



7.16.26 Scorecard

Ward 11 Office - Council Member Jamison Whiting



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Dear Ward 11,

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

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

This document shares my votes **(in blue)** and my reasoning for these votes **(in orange)** during the City Council Meeting on July 16th, 2026. Video recording of this meeting can be found on the City of Minneapolis YouTube page.

If you would like further explanation of how I voted or want 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 Council Member

Key Votes Summary:

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C&I #1: Lyndale Ave Reconstruction	CM Whiting voted in support of the resolution designating project location and improvements. This motion succeeded.	3
COW #3: Contract and AHTF Funding for Heritage Park	CM Whiting voted in support of this contract and funding to address immediate health and safety needs at Heritage Park. This motion succeeded.	4
PHSE #2: Contract with Skydio Inc. for Drones-As-First-Responders Program	CM Whiting voted in support of this contract to authorize a 75-day pilot Drones-As-First-Responders program. This motion failed.	6
This Council cycle included the 2nd meeting of the Settlement Agreement & Consent Decree Subcommittee, chaired by CM Whiting. This is a subcommittee of the Committee of the Whole that deals with compliance of both agreements and the rebuilding of our public safety system. This meeting included a presentation by ELEFA on their semi-annual progress report and robust Council discussion.		

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Minneapolis City Council Agenda

July 16th, 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 Member Whiting voted yes to adopting the agenda. The agenda was accepted 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

3. Acceptance of minutes.



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

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



Council Member Whiting voted yes to the referral of petitions, communications, and reports. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

Discussion

Business, Housing & Zoning Committee

17. Local historic landmark designation: Lakeshore Arms Apartments, 3026 Lake St W ([2026-00768](#)).

Considering a resolution approving the local historic landmark designation (PLAN21501) of the Lakeshore Arms Apartments located at 3026 Lake St W.



Council Member Whiting voted yes to deny the local historic designation of the Lake Shore Arms Apartments. The motion was successful, 9 ayes to 3 nays, with 1 absence.

Context: An affirmative vote on this motion would *deny* the local historic designation of the Lake Shore Arms Apartments.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting agrees with the applicant that this building is an example of the Spanish Eclectic style, however, this building is one of many comparable buildings with this style throughout the City and does not warrant historical preservation status.

Climate & Infrastructure Committee

1. Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) Reconstruction Project: Project concept layout ([2026-00625](#)).

Considering a resolution designating the project location and improvements proposed to be made for Hennepin County's Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) Reconstruction Project.



Council Member Whiting voted yes on this resolution, as amended, designating project location and improvements. The motion was successful, 8 ayes to 4 nays, with 1 absence.

Context: An amendment introduced by CM Stevenson altered some of the language of this item. You can view the passed resolution, incorporating the amendment, [here](#).

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: Hennepin County, in coordination with the City of Minneapolis and other partners, is planning a full reconstruction of Lyndale Avenue South (County Road 22) between Franklin and 31st Street with construction beginning in 2028. This reconstruction will complete necessary accessibility, maintenance, and safety upgrades to the road, infrastructure beneath the road, and surrounding pedestrian areas, including better lighting and the addition of a separated bikeway. [You can explore full project details or add questions or comments online.](#)

Our Office has received enormous outreach on this project, and we are immensely grateful to all who took the time to share their thoughts, concerns, and visions for Lyndale Ave S.

CM Whiting supported the proposed plan for Lyndale Ave Reconstruction today because he considers it a strong compromise that took various priorities and resident experiences into account (ex. improving bike infrastructure while maintaining the majority of streetside parking, adding bus priority lanes at key chokepoints and giving options for future expansion, developing plans for additional greenspace despite losing trees during construction, etc.). He believes that these changes will ensure the project goes above and beyond routine road maintenance to allow Minneapolis residents to walk, ride, and roll more safely through this beloved area.

That said, CM Whiting shares the concerns expressed by several residents about this project: especially the concerns of small business owners regarding the impact of construction on their operation. The City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County have a responsibility to provide robust support to our small businesses on and around Lyndale Ave S during street reconstruction, and CM Whiting will be a strong advocate for exactly that (as he would along any street reconstruction project). Our small businesses are responsible for much of the foot traffic that makes Lyndale special, and we owe the neighborhood the supports necessary to ensure that necessary safety improvements add to the area's character, rather than diminish it. CM Whiting will personally speak to this topic with project stakeholders to determine best next steps and encourages all Ward 11 residents to patronize businesses in the area in the coming weeks and months.

