, BLAmend, LIC433699

Farina Rossa, 2506 CENTRAL AVE NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 1) submitted by Farina LLC, BLWine, LIC433335

2. Liquor license renewals for October 6, 2026 [\(2026-01123\)](#).

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3. Gambling license approvals for October 6, 2026 [\(2026-01121\)](#).

Chops Inc, 1368 LASALLE AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Chops Inc, BLGeneral, LIC434804

4. Gift acceptance from Minneapolis Foundation [\(2026-01128\)](#).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Minneapolis Foundation for Marie Larson, Industry Relations Manager, to attend the 2026 Jobs for the Future Institute, Pathways to Prosperity conference in Seattle, WA, from October 28-29, 2026.

5. Gift acceptance from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy [\(2026-01097\)](#).
Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy for Planning Director Meg McMahan to attend the Big City Planning Director's Institute from October 24 - 27, in Cambridge, MA.
6. Gift acceptance from the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management [\(2026-01129\)](#).
Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management for Tammy Dickinson, Step Up Director, to attend the Innovation Day conference in Boston, MA, on November 4, 2026.
7. Minneapolis Development Finance Committee dissolution [\(2026-01048\)](#).
Dissolving the Minneapolis Development Finance Committee.
8. Contract with Mend Collaborative, Inc. for the METRO Blue Line Extension Planning services [\(2026-01060\)](#).
Authorizing a contract with Mend Collaborative, Inc., in the amount of \$750,000, for the METRO Blue Line Extension Station Area Planning services from November 1, 2026, to September 30, 2028.
9. Rescinding Business License Operating Conditions: Driftwood, 4415 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 8) submitted by EM Company Services, Inc, for an On Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Limited Entertainment license, LIC65405 [\(2026-01124\)](#).
Rescinding Business License operating conditions for Driftwood, 4415 NICOLLET AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 8) submitted by EM Company Services, Inc, BLAmend, LIC434685
10. License Settlement Conference Recommendations and Business License Operating Conditions: Los Andes Latin Bistro/Los Andes, 607 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 8) submitted by Los Andes Restaurant Inc, for an On Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, General Entertainment, 2a.m. license, LIC384189 [\(2026-01125\)](#).

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

11. Fall 2026 Brownfield grant applications [\(2026-01131\)](#).
Passage of Resolution authorizing applications to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development [DEED] Contamination Cleanup and Investigation grant program for environmental investigation and/or remediation funding for the following projects: 250 Fremont Development (250 Fremont Ave N), \$397,639; [Former] Murphy Warehouse (2222 Elm St SE), \$1,033,155; and Northeast Green Campus Expansion Project (1900, 1902, 1904, 1906, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1916, 1918, 1920, and 1922 Monroe St N; and 661 19th Ave NE), \$759,333.

Passage of Resolution authorizing applications to the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Act grant program(s) for environmental investigation and/or remediation funding for the following projects: 250 Fremont Development (250 Fremont Ave N), \$86,389; Logan Avenue Flats (529-535 Logan Ave N), \$135,960; LOLA Lofts (2815 East Lake St), \$115,420; [Former] Murphy Warehouse (2222 Elm St SE), \$1,033,155; and South Cheatham Redevelopment (South ½ of 3716 Cheatham Ave), \$1,000,000.

Passage of Resolution authorizing applications to Hennepin County's Environmental Response Fund [ERF] grant program for environmental investigation and/or remediation funding for the following projects: 250 Fremont Development (250 Fremont Ave N), \$86,389; CLCLT Homes -- Fall 2026 (2108 Glenwood Ave N, 2122 Willow Ave N, 2418 Cole Avenue SE, 2501 16th Ave S, 2543 10th Ave S, 3015 36th Ave S, 3132 Park Ave, 3135 Pierce St NE, 3455 James Ave N, 3500 36th Ave S, 3844 38th Ave S, 3905 26th Ave S, 4217 12th Ave S, 4921 Penn Ave N, 5154 Sheridan Ave N, 5417 Nokomis Ave S, and 5724 46th Avenue S), \$428,350; Logan Avenue Flats (529-535 Logan Ave N), \$87,700; LOLA Lofts (2815 East Lake St), \$115,420; [Former] Murphy Warehouse (2222 Elm St SE), \$276,500; and South

