

5.21.26 Scorecard

Ward 11 Council Member Jamison Whiting



Dear Ward 11,

Thank you for your ongoing trust and outreach about the important issues facing our City.

Democracy depends on the core values of **transparency, accountability, and accessibility**. That is why my Office produces bi-weekly scorecards that offer thorough explanations of how and why I voted in the most recent Minneapolis City Council Meeting.

This document shares my votes (**in blue**) and my reasoning for these votes (**in orange**) during the City Council Meeting on May 21st, 2026. Video recording of this meeting can be found on the [City of Minneapolis YouTube page](#).

For further explanation of how I voted or to set up a meeting with my Office, please call 612-673-2211 or email ward11@minneapolismn.gov.

All my love,



Jamison Whiting, Ward 11 City Council Member

Key Votes Summary:

Number/Title:	CM Whiting's Vote:	Pg. #
Introduction & Referral #1: Moratorium on data center uses	CM Whiting voted in support of a 6-month data center moratorium for centers over 350,000 sq ft. This motion succeeded.	3
COW #5: Financing and acquisition for the Community Safety Training and Wellness Center	CM Whiting voted against the denial of a motion to purchase land for the Community Safety Training and Wellness Center. This motion to deny succeeded.	5
Unfinished Business #2: Appointment of Community Safety Commissioner	CM Whiting voted against overriding Mayor Frey's veto of the denial of Commissioner Toddrick Barnette's reappointment. This override failed. CM Whiting then supported a motion to return this item to staff.	22

Minneapolis City Council Agenda

May 21st, 2026 - 9:30 am

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

Call to Order

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

Council President motioned to amend the agenda to move item #1: Moratorium on data center uses from Introduction & Referral Calendar and #4: New Data Centers Staff Direction from New Business to the top of the agenda.



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

3. Acceptance of minutes.



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

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



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

Introduction & Referral Calendar

1. Moratorium on data center uses ([2026-00446](#)).

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chowdhury and Chavez to introduce an ordinance amending Title 21 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Interim Ordinances, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, adding a new Chapter 597 providing for a moratorium on the establishment, re-establishment, or expansion of data center uses.

Context: Unlike traditional ordinance introductions, moratoriums related to zoning go into effect upon their introduction rather than upon their final passage. Because of this immediate impact, the measure sparked robust debate, whereas standard introductions usually pass unanimously.

Council Member Osman introduced an amendment to modify the proposed one-year, citywide moratorium on data centers. His amendment shortens the pause to six months and narrows its scope, maintaining a blanket ban outside of downtown Minneapolis, but allowing data centers up to 350,000 square feet within the downtown area.

CM Chowdhury accepted this motion as a friendly amendment.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to introduce this item and refer it to its appropriate committee. The motion was successful, 8 ayes to 5 nays.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting is grateful to his Council colleagues for their work to find a compromise that could pass the first time on this timely and important topic.

Over the past few years, the property tax burden in Minneapolis has steadily shifted away from downtown commercial properties and onto the shoulders of residential homeowners. Every year, the City sets a total amount of money it needs to collect (the levy), and that burden is distributed based on relative property values. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, downtown office buildings have plummeted in value and have yet to recover, forcing homeowners to absorb a larger slice of the overall tax pie to make up the difference.

Data centers provide a unique opportunity to reverse this trend. Just recently, the downtown Sleep Number building, valued at an incredibly low \$30 million, was sold for a record price of \$235 million because of its data center capabilities. Revaluations like this give us the potential to revitalize our downtown tax base - lowering the burden on residential property taxes and rent prices in the process.

Data center projects like this also give us the opportunity to invest in our union workforce, providing family-sustaining wages and long-term stability for our local tradespeople. Developments like this fuel our local economy and keep Minneapolis open for business.

That said, data centers also have an extraordinary, and often extractive, impact on local energy infrastructure and the environment, threatening to strain our municipal resources if left unchecked. While urban core data centers, like the Sleep Number building, are typically smaller than the larger data centers increasingly seen in rural areas and are focused on information distribution through proximity rather than AI modeling, CM Whiting believes that it is important to approach this topic with intention, basing policy decisions on

research and community benefits. While CM Whiting does not support a blanket moratorium that could harm our economic and workforce opportunities, he also does not support an unregulated construction spree of data centers by Big Tech. Rather, he supports a moratorium with a size cap and geographical limits, which CM Osman's amendment provides.

