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10.29.26 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 29th, 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:

Number / Title	Council Member Whiting's Vote	Page #
BUD #1: Spending transparency & overpsend prevention	CM Whiting **authored** and **voted in support** of this resolution to rescind procurement contracting authority for contracts between $5,000 and $175,000 from departments who overspend their annual budget. This resolution **passed**.	
BHZ #3 & #4: Safe outdoor spaces	CM Whiting **voted in support** of these ordinances to provide individuals and families living in their vehicles a safe, authorized, staffed, off-street location place to park and sleep overnight. These two resolutions **passed**.	
BUD #4: Intent to apply government restructure dollars	CM Whiting **voted in support** of this amended resolution to commit any dollars gained through government restructure implementation to program restoration and tax levy reduction. This resolution **passed unanimously.**	
COW #3: Government structure implementation	CM Whiting **voted against** this ordinance which dissolves the Office of Community Safety, the Racial Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Department, and the Performance Management & Innovation Department. This ordinance **passed**.	
Unfinished Business #1 & #2: Mobile Crisis Response & Behavioral Crisis	CM Whiting **voted for sustaining** the Mayor's veto of the denial of the Mobile Crisis Response Contract. He **voted to override** the Mayor's veto of the waiver of procurement policies necessary to negotiate an extended Behavioral Crisis Response contract. Both votes were **sustained**	

Response	vetoes were **sustained**.	

Minneapolis City Council Agenda

October 29th, 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, Pearll 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 motioned to move Budget item #4 and COW item #1 to the top of the agenda as they are related.

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

3. Acceptance of minutes.

Council Member Whiting voted yes to accepting the meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted 13 ayes to 0 nays.

4. Referral of petitions, communications, and reports to the proper Committees.

Council Member Whiting voted yes to the referral of petitions, communications, and reports. The motion was successful, 13 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion

Budget Committee

1. Spending transparency and overspend prevention (2026-01218)

   Considering a resolution rescinding contracting authority in Resolution 2022R-291 to enter into procurement contracts of greater than $5,000 and less than or equal to $175,000 when a department has exceeded its annual budgeted appropriations.

   Context: Council Member Whiting is the proud author of this resolution which rescinds contracting authority for departments to enter into procurement contracts of greater than $5,000 and less than or equal to $175,000 when a department has exceeded its annual budgeted appropriation. In other words, it requires any City department who has overspent their annual budget in the current or previous year to get the City Council's approval for procurement contracts greater than $5,000 and less than or equal to $175,000.

In Minneapolis, the Mayor has the legal authority to propose the City Budget, and the City Council has the authority to amend, adopt, and, finally, authorize City spending.

The City Council has delegated to City departments the authority to enter into procurement contracts less than or equal to $175,000 without Council approval. This traditionally allows for easier service delivery and department efficiency. In recent years, however, the City of Minneapolis has seen recurring budget overruns by several City departments. The City of Minneapolis is facing a $60 million estimated budget gap heading into 2027, and residents are facing a potential 11%+ levy increase as a result.

Minneapolis taxpayers need to know that their dollars are being spent wisely, effectively, and judiciously and that overspending without good reason is not tolerated. The goal of this change is not to limit any department's ability to respond to crisis or provide timely services to Minneapolis residents. (In fact, it explicitly states that the Council, can restore contracting authority by resolution at any time.) What it does do is increase transparency and financial oversight of a department when, and only when, they have gone over budget in the current or previous year. The majority of City departments stay within their budgets each year, but those that don't will now face greater scrutiny when attempting to spend additional funds once over budget.

The resolution was co-authored by Council Members Chowdhury and Chughtai.

CM Whiting made two amendments to this resolution at the behest of colleagues: the first dictates that a department would have their procurement contracting authority rescinded for entirety of the *following* year after they go over budget now goes into effect in 2027, not 2026; the second makes explicit the carveout for snow emergencies by Public Works. While CM Whiting fully supports the unamended resolution, he is happy to make these changes to earn the support of his colleagues and is grateful for the collaboration that allowed this important measure to pass with a veto-proof Council majority.



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

4. Intent to Apply Government Restructuring Savings Towards Property Tax Relief in 2027 (2026-01265)
   Considering a resolution expressing City Council's intent to apply government restructuring savings towards property tax relief in 2027.

   CM Chughtai moved the item as amended for approval.

   Context: This item is a resolution attached to COW #3: Government structure implementation ordinance. It resolves to use potential government restructure savings for a combination of program restoration and levy reduction.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to this amended resolution. The motion was unanimously successful, 13 ayes to 0 nays.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting fully supports program restoration and levy reduction going into the final months of the budget process and is grateful for the full Council compromise that this resolution represents. CM Whiting supported this resolution for this reason, and because it is nonbinding.

That said, this resolution is built on the savings that would result from the dissolution of the Office of Community Safety (OCS), the Racial Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Department, and the Performance Management & Innovation Department. He vehemently opposes the dissolution of OCS in particular and the disinvestment this poses to alternative public safety responses. (His full reasoning for why he does not support the dissolution of OCS is included below under COW #3). That said, CM Whiting was aware that the government restructure ordinance (COW #3) would likely pass and, given that, he supported the Council's united decision to spend the dollars gained to restore programs and reduce the levy. He applauds his colleagues for the respectful development of this compromise, despite his disagreement with its proposed funding source.