12. Decertification of TIF Districts ([2026-01130](#))

Passage of Resolution approving the decertification of the Heritage Landing (TIF District #92) Tax Increment Financing District as of December 31, 2026, and authorizing the City's Finance Officer to establish any appropriations necessary to return surplus tax increment from the TIF district funds to Hennepin County for redistribution.

Passage of Resolution approving the decertification of the 2nd Street North Hotel/Apartments (TIF District #94) Tax Increment Financing District as of December 31, 2026, and authorizing the City's Finance Officer to establish any appropriations necessary to return surplus tax increment from the TIF district funds to Hennepin County for redistribution.

Passage of Resolution approving the decertification of the East Village (TIF District #96) Tax Increment Financing District as of December 31, 2026, and authorizing the City's Finance Officer to establish any appropriations necessary to return surplus tax increment from the TIF district funds to Hennepin County for redistribution.

Passage of Resolution approving the decertification of the East Hennepin & University (TIF District #102) Tax Increment Financing District as of December 31, 2026, and authorizing the City's Finance Officer to establish any appropriations necessary to return surplus tax increment from the TIF district funds to Hennepin County for redistribution.

Passage of Resolution approving the decertification of the 2700 E Lake Street (TIF District #107) Tax Increment Financing District as of December 31, 2026, and authorizing the City's Finance Officer to establish any appropriations necessary to return surplus tax increment from the TIF district funds to Hennepin County for redistribution.

Passage of Resolution approving Modification No. 3 decertifying and removing parcels from the Lake Street Center Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District as of December 31, 2026, and authorizing the City's Finance Officer to establish any appropriations necessary to return surplus tax increment from the TIF district funds to Hennepin County for redistribution.

Climate & Infrastructure Committee [Oct 8, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Non-Governmental Tax-Exempt Parcel Street Light Operation Fee: 2027 assessments ([2026-00921](#)).

Passage of Resolution adopting the assessments, levying the assessments, and adopting the assessment roll for the 2027 Street Light Operations Fee Assessment Project 1337L.

2. Non-Governmental Tax-Exempt Parcel Street Maintenance: 2027 assessments ([2026-00920](#)).

Passage of Resolution adopting the assessments, levying the assessments, and adopting the assessment roll for the 2027 Street Maintenance Assessment Project 1337M.

3. Special Service Districts (Legacy Districts): 2027 proposed services and service charges ([2026-00919](#))

Passage of Resolution approving the 2027 operating plans, special services, cost estimates, service charges, and the lists of 2027 service charges for the 48th & Chicago, Central Avenue, Dinkytown, Eat Street, Linden Hills, Lowry Hill, Stadium Village, and Uptown Special Service Districts (Non-428A Districts), and authorizing the Department of Public Works to proceed with the work.

4. Non-Governmental Tax-Exempt Parcel Street Light Operation and Street Maintenance Assessment Cancellation ([2026-01146](#)).

Passage of Resolution cancelling Non-Governmental Tax-Exempt Parcel special assessments and related charges certified against parcel 21-029-24-43-0012, including delinquent charges for tax years 2024 and 2025 and payable 2026 special assessments.

5. Bid for Crushing Rubble Concrete ([2026-01136](#)).

Accepting the low bid of New Look Contracting, Inc., submitted on Event 4235, for an annual amount up to \$397,583, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for Crushing Rubble Concrete for a one (1) year contract with the option to the option to extend one (1) 12-month period, all in accordance with City specifications.

