

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING OF
AUGUST 13, 2026**

(Published August 21, 2026, in *Finance and Commerce*)

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Payne called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, a quorum being present.

Present – Council Members Elliott Payne, Michael Rainville, LaTrisha Vetaw, Pearl Warren, Elizabeth Shaffer, Soren Stevenson, Jason Chavez, Aisha Chughtai, Jamison Whiting, Aurin Chowdhury.

Absent – Council Members Robin Wonsley, Jamal Osman, Linea Palmisano.

Warren moved to adopt the agenda.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Whiting, Chowdhury (9)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Chughtai, Palmisano (4)

Adopted.

Chowdhury moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 30, 2026.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

Chughtai moved to refer the petitions, communications, and reports to the proper Committees.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

The following official acts were signed by Mayor Jacob Frey on August 13, 2026. Minnesota Statutes, Section 331A.01, Subd 10, allows for summary publication of ordinances and resolutions in the official newspaper of the city. A complete copy of each summarized ordinance and resolution is available for public inspection in the Office of City Clerk.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The BUSINESS, HOUSING & ZONING COMMITTEE submitted the following report:

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0581

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves a Permanent Expansion of Premises license and Sidewalk Café license for Puttshack, 700 3RD ST N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Puttshack Minneapolis

LLC, BLAmend, LIC433177, and BLFood, LIC433158, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0582

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves a Permanent Expansion of Premises license and Sidewalk Café license for Bill's Bait Shop, 3101 42ND ST E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 12) submitted by Bill's Bait Shop LLC, BLFood, LIC432438, and BLAmend, LIC433213, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

On behalf of the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, Chowdhury offered Resolution 2026R-322 receiving and filing the annual Minneapolis Tourism Improvement District (MTID) report and approving the MTID to continue to collect a service charge in accordance with Minn. Stat. Chapter 428B, Tourism Improvement Districts.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-322

By Osman

Adopting the continuance of the Minneapolis Tourism Improvement District collection of fees for the next year and the receipt of the Minneapolis Tourism Improvement District annual report.

Whereas, in 2023 the state of Minnesota created the ability for cities to establish Tourism Improvement Districts via statute 428B, Tourism Improvement Districts; and

Whereas, in 2025 the Minneapolis City Council approved amending Title 16 of the Minneapolis code of ordinances relating to Planning and Development adding a new chapter 425A entitled "Minneapolis Tourism Improvement District;" and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Tourism Improvement District leadership presented their yearly report to the Business Zoning and Housing Committee of the Minneapolis City Council on August 4, 2026; and

Whereas, in accordance with state Statute a public hearing was held to allow for public feedback;

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

That the Minneapolis Tourism Improvement District may continue to collect fees in accordance with state statutes and the City of Minneapolis code of ordinances.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0583

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves the following applications (2) for Liquor License, subject to final inspection and compliance with all provisions of applicable codes and ordinances:

1. Puttery, 240 HENNEPIN AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Puttery Minneapolis LLC, BLAmend, LIC432963
2. Masa & Agave/Breva, 1115 2ND AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Ivy F&B Management LLC, BLAmend, LIC433275

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0584

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves the following applications (15) for Liquor License Renewal, subject to final inspection and compliance with all provisions of applicable codes and ordinances:

1. Nightingale, 2551 LYNDALE AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by GMHG LLC, BLLiquor, LIC80597
2. Sidebar at Surdyk's, 303 HENNEPIN AVE E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Surdyk's Flights, Inc., BLLiquor, LIC382903
3. 112 EATERY, 112 3RD ST N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Concept Eatery LLC, BLLiquor, LIC77303
4. Animales Barbeque Co, 241 FREMONT AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 5) submitted by Animales BBQ Management LLC, BLLiquor, LIC422639
5. Bar La Grassa, 800 WASHINGTON AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Bar La Grassa, LLC, BLLiquor, LIC80278
6. Barrio, 925 NICOLLET MALL Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Toro Restaurant LLC, BLLiquor, LIC76528
7. Copper Hen Cakery, 2515 NICOLLET AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by The Copper Hen Cakery LLC, BLLiquor, LIC78297
8. SIX15 Bar and Lounge, 615 2ND AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by SIX15 Bar and Lounge LLC, BLLiquor, LIC421827
9. Smorgie's, 508 1ST AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by CBL Hospitality LLC, BLLiquor, LIC422670
10. St Pierre Steak and Seafood, 800 WASHINGTON AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Snack Bar LLC, BLLiquor, LIC379543
11. Antro Bar, 419 LAKE ST E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 9) submitted by Elm Entertainment Inc, BLLiquor, LIC368209
12. Lowry Hill Liquor, 1922 HENNEPIN AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by KJM Enterprises Inc, BLLiqOff, LIC53993
13. Lucky Shots Pickleball Club, 3300 5TH ST NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 1) submitted by Lucky Shots LLC, BLLiquor, LIC425549

14. Mac's Industrial Sports Bar, 310 HENNEPIN AVE E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Frog Eyes LLC, BLLiquor, LIC376842
15. Buca di Beppo, 1204 HARMON PL Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Buca di Beppo (Minneapolis) Inc, BLLiquor, LIC75285

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0585

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves the following applications (2) for Gambling License, subject to final inspection and compliance with all provisions of applicable codes and ordinances:

1. Eagles Aerie 34 Minneapolis, 329 CEDAR AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 6) submitted by Eagles Aerie 34 Minneapolis, BLGeneral, LIC433115
2. Edinburgh USA Pro Am Foundation, 2500 4TH ST NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 1) submitted by Edinburgh USA Pro Am Foundation, BLGeneral, LIC433279

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0586

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves the following applications (4) for Gambling License renewal, subject to final inspection and compliance with all provisions of applicable codes and ordinances:

1. MN YOUTH ATHLETIC SERVICES, 1330 INDUSTRIAL BLVD Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 1) submitted by Minnesota Youth Athletic Services, Inc., BLGeneral, LIC425646
2. MN YOUTH ATHLETIC SERVICES, 4563 34TH AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 12) submitted by Minnesota Youth Athletic Services, Inc., BLGeneral, LIC426069
3. St. Maron Church, 2200 COMO AVE SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 2) submitted by St. Maron Church, BLGeneral, LIC402673
4. TED WILLIAMS MUSEUM AND HITTERS HALL OF, 1 TWINS WAY Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 5) submitted by TED WILLIAMS MUSEUM AND HITTERS HALL OF FAME, BLGeneral, LIC66843

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0587

The Minneapolis City Council hereby:

1. Approves an application submitted by Neighborhood Development Center to rezone (PLAN21323) the property located at 2941 Chicago Ave from the CM3 Community Mixed Use District to the CM4 Destination Mixed Use District, retaining the BFT10 Transit 10 Built Form Overlay District.
2. Passage of Ordinance 2026-023 amending Title 20, Chapter 530 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Zoning Districts and Maps Generally.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2026-023

By Osman

Amending Title 20, Chapter 530 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Zoning Districts.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 530.800 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended by changing the zoning district for the following parcels of land, pursuant to MS 462.357:

Lot 18, Block 4, Allan & Anderson's 2nd Addition to Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

(2941 Chicago Ave – Plate #26) to the CM4 Destination Mixed-Use District, retaining the BFT10 Transit 10 Built Form Overlay District.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0588

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves Lachelle Cunningham for appointment to the Minneapolis Workforce Development Board to Seat 8 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0589

The Minneapolis City Council hereby authorizes an increase to contract COM0010259 with Jorgenson Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$29,585.47, for a total amount not to exceed \$777,506.13, for the Minneapolis Convention Center Mill City Pizzeria construction project.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0590

The Minneapolis City Council hereby accepts the second-lowest bid from Construction Results Corporation, submitted on Event No. 4099, in the amount of \$178,796, to provide all materials, labor, and equipment for the Target Center Interior Doors, and authorizes a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

Approved by Mayor Jacob Frey 8/14/2026.

