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RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Payne	X			
Osman	X			
Chughtai	X			
Wonsley	X			
Rainville	X			
Vetaw	X			
Warren	X			
Shaffer	X			
Stevenson	X			
Chavez	X			
Whiting	X			
Chowdhury	X			
Palmisano	X			

MAYOR ACTION

APPROVED

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MAYOR

APR 14 2026

DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Presented to Mayor: APR 10 2026

Received from Mayor: APR 14 2026

Supporting the funding and continued operation of Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. (HHS).

Whereas, Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. ("Hennepin Healthcare") evolved from Minneapolis City Hospital from 1887 to 1901, Minneapolis General Hospital from 1901 to 1964; and

Whereas, when Hennepin County assumed ownership in 1964, it became known as Hennepin County General Hospital; and

Whereas, a decade later, it was known as Hennepin County Medical Center; and

Whereas, in 2018, the hospital system took its current name as Hennepin Healthcare; and

Whereas, Hennepin Healthcare is Minnesota's cornerstone safety-net hospital serving low-income, uninsured, and vulnerable populations; and

Whereas, as Minnesota's busiest emergency department and Level 1 trauma center for adults and pediatrics, Hennepin Healthcare cares for patients in over 100,000 visits annually; and

Whereas, Hennepin Healthcare is home to the only Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program in Minnesota; and

Whereas, Hennepin Healthcare is home to the Minnesota Regional Poison Center; and

Whereas, Hennepin Healthcare is one of the few safety-net hospitals nationally with a dental program serving the community, with patients from 65 counties; and

Whereas, recent changes to Medicare and Medicaid programs—combined with growing levels of uncompensated care—puts Hennepin Healthcare at significant risk of closure, jeopardizing access to care for Minnesotans statewide; and

Whereas, Hennepin Healthcare is interconnected to the statewide healthcare ecosystem and works interdependently with other healthcare facilities throughout the state, including North Memorial, the other Level 1 adult trauma center in Hennepin County; and

Whereas, all healthcare systems are facing challenges and Hennepin Healthcare's role, as a safety net hospital and trauma center for pediatrics and adults makes it uniquely vulnerable to these changes in healthcare policy; and

Whereas, Hennepin County is seeking support from the State of Minnesota for an ongoing, sustainable funding solution for Hennepin Healthcare;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Mayor and City Council support Hennepin County's efforts to find an ongoing, sustainable, dedicated funding solution for Hennepin Healthcare as the critical safety net hospital serving Minneapolis, Minnesota, and surrounding states.

Be It Further Resolved that the Director of the Intergovernmental Relations Department is hereby authorized to submit this resolution to the appropriate government representatives.