6. Bid for Hilton Ramp Sanitary Plumbing Replacement Project ([2026-01138](#)).

Accepting the low bid of Core Mechanical Services LLC, submitted on Event 4181, in the amount of \$444,000, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Hilton Ramp Sanitary Plumbing Replacement Project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

7. Bid for Maintenance Hole Spray Lining Project ([2026-01134](#)).

Accepting the sole bid of R&H Painting submitted on Event 4252, in the amount of \$346,500, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Maintenance Hole Spray Lining Project and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

8. Bid for the Pump Station 5 Added Fuel for Generators Project ([2026-01133](#)).

Accepting the sole bid of MN Petroleum Inc., submitted on Event 4211, in the amount of \$1,565,738, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Pump Station 5 (PS5) Added Fuel for Generators project and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

9. Contract with Neighborhood Recycling Corporation for processing, marketing and sale of commingled recyclable materials ([2026-01137](#)).

Authorizing a contract with Neighborhood Recycling Corporation (dba Eureka Recycling), in an amount not to exceed \$5,900,000, for a period of ten (10) years, from December 1, 2026, through November 30, 2036, for the processing, marketing and sale of 100% of the City's recyclable materials.

Authorizing customization of the Cloud Based Storage, Termination, Labor Peace sections of City's Terms and Conditions for Professional Services as negotiated by the parties and approved by the City Attorney's Office.

10. Contract amendment with Advanced Sewer and Water, Inc., for Lead Service Line Replacements Year 3, Event 1 of 2 Project ([2026-01135](#)).

Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0010977 with Advanced Sewer and Water, Inc., in the amount of \$124,700 for a total amount not to exceed \$544,150, for the Lead Service Line Replacement Year 3 project, Event 1 of 2, Red Package.

11. Contract amendment with Thomas & Sons Construction Inc. for the 26th Street E and Hiawatha Avenue Safety Improvement project ([2026-01118](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0011383 with Thomas & Sons Construction Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$3,024,275, for additional work to complete the 26th Street East and Hiawatha Avenue Safety Improvement Project, all in accordance with City specifications.

12. Contract amendment with Hennepin County for waste disposal services ([2026-01056](#)).

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

Committee of the Whole

1. Minneapolis Public Schools Proposed School Closure Plan [\(2026-01158\)](#)
Context: Pulled for discussion. See "Discussion" section above for vote and full reasoning.
2. Council subpoena authority [\(2026-01166\)](#)
Context: Pulled for discussion. See "Discussion" section above for vote and full reasoning.
3. Gift acceptance from Minneapolis Police Foundation [\(2026-01034\)](#)
Passage of Resolution accepting an additional 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.

Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee [Oct 5, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Winter Work Reserve Pool Letter of Agreement (LOA) for Laborers Local 363 Rate Update [\(2026-01156\)](#)
Approving a modification to the Winter Work Reserve Pool Letter of Agreement (LOA) for Laborers Local 363 to increase the rates.
2. Contract amendment with Keystone Compensation Group LLC, for classification and compensation consulting services [\(2026-01107\)](#)
Authorizing an increase to contract COM0006232 with Keystone Compensation Group LLC, in the amount of \$50,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$550,000, to continue providing classification and compensation consulting services.
3. Contract amendment with Good Works Consulting LLC for change management services [\(2026-01109\)](#)
Authorizing an increase to contract COM0007246 with Good Works Consulting LLC, in the amount of \$50,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,550,000, and an extension through December 31, 2026, to continue consulting services related to change management services.
4. Contract amendment with Aliveness Project for Housing Opportunities for Persons With HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) programming [\(2026-01111\)](#)
Authorizing an extension to contract COM0007199 with Aliveness Project through June 30, 2027, for Tenant Based Rental Assistance programming to be executed in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