Committee of the Whole

3. Contract and Affordable Housing Trust Funding for Heritage Park ([2026-00870](#))

Context: Several separate motions were introduced during this meeting concerning the ongoing situation at Heritage Park, a public housing development on the Northside.

Considering delegation of authority to the Community, Planning & Economic Development Director to determine the source of funding and contract with Certus Financial LLC, or an affiliated entity, as receiver for the benefit of creditors for Bassett Creek Partners, L.P., Sumner Field Phase II, L.P., Sumner Field Partners, L.P. and Heritage Park Partners, L.P. or with a relocation benefit provider to facilitate the use of up to \$2,500,000 for addressing immediate health and safety issues at Heritage Park.

Considering approval of \$2,500,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) program to fund the activities.

Considering authorization for the execution of necessary documents related to the implementation of this funding action.



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

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: Heritage Park, a public housing development on the Northside, has fallen into severe disrepair. Following the removal of the previous developer from operational control, recent evaluations of the complex, like [this recent tour conducted by Council Member Pearl Warren](#), revealed horrific living conditions, including widespread mold, rat infestations, broken balconies, and collapsed ceilings. Hundreds of the building's units had become entirely uninhabitable, and over 680 residents are currently living in unsafe housing conditions.

This proposal, brought forward by Mayor Frey, City staff, and Council Member Warren, sought to allocate \$2.5 million in emergency City funds to help relocate these residents currently trapped in this crumbling development.

Council Member Whiting supported the motion, along with his Council colleagues and the Mayor, because he recognizes the urgent need to protect the health and well-being of these Minneapolis residents.

CM Whiting has significant questions about these properties, namely how they were able to deteriorate to this degree without intervening action being taken. As the City continues to investigate the locus of responsibility between the developer, the MPHA, and the City enterprise itself, CM Whiting is proud to have taken action today that seeks to address the immediate crisis: keeping our neighbors safe.

CM Whiting applauds CM Warren's leadership on this issue, and he looks forward to working alongside her and his colleagues to investigate this issue further.

[Item 3.4](#) Heritage Park Legislative Directive ([2026-00879](#))

Approving a legislative directive related to the funding and relocation efforts for residents of Heritage Park.

Context: This legislative directive requests the Mayor to engage in regular reporting regarding the Heritage Park stabilization process, including the progress of the relocation of residents and information related to funds distributed for rehabilitation.



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

[Item 3.5](#) Heritage Park City Attorney Motion ([2026-00880](#))

Authorizing a motion to request from the City Attorney's Office an attorney-client privileged legal analysis of what pathways may be available for the City of Minneapolis to recoup from the appropriate entities the City's costs related to Heritage Park renter relocation assistance.

Context: This staff direction asks the City Attorney's office to draft an attorney-client privileged memo outlining potential legal pathways for the City to recoup costs related to the Heritage Park renter relocation assistance provided by the City from the responsible parties at Heritage Park (as they are determined).



Council Member Whiting voted yes on this contract. The motion was successful, 7 ayes to 5 nays, with 1 absence.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: While CM Whiting believes that the primary focus of the City's action at this time should be the stabilization of the residents at Heritage Park, CM Whiting also believes that the City of Minneapolis should be pursuing every option available to ensure there is required remediation from at-fault parties. This vote instructs the City to look into options for litigation, including whether the City has any valid claims.

Public Health, Safety, & Equity Committee

2. Contract with Skydio, Inc. for a drones-as-first-responder pilot program ([2026-00609](#))

Considering a no cost contract with Skydio, Inc. to launch a pilot program utilizing drones as first responders.



Council Member Whiting voted yes on this pilot program. The motion was unsuccessful, 6 ayes to 6 nays, with 1 absence.

Context: Following this unsuccessful vote, there was a subsequent procedural vote to remove this item from the agenda. The motion failed 6 ayes to 6 nays, with one absence. This is an administrative matter and does not impact the outcome of the original vote.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting received a substantial amount of constituent feedback on this issue, both in favor and against this pilot program. Thank you to everyone who has reached out to the Ward 11 office about this, it truly helps shape our votes.