(Published 8/15/2026)

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0591

The Minneapolis City Council hereby accepts the low responsive bid from Jorgenson Construction, Inc., submitted on Event No. 3985, in the amount of \$1,939,000, to provide all materials, labor, and equipment to renovate three concession stands at the Minneapolis Convention Center, and authorizes a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0592

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves forgiveness of all principal and accrued interest on the 2004 Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) loan for the Lindquist Apartments project, in the approximate amount of \$639,047, upon refinancing of the project for rehabilitation.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0593

The Minneapolis City Council hereby authorizes an Ownership and Opportunity Fund (OOF) loan of \$245,000 to La Gerencia LLC or its assigns, to assist in the acquisition of a commercial property at 5554 34th Ave S.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0594

The Minneapolis City Council hereby amends Council Action 2026A-0309 to correct the individual work order not-to-exceed amount from \$35,000 to \$60,000, for all approved master contracts.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0595

The Minneapolis City Council hereby:

1. Passage of Resolution 2026R-323 granting local approval for projects that submitted applications to the 2026 Hennepin County Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) program and received awards from the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA): The Ruckus (Neighborhood Development Center, \$550,000); North Market 2.0 (Pillsbury United Communities, \$500,000); 4400 Oliver (PJROPES Holdings, LLC, \$300,000); and KMOJ Forever Home (Center for Communication and Development, \$200,000).
2. Authorizes a multijurisdictional agreement with the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to facilitate Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) grants for the North Market 2.0 and 4400 Oliver projects.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-323

By Osman

Acknowledging support for certain projects that submitted applications to the Spring 2026 Hennepin County Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Program.

Whereas, Hennepin County has established a transit-oriented community loan/grant program (TOC Program) under Minnesota Statutes, section 383B.79, and/or housing development or redevelopment project under Minnesota Statutes, section 383B.77; and

Whereas, twenty-two applications were submitted to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) for projects located within the City of Minneapolis (City) in response to the Spring 2026 TOC Program request for proposals; and

Whereas, on June 2, 2026, the HRA selected projects for funding, including four projects in the City; and

Whereas, City approval of projects located within the city is necessary to satisfy TOC Program requirements and state law;

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

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 383B.77 and 383B.79, the City approves the following projects:

1. The Ruckus, Neighborhood Development Center, \$550,000
2. North Market 2.0, Pillsbury United Communities, \$500,000
3. 4400 Oliver, PJRopes Holdings, LLC, \$300,000
4. KMOJ Forever Home, Center for Communication and Development, \$200,000

Be It Further Resolved that nothing in this resolution shall create a pecuniary obligation of the City to assist any of the foregoing projects nor shall the City be in any way responsible for any financing obligation or agreement of Hennepin County or the Hennepin County HRA with respect to their provision of financial assistance of such projects.

Be It Further Resolved that the approval expressed herein extends only to the powers of Hennepin County or the Hennepin County HRA with respect to the financial assistance the County or the HRA proposes to provide to the respective projects and the City shall retain all other powers and jurisdiction over matters relating to the City and the projects.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

On behalf of the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, Chowdhury offered Resolution 2026R-324 accepting donation from the International Code Council (ICC) for Lisa Hartwig, Senior Plan Examiner, for a reimbursement of expenses for conference panels attended in 2025.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-324

By Osman

Accepting a donation from International Code Council (ICC) for hotel and travel reimbursement expenses.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 et seq. for the benefit of its citizens and is specifically authorized to accept gifts; and

Whereas, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the gifts set forth below to the city:

Name of Donor – International Code Council (ICC).

Gift - ICC is reimbursing the City for the conference, Lisa Hartwig, Senior Plan Examiner, attended in 2025.

Restrictions on use - The reimbursement received is specifically for airfare and hotel expenses.

Whereas, no goods or services were provided in exchange for said donation; and

Whereas, all such donations have been contributed to assist the city in: advancing the City's code development and building a network with other professionals in the field of development services, as allowed by law; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered;

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

That the donations described above are hereby accepted and shall be used for hotel and travel reimbursement expenses for the office of Community Planning & Economic Development.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

On behalf of the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, Chowdhury offered Resolution 2026R-325 accepting a donation from the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) for Shawn Collette, Lead Mechanical and Piping Inspector, and President of the Minnesota Chapter for IAPMO, to attend the annual IAPMO conference in Universal City, CA, from September 13 - 17, 2026.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-325

By Osman

Accepting a donation from the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) for hotel and travel expenses.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens, and is specifically authorized to accept gifts; and

Whereas, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the gifts set forth below to the city:

Name of Donor - International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO).

Gift - Shawn Collette, Lead Mechanical and Piping Inspector, and President of the Minnesota Chapter for IAPMO, will attend the annual IAPMO conference in Universal City, CA, from September 13 - 17, 2026.

Whereas, no goods or services were provided in exchange for said donation; and

Whereas, all such donations have been contributed to assist the city in: advancing the City's code development and building a network with other professionals in the field of development services, as allowed by law; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered;

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

That the donations described above are hereby accepted and shall be used for hotel and travel expenses associated with the IAPMO conference.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0596

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves the reinstatement of the Rental Dwelling License for the property at 2113 Ilion Avenue North, formerly held by Don Klyberg, to be held by new owner Segundo Chimborazo, based on verification that the property is now in compliance with rental licensing standards.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0597

Vetaw moved to approve Justin Baylor for appointment to the Minnesota Ballpark Authority, Seat 1, beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2029.

Payne moved a substitute to approve Nathan Chomilo for appointment to the Minnesota Ballpark Authority, Seat 1, beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2029.

Warren moved to postpone to the meeting of Aug. 27, 2026, consideration of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority appointment.

On roll call, the result of Warren's motion to postpone was:

Ayes: Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Whiting (5)

Noes: Payne, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Chowdhury (5)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Failed.

On roll call, the result of Payne’s motion to appoint Nathan Chomilo was:

Ayes: Payne, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (6)

Noes: Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer (4)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

Approved by Mayor Jacob Frey 8/19/2026.

The CLIMATE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE submitted the following report:

On behalf of the Climate & Infrastructure Committee, Stevenson offered Resolution 2026R-326 adopting and levying the assessments for sidewalk repair and construction for the 2025 construction season on the list of properties dated July 16, 2026.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-326

By Wonsley

Adopting the assessments, levying the assessments, and adopting the assessment roll for sidewalk repair charges for the 2025 season on the list of properties dated July 17, 2025, as on file with the City Engineer’s Special Assessment Office.

Whereas, preliminary to the public hearing, an Administrative Hearing was held to consider any objections or comments regarding unpaid charges for sidewalk repair and construction; and

Whereas, a public hearing was held on August 6, 2026, in accordance with Minneapolis City Charter, Article IX, Section 9.6(c), to consider the proposed assessments as shown on the proposed assessment roll on file with the City Engineer’s Special Assessment Office, and to consider all written and oral objections and statements regarding this matter;

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

That the proposed assessments against the affected properties on the list dated July 17, 2026, in the total amount of \$1,744,782.36 as shown on the proposed assessment roll on file with the City Engineer’s Special Assessment Office, are hereby adopted and levied.

Be It Further Resolved that the assessments of more than \$1,500 be collected in ten (10) successive equal annual principal installments beginning on the 2027 real estate tax statements, with interest of 4.10%.

Be It Further Resolved that the assessments of more than \$150 up to \$1,500 be collected in five (5) successive equal annual principal installments beginning on the 2027 real estate tax statements, with interest of 3.80%.

Be It Further Resolved that the assessments of \$150 or less be collected in one (1) installment on the 2027 real estate tax statements, with interest of 3.70%.