Authorizing time of performance extension to contract COM0007199 with Aliveness Project through June 30, 2026, for Transitional Housing programming.
5. Contract amendment with Cordia LLC for steam service at the Public Service Center [\(2026-01113\)](#)
Authorizing an extension to contract C-23711C with Cordia LLC for one year, through August 31, 2027, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year, for steam service at the Public Service Center.
6. Contract with Principal Financial Solutions for Investment Custody, Securities Lending, and Trustee Services [\(2026-01140\)](#)
Authorizing a contract with Principal Financial Solutions in an initial amount not to exceed \$175,000, for a three (3)-year term from January 1, 2027Jan 1, 2027, through December 31, 2030Dec 31, 2030, with the option to extend the contract for up to two (2) additional one-year terms, to provide Investment Custody, Securities Lending, and Trustee Services.
7. Contract amendment with SUEZ SES North America, Inc. for the support and maintenance of the City's water laboratory and operational data management system [\(2026-01144\)](#)
Authorizing an increase to contract COM0003410 with SUEZ SES North America, Inc., in the amount of \$109,475, for a new total amount not to exceed \$271,465, and an extension for an additional three (3) years through February 28, 2029Feb 28, 2029, with the option, at the City's sole discretion,

to extend the Contract for either two (2) additional one-year periods or one (1) additional two-year period, for the support and maintenance of the City's water laboratory and operational data management system.

8. Legal Settlement: Claim of Alice Nah ([2026-01106](#)).

Approving the settlement of the claim of Alice Nah by payment of \$13,000 to Alice Nah and attorneys by check made out to Alice Nah and Johnson Gonko Flaskamp, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

9. Contract amendment with LSE Architects, Inc. for architectural and engineering design services for the Minneapolis Democracy Center project ([2026-01117](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009495 with LSE Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$429,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,300,500, for additional professional architectural and engineering services associated with the Minneapolis Democracy Center project.

Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee [Oct 7, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Contract with Cellebrite USA Corporation for mobile device forensic software services ([2026-01098](#)).

Considering a contract with Cellebrite USA Corporation, in the amount of \$443,714, for the software support package for Cellebrite Inseyets license, for three (3) years through October 29, 2029.

2. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contracts and contract amendments in the category of climate and environment ([2026-01099](#)).

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3. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of Public Health Workforce Development ([2026-01101](#)).

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010443 with Advocates for Better Health, in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$230,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011275 with Smart North, in the amount of \$100,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the eligible agencies list.

4. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of chronic disease ([2026-01102](#)).

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011032 with Hope Community, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$70,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011033 with Open Arms of MN, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$70,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010464 with WellShare International, in the amount of \$50,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$110,000, for the eligible agencies list.

5. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of behavioral health ([2026-01108](#)).

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011055 with Abdur Razzaq Counseling and Social Architecture, in the amount of \$100,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011267 with Generation Hope, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$30,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010450 with Hue-Man Partnership, in the amount of \$400,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$555,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011269 with Minnesota Care Partner, in the

amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$30,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010453 with Native American Community Clinic, in the amount of \$400,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$480,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011056 with Restoration Incorporated, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010565 with St. David's, in the amount of \$400,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$600,000, for the eligible agencies list.

6. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of Preventive Services ([2026-01110](#)).

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7. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of Injury Prevention ([2026-01112](#)).

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011277 with American Indian Community Development Center, in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$225,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010562 with Southside Harm Reduction Services, in the amount of \$40,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$60,000, for the eligible agencies list.

8. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of Operations and Infrastructure ([2026-01114](#)).

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011282 with Common Sense Consulting @ Work, in the amount of \$10,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$60,000, for the eligible agencies list.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0011283 with Karen DeYoung, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000, for the eligible agencies list.

9. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments with government entities and political subdivisions ([2026-01115](#)).

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010405 with Hennepin County, in the amount of \$10,000,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$14,770,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010756 with Hennepin Healthcare, in the amount of \$300,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$740,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010434 with Fairview Health Services, in the amount of \$600,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,305,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010753 with Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$70,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010757 with Minneapolis Public Schools, in the amount of \$300,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$510,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010436 with University of Minnesota, in the amount of \$3,000,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$4,095,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

Authorizing an increase to master contract COM0010752 with Youth Coordinating Board, in the

amount of \$2,210,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$3,315,000, for the eligible agencies list of governmental and political subdivision entities.