Business, Housing & Zoning Committee

3. Safe outdoor spaces: Licenses and business regulations ordinance (2026-00348)

   Passage of Ordinance amending Title 13 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations, adding a new Chapter 296 entitled "Safe Outdoor Spaces" establishing licensing requirements for authorized and regulated "safe outdoor spaces" or individualized outdoor sheltering options for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

   Context: This item was taken up with BHZ item #4. CM Whiting's vote and reasoning are included under that agenda item below.

4. Safe outdoor spaces: Zoning ordinance (2026-00164)

   Passage of Ordinance amending Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code, establishing authorized and regulated "safe outdoor spaces" or individualized outdoor sheltering options for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness:

   Chapter 525 Administration and Procedures
   Chapter 540 Built Form Overlay Districts
   Chapter 545 Use Regulations
   Chapter 555 Off-Street Parking, Loading, and Mobility
   Chapter 565 Definitions

   Context: This ordinance change was authored by CM Chavez with co-authors Chughtai, Chowdhury, and Stevenson. It provides individuals and families living in their vehicles a safe, authorized, staffed, off-street location place to park and sleep overnight. More specifically, the zoning ordinance (BHZ #4) creates a pathway for the creation of safe, temporary, and managed outdoor parking environments. These sites would allow individuals to legally shelter in their vehicles overnight without fear of citation or displacement. The licensing and business regulations component of the ordinance (BHZ #3) will require other pieces, including public liability insurance; approval of licensure; operation by a nonprofit, government agency, or religious organization with off-street parking provided; a management, security, and public safety plan subject to review and approval by City licensing officials and MPD; and more.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to this ordinance, and the ordinance above (BHZ #3). Both ordinances were successful, 9 ayes to 4 nays.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting is grateful for the thoughtful work of CM Chavez and this ordinance's co-authors to provide a safer alternative for our unhoused neighbors who are living out of their vehicles. Though this resolution is just one step towards building a dignified future for our unhoused

neighbors, it is nonetheless an essential one that will create safe, service-connected spaces for individuals and families.

14. Contract and Affordable Housing Trust Funding for Heritage Park (2026-00870)

Considering an increase to contract COM0011868 with NorthPoint Health & Wellness, Inc., in the amount of $738,622, for a total amount not to exceed $913,622, for the implementation of the City's Heritage Park Voluntary Relocation Policy.

Context: Throughout the summer of 2026, CM Pearll Warren, tenants and the Minneapolis NAACP exposed severe, unsafe living conditions at the Heritage Park subsidized housing complex in North Minneapolis. Residents reported widespread mold, pest infestations, water damage, and failing HVAC systems. The property has been struggling financially and a court-appointed receiver took over management late last year. In response, the City Council approved the Heritage Park Voluntary Relocation Policy in August to provide emergency funding to help eligible families voluntarily move out of the unsafe units.

NorthPoint Health & Wellness, Inc is the City's contracted benefit provider hired to execute the City's assistance program. This contract empowers Northpoint to manage the daily administration of the relocation effort and distribute financial assistance to the Heritage Park households who opted into the program.



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

15. 2027 License Fee Schedule (2026-00898)

Approving the 2027 License Fee Schedule with changes to the current 2026 License Fee schedule.

CM Wonsley motioned to amend this license fee schedule.

President Payne motioned to delay discussion of this item to allow time for Regulatory Services staff to attend and answer questions.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to accept CM Wonsley's amendment. This motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to the underlying motion as amended. This motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

Context: The underlying motion, which was amended by CM Chavez in BHZ Committee, increases the fees for tier I, II and III Rental Dwelling Licenses, which will bring an additional $700K in 2027 for housing inspections.

CM Wonsley's amendment adds an additional administrative fee for tier III, which would be used to fund the enforcement of the "STOP slumlords" ordinance that the City Council passed in 2025. Several Council Members had significant concerns that administering this fee, given the ongoing license fee reform process, would result in excess IT spending (roughly $200K), which would become obsolete in 2028 once reform is complete. However, these concerns were addressed by Regulatory Services staff.

Committee of the Whole

3. Government structure implementation ordinance (2026-00178)

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 12 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: City Administration, updating government structure implementation to address outstanding gaps and improve government operations and collaboration.

Council Member Whiting voted no to this ordinance. The motion was successful, 9 ayes to 4 nays.

Context: In 2021, Minneapolis voters passed a charter amendment shifting the City from a decentralized system to a "strong mayor" model. The City Council subsequently passed the initial Government Structure Implementation Ordinance in 2022, formally organizing City Departments under the Mayor's executive control and delineating the Council's legislative and oversight duties.

The proposed ordinance change is a legislative update intended to refine this system by reorganizing City departments in the following ways:

1. The ordinance eliminates the Racial Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (REIB) department as a standalone entity, and moves its functions and staff into the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) department.

2. The ordinance eliminates the Performance Management and Innovation (PMI) department as a standalone entity, moving its functions into the Office of Public Service (OPS).

3. The ordinance entirely eliminates the Office of Community Safety (OCS), and re-routes the five public safety departments (Police, Fire, 911, Emergency Management, and Neighborhood Safety) to report directly to the Mayor.