Be It Further Resolved that the assessment roll as prepared by the City Engineer be and hereby is adopted and that certified copies of the assessment roll be transmitted to the Hennepin County Auditor.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0598

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for the large commercial block event permit application submitted by the University of Minnesota Athletics to enable Gopher Garden to close roads and operate outside the hours permitted on September 3, 2026.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0599

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for a block event permit submitted by Target Headquarters, allowing Annual Target Together - Core Week block event to operate outside of the hours permitted by ordinance from September 14 - September 18, 2026, on Nicollet Mall between 10th St S and 11th St S.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0600

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for a block event permit submitted by Target Properties, allowing Target Together - Core Week Community Celebration block event to operate outside of the hours permitted by ordinance on September 16, 2026, between the hours of 10 am and 10 pm on Nicollet Mall between 10th St S and 12th St S.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0601

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for a block event permit submitted by Loring Alley Live LLC, allowing Loring Alley Live 2026 Music Festival to operate outside of the hours permitted by ordinance on August 14, 2026, within the alley surrounded by Harmon Pl, Hennepin Ave, and Maple St S.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0602

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for a Commercial block event permit submitted by Phntm Agency, Inc., allowing MODE by Flickr, a large block event to operate outside of the hours permitted by ordinance from September 18 through September 20, 2026, on Nicollet Mall between 6th St S and 12th St S.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

On behalf of the Climate & Infrastructure Committee, Stevenson offered Resolution 2026R-327 authorizing a one-year extension of the agreement between Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis reimbursing the City for providing routine maintenance on certain County State Aid routes and bridges in the City of Minneapolis effective January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-327

By Wonsley

Authorizing a one-year extension of the agreement between Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis reimbursing the City for providing routine maintenance on certain County State Aid routes and bridges in the City of Minneapolis effective January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027.

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis extend by one year the currently executed Road Maintenance Agreement No. PW 44-20-23 (City contract COM0007949) with Hennepin County to provide reimbursement to the City for the costs of providing the necessary maintenance services for the County roadway system including snow and ice control on downtown roadways, patching and minor repair of downtown streets, street sweeping, rubbish removal, and turf maintenance; maintenance of bridges including surface flushing, street sweeping, snow/ice control, and snow removal on bridge sidewalks, rubbish removal, and bridge roadway and waterway navigation lights; maintenance of traffic signal system including poles, heads, loops cabinets, controllers, and associated crash or vandalism damage; maintenance of traffic signs and linear lane pavement striping; and other activities.

Be It Further Resolved that this one-year extension of the Agreement provides that the City Council delegates to the City Engineer/ Deputy Director of Public Works the authority to make written letter agreements with the County's Director of Transportation Operations for extraordinary maintenance, betterment and construction or reconstruction, and allocating the costs thereof between the City and the County without coming back to the City Council if the amount is under \$75,000.

Be It Further Resolved that this one-year extension of the Agreement provides that the City and County agree to defend, indemnify and hold each other harmless for their respective work on County roads as provided in the Agreement.

Be It Further Resolved that the total amount in this Agreement extension for 2027 will be determined by the three-year moving cost average method, and that 2026 costs related to the agreement are estimated at \$1,500,000.

Be It Further Resolved that the proper City officials are authorized to execute the one-year extension to the Agreement.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0603

The Minneapolis City Council hereby adopts a report designating that in accordance with procedures set out at Minnesota State Statutes, Section 429.101, and authority derived from special legislation applying to the City of Minneapolis, the City finds it to be in the interest of all citizens that the maintenance of the city street system promotes the general health, safety, and well-being of the citizenry and provides a benefit to each and every parcel within the City, and further that the cost of street maintenance should be offset by imposing a street maintenance assessment upon benefited parcels that are otherwise exempt from ad valorem taxation. Further, that the City Engineer has presented the details required by Minnesota State Statutes, Section 429, in connection with Street Maintenance District No. 1 for assessment of the maintenance costs on Minneapolis streets for the convenience and safety of the whole City of Minneapolis area. A summary of the facts relative to this assessment is as follows:

1. Approximate number of assessable parcels in the City of Minneapolis: 1,212.
2. Approximate combined assessable area: 27,631,947 sq ft.
3. Annual cost per square foot: \$0.01957.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0604

The Minneapolis City Council hereby adopts a report designating that in accordance with Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Chapter 431, passed Aug 14, 2009, relating to imposing a street lighting fee upon benefited parcels that are otherwise exempt from ad valorem taxation (said Chapter 431.20 determining the City finds it to be in the interest of all citizens that the establishment, construction, operation, and maintenance of street lighting promotes the general health, safety, and well-being of the citizenry and

provides a benefit to each and every parcel within the City, and further that the cost of street lighting operations should be offset by imposing a street lighting fee upon benefited parcels that are otherwise exempt from ad valorem taxation), and that the City Engineer has presented the details required by said Chapter 431 in connection with proposed Street Lighting Project No. 1337L for assessment of the operation costs of street lighting for the convenience and safety of the whole City of Minneapolis area.

A summary of the facts relative to this assessment is as follows:

1. Approximate number of assessable parcels in the City of Minneapolis: 1,212.
2. Approximate combined assessable area: 27,631,947 Sq ft.
3. Annual cost per square foot: \$0.00392.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0605

The Minneapolis City Council hereby authorizes an increase to contract COM0004159 with Saint Paul, for a total amount not to exceed \$825,000, for additional project development including an increase of the EVIE carshare fleet and carshare insurance costs.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0606

The Minneapolis City Council hereby authorizes a grant funded, non-sourced, contract with the University of Washington Urban Freight Lab (UFL) in support of the SMART Grant Stage 2 project for the sum of \$500,000 to expire on December 31, 2028, to be executed in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0607

The Minneapolis City Council hereby authorizes a grant funded, non-sourced, contract with the University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies (CTS) in support of the SMART Grant Stage 2 project for the sum of \$650,000 to expire on December 31, 2028, to be executed in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0608

The Minneapolis City Council hereby accepts the low bid of Visu-Sewer, Inc., submitted on Event 4146, in the amount of \$2,984,589.50, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the Large Diameter Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) Lining 2026 project, and authorizes a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0609

The Minneapolis City Council hereby authorizes an increase to contract COM007962 with Z Companies, Inc. dba Zan Associates, in the amount of \$1,069,392 for a total amount not to exceed \$ 2,648,281, for additional engineering and design services for the Northside Greenway Phase 1 and 2 Project.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0610

The Minneapolis City Council hereby:

1. Authorizes an extension of the master contract COM0006219, with Bolton & Menk, Inc. through December 31, 2028, and increasing work order # 24 by \$380,554 for a new total amount not to exceed \$769,986, to provide additional engineering and design services for the 38th Street and Chicago Avenue Street Reconstruction Project No.10030 (CPV177).
2. Authorizes an extension of master contract COM0006200, with Alliant Engineering, Inc. through December 31, 2028, and increasing the not to exceed limit of project scope #19 in the amount of \$232,200 for a total amount not to exceed \$722,429, to provide additional engineering and design services for the 38th Street and Chicago Avenue Street Reconstruction Project No.10030 (CPV177).

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0611

The Minneapolis City Council hereby authorizes an increase to contract COM0009883 with Alliant Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$300,490 for a total amount not to exceed \$566,840, for Bloomington Ave/Minnehaha Pkwy Highway Safety Improvement (HSIP) project engineering design and construction administration services.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0612

Pursuant to City Charter Section 7.1(h)(2), the Minneapolis City Council, in support of its official legislative, policymaking, and oversight functions, does hereby request from the Mayor the following information:

1. An overview of recommended pathways to implement a sustainable dedicated funding mechanism to support the City's Zero Waste Plan, including:
 - a. Current staff recommendations for a solid waste commercial collection franchise fees as outlined in the Sustainable Zero Waste Funding Mechanism, including implementation model, potential geographic zones, fee basis and structure, and billing model. Recommendations should prioritize equity and meeting City goals for waste diversion.
 - b. Timelines for full implementation of a solid waste commercial collection franchise fees as recommended in 1(a) within 2-3 years and 4-5 years.
 - c. An outline of any additional resources needed to implement a solid waste commercial collection franchise fees on both timelines.
2. Any sustainable zero waste funding mechanisms other than commercial collection franchise fees that staff recommends implementing in the short term.
3. Information related to any opportunities of collaboration with other partner agencies such as Hennepin County.

