

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
August 18, 2025

The Special Meeting of the St. Louis City Council and the St. Louis Public School Board was called to order by Mayor Ralph Echtenaw Monday, August 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Ralph Echtenaw, Fares E. Azzam, Robin W. Hart, Mayor Pro Tem William R. Leonard.

Council Members Absent: Kevin D. Palmer.

City Manager: Kurt Giles  
Clerk: Jamie Long  
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance: Billy Bosquez, Chad Clark, Jen McKittrick, Carla Trevino, Steve Brimmer, Alison Hagerty, Larry Steffenhagen, Ed Davidson, Nicole Koutz, and Kelly Bebow.

Council Members and School Board Members introduced themselves.

The following topics were discussed:

- a. Recent Construction of School District's Bond Proposal Improvements, which included new drive and lots at Carrie Knause and Nikkari, Pavilions, Basketball Courts, Pickle Ball and Tennis Courts, a barn for the FFA program, and the resurfacing of the high school track.
- b. Review of examples of Schools/City interaction including school safety, active shooter training, fire training at Camp Monroe. It was also discussed during this time by Nicole Koutz from the VFW, the potential of moving the fishing derby from Leppien Park and high school areas.
- c. Student Co-Op Program.
- d. Student Delegate Program-City Council/Planning Commission, which has shown little to no interest over the last few years.
- e. Wastewater Collection System Upgrades and other City Projects.
- f. Municipal Water Systems Improvement.
- g. Vacant Land Parcels with Shared Interest-Hubble Field, River Court Areas. School Board member Chad Clark expressed interest for the little league program, the vacant lot behind the current little league fields.
- h. Meet Up and Eat Up Program, which has steadily grown over the years.
- i. Farmers Market and Bus Drop Off.
- j. Community Recreation Resources-Pickle Ball, Tennis, Basketball, etc.
- k. Other Opportunities, which included police training within the schools and stop the bleed training.

**Public Comment:**

Nicole Koutz from the VFW discussed scholarship opportunities with the VFW and asked for the opportunity to raise the flags at the homecoming game in honor of P.O.W-M.I.A day.

A tentative meeting date of August 17, 2026 was discussed.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, Clerk