For item one, both the Mayor and Council generally agree that consolidating REIB's work within another City Department will serve to amplify the City's equity work. The Mayor has proposed moving REIB's functions into the Human Resources Department, and the Council has alternatively proposed moving them into NCR. The Mayor has not indicated whether he supports the Council's alternative proposal.

For item two, both the Mayor and Council agree that PMI has been too internally focused to consistently deliver performance-based outcomes or effectively evaluate the efficacy of City departments, especially during the budgeting process. The purpose of PMI is to partner with other City departments to make municipal services more responsive, equitable, and efficient. By moving this work directly under the City Operations Officer, the goal is to integrate performance metrics directly into the daily management of all non-safety City departments, rather than having it sit in an office susceptible to siloing.

For item three, there is strong disagreement both among Council Members and between the Council and the Mayor. Almost all public debate surrounding this ordinance change has revolved around OCS, and its proposed termination was the sole reason Council Member Whiting opposed this ordinance change.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting believes eliminating the Office of Community Safety is one of the most reckless decisions the City Council has made this year. The Council has received letters and warnings from Attorney General Keith Ellison, the NYU Policing Project, the main drafter of Safe and Thriving Communities report for Minneapolis, and ELEFA the City's Independent Monitor for the Minnesota Department of Human Rights Settlement Agreement. They have been unified in their message to the Council

and City as a whole, exclaiming, please, do not do this.

OCS was established in 2022 to solve a critical flaw in Minneapolis's historical government structure: a deeply fragmented, siloed emergency response system. For decades, the City operated under a decentralized "14-boss" system where communication was blurry and departments rarely coordinated on a strategic level. In the wake of George Floyd's murder in 2020, as the City sought to build a comprehensive safety model that integrated unarmed, community-based alternatives alongside traditional policing, voters approved a "strong mayor" charter amendment in 2021. To operationalize this new structure, the Mayor and City Council created OCS to bring the City's five distinct public safety agencies, Police, Fire, 911, Emergency Management, and the Department of Neighborhood Safety, under one parent department. The core purpose was to force daily cross-agency collaboration, break down departmental turf wars, and establish a single point of communication to drive the reforms laid out in the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree.

In Council Member Whiting's opinion, this represents one of the most important changes to Minneapolis' public safety ecosystem in his lifetime. By establishing a single coordinator between these departments, the City finally had a dedicated commissioner whose job was to weigh traditional law enforcement, MPD, as just another tool in a broader spectrum of public safety tools available.

This is why Council Member Whiting has been the most outspoken Council Member against eliminating this department. By cutting OCS, the City is severing that crucial horizontal link, jeopardizing the progress of the police alternative programs we've created, still in their infancy, that depend on this daily cross-agency/cross-departmental coordination. While CM Whiting disagreed with the Council's decision to not re-appoint Commissioner Todd Barnette to this role in April, he accepted it. By adopting this new government structure change, the City is crossing out a box on a City org chart that says "OCS" and re-drawing five arrows to a different box that says "Mayor's Office." That is not a real plan, and CM Whiting believes the downstream impacts will have tangible, negative costs on our public safety ecosystem, particularly those that are alternatives to armed policing.

Though we may wish it was not the case, in municipal government, a department's size often dictates its influence. MPD commands a budget of more than 250 million dollars with over 600 sworn officers, while the Department of Neighborhood Safety operates on roughly a 10 million dollar budget with a fraction of that staff. OCS' job was, in part, to balance the scales, preventing the interests of traditional law enforcement from overwhelming the City's smaller civilian first responder programs, which have not yet been firmly established within the public safety ecosystem. Some of CM Whiting's colleagues have criticized OCS for inadequately maintaining this balance, but without a commissioner whose explicit job is to protect and integrate non-police alternatives alongside MPD, the Police Chief will inevitably become the dominant voice in every strategic public safety meeting. Put another way, if the City's goal was to increase MPD's influence over Minneapolis' public safety strategy, the best way to do that would be to eliminate one of it's advocates for a broader public safety ecoystem, The Office of Community Safety.

Some of CM Whiting's colleagues have expressed a desire to "clarify" the Mayor's role as the sole operational manager of these public safety systems. They allege that OCS is not currently providing serious oversight of MPD because the Police Chief has historically bypassed the Commissioner to report directly to the Mayor. CM Whiting shares this oversight concern. If OCS is failing to exercise an oversight role, the solution is to find ways to strengthen the department, likely through a City Charter amendment, work with the Mayor to better create systems for oversight, and appoint a Commissioner who views their oversight role over the Police Chief as central to the job. To eliminate OCS is to give up on any semblance of this oversight role entirely. CM

Whiting does not believe it is in the best interest of Minneapolis residents for a Mayor, alone, to serve as the only check over its five distinct, 24/7 emergency departments, which is exactly why OCS was created in the first place.

However, CM Whiting is entirely unsympathetic to the argument that the elimination of OCS is needed to somehow educate the public about who is ultimately "accountable" for public safety in Minneapolis. CM Whiting has had circular conversations with his colleagues about this point for weeks, and while he would never assume the motives of other Council Members, their answers seem to point to concerns more political than functional. They describe frustration about the OCS commissioner being "trotted out" as a crisis communications manager when a major tragedy or public safety failure hits the news. They imply the existence of the OCS commissioner position confuses the public about who is to be held "accountable" when things go wrong in our public safety ecosystem, and represents a flaw in our new government structure.