The requested information and data shall be presented to the City Council through the Climate & Infrastructure Committee with an initial presentation no later than October 22, 2026, and any supporting materials be made available through the City's website.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0613

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves the 2026-2029 Climate & Infrastructure (C&I) Committee Work Plan, as further set forth in Legislative File 2026-00438, on file in the Office of City Clerk.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

(Pursuant to City Charter, Article IV, §4.4, this act was not presented to the Mayor)

The COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE submitted the following report:

Chowdhury moved to adopt Resolution 2026R-328 adopting a Voluntary Relocation Policy for Heritage Park.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-328

By Warren

Approving the Heritage Park Voluntary Relocation Policy to be administered by Community Planning & Economic Development Department.

Whereas, Heritage Park is a 440-unit rental housing development owned by subsidiaries of McCormack Baron Salazar; and

Whereas, approximately 211 of Heritage Park units are currently occupied; and

Whereas, Heritage Park has been the subject of widespread public attention regarding health and safety livability concerns that have resulted in some residents wishing to relocate out of their current units; and

Whereas, on July 16, 2026, in Council Action No. 2026A-0524, the City Council approved \$2,500,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) program to fund relocation needs and necessary health and safety repairs at Heritage Park, to be administered by the Community, Planning & Economic Development Director; and

Whereas, a Voluntary Relocation Policy is needed to define the relocation benefits and services available to residents of Heritage Park who wish to relocate from Heritage Park due to health or safety concerns;

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

That the Heritage Park Voluntary Relocation Policy, as follows and as further set forth in Legislative File 2026-00943, is hereby adopted:

HERITAGE PARK VOLUNTARY RELOCATION POLICY

Goal

The 440-unit rental housing development commonly known as Heritage Park is owned by subsidiaries of McCormack Baron Salazar shown on the map attached as Attachment I (the “Development”). Currently, approximately 211 of those units are occupied. The Development has been the subject of widespread public attention regarding health and safety livability concerns that have resulted in some residents wishing to relocate out of their current units either permanently or until such a time as the livability issues can be adequately addressed. This policy makes available relocation assistance on a voluntary basis to both help households that have health or safety vulnerabilities or concerns and to allow for an easier assessment of the rehabilitation needs of the Development. Given the scale of government involvement in the Development and the number of households impacted by the physical conditions of the project, this project specific policy has been crafted to specifically acknowledge time sensitivity considerations.

Household Eligibility Criteria

- Any rental household that legally occupied a unit in the Development as of July 18, 2026 (the “Eligibility Date”) that asserts a health or safety concern related to living in their unit to the City of Minneapolis on or before October 15, 2026 (the “Election Deadline”) and relocates to a unit outside

of the Development on or before January 31, 2027 (“Moving Deadline”), subject to the possibility of a six (6) month extension of the Moving Deadline at the discretion of the CPED Director for hardship.

- Households that wish to relocate that do not sign a lease for an acceptable alternate rental housing unit by the Moving Deadline but relocate to another lodging outside the Development by the Moving Deadline will only be eligible for the Moving Stipend.
- Households are not eligible if they were evicted for good cause pursuant to a court order prior to the date they relocate or if they move out of a unit prior to obtaining approval of eligibility from the City’s relocation consultant.
- Households that occupy a public housing unit in the Development are not eligible for the City’s relocation benefits pursuant to this policy.
- Public Housing residents should contact the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) about their rights to transfer and any moving assistance.
- Households that have a rental housing voucher from either MPHA or any other provider are eligible for the City benefits pursuant to this policy but should contact their rental subsidy provider to determine if there are any unintended implications of accepting these benefits.
- Households that move into the Development after the Eligibility Date are not eligible for Relocation Benefits through this policy.
- All benefits provided pursuant to this policy are subject to available City budget allocations for this purpose.
- Alternative processes for disbursement of benefits may be available upon approval of the CPED Director and the City’s Finance Officer.

Household Relocation Assessment Services

- Eligible households must meet with the City’s relocation consultant to determine household preferences, schooling and transportation needs, availability of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable alternative housing options and needed MPHA approvals.
- The receiver for the Development has indicated a willingness to allow relocating households to exit current leases early and return any currently held associated security deposits.
- Households are encouraged to seek professional advice to determine any legal implications of accepting the assistance provided under this policy and for breaking their lease in the Development.
- If no alternate lodging option is acceptable to the household, the household may terminate its interest in receiving relocation benefits.
- Any return to the Development after relocation to new housing would require applying through a standard new resident application process as defined by the property owner.

Permanent Relocation Benefits

- Relocated households will receive a lump-sum payment equal to twelve (12) times the difference between the relocating household’s most recent out-of-pocket monthly rent charge (after taking into consideration any rental housing voucher) and the monthly gross rent and the gross rent of the replacement unit (after taking into consideration any rental housing voucher) so long as that replacement unit is suitably-sized and approved as habitable by the relocation consultant.
- Only legal occupants of units will be considered for purposes of calculating the appropriate size of a replacement unit.
- In no event will the permanent relocation benefits exceed the difference between the relocating household’s most recent out-of-pocket monthly rent charge (after taking into consideration any rental housing voucher) and the gross rent of a unit with the same number of bedrooms equal to 30% of a household of equal size whose income equals 60% of the median family income as most recently established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Minneapolis/St. Paul statistical area (after taking into consideration any rental housing voucher).

- Samples of how this calculation is made are in Attachment II.

Moving Stipend

- Relocated households will receive a lump-sum payment based on bedroom count of the unit that the eligible household is vacating as shown on the attached schedule that approximates City staff's assessment of needed miscellaneous emergency moving costs such as application fees, moving expenses, increased transportation needs, utility connection fees, etc. as determined in the relocating household's sole discretion (Attachment II).
- \$500.00 of the Moving Stipend will be available for disbursement to an eligible household that has met with the City's relocation consultant and identified an acceptable lodging unit to relocate to or if the eligible household has another emergency need that the City's CPED Director has approved as related to health or safety.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

Approved by Mayor Jacob Frey 8/14/2026.

(Published 8/15/2026)

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0614

The Minneapolis City Council hereby authorizes staff to negotiate a no-cost contract with Oncourse Home Solutions for a sewer lateral insurance program to city residential property owners.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

The ENTERPRISE & LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE submitted the following report:

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0615

The Minneapolis City Council hereby:

1. Authorizes an agreement with the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the City of Minneapolis to serve as a host city for the LA 2028 Summer Olympic Games Flame and Torch Relay.
2. Passage of Resolution 2026R-329 authorizing the commitment of in-kind city services and operational funding in future budget years to the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the 2028 Olympic Games for the Olympic Flame and Torch Relay in Minneapolis.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-329

By Palmisano

Authorizing the commitment of in-kind city services and operational funding in future budget years to the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games 2028 for the Olympic Torch Relay in Minneapolis.