10. Master contracts with various eligible agencies for the Minneapolis Health Department for 2026-2028: Contract amendments in the category of Community Engagement and Outreach ([2026-01122](#)).

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11. Contract amendment with North Star Sustainability to support the implementation of Food Forward ([2026-01096](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0009557 with North Star Sustainability, in the amount of \$19,800 for a total amount not to exceed \$53,930, for additional services associated with implementing Food Forward, a wasted food prevention initiative, funded by the Health Department's Compost and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) cooperative agreement with the USDA NIFA.

12. Memorandum of Understanding with Neighborhood HealthSource Central/Fremont Clinics, Fairview Recovery Clinic, and Red Door Clinic ([2026-01143](#)).

Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Minneapolis Health Department and Neighborhood HealthSource Central Clinic to expand access to long-acting injectable buprenorphine for people with opioid use disorder until December 31, 2027.

Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Minneapolis Health Department and Neighborhood HealthSource Fremont Clinic to expand access to long-acting injectable buprenorphine for people with opioid use disorder until December 31, 2027.

Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Minneapolis Health Department and Fairview Recovery Clinic to expand access to long-acting injectable buprenorphine for people with opioid use disorder until December 31, 2027.

Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Minneapolis Health Department and Red Door Clinic to expand access to long-acting injectable buprenorphine for people with opioid use disorder until December 31, 2027.

13. 2025 Urban Area Security Initiative grant for purchasing meridian vehicle intrusion mitigation barricades ([2026-01041](#)).

Accepting a grant from Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and U.S. Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in the amount of \$100,000, to assist the Police Department in purchasing meridian vehicle intrusion mitigation barricades.

Authorizing a contract with Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and U.S. Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the grant, to be executed in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

14. Redistribution funding from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) ([2026-01094](#)).

Accepting redistribution funding from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE), in the amount of \$222,001.98, for MBFTE-approved training conducted between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

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

15. Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant for firefighter positions ([2026-01157](#)).

Accepting a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), pending City Attorney's Office approval, in the amount of \$3,382,280.43, to be used for 15 additional firefighter positions.

16. Gift acceptance from Special Olympics Minnesota ([2026-01091](#)).
Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Special Olympics Minnesota for Police Inspector Beth Mota and Lieutenant Sherral Schmidt to attend the Law Enforcement International Conference for Special Olympics in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from November 4-8, 2026.
17. Gift acceptance from Law Enforcement & Emergency Services Video Association (LEVA) ([2026-01092](#)).
Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Law Enforcement & Emergency Services Video Association (LEVA) for Police Forensic Scientist Alison Murray to attend the Annual LEVA Training Symposium in Tampa, Florida, from October 22-30, 2026.
18. Gift donation to Minneapolis Mounted Police Foundation ([2026-01127](#)).
Passage of Resolution approving the disposition of Minneapolis Police Department Mounted Patrol surplus property by donation to the Minneapolis Mounted Police Foundation, subject to the requirements of Minneapolis Code of Ordinances § 18.160, the City's Surplus Property Disposal Policy and Procedures, applicable state and federal law, and confirmation by Finance and Property Services and the City Attorney that the proposed recipient and disposition satisfy all applicable requirements.
19. Automotive business regulation and enforcement ([2026-01093](#)).
Directing the Legislative Department to undertake research and analysis on automotive business regulation and enforcement.
20. 2026-2029 Public Health, Safety & Equity (PHSE) Committee Work Plan ([2026-01103](#)).
Approving the 2026-2029 Public Health, Safety & Equity (PHSE) Committee Work Plan.
21. Mariah Samuels After Action Review Request ([2026-01116](#)).
Passage of Resolution requesting the Audit Committee to request the City Auditor to undertake an independent After Action Review of the City's response to domestic violence-related calls for service by Mariah Samuels, as well as the City's investigation into her death.
22. Contract with Community Bridges, Inc. for Mobile Crisis Response services ([2026-01042](#)).
Denying a contract with Community Bridges, Inc., in the annual amount of up to \$5,900,000 for Mobile Crisis Response services from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2028, with an option to extend the contract on an annual basis, at the sole option of the City, for three (3) additional years.