Council Member Whiting finds this argument incredibly frustrating for several reasons. First, to argue for the elimination of OCS so that Minneapolis residents will know that the Mayor is accountable for the Police Chief presupposes that residents do not already understand that the Mayor is accountable for the Police Chief, or that this distinction actually matters to their daily lives. To scrub OCS, the department overseeing every single policing alternative in the City, to try and attach an amorphous concept of political accountability to the Mayor, has value in a theoretical debate, but in practice, what this action does is slow down the progress of much needed traditional alternatives to armed policing while chasing a ghost of meaningful "accountability". CM Whiting has no patience for theoretical arguments when those arguments come at the cost of service for residents. Additionally, the sole individual accountable for the Police Chief was the Mayor prior to this action, and remains with the Mayor after this government structure change. OCS is a City department, not an outside evaluator, a role which is already filled by ELEFA. In CM Whiting's mind, the idea that the public is somehow unable to recognize that OCS represents the interests of City's public safety ecosystem (inclusive of MPD), of which Mayor Frey is the executive, is somewhat patronizing. Lastly, even if the critics are correct insofar as the existence of OCS somehow insulates Mayor Frey from taking the full political hit when our public safety system fails, that is a wholly unacceptable reason to eliminate an entire City department whose work raises the platform of much smaller, but equally as needed departments.

On the financial side, some Council Members have suggested eliminating OCS is a necessary step to bring down the property tax levy, pointing to the high salaries of some of the department's staff. CM Whiting shares the goal of lowering the levy and agrees that, given the City's narrow budget this year, OCS should be asked to tighten its belt just like every other City department. CM Whiting, along with the Mayor, was open to slimming down OCS with FTE reductions and lowering the salary of the commissioner. However, it is understood, as was explained by a few Council Members from the dais, that the hope for the savings from the OCS elimination will go to restoring cuts elsewhere in the budget, having an overall affect of not lowering the tax levy. The City is currently paying millions of dollars towards compliance with the MDHR Settlement Agreement, another factor of increased costs OCS helped to mitigate. The longer the City takes to meet its requirements, the longer it will pay millions for the Independent Monitor. Eliminating OCS does not speed up that progress, and members of ELEFA have expressed concern to CM Whiting that it could lead to administrative disruptions that will delay reform efforts.

Transforming an entrenched public safety culture takes more than four years, and in many other jurisdictions, progress takes decades. Progress has been frustratingly slow, but if OCS has struggled to meet the moment, the remedy is to demand stricter processes and confirm a Commissioner who shares those commitments.

In a recent interview, Mayor Frey listed out his cabinet members: the small handful of people in the room with him when big decisions are made about the City. Since 2022, the OCS Commissioner has been one of those people, and by the end of the year, he won't be. Minneapolis desperately needs a leader in the room who represents the entire public safety ecosystem with a unified voice, someone who is neither the Police Chief nor the Mayor. If that person isn't the Commissioner of OCS, it is entirely unclear who it would be.

The City Council created OCS because Minneapolis' public safety system was failing its residents. They were right to create this department and Council Member Whiting cannot justify overruling their decision.

Sadly, the vote succeeded. CM Whiting hopes the Council and Mayor can swiftly come together to recreate the unique role OCS filled within our City's structure, and that they will join him in a renewed commitment to creating a public safety ecosystem that serves all of us.

Public Health, Safety & Equity

11. Behavioral Crisis Response Transition Plan legislative directive (2026-01187)

    Approving a legislative directive related to transition plans to bring the Mobile or Behavioral Crisis Response (BCR) program in-house at current scope and service levels.

    CM Chowdhury motioned to amend this legislative directive.

    Council Member Whiting voted yes to accept CM Chowdhury's amendment. This motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

    CM Shaffer motioned to amend this legislative directive further.

    Council Member Whiting voted yes to accept CM Shaffer's amendment. This motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

    Council Member Whiting voted yes to the underlying motion as amended. This motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

    CM Whiting's Thoughts on This Vote: CM Whiting supports the long-term effort of bringing Behavioral Crisis Response in house to ensure effective oversight, more unions jobs, reduced costs, etc. This legislative directive is one step towards that goal, as it requests information on what a transition plan for this vital service could look like.

Passed by Unanimous Consent

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1. Spending transparency and overspend prevention (2026-01218)
   Context: Pulled for discussion. See "Discussion" section above for vote and full reasoning.
2. Community Domestic Violence Navigators at the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center (2026-01219)

Passage of Resolution amending the 2026 General Appropriation Resolution for Community Domestic Violence Navigators.

3. Community Navigators at the South Minneapolis Community Safety Center (2026-01220)

   Passage of Resolution amending the 2026 General Appropriation Resolution for Community Navigators Contract.