Whereas, the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games will host the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad in Los Angeles, California, during the summer of 2028; and

Whereas, as part of the celebration leading to the Opening Ceremony, LA28 will conduct the Olympic Torch Relay across the United States, carrying the Olympic Flame through selected host communities before arriving in Los Angeles; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has been invited by LA28 to serve as an official Host City for the Olympic Torch Relay, recognizing Minneapolis as a community capable of delivering a safe, welcoming, and memorable celebration consistent with the values of the Olympic Movement; and

Whereas, hosting the Olympic Flame represents an extraordinary international honor and provides the City with a unique opportunity to showcase Minneapolis to a worldwide audience while celebrating community pride, civic engagement, cultural diversity, and the values of excellence, friendship, and respect embodied by the Olympic Movement; and

Whereas, the Torch Relay is anticipated to generate significant public interest, attract residents and visitors, promote tourism and economic activity, and provide meaningful opportunities for community participation and volunteer engagement; and

Whereas, the Host City Agreement requires participating communities to provide customary municipal services necessary to support the event, including but not limited to public safety, traffic management, permitting, public works support, emergency coordination, and other operational services customarily provided for major civic events; and

Whereas, the estimated value of the in-kind municipal services will be incorporated into the City's 2028 operational planning process and coordinated through existing interdepartmental event management procedures, with any extraordinary expenditures beyond customary service levels subject to future City Council consideration, if necessary; and

Whereas, execution of the Host City Agreement will allow the City to begin detailed planning with LA28, public safety partners, Hennepin County, the State of Minnesota, regional agencies, community organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure a successful Torch Relay event;

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

That the City Council authorizes the commitment of in-kind City services and operational funding for the Olympic Torch Relay, consistent with the terms of the Host City Agreement and subject to applicable City policies, ordinances, and operational requirements.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0616

The Minneapolis City Council hereby authorizes an increase to Contract COM0010970 with Rochon Corporation, in the amount of \$24,068.01 for a total amount not to exceed \$460,068.01, for additional work to complete the Minneapolis Police Department Training Annex Buildout Project, all in accordance with City specifications.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

Approved by Mayor Jacob Frey 8/14/2026.

(Published 8/15/2026)

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0617

The Minneapolis City Council hereby amends Council Action 2025A-0888, passed December 11, 2025, to reduce the previously authorized increase to revenue Contract C-44292 with Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. by \$63,472.50, to read as follows:

1. Authorizes an increase to the revenue contract C-44292 with Hennepin HealthCare Systems, Inc., in the amount of ~~\$482,766~~ \$419,293.50 for a total amount not to exceed ~~\$1,249,686.15~~ \$1,186,213.65, and a three-year extension through December 31, 2028, for use of the City's Computer-Aided Dispatch system for 911 support and IT related support services.
2. Authorizes an increase to the revenue contract C-44294 with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, in the amount of \$138,630 for a total amount not to exceed \$457,917.86, and a three-year extension through December 31, 2028, for use of the City's Computer-Aided Dispatch system for 911 support and IT related support services.
3. Authorizes an increase to the revenue contract C-44309 with University of Minnesota, in the amount of \$194,424 for a total amount not to exceed \$457,917.86, and a three-year extension through December 31, 2028, for use of the City's Computer-Aided Dispatch system for 911 support and IT related support services.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0618

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves the workers' compensation claim of Heather Beightol by payment of \$150,000 to Heather Beightol and attorney Meuser Law Firm, and authorizes the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Whiting, Chowdhury (7)

Noes: Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai (3)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0619

The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves the establishment of one (1) appointed Assistant City Clerk position to support operational leadership within the Legislative Support division.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0620

The Minneapolis City Council hereby confirms the City Clerk's appointment of Ken Dahler to the appointed position of Assistant City Clerk - Legislative Support.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

(Pursuant to City Charter, Article IV, §4.4, this act was not presented to the Mayor)

The PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & EQUITY COMMITTEE submitted the following report:

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0621

The Minneapolis City Council hereby authorizes an increase to contract COM0009424 with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, in the amount of \$276,397.34 for a total amount not to exceed \$416,325.25, for reimbursement of salary and corresponding fringe benefit expenses for the Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force Crime Analyst within Minneapolis Police from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0622

The Minneapolis City Council hereby authorizes an increase to contract COM0009425 with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, in the amount of \$10,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$13,025, for reimbursement of overtime and corresponding fringe benefit expenses for the Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force members within Minneapolis Police from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0623

The Minneapolis City Council hereby authorizes an increase to contract COM0003838 with Canopy Roots, LLC, in the amount of \$2,230,685 for a total amount not to exceed \$28,325,685, and an extension through December 31, 2026, for behavioral crisis response services.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0624

The Minneapolis City Council hereby:

1. Accepts a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health, in the amount of \$322,151, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, to support public health emergency preparedness activities.
2. Passage of Resolution 2026R-330 approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-330

By Chavez

Amending the 2026 General Appropriation Resolution.

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by increasing the appropriation for the Health Department (01300-8600150) by \$322,151, and increasing the Health Department revenue estimate in the (01300-8600150) by \$322,151.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0625

The Minneapolis City Council hereby:

1. Accepts a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health, in the amount of \$281,309, to support a robust response to emergencies through planning, training, exercises, and response at the local level, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
2. Passage of Resolution 2026R-331 approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-331

By Chavez

Amending the 2026 General Appropriation Resolution.

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by increasing the appropriation for the Health Department (01600-8600150) by \$281,309, and increasing the Health Department revenue estimate in the (01600-8600150) by \$281,309.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

COUNCIL ACTION 2026A-0626

The Minneapolis City Council hereby:

1. Accepts a grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in the amount of \$183,959, for specialized bomb disposal services, equipment, and training.
2. Authorizes a grant contract agreement with Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the 2025 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) from January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.
3. Passage of Resolution 2026R-332 approving appropriation of funds to the Police Department.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-332

By Chavez

Amending the 2026 General Appropriation Resolution.

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by increasing the appropriation for the Police Department in the GRANTS - FEDERAL Fund 01300 4005100 by \$3,959 and increasing the Police Department revenue estimate in the GRANTS - FEDERAL Fund Police 01300 4005100 by \$3,959.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

On behalf of the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, Chavez offered Resolution 2026R-333 accepting donation from International Association for Identification (IAI) for Police Forensic Scientists Renee Tremaine, Jeremy Alley, and Josh VonHaugg to attend the Minnesota IAI Conference in Duluth, Minnesota, from September 9-11, 2026.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-333

By Chavez

Accepting donation from International Association for Identification (IAI) for Police Forensic Scientists Renee Tremaine, Jeremy Alley, and Josh VonHaugg to attend the Minnesota IAI Conference in Duluth, Minnesota, from September 9-11, 2026.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 et seq. for the benefit of its citizens and is specifically authorized to accept gifts; and

Whereas, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the gifts set forth below to the city:

Name of Donor – Minnesota International Association for Identification.

Gift – Registration and lodging expenses for Police Forensic Scientists Renee Tremaine, Jeremy Alley, and Josh VonHaugg.

Whereas, no goods or services were provided in exchange for said donation; and

Whereas, all such donations have been contributed to assist the city in registration and lodging expenses for three Police Forensic Scientists to attend the Minnesota IAI Conference, as allowed by law; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donation offered;

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

That the donations described above are hereby accepted and shall be used for Police Forensic Scientists Renee Tremaine, Jeremy Alley, and Josh VonHaugg's registrations and lodging expenses to attend the Minnesota IAI Conference in Duluth, Minnesota, from September 9-11, 2026.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

On behalf of the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, Chavez offered Resolution 2026R-334 accepting donation from Minnesota Association of Property and Evidence Technicians (MAPET) for Police Property and Evidence Manager Kerstin Hammarberg to attend and present at the 2026 MAPET Annual Conference in Breezy Point, Minnesota, from October 13-14, 2026.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-334

By Chavez

Accepting donation from Minnesota Association of Property and Evidence Technicians (MAPET) for Police Property and Evidence Manager Kerstin Hammarberg to attend and present at the 2026 MAPET Annual Conference in Breezy Point, Minnesota, from October 13-14, 2026.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 et seq. for the benefit of its citizens and is specifically authorized to accept gifts; and

Whereas, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the gifts set forth below to the city:

Name of Donor—Minnesota Association of Property and Evidence Technicians.