Denying authorization for customization of the termination terms and conditions in the contract to allow both parties to terminate the contract without cause.
23. MPD off-duty work audit oversight legislative directive ([2026-01154](#)).
Context: Pulled for discussion. See "Discussion" section above for vote and full reasoning.
24. MPD fleet management audit oversight legislative directive ([2026-01155](#)).
Context: Pulled for discussion. See "Discussion" section above for vote and full reasoning.
25. MPD Overtime Spending Audit Request ([2026-01161](#)).
Context: Pulled for discussion. See "Discussion" section above for vote and full reasoning.
26. Gift Acceptance from CityMatch ([2026-01160](#)).
Passage of Resolution accepting donation from CityMatch for Stephanie Graves, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Manager, Maria Skjefte, Public Health Specialist, and Elizabeth Govrik-McCoy, Community Health Specialist, to attend a meeting with Indigenous Alaskan birth workers in Anchorage, Alaska, from October 14-16, 2026.

Notice of Ordinance Introductions

1. Commercial, industrial, and institutional stormwater program ordinance ([2026-01175](#)).

Chavez and Stevenson give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 3 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Air Pollution and Environmental Protection, adding a new Chapter 49 entitled “Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Stormwater Program.”

2. Police Department vehicle purchases ordinance ([2026-01191](#)).

Vetaw gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 18 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Purchasing, amending section 18.170 to ensure accountability for Minneapolis Police Department vehicle purchases.

3. Seldom-issued licenses ordinance ([2026-01204](#)).

Shaffer gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations, deleting or amending various seldom-issued license types and categories to streamline the regulatory process and align with current market needs and practices:

Chapter 264 Outdoor Pay Telephones

Chapter 267 Amusements

Chapter 282 Donation Collection Bins

Chapter 285 Dancing Schools

Chapter 293 Going Out of Business Sales

Chapter 311 Motor Scooter Leasing

Chapter 331 Sidewalk Flower Cart Vendors

Chapter 335 Street Photographers

4. Data center business licensing ordinance ([2026-01210](#)).

Chowdhury gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations, adding a new Chapter 271 entitled “Data Centers” establishing licensing requirements for qualifying data centers.

These Notices of Introduction were received, and do not require a vote by the Council.

Introduction & Referral Calendar

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

Pursuant to notice, motion by Wonsley and Stevenson 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., for first reading and referral to the Climate & Infrastructure Committee, 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](#)).

Pursuant to notice, motion by Vetaw and Rainville 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, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity



Council Member Whiting voted yes to introduce this item and refer it to its appropriate staff or committee. The motion was successful 9 ayes to 0 nays, with 4 absences.

Resolutions

1. 2026 Breast Cancer Awareness Month honorary resolution ([2026-01207](#)).

Passage of Resolution recognizing October 2026 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Minneapolis.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to approve the above resolution. The resolution was successful 9 ayes to 0 nays, with 4 absences.

Unfinished Business

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

Considering Mayor Frey's veto of Ordinance 2026-034 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.



Council Member Whiting voted no to overriding the Mayor's veto. The override was unsuccessful 7 ayes to 5 nays, with 1 absence.

Context: CM Whiting shared his reasoning for not supporting this ordinance to add drivers to driverless vehicles in the [10.1.2026 Scorecard](#). He did not support this veto override for the same reasons but enthusiastically welcomes the work of his colleagues to reopen this chapter, through an ordinance introduction, to develop other worker protections.