Enacting a temporary moratorium that prohibits rushed or hyperscale data centers in our City is a reasonable middle ground that gives Minneapolis time to regulate this new technology the right way. He is hopeful that this compromise is indicative of the quality of work that the Council will pursue to develop regulation in the next six months, and the ethos of collaboration that the Council might pursue on other topics.

New Business

4. Data Centers Staff Direction ([2026-00648](#))

Directing staff to conduct a landscape analysis of municipal regulations governing data centers, both by region and nationwide, regulations pertaining to data centers in urban areas, and the impact of data centers on tax revenue, the environment, and the energy grid.

Context: This Staff Directive researches national best practices for data center regulation, which will inform future policy creation.



Council Member Whiting voted yes on this staff directive. The motion was successful, 13 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion

Committee of the Whole

5. Financing and acquisition for the Community Safety Training and Wellness Center at 201 59 ½ St W, 146, 146 ½, 220 60th St W, and 5965 Pleasant Ave ([2026-00579](#))

Considering a resolution amending the 2022, 2024, 2025, and 2026 Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolutions to increase the appropriation for the Property Services capital fund (04100-9010923) by \$6,100,000 of revenue for the site acquisition intended for a Community Safety Training and Wellness Center (CPSD23).

Considering the acquisition of 201 59 ½ St W, 146, 146 ½, and 220 60th St W, and 5965

Pleasant Ave from IOS-PVB 146 W 60TH ST LLC, for \$6,100,000, purchase price plus closing costs, for the purchase of a site intended for the City of Minneapolis Community Safety Training and Wellness Center.

CM Chughtai motioned to delete this item from the agenda.

CM Chughtai moved to change her motion from a deletion to a motion to deny.

CM Stevenson moved to call the question thus ending debate.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to call the question. The motion was unsuccessful 8 ayes to 5 nays, because it required a 2/3rd majority (9 votes).



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

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting believes that the purchase of this land is an important and necessary step to advance Minneapolis' police reform work. This is the second time that the purchase of this site has been brought before the City Council for consideration. CM Whiting has shared his views on this topic before (see his [March 26th Scorecard](#)) and has hosted several community meetings on this topic.

In brief, Minneapolis will not come into compliance with the MDHR Settlement Agreement, as dictated by the Wold Facilities Assessment (see link below), until we build a dedicated "one-stop-shop" public safety training facility.

The Settlement Agreement would be 1000+ pages if it listed every requirement of police reform; instead, the Settlement Agreement requires the creation of assessments and the fulfillment of those assessments' recommendations. One of these assessments was the [Wold Facilities Assessment](#) which recommends the creation of a center like this one on page 51. Without some kind of facility, like the one voted on during this Council meeting, Minneapolis will delay critical police reform work, costing the City \$1.5 million in independent monitoring every year, and millions of dollars in reform implementation costs.

CM Whiting is fully committed to implementing every requirement in each agreement, and believes the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree are not documents to be cherry-picked. They are binding requirements that will determine the future of police reform in Minneapolis. The moment we choose to comply with some pieces of reform and not others, we are putting the entire process of police reform in jeopardy. For full reasoning on this topic and the specifics of why it is required, please read CM Whiting's [March 26th Scorecard](#).

Over the past few weeks, CM Whiting has heard numerous concerns from Ward 11 residents about the creation of and location of this site. He shares the frustration that this project is poorly timed and has been poorly communicated.

For that reason, CM Whiting prepared a motion to pair a resolution with this land purchase that would establish a Working Group that includes Council Members, City staff, and community members. The group would advise on the space needs and design of this facility, producing a final report that would inform site development. CM Whiting was hopeful that this would be a solid step forward on the collaborative creation of our public safety ecosystem, and this facility, and ensure shared control over this project. Unfortunately, a motion to deny the underlying item was introduced and succeeded, making the introduction of his resolution moot.

This site will not be purchased at this time.

Productive disagreement is central to CM Whiting's governing philosophy, and he was truly grateful to all Ward 11 community members who reached out on this topic, both in support of the acquisition and those against the site, and he looks forward to working alongside Ward 11 neighbors to advance police reform in the months and years to come.