Critics of this proposed pilot program, including neighbors and Council colleagues, have made valid points about the potential negative impacts of bringing a drones-as-first-responder program to Minneapolis. The civil liberty concerns, over-policing concerns, concerns about where the drones are sourced, and a general hesitancy to introduce this kind of technology as it relates to data privacy, data retention, and accountability measures into the business of policing and public safety are entirely valid, and CM Whiting takes those concerns extremely seriously.

If this Council vote committed the City to a long-term, paid contract with Skydio or any other drone-as-first-responder company, CM Whiting would not have supported the motion. Before the City commits significant resources to a program such as this, CM Whiting believes that we need a clearer understanding of the data that supports its effectiveness and a large overhaul to the City's current ordinances, oversight mechanisms, and regulatory frameworks to ensure any deployment of new technology appropriately limits the use of the systems in Minneapolis. Right now, we have data from the other MN Cities that employ this program (including St Paul, which shows 11% of the calls where their drones are deployed actually do not end up needing an officer), which seem to support its safety and effectiveness, but CM Whiting believes we would need more information to fully commit ourselves to a program like this in our City.

However, a successful vote would not have committed the City to a permanent, paid contract. Instead, it would have approved a limited, 75 day, no cost pilot. CM Whiting fully understands that there is no such thing as a free lunch; Skydio clearly believes that if Minneapolis goes forward with their pilot program that the City enterprise will be so impressed by the results that it cannot help but approve a paid contract. Even so, any permanent, paid program would need to come back to the Council for a separate vote, and likely extensive RFP process. CM Whiting believes this kind of pilot program could give us hard data about the potential and effectiveness of drones-as-first-responders programs, or the

complete failure of such programs in Minneapolis, and can help City leaders make an informed decision about their long-term use.

There were also valid concerns raised by community members and fellow Council Members about Skydio's connection to the Israel Defense Forces and the genocide being perpetuated in Palestine. CM Whiting understands and sees validity in why some of his colleagues felt a moral obligation not to contract with Skydio, even for a pilot program. While CM Whiting also finds issue with Skydio's previous sale of drones to the IDF, he sees his primary responsibility as being to Minneapolis residents. As a Minneapolis City Council Member, he believes the moral obligation in front of him is to support programs that have the potential to reduce harm for Minneapolitans.

CM Whiting's supports this motion largely because he believes drones-as-first-responder programs have the potential to make our City safer and save lives. Before running for City Council, CM Whiting worked as a police reform attorney for the City of Minneapolis. In that job, he heard a consistent message from researchers and experts on police reform: the most consistent way to reduce fatal interactions between residents and law enforcement is to reduce the number of high-tension interactions with law enforcement, and to implement robust de-escalation training. While we train our officers to better address these situations, we also have to advance alternatives to traditional law enforcement that both remove officers from these scenarios and inform first responders ahead of any situation they may encounter. Time and time again, the combination of a lack of real time information, bias, adrenaline, and human fallibility have led to devastating outcomes between law enforcement and the public. If an officer speeding towards a shots fired call can be re-routed, or the situation de-escalated, because a first-responder-drone reveals that the shots were actually teens lighting fireworks, lowering the temperature and making a fatal encounter less likely, that's an outcome worthy of serious exploration.

In no world does CM Whiting believe that a drone program is a silver bullet to ending crime or police violence here in Minneapolis (he knows true progress requires addressing the root causes of crime). He does, however, believe that if a program such as this is able to save the life of one individual, bring a family peace in aiding to find a perpetrator, remove an officer from a situation where they may hurt a resident or a resident may hurt them, or deter those who may engage in any type of pervasive violence, it is worth a trial to see if it works.

Council Member Whiting wishes he could have reviewed the results of the pilot program this fall when the Skydio contract expired to make an informed decision on this issue, but unfortunately, the vote to approve failed.

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.

2. Minnesota Ballpark Authority appointment ([2026-00667](#)).

Considering Mayor Frey's veto of Council Action 2026A-0450 approving Jim Davnie for appointment to Seat 1 beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2029.



