

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
September 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw on Tuesday September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Council Members Absent: None

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

Others in Attendance: Josh Leppien- Economic Development Coordinator, Keith Risdon-Utilities Director, John Pavlik and one student.

Mayor Echtenaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda.**

Moved by Palmer, supported by Leonard to approve the agenda for September 16, 2025 with the addition of 11H, quote for masonry repairs at City Hall. All ayes carried the motion.

### **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Hart, supported by Leonard to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 2, 2025. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Claims & Accounts.**

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Palmer, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$718,35.18. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Monthly Reports.**

City Council discussed the August 2025 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Hart, to receive the August 2025 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Audience Recognition.**

There were no comments.

### **Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Echtenaw requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda item “a” through “d” as shown below:

- a. Payment to OHM for Consultant Construction Engineering Services for the DWSRF Grant Project I, Phase II.
- b. Payment to OHM for Professional Services for the DWSRF Loan Design Project.
- c. Payment to William A. Kibbe & Associates, Inc. for City Hall Receptionist Area Safety Study.
- d. Payment to Lazerlines to Stripe Downtown Parking and Center Lines.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Leonard, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “d”. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Quote for the Repair of Saginaw Street Driveways.**

Manager Giles requested members to approve the quote from Rite Way Asphalt, in the amount \$5,600, to repair the driveways at 319 East Saginaw and 513 East Saginaw. These driveway approachments need to be raised after street repairs, which raised up the street. A discount of \$500 will be given if both driveways are done, bringing the total to \$5,100.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve the quote from Rite Way Asphalt, in the amount \$5,100, which includes a \$500 discount, to repair the driveway approachments at 319 East Saginaw and 513 East Saginaw. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Quote for the Calibration and Testing of Relays for the Diesel and Hydro Generators.**

Manager Giles requested members to approve the quote for calibration and testing of the relays for the diesel and hydro generators from Theka Engineering Solutions, in the amount of \$8,956.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Azzam, to approve the quote for calibration and testing of the relays for the diesel and hydro generators from Theka Engineering Solutions, in the amount of \$8,956. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Quote for Pump Rebuild.**

Manager Giles requested members to approve the quote for re-building the damaged Gorman-Rupp sewage pump from Dubois-Cooper, in the amount of \$10,550.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve the quote for re-building the damaged Gorman-Rupp sewage pump from Dubois-Cooper, in the amount of \$10,550. All ayes carried the motion.

**Quote for Purchase and Installation of Pressure Washer for Dam Ice Removal.**

Manager Giles requested members to approve the quote for the purchase and installation of a pressure washer for ice removal on the dam, in the amount of \$35,235 from Gilbert Sales & Service, Powell's Service and Worthy Electric.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Hart, to approve the quote for the purchase and installation of a pressure washer for ice removal on the dam, in the amount of \$35,235 from Gilbert Sales & Service, Powell's Service and Worthy Electric. All ayes carried the motion.

**Casting Ballot for MML Board of Directors.**

Manager Giles requested members to cast the ballot for the MML Board of Directors of the Liability and Property Pool to elect the two nominees presented by the nominating committee.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Hart, to cast the ballot for the MML Board of Directors of the Liability and Property Pool to elect the two nominees presented by the nominating committee. All ayes carried the motion.

**Adoption of the Energy Waste Reduction Plan.**

Manager Giles requested members to adopt the 2026-2029 Energy Waste Reduction Plan.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Azzam, to adopt the 2026-2029 Energy Waste Reduction Plan. All ayes carried the motion.

**Participation Agreement for the Retail Energy Improvement Project.**

Manager Giles requested members to approve the Retail Energy Improvement Project along with an authorization of a delegate to sign.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Palmer, to approve the Retail Energy Improvement Project along with an authorization of a delegate to sign. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Addition to Agenda-Quote for Repairs to City Hall Deck.**

Manager Giles requested members to approve the quote from Inniger Masonry to remove the cultured stone that is falling off below the city hall deck and paint this portion of the wall, in the amount of \$6,300.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Hart, to approve the quote from Inniger Masonry to remove the cultured stone that is falling off below the city hall deck and paint this portion of the wall, in the amount of \$6,300. All ayes carried the motion.

### **City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles reported that the commercial, industrial, and Multi-family parcel review has been completed.

Manager Giles reported that the Velsicol site is very close to mobilization of the equipment that trenches material to repair the slurry wall. Giles will let the council members know when this will be happening.

### **City Clerk Report.**

Nothing to report.

### **Police Chief Report:**

Nothing to report.

### **Council Comments.**

Member Hart informed the council that there are several picnic tables at Clapp Park that need to have graffiti removed. Manager Giles will let the DPW know and have this matter taken care of.

Member Palmer received some comments on the overgrowth of weeds on the bridge by the river on M-46. Manager Giles will check into this.

### **Public Comments.**

There were none.

### **Closed Session-Formal Bank Building at 137 North Mill.**

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to go to closed session for the discussion of the former bank building at 137 North Mill at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Azzam, Hart, Leonard, Palmer, Echtenaw

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

**Return to Open Session.**

Council returned to open session at 7:08 p.m.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, Clerk