Passed by Unanimous Consent

Business, Housing, & Zoning Committee [May 12, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Cafe Harmony, 501 1ST AVE NE, Suite B, Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Harmony Coffee LLC for a license upgrade to On Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Limited Entertainment license ([2026-00522](#)).

Cafe Harmony, 501 1ST AVE NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Harmony Coffee LLC, BLLiquor, LIC429517, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

2. Indeed Brewing Company, 711 15TH AVE NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 1) submitted by Indeed Brewing Company MN, LLC for a Permanent Expansion of Premises ([2026-00523](#)).

Indeed Brewing Company, 711 15TH AVE NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 1) submitted by Indeed Brewing Company MN, LLC, BLAmend, LIC430531, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

3. Interim use permit: Sadik Ali, on behalf of Pathway to Recovery, 2222 Blaisdell Ave ([2026-00535](#)).

Approving an application submitted by Sadik Ali, on behalf of Pathway to Recovery, for an interim use permit (PLAN21331) to allow a temporary state-credentialed care facility serving up to 16 persons for the property located at 2222 Blaisdell Ave, subject to conditions.

4. 2026 HUD Consolidated Action Plan ([2026-00467](#)).

Authorizing submittal of the 2026 HUD Consolidated Plan Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or after May 29, 2026May 29, 2026, inclusive of public comments received during public comment period and May 12, 2026May 12, 2026, public hearing.

Passage of Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to make application for, provide certifications, execute and/or carry out the intent of the 2026 HUD Consolidated Plan Action Plan program allocations (CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA entitlement grants), as amended, including the 2026 Adopted Budget Schedule 4 - Housing and Urban Development Formula Grant.

Passage of Resolution authorizing proper City officials to enter into any necessary grant agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive 2026 HUD Consolidated Plan Action Plan funding, to be executed in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112.

5. Liquor license approvals for May 12, 2026May 12, 2026 ([2026-00519](#)).

Fresh Thyme Farmer's Market, 24 30TH AVE SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 2) submitted by Lakes Venture LLC, BLAmend, LIC430664

Fresh Thyme Liquor, 26 30TH AVE SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 2) submitted by Lakes Venture, LLC, BLAmend, LIC430662

Victor's 1959 Cafe, 3756 GRAND AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 8) submitted by Victor's 1959 Cafe LLC, BLWine, LIC429332

Killen's Irish Pub, 324 6TH AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Killen's Irish Pub, LLC, BLLiquor, LIC430324

Art House Theater and Gallery, 3037 LYNDALE AVE S Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 8) submitted by Art House Theater and Gallery Inc, BLLiquor, LIC429898

6. Liquor license renewals for May 12, 2026May 12, 2026 ([2026-00520](#)).

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7. Gambling license approvals for May 12, 2026May 12, 2026 ([2026-00521](#)).

Chops, 3126 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Chops Inc, BLGeneral, LIC431047

8. Great Streets loan to the Mni Sota Fund: 1530 Franklin Ave E ([2026-00363](#)).

Amending Council Action 2026A-0243 to correct the project address from 1530 E Franklin Ave to 2301 E Franklin Ave, with all other terms and conditions remaining unchanged.

9. Street Name Change: Cesar Chavez Ave to 4th Ave N between E Lyndale Ave N and Border Ave N ([2026-00513](#)).

Approving an application submitted by Council Member Pearl Warren to change the street name of Cesar Chavez Ave between E Lyndale Ave N and Border Ave N to 4th Ave N.

10. Contract with Broadway X Emerson for the North Commons Public Art Project, Phase II Fabrication. ([2026-00514](#)).

Authorizing a contract with Broadway X Emerson for \$175,000, for a term starting June 1, 2026, through December 30, 2028, for the North Commons Public Art Project - Phase II: Fabrication.

11. MacPhail Center for Music 2024-2025 State Bond Annual Report ([2026-00524](#)).

Passage of Resolution approving the budget and the continued operation of the Governmental Program at the MacPhail Center for Music at 501 2nd St S.

12. Contract with NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center, Inc. for Tenant Resource Center services ([2026-00526](#)).

Authorizing a one-year contract with NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center, Inc., or its assigns, to provide tenant resource services for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per year, with the option to renew for three additional 1-year periods, dependent upon performance and funding availability.