Council Member Whiting voted no on overriding the Mayor's veto of this nomination. The motion to override was unsuccessful, 6 ayes to 6 nays, with 1 absence.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting has full faith that Jim Davnie would be an excellent member of the Ballpark Authority, and he regrets that this appointment has become contested, and frankly, political. His decision to not override this veto is almost entirely based on objections raised by groups like the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP and concerned members of the public regarding the removal of the sole member of color from this board.

The Ballpark Authority is a body whose decisions touch our entire City, and while CM Whiting is sure that the current members of the Ballpark Authority bring their own lived experiences to their work which positively inform their decisions, he also believes that maintaining broad diversity at the table on a board like this is in the public interest. Maintaining diverse representation on the board is essential to prevent the exclusion of communities of color and ensures ample opportunities for economic participation, community benefits, and equitable outcomes are actively considered.

CM Whiting is thankful for Jim Davnie's many years of public service and the work he continues to do in community, and he looks forward to finding alternative opportunities where former Rep. Davnie can positively impact our City.

Passed by Unanimous Consent

Context: The following votes passed with unanimous support from all City Council Members present.

Budget Committee [Jul 13, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program for evaluation of problem nature codes ([2026-00807](#)).

Accepting a grant from the Office of Justice Program, National Institute of Justice, in the amount of \$2,500,000, for research, analysis, and evaluation of problem nature codes in the City of Minneapolis for alternative response development, in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Office of Community Safety.

Business, Housing & Zoning Committee [Jul 7, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Bill's Bait Shop, 3101 42ND ST E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 12) submitted by Bill's Bait Shop LLC, for an On Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Limited Entertainment license ([2026-00763](#)).

Bill's Bait Shop, 3101 42ND ST E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 12) submitted by Bill's Bait Shop LLC, BLLiquor, LIC430932, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

2. Bryant Lake Bowl, 810 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by Splitsville Inc, for a Permanent Expansion of Premises and Street Cafe ([2026-00764](#)).

Bryant Lake Bowl, 810 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by Splitsville Inc, BLAmend, LIC432003, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

Bryant Lake Bowl, 810 LAKE ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by Splitsville Inc, BLFood, LIC431942, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

3. AntojitosRyan.S, 1724 LOWRY AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 4) submitted by AntojitosRyan.S LLC, for an On Sale Wine with Strong Beer, No Live Entertainment license ([2026-00765](#)).

AntojitosRyan.S, 1724 LOWRY AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 4) submitted by AntojitosRyan.S LLC, BLWine, LIC429467, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

4. Grain Exchange Conversion: Project financing ([2026-00693](#)).

Passage of Resolution authorizing the issuance of Tax Exempt Multifamily Housing Revenue Entitlement Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$39,000,000.

Passage of Resolution approving the Grain Exchange Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan for the Grain Exchange Project located at 301 4th Ave. S., and 400 4th St. S.

Passage of Resolution authorizing the issuance of a "Pay-As-You-Go" TIF note to Grain Exchange Housing, LP in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,775,000.

Authorizing the drafting and execution of documents and agreements related to the above listed actions

5. Variance appeal: Wayne Carlson, Horner-Carlson Family Partnership LLP, 4710 Humboldt Ave N ([2026-00766](#)).

Context: This appeal was granted, subject to conditions.

Considering an appeal submitted by Wayne Carlson regarding the decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment denying a variance (PLAN21148) for refuse container screening for the property located at 4710 Humboldt Ave N.

6. Liquor license approvals for July 7, 2026 ([2026-00760](#)).

Camden Liquors, 4155 LYNDAL AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 4) submitted by Sohal Inc, BLLiqOff, LIC430262

Stub & Herb's, 227 OAK ST SE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 2) submitted by Eat Your Heart Out Catering LLC, BLLiquor, LIC431115

Hometowne Pizza Minneapolis, 118 4TH ST N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by TGB Enterprise LLC, BLAmend, LIC431939

Inti Kitchen & Bar, 4537 NICOLLET AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 8) submitted by Inti Mpls LLC, BLLiquor, LIC430361

The Tasting Room, 1434 31ST ST W Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by Baguettes Brothers LLC, BLWine, LIC429903

Saffron Restaurant, 165 13TH AVE NE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 3) submitted by Saffron 165 LLC, BLLiquor, LIC432080

7. Liquor license renewal for July 7, 2026 ([2026-00761](#)).

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8. Gambling license approvals for July 7, 2026 [\(2026-00762\)](#).