4. Intent to Apply Government Restructuring Savings Towards Property Tax Relief in 2027 (2026-01265)

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

Business, Housing, & Zoning Committee Oct 20, 2026 - Committee Report

1. Mixed Culture Brewery: On Sale Taproom with Sunday Sales, Limited Entertainment; Off Sale Growlers license (2026-01177)

   Mixed Culture Brewery, 4461 MINNEHAHA AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 12) submitted by Mixed Culture LLC, BLBrewery, LIC434815, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

   Mixed Culture Brewery, 4461 MINNEHAHA AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 12) submitted by Mixed Culture LLC, BLBrewery, LIC434994, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

2. Wheelhouse Studio: Extended Hours of Operations license (2026-01180)

   Wheelhouse Studio, 1121 JACKSON ST NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 1) submitted by Wheelhouse Studio LLC, BLGeneral, LIC434688, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

3. Safe outdoor spaces: Licenses and business regulations ordinance (2026-00348)

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

4. Safe outdoor spaces: Zoning ordinance (2026-00164)

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

5. Site Plan Review appeal: Chris Murphy, 3561 44th St W, 4409 Chowen Ave S (2026-01206)

   Denying an appeal submitted by Chris Murphy regarding the decision of the City Planning Commission approving site plan review (PLAN21415) to allow the construction of a new four-story, mixed-use building containing 18 dwelling units and approximately 2,000 square feet of commercial space at 3561 44th St W and 4409 Chowen Ave S.

6. Rezoning: Elliot Capital Group, 3561 44th St W, 4409 Chowen Ave S (2026-01202)

   Approving an application submitted by Elliot Capital Group, LLC, to rezone (PLAN21415) the properties located at 3561 44th St W and 4409 Chowen Ave S to add the SZ Split Zoning Overlay District, retaining the BFC4 Corridor 4 Built Form Overlay District for both parcels, the CM2 Corridor Mixed-Use District for the 3561 44th St W parcel, and the UN3 Urban Neighborhood 3 District for the 4409 Chowen Ave S parcel.

   Passage of Ordinance amending Title 20, Chapter 530 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Zoning Districts and Maps Generally.

7. Liquor license approvals for October 20, 2026 (2026-01167)

   Club Calabash Restaurant, Bar & Event Center, 2911 HENNEPIN AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by Carl Steven Investment LLC, BLLiquor, LIC432453

   The Marquette Hotel, 710 MARQUETTE AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Evolution Hospitality LLC, BLAmend, LIC434049

   Windows on Minnesota, 710 MARQUETTE AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Evolution Hospitality LLC, BLAmend, LIC434052

Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar #292, 2001 UNIVERSITY AVE SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 2) submitted by Blazin' Wings Inc, BLAmend, LIC434139

Puttery, 240 HENNEPIN AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Puttery Minneapolis LLC, BLAmend, LIC435041

8th Street Grill, 800 MARQUETTE AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Muaj Hmoo 1983 LLC, BLLiquor, LIC434116

VUKA Flame Grilled Peri-Peri Chicken, 626 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by VUKA Peri Peri Chicken LLC, BLLiquor, LIC433305

8. Liquor license renewals for October 20, 2026 (2026-01168)

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9. Gambling license approvals for October 20, 2026 (2026-01169)

   Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of Fame, 1925 UNIVERSITY AVE SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 2) submitted by Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of Fame, BLGeneral, LIC433192

   Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of Fame, 1815 4TH ST SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 2) submitted by Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of Fame, BLGeneral, LIC433194

   Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of Fame, 2115 4TH ST SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 2) submitted by Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of Fame, BLGeneral, LIC433195

   Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of Fame, 1901 4TH ST S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 2) submitted by Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of Fame, BLGeneral, LIC433196

   MN Youth Athletic Services, 227 OAK ST SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 2) submitted by MN Youth Athletic Services Inc, BLGeneral, LIC434995

   Minneapolis Hockey Association, 903 WASHINGTON AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Minneapolis Hockey Association, BLGeneral, LIC435074

   St Maron Church Charitable, 965 CENTRAL AVE NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by St Maron Church Charitable, BLGeneral, LIC435066

10. Gambling license renewals for October 20, 2026 (2026-01170)

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11. Minneapolis Homes Financing: Rehabilitation Properties with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (2026-01178)

    Authorizing financial agreements with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity for rehabilitation of properties and authorizing the Director of the Community Planning & Economic Development department to make modifications.

12. Legacy grant for the Minneapolis Settlement Houses project (2026-01173)

    Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society, in the amount of $15,000, to develop content for a future StoryMap digital exhibit about the history of settlement houses in Minneapolis, immigration, and community-based social services.

    Authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Historical Society for the grant.

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

13. Decertification of TIF Districts (2026-01130)

    Passage of Resolution approving the decertification of the Bottineau Tax Increment Financing District (#117) as of December 31, 2026, and directing 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.

14. Contract and Affordable Housing Trust Funding for Heritage Park (2026-00870)

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

15. 2027 License Fee Schedule (2026-00898)

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

16. Rental dwelling license reinstatement: 3016 Colfax Avenue S, owner Peter Leugers (2026-01182)

    Approving the reinstatement of the Rental Dwelling License held by Peter Leugers for the property at 3016 Colfax Avenue S, having received verification that said property is now in compliance with rental licensing standards.

17. Subordination of existing loan to Sabathani Community Center: 310 38th St E (2026-01171)

    Authorizing the execution of one or more agreements with Sabathani Community Center and Sunrise Banks National Association to subordinate security for the City's existing $547,978.26 forgivable Great Streets Gap Financing loan.