13. Gift acceptance from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization ([2026-00565](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization of additional components to be added to Innovation Field.

Authorizing an agreement with Mississippi Watershed Management Organization for \$9,200 in funds for future maintenance of the gift.

14. Rezoning: Dan Rice, 1914 Washington Ave N ([2026-00574](#)).

Approving an application submitted by Dan Rice, to rezone (PLAN21064) the property located at 1914 Washington Ave N from the CM2 Corridor Mixed-Use District to the PR1 Production Mixed-Use District, retaining the BFT10 Transit 10 Built Form Overlay District.

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

Climate & Infrastructure Committee [May 14, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. RBC Gateway Food Truck Block Event Permit: June 3, 2026 ([2026-00547](#)).

Approving deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for a block event permit submitted by MPLS Downtown Council, allowing RBC Gateway Food Truck block event held on June 3, 2026, located on Nicollet Mall between Washington Ave S and 3rd St S to operate outside the hours permitted.

2. Downtown Wednesdays Block Event Permit: June 17 through September 16, 2026 ([2026-00548](#)).

Approving deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for a block event permit submitted by MPLS Downtown Council, allowing Downtown Wednesdays block event held on every Wednesday from June 17, 2026, through September 16, 2026, located on Nicollet Mall between 9th St S and 10th St S to operate outside the hours permitted.

3. Annual Saloon Pride Block Party Large Block Event Permit: June 26-28, 2026 ([2026-00549](#)).

Approving deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for a large block event permit submitted by AMPA INC, allowing the Annual Saloon Pride Block Party Large Block event held June 26-28, 2026, located on 9th St N between Hennepin Ave and Hawthorne Ave N, to operate outside the hours permitted.

4. Taste of Minnesota Large Block Event Permit: July 3-4, 2026 ([2026-00552](#)).

Approving deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for the large business district block event permit application submitted by Minnesota Festivals, LLC, to enable Taste of Minnesota to close roads for a July 3-4, 2026, block event and to operate outside the hours permitted.

5. MNUFC Soccer Celebration Commercial Block Event Permit: June 11-14, June 19-21, June 25-27, and July 19, 2026 ([2026-00564](#)).

Approving deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for a commercial block event permit application submitted by Minnesota United FC allowing MNUFC Soccer Celebration

event held on June 11-14, June 19-21, June 25-27, 2026 and July 19, 2026, located on Nicollet Mall between 11th St S and 12th St S to operate outside the hours permitted and allow the permitting of amplified sound outside the hours allowed under Title 15, Chapter 389.

6. Joint Powers Agreement with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the Lake Harriet Parkway and William Berry Parkway reconstruction ([2026-00542](#)).

Authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board related to Lake Harriet Parkway and William Berry Parkway reconstruction.

7. Cooperative Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Nicollet Avenue Bridge Replacement over I-94 project ([2026-00541](#)).

Passage of Resolution authorizing a cooperative agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for requested improvements related to the Nicollet Avenue Bridge Replacement over I-94 project.

8. Bid For Oliver Avenue South Storm Sewer Improvements Project ([2026-00509](#)).

Accepting the low bid of Geislinger and Sons, Inc., submitted on Event 3850, in the amount of \$5,106,503.41 to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Oliver Avenue South Storm Sewer Improvements Project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

9. Bid for Heavy Truck and Equipment Body Work ([2026-00517](#)).

Accepting the sole bid from Bona Companies, Inc. submitted on Event 4086, in the annual amount of \$300,000, to furnish and deliver Heavy Truck and Equipment Body Work, and authorizing a one (1) year contract, with the option to extend for up to two (2) 12-month terms, all in accordance with City specifications.

10. Contract with J.J. Keller and Associate, Inc for the CDL Training Program for City Employees ([2026-00518](#)).

Authorizing a contract with J.J. Keller and Associates, Inc, in the amount of \$250,000, for a two-year period starting June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2028May 31, 2028, with option to extend for two (2) one-year periods and increase by \$100,000 annually, for the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Training Program for City Employees.

11. Contract amendment with Minger Construction Companies, Inc. for the Combined Sewer Overflows Improvement Project ([2026-00510](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0010088 with Minger Construction Companies, Inc., in the amount of \$133,380, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,664,370.75, and an extension

through September 30, 2026Sep 30, 2026, for construction work on the storm sewer infrastructure of the Combined Sewer Overflows 001 and 117 Storm Sewer Improvement Project.