City of Lakes Youth Hockey Association, 1300 LAGOON AVE Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 10) submitted by City of Lakes Youth Hockey Association, BLGeneral, LIC432235

City of Lakes Youth Hockey Association, 3101 42ND ST E Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 12) submitted by City of Lakes Youth Hockey Association, BLGeneral, LIC432238

9. Amended business license operating conditions: Breakfast Bar of MN, 319 1ST AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Nation of Brothers, LLP, On Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, General Entertainment and Tobacco license, LIC432290 [\(2026-00797\)](#).

Breakfast Bar of MN, 319 1ST AVE N Minneapolis, MN, (Ward 7) submitted by Nation of Brothers, LLP, BLAmend, LIC432290, subject to final inspections and compliance with all provisions of applicable code and ordinances.

10. Bid for Minneapolis Convention Center (MCC) snow plowing and removal [\(2026-00774\)](#).

Accepting the low responsive bid of Twin City Outdoor Service Inc., submitted on Event 4094, in the annual amount of \$164,250, to provide all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the Minneapolis Convention Center snow plowing and removal, and authorizing a contract for one year with two,12-month renewal options, all in accordance with City specifications.

11. Loan restructure for Jigjiga Business Center, LLC: 1508 Lake St E [\(2026-00769\)](#).

Authorizing restructuring of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) loan, in the amount of \$285,961, to Jigjiga Business Center, LLC.

12. Minneapolis Homes Financing: Rehabilitation Properties [\(2026-00770\)](#).

Authorizing financial agreements with the selected qualified developers or affiliated entities and authorizing the Director of the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development to make modifications.

13. Alternative Financing Program: Revising program guidelines [\(2026-00771\)](#).

Authorizing revisions to the program guidelines for the Alternative Financing Program.

Passage of Resolution authorizing form documents and delegating authority to the Business Development Manager of the Community Planning & Economic Development Department to make and execute Participation Agreements in form approved by the City Attorney's Office consistent with program guidelines for the City's Alternative Financing Program.

14. Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HCHRA) financial assistance and land disposition [\(2026-00772\)](#).

Passage of Resolution approving land disposition and financial assistance from the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HCHRA) to the following projects and programs: Cheatham Apts (3716 Cheatham Ave S); Camden Rise Early (4134 Dupont Ave N and adjacent addresses); Dillon Apts (3210 and 3218 Lyndale Ave N); Franklin-Columbus Stabilization (Various addresses at Franklin Ave E & Columbus Ave S); The Link – Willard Gordon Buildings (2220 16th Ave N); The Woodson (Southern half of 3501 Hiawatha Ave); Zaria (3033 Blaisdell Ave S); Flour Exchange (310 4th Ave S); Senior Flats on Logan (529 & 535 Logan Ave N); Clare Housing (1900 Monroe St NE); Scattered Site

Missing Middle (Scattered sites in South Minneapolis); St. Paul's Home (2735 15th Ave S); Hiawatha Commons (2740 Minnehaha Ave S); 1345 Central (1345 Central Ave NE); Homebuyer Initiated Program; and 1300 & 1324 Lowry (1300 & 1324 Lowry Ave N).

15. Contract with Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) for loan portfolio management services [\(2026-00773\)](#).

Authorizing a sole-source contract with Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD), in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, to provide loan portfolio management and servicing for outstanding Empowerment Zone (EZ) Loan Program loans.

Context: Council Member Whiting recused himself from this vote due to a conflict of interest due to a close family member working for MCCD.

16. Vacations: North of Franklin Ave W, between Bryant and Aldrich Avenue S [\(2026-00800\)](#).

Passage of Resolution approving an application submitted by the City of Minneapolis Department of Public Works, to vacate a portion of land located north of Franklin Ave W, between Bryant and Aldrich Avenues S (VAC-1778), subject to the retention of easement rights by Xcel Energy.

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17. Local historic landmark designation: Lakeshore Arms Apartments, 3026 Lake St W [\(2026-00768\)](#).

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

Considering a resolution approving the local historic landmark designation (PLAN21501) of the Lakeshore Arms Apartments located at 3026 Lake St W.