18. Upper Harbor Community Performing Arts Center (CPAC) loan and amended lease terms (2026-01172)

    Authorizing a loan of $2,000,000 to Port of Minneapolis, LLC or its assigns, to assist in the construction of the Upper Harbor Community Performing Arts Center located at 3501 West River Rd N.

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

    Approving revised terms for a long-term lease agreement with Port of Minneapolis, LLC or its assigns, for 3601 and 3701 Washington Ave N.

19. Contract amendment with Trio Development, LLC to modify affordability levels for the 14th Avenue Townhomes (2026-01139)

    Authorizing a modification to the affordability level terms of the contract COM0010680 for the 14th Avenue Townhomes project at 2833, 2837, and 2839 14th Ave S.

    Authorizing a modification to the affordability level terms of the contract COM0010681 for the 14th Avenue Townhomes project at 2833, 2837, and 2839 14th Ave S.

Climate & Infrastructure Committee Oct 22, 2026 - Committee Report

1. Water and sewer service line repair assessments (2026-00851)

    Passage of Resolution adopting and levying the assessments and adopting the assessment rolls for water service line and sewer lateral repairs or replacements on the lists of properties on file in the City Engineer's Special Assessment Office.

2. North 2nd St Bikeway: acquisition of permanent and temporary easements (2026-01195)

    Authorizing acquisition of permanent and temporary construction easements to facilitate the construction of the N 2nd St Bikeway.

3. 35th and 36th Street Reconstruction Project: Project designation, cost estimate, and setting public hearing (2026-01198)

    Passage of Resolution designating the location and improvements proposed to be made in the 35th and 36th Street Reconstruction Project No. 600D2363 (CPV174).

    Adopting a report receiving a cost estimate of $35,973,591 for street reconstruction improvements and a list of benefited properties for 35th Street and 36th Street Reconstruction Project No. 600D2363 (CPV174), and authorizing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Reconstruction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2027 Uniform Assessment Rates.

4. Agreement with Hennepin County for the Northside Greenway Phase 1 Project (2026-01199)

    Authorizing a Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County, in the estimated amount of $496,000, for improvements related to the Northside Greenway Phase 1 Project.

    Passage of Resolution approving the appropriation of funds to the Public Works Department, for the estimated Hennepin County reimbursement of $496,000, or improvements associated with the Northside

Greenway Phase 1 Project.

5. Minnesota Department of Transportation University Avenue Northeast (TH47) Phase I Improvements Project: Project designation, cost estimate, and setting a public hearing (2026-01201)

   Passage of Resolution designating the location and improvements proposed to be made in the Minnesota Department of Transportation University Avenue Northeast (TH47) Phase I Improvements Project No. 2369 (CPV074).

   Adopting the report receiving the cost estimate in the amount of $10,831,000, directing the preparation of proposed special assessments against the list of benefited properties for the Minnesota Department of Transportation University Avenue Northeast (TH47) Phase I Improvements Project No. 2369 (CP074), and authorizing the City's Department of Public Works to prepare a proposed Street Reconstruction Special Improvement Assessment against the list of benefited properties by applying the 2027 Uniform Assessment Rates.

6. Annual levy of various Public Works Department special assessments (2026-01196)

   Passage of Resolution levying various Public Works Department special assessments and adopting the assessment rolls.

7. Pedestrian Crossing Flasher – Hope Academy: reduction of special assessment for 715 24th Street East (2026-01197)

   Passage of Resolution reducing the special assessment for 715 24th Street East (PID 35-029-24-23-0159) for taxes payable 2027 and thereafter, associated with Project 715HA (Levy Code 01026); authorize refund of excess interest collected.

8. Agreement with the Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board for the Urban Tree & Greening Pilot Project (2026-01194)

   Authorizing an agreement with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, in the amount not to exceed $35,000, to reimburse expenses for a pilot program to install street trees and greening in the public right-of-way.

9. Permanent Drainage and Utility Easement agreement with Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board for the operation, maintenance, and repair of stormwater improvements located within Bryn Mawr Meadows Park (2026-01193)

   Authorizing a permanent drainage and utility easement agreement with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board for the water quality improvements located within Bryn Mawr Meadows Park.

10. Bid for Heavy Truck and Equipment Body Work (2026-01163)

    Accepting the sole bid from IState Truck, Inc., submitted on Event 4255, in the annual amount of $200,000, to furnish and deliver Heavy Truck and Equipment Body Work, and authorizing a one (1) year contract, with the option to extend for up to two (2) 12-month terms, all in accordance with City specifications.

11. Contract amendment with Minger Construction Companies, Inc., for the Newton Avenue Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction Project (2026-01165)

    Authorizing an increase to Contract No. COM0010480 with Minger Construction Companies, Inc., in the amount of $60,000 for a total amount not to exceed $934,830, for construction work on the Newton Avenue Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction Project.

12. Contract amendment with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for use of land under I-94 bridges (2026-01190)

    Authorizing Amendment No. 11 to Contract No. C97-11608 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for a total amount of $264,600, to be paid in 120 equal monthly installments of $2,205, and a lease extension from May 1, 2026May 1, 2026, to April 30, 2036, to use land under the I-94 bridges near 2nd Ave N and Lyndale Ave N for infrastructure equipment and materials storage.