12. Contract amendment with WSB LLC for 35th Avenue North flood mitigation project ([2026-00540](#))

Authorizing an increase to the contract COM0008785 with WSB LLC, in the amount of \$1,030,106 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,486,244, and an extension through June 30, 2028, for the 35th Avenue North flood mitigation project.

13. Grant application to Federal Railroad Administration for Connecting Camden railroad grade separation project ([2026-00580](#))

Authorizing submittal of a grant application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a Railroad Crossing Elimination program to construct an alternative from the Connecting Camden railroad grade separation project.

Authorizing the commitment of local funds to provide the required local match for the Railroad Crossing Elimination grant application.

14. Lyndale-Lake Special Service District Advisory Board appointments ([2026-00583](#))

Approving Paul Wu for appointment to Seat 2 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026, and waiving the residency requirement pursuant to the Code of Ordinances.

15. Uptown Special Service District Advisory Board appointment ([2026-00584](#))

Approving Jason Kramber for appointment to Seat 7 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026, and waiving the residency requirement pursuant to the Code of Ordinances.

16. 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project Orders Acceptance ([2026-00561](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting Lead Service Line Replacement Project Orders and authorizing their execution.

Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Public Works Water Enterprise fund.

17. Stormwater Management Program and 2025 Annual Report ([2026-00562](#))

Passage of Resolution adopting the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Phase I Permit Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report for

2025 Activities.

Authorizing Public Works to submit the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Stormwater Management Program Annual Report to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for review and approval.

Committee of the Whole

1. Audit Committee appointments ([2026-00505](#)).

Approving J. Singleton for appointment to Seat 4 beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.

Approving Wajdi Al-Mowafak for appointment to Seat 5 beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.

Approving Lily Hosbein for appointment to Seat 6 beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.

Approving Rachael Petersen for appointment to Seat 7 beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.

2. Support for Allison's Law ([2026-00577](#)).

Passage of Resolution calling on the State Legislature to pass "Allison's Law."

3. Gift acceptance from Center for American Progress ([2026-00581](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the Center for American Progress (CAP) for Mayor Jacob Frey and others to attend the 2026 IDEAS Conference convening in Washington, D.C. on May 19, 2026.

Context: Pulled for a separate vote.



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

4. Gift acceptance from Jewish Democratic Council of America ([2026-00582](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Jewish Democratic Council of America for Mayor Jacob Frey to attend the Fourth Annual Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. on May 13, 2026.

Context: Pulled for a separate vote.



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

5. Financing and acquisition for the Community Safety Training and Wellness Center at 201 59 ½ St W, 146, 146 ½, and 220 60th St W, and 5965 Pleasant Ave ([2026-00579](#)).

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

6. Grant application to Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention for youth gang prevention and intervention ([2026-00646](#))

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, in the amount of \$500,000 annually over three years, to sustain the Youth Group Violence Intervention work, in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee

1. Ethics education ordinance ([2026-00447](#)).

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 2 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration, amending the requirements for completion of ethics education:

Chapter 10 Boards, Commissions and Advisory Bodies

Chapter 15 Ethics in Government

Context: CM Whiting was proud to see the unanimous passage of his first solo-authored ordinance. This ordinance makes changes to the required timeline on which City appointed and elected officials must complete their mandatory ethics training. Special thanks to City staff for bringing this change forward.

There was some public confusion about whether this ordinance changes who can serve on boards and commissions, or whether board appointees can serve as election judges. This ordinance impacts neither topic.

2. Collective bargaining agreements: Minneapolis Professional Employees Association 2026-2028 ([2026-00532](#)).

Authorizing collective bargaining agreement with the Minneapolis Professional Employees Association, for the period January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028, consistent with the terms of the Executive Summary; and authorizing the Labor Relations Director to implement the terms and conditions of the agreement.

3. Bid for Public Service Building Elevator Repairs & Maintenance ([2026-00504](#)).

Accepting the low bid of ESI Legacy Holdco, Inc dba Metro Elevator, in the annual amount of \$27,744, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Public Service Building (PSB) Elevator Repair and Maintenance and authorizing a contract for one (1) year with two (2) 12-month renewal options, all in accordance with City specifications.