New Business

1. Appointment of Health Commissioner ([2026-01090](#)).

1. Receiving and filing Mayor Frey's nomination of Heidi Ritchie to the appointed position of Health Commissioner for a term ending January 2030.
2. Referring the Mayor's nomination of Heidi Ritchie to the appointed position of Health Commissioner to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee for the setting of a public hearing.

2. Appointment of Police Chief ([2026-01211](#))

1. Receiving and filing Mayor Frey's nomination of Bill Peterson to the appointed position of Police Chief for a term ending January 2030.
2. Referring the Mayor's nomination of Bill Peterson to the appointed position of Police Chief to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee for the setting of a public hearing.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to approve the above resolutions. The resolutions were successful 9 ayes to 0 nays, with 4 absences.

Closed Session

1. Litigation matter of Catherine Doe v. City of Minneapolis ([2026-00740](#))

Receiving a briefing on the litigation matter of Catherine Doe v. City of Minneapolis.

Addendum

1. Autonomous vehicle regulations ordinance ([2026-01208](#)).

Wonsley, Osman, Chavez, 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 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.

2. Contract with Canopy Roots, LLC for behavioral crisis response services: waiver of procurement policies ([2026-01217](#)).

Approving the waiver of any applicable City procurement policies to enable the Administration to extend City Contract COM0003838 with Canopy Roots, LLC for behavioral crisis response services, for a period not to exceed eighteen (18) months, to ensure continuity of this critical existing service while allowing time to examine alternative program models including, but not limited to, bringing this service in-house.



Council Member Whiting voted aye to this motion to waive the procurement requirements. The motion was successful, 11 ayes to 1 nay, with 1 absence.

Context: Normally, City procurement rules require large service contracts to go through a formal RFP process to prevent favoritism and ensure residents get the best value. This addendum motion waives those standard procurement rules, on this individual contract, for up to 18 months so the City administration is legally allowed to bypass the RFP process and negotiate a temporary contract extension with the City's current Behavioral Crisis Response (BCR) vendor, Canopy Roots, LLC.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: This motion was suggested by CM Palmisano and brought forward by CM Wonsley as an emergency fallback in direct response to the Council majority's decision to reject the new two-year Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) contract with Community Bridges, Inc. **See item 22 under Public Health, Safety, & Equity above for more details.**

Under the City Charter, the City Council cannot negotiate contracts from the dais or unilaterally order a vendor to keep working. The Council can only vote up or down on contracts negotiated and presented by the City administration. By passing this procurement waiver, the Council lowered the procedural hurdles so City staff can go back to the table with Canopy Roots to negotiate a bridge extension to keep existing BCR vans on the street while the City studies how to effectively transition the BCR program into an MCR program under a new vendor or bring the service in-house.

While CM Whiting strongly preferred approving the vetted Community Bridges contract to guarantee uninterrupted service and launch the expanded MCR model on January 1st, once the Council majority rejected that contract, preventing a total shutdown of unarmed crisis response became his top priority. CM Whiting has no objection to extending Canopy Roots' contract as a bridge solution and supported this waiver to give City staff every available tool to prevent a service lapse.

However, this is not a signed contract and does not automatically extend BCR services past January 1st. It merely gives the administration permission to negotiate with Canopy Roots. Both parties still have to agree on terms, pricing, and staffing, and bring a finalized contract back to the Council for approval before the end of the year. There is no guarantee that Canopy Roots will agree to extend their contract.

Most critically, a decision to simply extend this contract delays implementation of the expanded MCR model, maintaining the current, narrower scope of mental health response. The responsibility to respond to urgent social and livability crises will continue falling on MPD and the Fire Department.

Even with those limitations, the worst possible outcome for Minneapolis residents would be for unarmed crisis response to go dark on January 1st. CM Whiting supported this procurement waiver and urges the administration to move quickly to negotiate a stopgap extension and keep BCR responders in the field.

Adjournment

Next City Council meeting: Oct. 29, 2026