Gift—Police Property and Evidence Manager Kerstin Hammarberg's registration fee.

Whereas, no goods or services were provided in exchange for said donation; and

Whereas, all such donations have been contributed to assist the city in Police Property and Evidence Manager Kerstin Hammarberg's registration fee, as allowed by law; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donation offered;

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

That the donations described above are hereby accepted and shall be used for Police Property and Evidence Manager Kerstin Hammarberg's registration fee to attend and present at the 2026 MAPET Annual Conference in Breezy Point, Minnesota, from October 13-14, 2026.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

On behalf of the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, Chavez offered Resolution 2026R-335 accepting donation from the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) for Kaela McConnon Diarra, Civil Rights Director, and Manire Vaughn, Associate Civil Rights Director, to attend and speak at the IAOHRA Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA, from August 16-20, 2026.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-335

By Chavez

Accepting donation from the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) for Kaela McConnon Diarra, Civil Rights Director, and Manire Vaughn, Associate Civil Rights Director, to attend and speak at the IAOHRA Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA, from August 16-20, 2026.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 et seq. for the benefit of its citizens and is specifically authorized to accept gifts; and

Whereas, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the gifts set forth below to the city:

Name of Donor - International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA).

Gift - Two nights of lodging for Kaela McConnon Diarra and Manire Vaughn to attend and speak at the IAOHRA Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA, from August 16-20, 2026.

Whereas, no goods or services were provided in exchange for said donation; and

Whereas, all such donations have been contributed to assist the city in allowing staff to attend an annual conference bringing human rights professionals together from across the nation for a week of engaging plenaries, interactive workshops, networking, and skill-building sessions, as allowed by law; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donation offered;

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

That the donations described above are hereby accepted and shall be used to support staff attendance at the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies Annual Conference.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

Stevenson gave notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting 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.”

INTRODUCTION & REFERRAL CALENDAR

Pursuant to notice, Payne moved to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 174 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Fire and Police Protection: Minneapolis Fire Department; Fire Prevention Bureau, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, amending provisions related to the commercial hood and exhaust cleaning program.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

Pursuant to notice, Warren moved to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 16, Chapter 420 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Planning and Development: Public Housing Authority, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, relating to ensuring the accountability of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

Pursuant to notice, Warren moved to introduce an ordinance amending Title 16, Chapter 419 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Planning and Development: Neighborhood Revitalization Program, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee, making technical changes to the process for conducting elections to the Neighborhood Revitalization Program policy board.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Vetaw moved to adopt Resolution 2026R-336 honoring Minnesota people of color LGBTQ+ Pride and Twin Cities Black Pride 2026.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026R-336

**By Vetaw, Payne, Wonsley, Rainville, Warren, Osman, Shaffer,
Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury, and Palmisano**

Honoring Minnesota people of color LGBTQ+ Pride and Twin Cities Black Pride 2026.

Whereas, Minnesota People of Color LGBTQ+ Pride (MNPOC Pride), founded in 1999, has served the Twin Cities community for more than 25 years by creating affirming spaces that celebrate, empower, and uplift LGBTQ+ people of color through advocacy, education, health initiatives, cultural programming, and community engagement; and

Whereas, MNPOC Pride was founded in 1999 through the vision and leadership of Dennis Anderson, LaTonya Noble, and Raymel Givens, whose commitment to creating safe, affirming, and culturally responsive spaces has strengthened and expanded opportunities for LGBTQ+ people of color throughout Minnesota; and

Whereas, Twin Cities Black Pride is one of Minnesota's longest-running celebrations dedicated to honoring the history, resilience, leadership, and contributions of LGBTQ+ people of color while fostering inclusion, equity, and belonging for all residents; and

Whereas, the 2026 Twin Cities Black Pride celebration, themed "Always Better Together," recognizes the power of community, collective liberation, and collaboration in creating a more just and welcoming Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Minnesota People of Color LGBTQ+ Pride works year-round to improve health outcomes, develop youth leadership, strengthen community partnerships, and create opportunities that support the wellbeing of LGBTQ+ communities across Minnesota through community events, public health initiatives, youth leadership development, advocacy, and cultural programming; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis recognizes the importance of organizations that promote equity, celebrate diversity, preserve community history, and build stronger communities through service, education, advocacy, and leadership;

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

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby honors Minnesota People of Color LGBTQ+ Pride for its more than 25 years of service to the City of Minneapolis and the State of Minnesota, recognizes the organization's continued commitment to uplifting LGBTQ+ people of color, and celebrates the 2026 Twin Cities Black Pride celebration. The city further recognizes the vision and leadership of founders Dennis Anderson, LaTonya Noble, and Raymel Givens, whose dedication has created a lasting legacy of advocacy, inclusion, and community empowerment.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Payne moved to delete from the agenda consideration of an appeal submitted by 1717 Developers LLC regarding the decision of the Heritage Preservation Commission denying a Certificate of Appropriateness application (PLAN19669) to demolish the property located at 948 18th Ave NE, the Tyler Street Northeast John Cook House, an individual historic landmark.

On roll call, the result was:

Ayes: Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury (10)

Noes: (0)

Absent: Wonsley, Osman, Palmisano (3)

Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Chughtai moved to receive and file the Mayor's 2027 budget address and to refer consideration of the matter to the Budget Committee.

On voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Frey's address was ordered spread upon the journal; to-wit:

2027 Budget Address

Mayor Jacob Frey

August 12, 2026

Good morning, and thank you all for being here.

It's been said before that the City's budget reflects our shared values. But this budget also reflects our priorities, and priority number one is telling the truth. Minneapolis and cities around our country are confronting significant budget challenges. Those challenges did not emerge overnight but given several unanticipated events over the last six years—ranging from remote work and a devaluation of downtown commercial property to inflation and increased labor costs, to Operation Metro Surge and an attempt of slashing federal assistance—the need to adjust and evolve faster is apparent. So of course, this budget reflects our values, and at this time, the primary value is stewardship.

Such stewardship requires difficult decisions, painful choices, and telling the truth about what it actually costs to run a city, especially when assistance from other jurisdictions is questionable. While it may feel good to blame the federal government and outside factors – and believe me, blame is due – it doesn't change the straightforward challenge ahead of us: the cost of providing the services and programs that our residents expect is growing faster than the revenue available to pay for them. Recurring expenses and budgetary amendments have too often been covered by one-time funding, vacancy savings, accounting workarounds, or by simply hoping that the next year would be easier. Those approaches may appear to balance a budget on paper. They don't solve the underlying challenges. In some cases, unanticipated circumstances demanded we provide help where people needed it most. Through these crises, Minneapolis has stepped up to lead when others couldn't, or wouldn't.

Minneapolis is a national leader in our response – praised for the ways we all stepped up. Our staff worked tirelessly to provide emergency response. We helped keep families in their homes by providing \$2.8 million in emergency rental assistance. We supported local businesses through a \$7 million Small Business Resiliency Fund. We all supported these decisions. I supported those decisions. Council President Payne, Council Vice President Osman, and members of the City Council: you supported those decisions. We

agreed they were the right ones. But I hope we can also agree on this: emergency government cannot become permanent government.

The circumstances that required us to respond in crisis are not the same circumstances that should define how we govern this city long-term. For the long term, we need responsible stewardship. It's making sure every taxpayer dollar is accounted for. It's focusing our resources on the work that only city government can deliver effectively. This budget is not about expanding the role of municipal government or launching a long list of new initiatives. It is about doing the hard things now. If we don't make difficult decisions today, those choices won't go away. They'll just become bigger and more difficult in years to come. If we make responsible decisions now, in two years' time, the rightsizing will be addressed.