4. Bid for Traffic Maintenance Facility Re-Roof Project ([2026-00515](#)).

Accepting the low bid of Commercial Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc., submitted on Event 4004, in the amount of \$1,861,100, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the Traffic Maintenance Facility Re-Roof Project, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

5. Contract with Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC for ERP Program Management professional services ([2026-00511](#)).

Authorizing a contract with Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$2,323,400, for a term of four (4) years, from June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2030May 31, 2030, to provide ERP Program Management professional services to assist with the transition from Oracle PeopleSoft to the Workday Software solution.

6. Contract with HCM Architects for architectural and engineering design services ([2026-00539](#)).

Authorizing a contract with HCM Architects, in an amount not to exceed \$2,175,200, for architectural and engineering design services for the Water Distribution Facility Project.

7. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Troy Bjornstad ([2026-00506](#)).

Approving the workers' compensation claim of Troy Bjornstad by payment of \$115,000 to Tory Bjornstad and attorney, Meuser Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

8. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Kristina Schmidt ([2026-00507](#)).

Approving the workers' compensation claim of Kristina Schmidt by payment of \$140,000 to Kristina Schmidt and attorney, Meuser Law Firm, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

Context: Pulled for a separate vote.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to approve this worker's compensation claim. The motion was successful, 9 ayes to 4 nays.

9. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Staffan Swanson ([2026-00508](#))

Approving the workers' compensation claim of Staffan Swanson by payment of \$135,000 to Staffan Swanson, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

10. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Michael Tracy ([2026-00537](#))

Approving the workers' compensation claim of Michael Tracy by payment of \$210,000 to Michael Tracy and attorney Law Offices of Donald F. Noack, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

11. Legal Settlement: Korto Gayflor-Kpanaku v. City of Minneapolis ([2026-00538](#))

Approving the settlement of the claims of Korto Gayflor-Kpanaku by payment of \$10,000 to claimant's counsel, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

12. Gift acceptance from Public Rights Project and Safer Communities Initiative ([2026-00570](#))

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Public Rights Project and Safer Communities Initiative for Daniel Abelson, Deputy City Attorney, and Munazza Humayun, Assistant City Attorney, to attend a conference in Minneapolis, MN, on June 3, 2026.

Public Health, Safety, & Equity Committee [May 13, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Contract with Forest Lake Sportsmen's Club for Police in-service trainings and outdoor range facility use ([2026-00530](#))

Authorizing a contract with Forest Lake Sportsmen's Club, in the amount of \$300,000, for a term of three (3) years starting June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2029, with an option to extend the contract on an annual basis for \$100,000 per year, at the sole option of the City, for two (2) additional years for Police in-service trainings and outdoor range facility use.

2. Contract amendments with AGE and Associates, Inc. and GBR, Inc. for interpreting and translation services ([2026-00529](#))

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0010098 with AGE and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$125,000, for continued scope of

interpreting and translation services.

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0010100 with GBR, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$125,000, for continued scope of interpreting and translation services.

3. Contract amendment with Certified Languages International, LLC for remote interpreting services ([2026-00528](#)).

Authorizing an increase to contract COM0005093 with Certified Languages International, LLC, in the amount of \$100,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$700,000, for continued scope of remote (video and phone) interpreting services.

4. Grant application to Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management for bomb detection equipment and training ([2026-00531](#)).

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in the amount of \$183,959, from January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, for bomb detection equipment and training, in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally funded grants.

5. ASPCA Northern Tier Shelter Initiative Grant for spay/neuter training ([2026-00544](#)).

Accepting a grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Northern Tier Shelter Initiative, in the amount of \$2,000, to send a Minneapolis Animal Care & Control (MACC) shelter veterinarian to the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance Veterinarian Training Program.

Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Regulatory Services Department.

6. ASPCA Northern Tier Shelter Initiative Grant for Animal Welfare Conference attendance ([2026-00545](#)).

Accepting a grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Northern Tier Shelter Initiative, in the amount of \$500, for a staff member to attend the Animal Welfare Conference.

Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Regulatory Services Department.

7. Gift acceptance from The Chateau Health & Wellness Recovery Center ([2026-00534](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from The Chateau Health & Wellness Recovery

Center for Meredith Martyr, Police Health & Wellness Manager, and Police Sergeant Geoffrey Johnson's site visit at The Chateau Health & Wellness Recovery Center from July 14-16, 2026.