Climate & Infrastructure Committee [Jul 9, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) Reconstruction Project: Project concept layout [\(2026-00625\)](#).

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

2. Gift acceptance from Equivolve [\(2026-00783\)](#).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Equivolve for Katie White, Transportation Planner, Meg McMahan, Planning Director, and Vachel Hudson, Aide to Council Member Pearl Warren, to attend the Transformative Infrastructure Retreat in Seattle, July 27-29, 2026.

3. Gift acceptance from Brookings Transportation Initiative [\(2026-00786\)](#).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Brookings Transportation Initiative for Public Works Director Tim Sexton to attend the Brookings State/Local Transportation Initiative in Chicago, Illinois, from July 23-24, 2026.

4. Gift acceptance from Minneapolis Foundation [\(2026-00795\)](#).

Passage of Resolution accepting a donation from the Minneapolis Foundation for an urban tree and greening initiative with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to Public Works.

5. Minnesota Department of Transportation Highway 280 Project: Resolution of Support ([2026-00793](#)).

Passage of Resolution expressing the City's support for the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Highway 280 Project, and encouraging the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) to continue engaging with businesses, residents, Hennepin County, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board regarding this project.

6. Land Sale: Wedge Point Park to Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board ([2026-00794](#)).

Passage of Resolution authorizing the sale of two parcels located adjacent to the 1900 block connecting Bryant Avenue South to Aldrich Avenue South, to Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for a total Fair Market Value of \$5,000.

7. Grant applications to Minnesota Department of Transportation for 2026 Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds ([2026-00787](#)).

Authorizing the submittal of a series of grant applications to the Minnesota Department of Transportation Metro District for the 2026 solicitation for Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds, in accordance with Resolution 2025R-112 related to federally-funded grants.

8. Bid for West River Road Phase II project ([2026-00785](#)).

Accepting the low responsive bid of Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc., submitted on Event 3871, in the amount of \$1,602,080.41, to provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the West River Road Phase II base project and alternate, and authorizing a contract for the project, all in accordance with City specifications.

9. Proposed closure of the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center: follow-up directive ([2026-00799](#)).

Approving a legislative directive related to the proposed closure of the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC) and potential conversion into a sorting and recycling facility.

Committee of the Whole

1. Support for Target Field workers ([2026-00804](#)).

Passage of Resolution expressing support and solidarity with workers at Target Field and urging the Minnesota Twins and Target Field to reach a fair contract that upholds Minneapolis values.

2. The Alley Project's Aquatennial event amplified sound permit extension: July 25, 2026 ([2026-00835](#)).

Approving deviations from the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances for an Amplified Sound Permit application submitted by Dance Agenda, allowing an amplified sound event at The Alley Project, located at 15 1/2 Ninth Street South, on July 25, 2026, as part of the Aquatennial festival, to operate outside standard hours.

3. Contract and Affordable Housing Trust Funding for Heritage Park ([2026-00870](#)).

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

Enterprise & Labor Relations Committee [Jul 6, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Appointment of City Assessor ([2026-00736](#)).

Granting consent to the Mayor's nomination of Rebecca Malmquist to the appointed position of City Assessor for a term ending January 2030.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting proudly supports the reappointment of Rebecca Malmquist to the position of City Assessor. Malmquist been a steady, fair, and effective leader who is globally renowned for her assessing skills, leadership, and commitment to equity. The City of Minneapolis Assessing Department is in good hands as we navigate a challenging real estate environment and work to lower property taxes/rent.

2. 2026 Quarterly Donations Report [\(2026-00779\)](#).

Passage of Resolution accepting the 1st Quarter 2026 donations made to the City of Minneapolis valued under \$15,000.

3. Gift acceptance from CoMinnesota [\(2026-00776\)](#).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from CoNorth for Council Member Soren Stevenson to attend the Minnesota Cooperative Summit: Meeting the Moment event in Duluth, Minnesota, from July 28-29, 2026.

4. Collective bargaining agreement: International Association of Fire Fighters, Local No. 82 [\(2026-00780\)](#).

Authorizing collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local No.82 for the periods January 1, 2026, through 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.