13. Contract with Toltz, King, Duvall, Anderson & Associates for planning, engineering, and design services for the Connecting Camden Rail Crossing Elimination project (2026-01215)

    Authorizing a contract with Toltz, King, Duvall, Anderson & Associates, for a total amount not to exceed $2,325,000, for planning, engineering, and design services for the Connecting Camden Rail Crossing Elimination project.

14. Gift acceptance from Red Lake Nation College (2026-01222)

    Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Red Lake Nation College for Shahram Missaghi, Water Resources Regulatory Coordinator, to attend the 2026 American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers conference in Baltimore, Maryland, from November 2-3, 2026.

15. Commercial and multifamily energy disclosure repeal ordinance (2026-00968)

    Returning to author an ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 47 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Air Pollution and Environmental Protection: Energy and Air Pollution, repealing Section 47.190 entitled "Commercial and multifamily residential building rating and disclosure."

Committee of the Whole

1. Government structure implementation ordinance (2026-00178)

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

2. Office of Traffic Safety grant for a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) (2026-01262)

   Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS), Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), in the amount of $479,500, for a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) to support Minnesota's Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP).

   Authorizing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety for the grant.

   Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the City Attorney's Office.

   Context: Pulled for a separate vote.

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

3. Community engagement department redesign (2026-01264)

   Approving a legislative directive related to a redesign of a community engagement department as well as analysis on alternative designs.

   Context: Pulled for a separate vote to add a resolution requesting the Legislative Research & Oversight Team to work cooperatively with these departments.

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

4. Duplicative City services (2026-01266)

   Approving a legislative directive related to duplicative city services and an analysis of service redesign alternatives.

   Context: Pulled for a separate vote to add a resolution requesting the Legislative Research & Oversight Team to work cooperatively with these departments.

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

Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee Oct 19, 2026 - Committee Report

1. Contract with HealthEquity, Inc for flexible spending account and transportation benefit administration services (2026-01164)

   Authorizing a contract with HealthEquity, Inc, in the amount of $350,000, from January 1, 2027, to Dec 31, 2028, with three (3) optional one (1) year extensions, with a not to exceed amount of $200,000 for each annual extension, for flexible spending account and transportation benefit administration services.
2. Contract with Code4 Group, LLC. for CAD/Mobile safety system configuration, support, and maintenance services (2026-01183)

   Authorizing a contract with Code 4 Group, LLC., in an amount not to exceed $52,200, for a term of one (1) year from Nov 15, 2026, through November 14, 2027Nov 14, 2027, for the configuration, support, and maintenance of the City's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD)/Mobile safety system.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee Oct 27, 2026 - Committee Report

1. Calling on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (2026-01263)

   Passage of Resolution calling on the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS), urging the U.S. Senate to pass S.4814, and transmitting this to the Secretary of Homeland Security, the President of the United States, and Minnesota's Congressional Delegation.

Public Health, Safety, & Equity Committee Oct 21, 2026 - Committee Report

1. Health Literacy Awareness Month (2026-01188)

   Passage of Resolution recognizing the Month of October as Health Literacy Awareness Month.
2. Community Commission on Police Oversight (CCPO) ethics education ordinance (2026-01024)

   Passage of Ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 172 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Fire and Police Protection: Police Conduct Oversight, amending the requirements for completion of ethics education training for Community Commission on Police Oversight.
3. Revenue contract with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to provide fire and emergency response services to the Fort Snelling Upper Post Housing Development (2026-01179)

   Authorizing a contract with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to provide fire and emergency response services to the Fort Snelling Upper Post Housing Development for a five (5) year period beginning on the date that all signatures are obtained.
4. Contract with Keepers Wellness, LLC for firefighter mental health services (2026-01176)

   Authorizing a contract with Keepers Wellness, LLC, in the amount of $439,530, for a three (3) year period beginning November 16, 2026, through November 15, 2029, with the option to extend for two (2) one-year extensions, for firefighter mental health services.
5. Contract with Roche Diagnostics for point of care (POC) testing equipment for Mobile Medical Unit (2026-01174)

   Authorizing a contract with Roche Diagnostics, in the amount of $175,000, for the purchase of point of care (POC) testing equipment and reagents for use in the Mobile Medical Unit for STI testing.
6. Maternal Child Health Block grant for maternal and child health initiatives (2026-01184)

Accepting a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), in the amount of $880,623, to support maternal and child health efforts from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

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

7. Great Lakes Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program to continue Community Air Monitoring Project (2026-01209)

   Accepting a grant from The Minneapolis Foundation's EPA Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program, in the amount of $250,000, to fund the continuation of the Community Air Monitoring Project.