8. Gift acceptance from New Mexico Tech ([2026-00543](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from New Mexico Tech for 11 Police Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Officers to attend Drone Assessment and Response Tactics (DART) training delivered by New Mexico Tech instructors in Socorro, New Mexico.

9. Gift acceptance from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) ([2026-00560](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) for Markeeta Keyes, Health Workforce Development Director, to attend the Developing Executive Leaders in Public Health (DELPH), Executive Leadership Forum, from June 22-25, 2026, in Washington, DC.

10. Gift acceptance from the Minneapolis Fire Foundation ([2026-00551](#)).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the Minneapolis Fire Foundation of Motorola APX 6000 portable radio kits to enhance operational efficiency and communication.

11. Joint Powers Agreement with Hennepin County for provision of domestic violence advocacy services ([2026-00546](#)).

Authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement with Hennepin County Attorney's Office, using an agreement drafted in coordination with Hennepin County, in the amount not to exceed \$250,000, for an agreement from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, for domestic violence advocacy services.

12. Rental dwelling license reinstatement: 4010 Dupont Avenue North, owner Reilly O'Neil ([2026-00502](#)).

Approving the reinstatement of the Rental Dwelling License for the property at 4010 Dupont Avenue North, formerly held by Mahmood Khan, to be held by new owner Reilly O'Neil, based on verification that said property is now in compliance with rental licensing standards.

13. Contract with Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District for safety outreach services ([2026-00578](#)).

Authorizing a contract with Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District, in the amount not to exceed \$236,816, from June 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, with the option to extend for two (2) additional one-year periods through December 31, 2028.

14. Sponsor a Kennel program for Minneapolis Animal Care & Control (MACC) ([2026-00553](#)).

Passage of Resolution authorizing Minneapolis Animal Care & Control (MACC) to create and operate a Sponsor a Kennel program, with proceeds to be accepted as donations to the City of Minneapolis and used for the care and enrichment of animals in MACC's care, with quarterly reporting to the City Council.

15. Police Department's participation on the Homeland Security Task Force ([2026-00567](#)).

Approving a legislative directive related to the collaboration between the Police Department and the federal government on the Homeland Security Task Force.

16. Police policy and procedures quarterly reports ([2026-00550](#)).

Approving a legislative directive related to the Moturi-Lussier After-Action Reviews for quarterly updates, including a comprehensive review and progress report on the relevant Recommendations and Lessons Learned contained within the Report on After-Action Reviews.

Notice of Ordinance Introductions

1. Data center use regulations ordinance ([2026-00639](#)).

Shaffer, Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Osman, Whiting, Chowdhury, and Palmisano give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code, amending regulations for certain uses associated with distribution and use of electric power, including data centers, electric or gas substations, backup generators, utility boxes, and battery energy storage systems:

Chapter 535 Overlay Districts

Chapter 540 Built Form Overlay Districts

Chapter 545 Use Regulations

Chapter 550 Development Standards

Chapter 565 Definitions

Context: CM Whiting is proud to co-author this ordinance which will develop regulations around data centers in Minneapolis. Once formally introduced, this ordinance will be sent to City staff for research and policy development. CM Whiting is highly invested in seeing robust community benefit agreements and environmental protections developed to ensure that any growth of data centers in Minneapolis benefits our residents and does not harm our natural resources, waterways, or green space.

2. Cannabis paraphernalia decriminalization ordinance ([2026-00650](#))

Chavez gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 223 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Drugs, decriminalizing the possession of cannabis paraphernalia.

3. Drug paraphernalia decriminalization ordinance ([2026-00651](#))

Chavez gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 11, Chapter 223 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Drugs, decriminalizing the possession of drug paraphernalia.

Context: These items were noticed and will be discussed and voted on at future City Council meetings.

Introduction & Referral Calendar

2. Law enforcement agency agreements ordinance ([2026-00516](#))

Pursuant to notice, motion by Chavez, Osman, Chughtai, and Chowdhury to introduce an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 18 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Purchasing, for first reading and referral to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee for a public hearing to be held June 3, 2026, adding a new section 18.210 relating to law enforcement agency agreements; concealment of identity.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to introduce this item and refer it to its appropriate staff or committee. The motion was successful 12 ayes to 0 nays with 1 absence.