The city is already coming back. The trajectory is strong, but there is a two-year lag, which I will address later. This honest budgeting will also protect our triple-A bond rating. We have worked hard to obtain that designation because it saves our taxpayers money over the long-term.

Budget summary

I know these decisions will not be universally popular. In fact, I am certain the two biggest critiques of this budget will be that the cuts are too deep, and that they aren't deep enough. I know these decisions will not be universally popular. In fact, I'm certain the two biggest critiques of this budget will be that the cuts are too deep, and that we didn't cut enough. When we entered office, we swore an oath to do our best in serving this city. We serve the City best by making hard choices now, allowing us to punch through this two-year ring of fire and set the city on the right trajectory for the long haul. Whenever government asks taxpayers to contribute more, government should look inward first. Before asking residents to pay another dollar, we have to ask ourselves whether we're spending every dollar as effectively as we can. That has been the guiding principle behind this budget.

Over the last several months, our budget team and City leaders have taken a comprehensive look at how Minneapolis operates, not simply to identify savings, but to build a government that is stronger, more efficient, and better prepared for the future. We asked necessary questions that every healthy organization should ask: *Is this work something only city government can do? Should do? Can we do it more efficiently?* Those questions matter because the financial landscape of our city has changed.

Federal pandemic recovery dollars gave Minneapolis the ability to respond to extraordinary challenges. They helped us stabilize small businesses, expand affordable housing, invest in violence prevention, support our workforce, and strengthen public health during one of the most difficult periods in our city's history. Those investments helped Minneapolis recover. But they were never intended to fund government permanently. As those one-time resources come to an end, we have a responsibility to ensure our ongoing budget is supported by our ability to generate ongoing revenue, not temporary funding.

When we began building this budget, we faced an over \$60 million estimated budget gap beginning in 2027: this gap was comprised of a \$28 to \$33 million in current service level (CSL) shortfall and an over \$20 to \$30 million imbalance between department base budgets and estimated operating costs. This would equate to an over 19 percent levy increase. We could continue relying on temporary solutions and postponing difficult decisions in favor of short-term relief. Or, we could build a budget that reflects today's fiscal reality and puts Minneapolis on stronger footing for tomorrow, even if the decisions we have to make are hard. We chose the latter, we made hard decisions and this budget reflects it.

My 2027 budget proposal totals approximately \$2.3 billion, including a General Fund of \$753 million. It proposes an 11.3 percent increase to the property tax levy, about \$409 a year, or \$34 a month, for the

median-value homeowner. We got to that figure by evaluating programming and contracts, staffing, and structure. So, here's our arithmetic and how we got the levy down from 19 percent to 11.3 percent.

First, we evaluated existing programming and contracts. Where a program's return on investments was high and is delivering significant results for residents, we doubled down. But in some cases, once benevolent and well-functioning programs from 15 years ago are not as helpful today. Where that's the case, we admitted it and ended the program. Our city's departments perform an extraordinary range of work; each created from a genuine desire to solve problems and improve lives. As challenging as it is, some of these aspirations are not affordable in our current fiscal reality. Those decisions are not a reflection of whether that work once had value. Many of those programs served our city well. These eliminations enabled us to draw down the levy and reduce our spend by over \$20 million.

Second, we have cut 100 positions in our city government. But to be clear, we didn't begin with layoffs. We began with the areas that had minimal long-term impact on city services. Many of these positions were supported by grants, one-time funding, or temporary contracts. These resources are no longer available. From there, we reduced contracts, consolidated operations, and held vacancies open wherever possible. But when the gap remained, we had to make the difficult decision to reduce our workforce. I understand the impact to people and to employees that have worked proudly to better our city, and I'm deeply sorry – that in some cases – the decisions that I've made in this budget will impact you directly. Ultimately, that decision is mine.

And finally, to streamline service and save money, we have proposed to change the City's structural make up. In some cases, it means consolidating work that has been spread across multiple departments. In others, it means streamlining administrative functions, eliminating duplication, simplifying how services are delivered.

We've got the best park system in the country and for good reason: we have committed public servants that care deeply about our parks, and our parks receive funding at some of the highest rates in the country. This is funding we have been proud to provide, and as mayor, I've increased it dramatically. With that money, we've invested in youth programming, parkway maintenance, and clean water, and we're making the investments to protect it. This budget has a placeholder of 2.5 percent for the Park Board's levy increase. We've agreed to stay in conversation with commissioners and staff about what that final number will be. And we're all going to have to do our part for this budget. By eliminating duplicative functions that exist both at the City and at the Park Board, we can save money.

I value the independence of the Park Board, but not all functions are essential to that independence. Between the City and the Park Board, we don't need two HR systems; two IT systems; two payroll systems. People just want the service, and we are still able to provide that service through some form of consolidation. Responsible government requires us to continuously evaluate whether our current structure is the best way to deliver results for our residents today. That's why much of this budget is about reducing complexity inside government so we can better serve people outside of it.

Public safety

If there is one service that defines what residents expect a city to deliver on, it is public safety. People expect that when they call 911, someone answers. When their home is on fire, firefighters respond. When violence occurs, officers arrive. These are among the most fundamental services a city provides. Any allocation even to the most critical of services is subject to scrutiny.

First, Fire Department overtime costs put strain on the rest of our budget. When a firefighter is absent due to an illness or family or medical leave, we've had two options: closing down an entire station for the

day and risk not being able to respond to emergencies or fill that shift with overtime. Recently, more firefighters have taken leave and the costs to temporarily replace them have increased. Our solution is to apply for a SAFER grant, funding a team of 15 floating firefighters that can move between fire stations where a need arises. This change will result in savings of up to \$2 million per year. We also took a closer look at the department's operational expenses that had not kept pace with the reality of rising costs. The price of repairing and replacing fire equipment has increased, as has the cost of maintaining critical PPE and supplies our firefighters rely on every day. These are not optional expenses. They are tools and resources our firefighters need to safely respond to emergencies, protect our community, and come home safely after every shift.

Second, in the Department of Neighborhood Safety, just like everywhere else, we are doubling down on what works, and we are admitting what doesn't. Our Community Safety Ambassador program is seeing early signs of success. Thanks to the good work of Council Members and loud and clear advocacy from neighborhoods like Uptown and Lake Street, the program is off and running, ensuring livable clean streets, and a dispatch system that gets help to problem areas when its needed most. Conversely, violence interrupter funding continues but is being reduced — a noble program filled with committed and talented community leaders, but clear tracking has not demonstrated the level of results taxpayers deserve.

And finally: I've heard a lot about police overtime these last couple months. Some of the criticism is fair. Some of it isn't. Here's an argument that isn't fair. *"I don't like the overtime spend and we don't need it to provide the necessary service."* We do.

With 656 sworn officers, fewer per capita than almost any major city in the country, basic services expected by our residents require the use of overtime as a tool. Calls for service haven't slowed down. Emergencies are more frequent. Investigations can't stop. Until we rebuild the department — which we are working hard to do — overtime is part of how we meet those responsibilities. You may not like spending on overtime. Neither do I. But we have to do it.

Here are two arguments that are fair.

First, we should work to find efficiencies and decrease the overtime spend wherever we can. I've directed MPD to review all overtime hours currently being posted and to create a prioritization strategy for those shifts. We must ensure that all overtime shifts are going to our top priorities like meeting staffing minimums throughout the city, responding to 911 calls, and solving crimes. Where it's safe to scale back somewhere, we are.

Second, we should transparently and accurately account for the true cost of overtime in our budget. For years, we've used the salary savings from officers we didn't have to pay overtime costs for those we do. The good news is that we have less vacancy savings because we have fewer vacancies. The bad news is that the 2026 allocation of \$2.3 million doesn't come anywhere close to meeting that true cost. And so, our overtime allocation of \$13.1 million is a transparent attempt to correct the mismatch by aligning our financial plan with the department's operational reality.