   Authorizing an agreement with The Minneapolis Foundation's EPA Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program 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.
8. Joint Powers Agreement with Hennepin County for Community Trauma Response services (2026-01181)

   Authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement with Hennepin County in the amount of $704,030, from December 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, for Community Trauma Response services.
9. Gift Acceptance from the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) (2026-01205)

   Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) for Police Department Compliance Specialist, Dennis Vande Stouwe, to attend the 2026 Annual NACOLE Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, from November 8-12, 2026.
10. Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) legislative directive (2026-01186)

    Approving a legislative directive related to Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) in Minneapolis.
11. Behavioral Crisis Response Transition Plan legislative directive (2026-01187)

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

Notice of Ordinance Introductions

1. Rental property fee disclosure ordinance (2026-01242)

   Chowdhury gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Maintenance Code, establishing requirements for transparency regarding fees charged by landlords.
2. Rental property security deposit ordinance (2026-01243)

   Chowdhury gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Maintenance Code, amending provisions regarding security deposits.
3. Food access ordinance (2026-01247)

   Osman gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code, amending regulations related to food access, including growing, production, and retail:

   Chapter 540 Built Form Overlay Districts
   Chapter 545 Use Regulations
   Chapter 550 Development Standards
   Chapter 565 Definitions

Context: These items were noticed for introduction. They are not before the Council for a vote at this time.

Introduction & Referral Calendar

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

   Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez and Stevenson to introduce an ordinance amending Title 3 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Air Pollution and Environmental Protection, for first reading and referral to the Climate & Infrastructure Committee, adding a new Chapter 49 entitled "Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Stormwater Program."
2. Police Department vehicle purchases ordinance (2026-01191)

   Pursuant to notice, motion by Vetaw to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 18 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Purchasing, for first reading and referral to the Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee, amending section 18.170 to ensure accountability for Minneapolis Police Department vehicle purchases.
3. Seldom-issued licenses ordinance (2026-01204)

   Pursuant to notice, motion by Shaffer to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, 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. Autonomous vehicle regulations ordinance (2026-01208)

   Pursuant to notice, motion by Wonsley, Osman, Chavez, and Chowdhury to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, adding a new chapter 342 regulating operation of autonomous vehicles for commercial purposes.

Council Member Whiting voted yes to introduce the above items and refer them to their proper Council committees. These motions were successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

5. Data center business licensing ordinance (2026-01210)

   Pursuant to notice, motion by Chowdhury to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, adding a new Chapter 271 entitled "Data Centers" establishing licensing requirements for qualifying data centers.

Council Member Whiting voted yes to introduce the above item and refer it to its proper Council committee. This motion was successful, 10 ayes to 2 nays, with 1 absence.

Resolutions

1. 2026 Veterans Day honorary resolution (2026-01269)

   Passage of Resolution honoring and recognizing Veterans Day in the City of Minneapolis.
2. Dia de los Muertos honorary resolution (2026-01267)

   Passage of Resolution commemorating the annual celebration of Dia de los Muertos.
3. 2026 Domestic Violence Awareness Month honorary resolution (2026-01268)

   Passage of Resolution recognizing October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Minneapolis.
4. Black Breastfeeding Week honorary resolution (2026-01270)

   Passage of Resolution honoring and recognizing Black Breastfeeding Week in the City of Minneapolis.

Unfinished Business

1. Contract with Community Bridges, Inc. for Mobile Crisis Response services (2026-01042)

   Considering Mayor Frey's veto of Council Action 2026A-0766 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.

   Considering Mayor Frey's veto of Council Action 2026A-0766 denying customization of the termination terms and conditions in the contract to allow both parties to terminate the contract without cause.

   Context: At the previous Council Meeting, the City Council voted to reject the City's proposed contract with Community Bridges, Inc for Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) services in 2027. The Mayor vetoed the contract rejection, and the motion has returned to the Council for a veto override vote.



Council Member Whiting voted no to override the Mayor's veto of the Contract with Community Bridges, Inc. This motion to override was unsuccessful, 7 ayes to 5 nays, with 1 absence.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to refer this item back to staff. This motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: Council Member voted in support of the MCR contract with Community Bridges, inc. for reasons laid out in our previous scorecard. The decision by the Council to reject the contract leaves the immediate future of the City's BCR program and MCR expansion uncertain. CM Whiting's opinion on this matter has not changed, and he sustained the Mayor's veto.

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

   Considering Mayor Frey's veto of Council Action 2026A-0767 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.

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. At the previous Council Meeting, the Council passed an addendum motion waiving those standard procurement rules, on this individual contract, for up to 18 months so the City administration would be 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. The Mayor vetoed the addendum motion, which has now returned to Council for an override vote.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to override the Mayor's veto of the waiver of procurement policies. This motion to override was unsuccessful, 8 ayes to 4 nays, with 1 absence.

CM Chavez motioned for approval of a 12-month approval for the waiver of procurement policies.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to this motion. This motion was successful, 8 ayes to 4 nays, with 1 absence.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: As discussed in the 10.15 Scorecard, 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. CM Whiting agrees that the BCR contract should be extended, either to help alleviate any service disruption during the transition over to MCR, or to continue unarmed response in the City should there be a gap in service. However, the Council does not have the power to contract with vendors directly; it can only approve or deny the administration's presented contracts. Even if the Council successfully voted to override the Mayor's veto, lowering procedural hurdles and allowing the City to potentially extend its contract with Canopy Roots, there is no guarantee that such an agreement would be reached, nor under what terms. Unfortuntely, the veto override was unsuccessful, closing that possibility entirely. CM Whiting is urgently working with the Mayor and Council colleagues to come to a compromise, extending unarmed response services past the Dec 31st deadline.

Adjournment

Next City Council meeting: November 12th, 2026