Resolutions

1. Randy Hager honorary resolution ([2026-00640](#))

Passage of Resolution recognizing Randy Hager for his 18 years of service to the City of Minneapolis.

2. 2026 National Public Works Week honorary resolution ([2026-00641](#))

Passage of Resolution recognizing the week of May 17, 2026May 17, 2026, as National Public Works Week.

3. 2026 No Menthol Sunday honorary resolution ([2026-00645](#))

Passage of Resolution declaring May 17, 2026May 17, 2026, as No Menthol Sunday in the City of Minneapolis.

4. 2026 Haitian Flag Day honorary resolution ([2026-00649](#))

Passage of Resolution honoring the significance of the Haitian flag to the people of Haiti and supporting the goals and ideals of Haitian flag day.

5. American Indian Month honorary resolution ([2026-00642](#))

Passage of Resolution recognizing the Month of May as American Indian Month and celebrating the heritages, cultures, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples.

6. National Mississippi River Day 2026 honorary resolution ([2026-00643](#))

Passage of Resolution recognizing June 2, 2026, as National Mississippi River Day in the city of Minneapolis.

7. 2026 George Floyd honorary resolution ([2026-00644](#))

Passage of Resolution recognizing May 25, 2026May 25, 2026, as the sixth year since the police murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis that sparked a global catalyst for justice.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to approve the above resolutions. The motion was successful 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

Unfinished Business

1. Certificate of Appropriateness appeal: 1717 Developers LLC, 948 18th Ave NE ([2025-01132](#))

Considering 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.

Council President Payne motioned to delay this item to the July 16th meeting of the City Council.



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

2. Appointment of Community Safety Commissioner ([2026-00261](#)).

Considering Mayor Frey's veto of Council Action 2026A-0328 denying consent to the Mayor's nomination of Toddrick Barnette to the appointed position of Commissioner of Community Safety for a term ending January 2030.



Council Member Whiting voted no to override the Mayor's veto. The motion was unsuccessful 7 ayes to 6 nays, because it requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to pass (9 votes).

Council President Payne moved to refer this nomination to the City Clerk, essentially freezing this item in the legislative process.



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

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting could not support this veto override because it does not align with his opinion on this topic. (Read his position on Comm. Barnette's reappointment [here](#).) He supported a motion to refer this item to the City clerks to make time for conversation and prevent the loop of vetoes that the Council and Mayor have been continually stuck in. He believes that this loop is unproductive and detrimental to the perception and effectiveness of our local government.

New Business

1. Appointment of Community Planning & Economic Development Department Director ([2026-00629](#)).

Receiving and filing Mayor Frey's nomination of Erik Hansen to the appointed position of Community Planning & Economic Development Department Director for a term ending January 2030.

Considering the Mayor's nomination of Erik Hansen to the appointed position of Community Planning & Economic Development Department Director for a term ending

January 2030.

2. Appointment of Public Works Department Director ([2026-00630](#)).

Receiving and filing Mayor Frey's nomination of Timothy Sexton to the appointed position of Public Works Department Director for a term ending January 2030.

Considering the Mayor's nomination of Timothy Sexton to the appointed position of Public Works Department Director for a term ending January 2030.

3. Appointment of Emergency Management Department Director ([2026-00632](#)).

Receiving and filing Mayor Frey's nomination of Rachel Sayre to the appointed position of Emergency Management Department Director for a term ending January 2030.

Considering the Mayor's nomination of Rachel Sayre to the appointed position of Emergency Management Department Director for a term ending January 2030.

4. Data Centers Staff Direction ([2026-00648](#)).

Directing staff to conduct a landscape analysis of municipal regulations governing data centers, both by region and nationwide, regulations pertaining to data centers in urban areas, and the impact of data centers on tax revenue, the environment, and the energy grid.

CM Wonsley moved a resolution to request a national search for the next Commissioner of Community Safety.



Council Member Whiting voted no on this motion. This motion failed, 6 ayes to 6 nays with 1 abstention.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting does not believe that the City should begin a national search for a Commissioner of Community Safety until the Mayor and the City Council have resolved the current dispute over the nominee.

Adjournment

Next City Council meeting: June 11th, 2026