Does it cost more? Yes. But it's going to cost more whether we publicly acknowledge it in this budget or not. Overtime is not a long-term strategy. Building back the department is. We're making good progress on building a department where officers want to be the change. This is court-ordered, and we're going to get it done. Applications are up 200 percent and the department is the most diverse it's been in history.

Our CSO program has become a huge success for bolstering our police department with officers who live in and are committed to Minneapolis. By acclimating students to good, constitutional policing and paying

for their school, some of our greatest community-based officers have come up through the ranks. But we've also had to find efficiencies in the recruitment process and reduce costs.

We underwent an analysis to determine how to maximize our return on investments. In other words, how do we invest in candidates who will matriculate and become officers? In doing so, we've reduced the costs of recruitment down by \$4.3 million. Just like with our overtime expenses, we budgeting for the real costs of recruitment, not just by paying for it with vacancy savings.

We also recognize that public safety is bigger than policing and other first responders alone. It also means ensuring that people experiencing addiction or behavioral health crises are met with the right response. Our 911 dispatch calls will now include an embedded social worker to ensure residents are connected to the right response based on the nature of their call. And as we continue confronting the open-air drug market that has taken hold in and around our encampments, our Health department will continue to build on the work of our Mobile Medical Unit, with an allocation of \$1.4 million for opioid response and treatment resources.

Public safety is not separate from everything else we are trying to achieve as a city. It is the condition that makes everything possible, and it is what determines whether every other investment we make in this budget can succeed.

Housing

If we can give our residents a safe city to call home, we can give them a better opportunity to build a better future. Like public safety, housing is core to the work of city government because it shapes nearly every measure of a city's success. In 2017, we heard from residents saying that housing was too expensive. We agreed and acted.

The topic of affordability has become a hot topic nationwide in the last year. In Minneapolis, we've been focused on it for the last eight. Since 2018, the work we've done around production of market rate and affordable housing, has made Minneapolis among the most affordable big cities in the whole country. Whereas rents have increased nationwide upwards of 31 percent, Minneapolis has remained at 1 percent. Others have talked about it. We did it. Others have glommed on to catchphrases. Here, the numbers speak for themselves.

We've executed on plans that don't just sound good — they do good. And today, were a national leader in affordable housing, we increased the annual production of deeply affordable housing more than 5 times. Our work around affordability was so successful, we became the first major metro area to see inflation fall below the Federal Reserve's target of 2 percent. But it's not good enough to build affordable housing where we already have a lot of it. Affordable housing should be in every neighborhood in the city, including middle- and upper-income neighborhoods. Concentrating deeply affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods prevents kids from growing up and seeing different options for their own futures.

I don't want kids to see limitations. I want them to see possibility — to know the doctor, the teacher, the business owner, the carpenter and artist — all living on one block. I want kids from different backgrounds to go to the same schools, play in the same parks, and grow up knowing they can do whatever they're best at to benefit society the most.

We have done nation-leading work to allow for affordable housing in upper- and middle-income neighborhoods through the 2040 Plan. We've eliminated exclusionary zoning to allow for more than one unit on a single lot. We have built the policy foundation. Now we need to make sure that homes are actually being built. That is the work in front of us now.

First, we will double down on public housing projects like the recently completed triplex in Windom and duplex in Regina. Because of the support from the City's housing levy — which contributes \$5 million annually to the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority — five new deeply affordable homes are now ready for families in neighborhoods where we need to build more.

Second, by the end of this year, we will have pre-approved designs in place for triplexes and accessory dwelling units, making it faster and easier to build more homes across Minneapolis.

Third, we will work to allow for construction of four-unit buildings. Three units is often cost prohibitive; four units is not — and it houses another family.

And fourth, we will be more aggressive in aligning our policies with our investments so we can call for diverse neighborhoods. With \$7.3 million to our Affordable Housing Trust Fund, we will strategically use this money alongside policy change to build more affordable homes in the neighborhoods where we need them.

While most of this budget has focused on cuts, Stable Homes Stable Schools will not be. This program has helped improve children's physical and mental health, has kept them out of homelessness, and in school. We will continue to fund this critical program, which has demonstrably helped stabilize families. Because I'm willing to bet on our families and Minneapolis Public Schools, I'm willing to bet on this program.

And finally, we are proposing a \$1.5 million investment to continue the work of our Minneapolis HOMES program — turning vacant City-owned lots into new developments to help low-income families realize homeownership goals and put down roots. When we initially invested \$1 million into Minneapolis HOMES, we secured eight vacant lots in Near North and Camden for affordable homes for families. The first families are now set to move in this summer.

Economic development

The road to keeping the property tax burden lower includes making sure the City is being diligent with our investments while working hand in hand with the business community. Municipal finance doesn't move at the same pace as the private economy. The property taxes and property values that shape today's budget largely reflect market conditions from 2024, the low point. In other words, the difficult decisions we're making in this budget reflect where we've been, not where we are and certainly not where we are headed. We're already seeing that progress. Through the first two quarters of 2026, downtown vacancies have reduced by 150,000 square feet. That means 150,000 more square feet is occupied than it was before. That's good news.

We're seeing events with a major following choose Minneapolis as a destination, like WWE SummerSlam and the Savannah Bananas. That's also good news.

And in this budget, we're continuing investments in programs like Vibrant Storefronts, and in the innovative work of Arts and Cultural Affairs.

But punching through this ring of fire should no longer solely be measured by dollar investments from the City. We should also be judged on how we show up differently for the business large and small, whether on the Southside, the Northside, or anywhere in between.

Here's how we're showing up for them.

Since my State of the City address, we have already cut our response times to review a building permit in half. Our teams are now turning around permits in four days' time as opposed to the previous response rate averaging two weeks, whether they be applications, requests for additional information, or outright approval of a permit for payment. And, two-thirds of those applications are being approved on first submission.

Getting to a yes has been made easier with human interaction. When Minneapolis went fully remote in 2020, that made it easier to communicate with us online, but sometimes you just need to talk to a human being. This past week, we fully reactivated the City's public service area, allowing walk-in customers — residents, business owners, and developers — to get answers directly from our expert staff. Making it easier to do business in Minneapolis is part of how we attract and retain investment. Making Minneapolis the place people want to be—whether that's with our Michelin designation, events like Dinner Du Nord, the amphitheater at Upper Harbor Terminal, or a new arena — is how we launch ourselves into the future.

Conclusion

As I said, I am certain the top two biggest critiques of this budget will be that the cuts are too deep, and that they aren't deep enough. Some will argue that we should raise the levy further to save staff positions and continue the important work that reflects our Minneapolis values. They would be right. Others will argue that the levy is already too high, that taxpayers have reached their limit, and that government should reduce its role even further. They would also be right. There are programs worth protecting. There are taxpayers carrying a heavy burden. Both things can be true at the same time.

The job isn't to satisfy one side or the other. The job is to make the best decisions we can for the long-term health of Minneapolis, and in that, I hope we can find common ground, working together to arrive at two-years from today. That's what this budget is intended to do. It asks government to be more disciplined. And it asks all of us to recognize that the choices we make today will shape Minneapolis for years to come.

Council Members: I know we will disagree on some priorities and tactics. That disagreement can be healthy and productive in a democracy. But I believe we share the same ultimate goal: leaving Minneapolis stronger than we found it. Over the last six years, we've faced challenges that few cities have experienced all at once. And we faced them together. And just like then, we must face this challenge together. I invite every council member, every employee, every neighborhood, every business, and every resident to help us share this budget that reflects not only our aspirations but also our responsibilities. I believe we can deliver on a budget that's worthy of Minneapolis — one that is honest and can be sustained. If we do the hard work now, in two years' time, we'll realize the trajectory we are already on.

This budget is the right thing to do, and I look forward to working on it together.

Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Casey Joe Carl,
City Clerk