5. Legal Settlement: Workers' Compensation Claim of Genevieve Hansen [\(2026-00778\)](#).

Approving the workers' compensation claim of Genevieve Hansen by payment of \$150,000 to Genevieve Hansen and attorney Schmidt & Salita Law Team, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

Public Health, Safety & Equity [Jul 8, 2026 - Committee Report](#)

1. Appointment of Civil Rights Department Director [\(2026-00737\)](#).

Granting consent to the Mayor's nomination of Kaela McConnon Diarra to the appointed position of Civil Rights Department Director for a term ending January 2030.

CM Whiting's Thoughts on this Vote: CM Whiting strongly supports the Mayor's nomination of Kaela McConnon Diarra to the appointed position of Civil Rights Department Director. She is a veteran of the Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights, and has played a vital role in ensuring our City is an equitable place to live for all residents. I am confident that, under her guidance, the department will effectively investigate and address discrimination and work proactively to dismantle systemic barriers in our city. Dir. McConnon Diarra was also part of CM Whiting's initial foray into the City of Minneapolis, as she was on the panel that interviewed him for a spot on the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights!

2. Contract with Skydio, Inc. for a drones-as-first-responder pilot program [\(2026-00609\)](#).

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

3. Gift acceptance from University of Chicago [\(2026-00805\)](#).

Passage of Resolution accepting donation from the University of Chicago for Police Inspector Molly Fischer to attend the University of Chicago Policing Leadership Academy in Chicago, IL, during sessions held July 13-17, August 17-20, September 14-17, October 12-15, and November 9-12, 2026.

Notice of Ordinance Introductions



Council Member Whiting voted yes to refer these items to their appropriate committees. The motion was successful, 12 ayes to 0 nays, with 1 absence.

1. Dress code posting requirement ordinance ([2026-00806](#)).

Chavez, Payne, Wonsley, and Warren give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 14, Chapter 360 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Liquor and Beer: In General, requiring any licensed premises that requires a dress code for entry to post said dress code.

2. Noise regulations ordinances ([2026-00809](#)).

Chavez gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 15 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Offenses—Miscellaneous, amending provisions related to noise regulations to remove irrelevant content, organize the structure in a more logical format, clarify language, add a clause regulating the sounding of motion-sensor devices on private property, and to amend a clerical error referencing Chapter 389 that should be referring to an earlier subsection in Chapter 399:

Chapter 389 Noise

Chapter 399 Control of Invasive Species Tree Pests

3. Chavez gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 45 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Air Pollution and Environmental Protection: Environmental Program Fees, amending provisions referring to Chapter 389 to correct reference numbers.

Chavez gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Maintenance Code, amending provisions referring to Chapter 389 to correct reference numbers.

Chavez gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13, Chapter 259 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: In General, amending provisions referring to Chapter 389 to correct reference numbers.

Chavez gives notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 14, Chapter 360 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Liquor and Beer: In General, amending provisions referring to Chapter 389 to correct reference numbers.

4. Event center license ordinance ([2026-00864](#)).

Shaffer and Rainville give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations, amending, repealing and adding provisions related to rental halls and places of entertainment to create an event center license allowing for the hosting of both public and private events:

Chapter 266 Rental Halls

Chapter 267 Amusements

5. Restrictions on pet ownership ordinance ([2026-00871](#)).

Wonsley, Chavez, Whiting, and Chowdhury give notice of intent to introduce at the next regular meeting of the City Council the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 4, Chapter 66 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Animal Care and Control: Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Animals, removing conditions and restrictions on pet ownership solely due to a prior conviction for certain felonies.

Introduction & Referral Calendar



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.

1. Bounty hunter licensure ordinance ([2026-00798](#)).

Pursuant to notice, motion by Osman and Wonsley to introduce the subject matter of an ordinance amending Title 13 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations, for first reading and referral to the Business, Housing & Zoning Committee, adding a new Chapter 270 establishing licensing requirements relating to bail fugitive recovery, commonly referred to as bounty hunters.

Resolutions



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

1. 2026 Disability Pride Month honorary resolution ([2026-00861](#)).

Passage of Resolution recognizing 2026 Disability Pride Month.

2. USA 250-Year Anniversary honorary resolution ([2026-00862](#)).

Passage of Resolution honoring the 250-year anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and reaffirming the City's commitment to the ongoing work of liberty and justice for all.

Adjournment

Next City Council meeting: July 30th, 2026