

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
October 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw on Tuesday October 7, 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.

Council Members Absent: Kevin D. Palmer (excused)

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

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

Mayor Echtenaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard to approve the agenda for October 7, 2025, with the removal of item 11E. All ayes carried the motion.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Hart, supported by Azzam, to approve the minutes of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 16, 2025, and the Executive Session of September 16, 2025. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Hart, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$1,985,022.50. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the September 2025 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Azzam supported by Leonard, to receive the September 2025 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Payment to Central Asphalt for Street Paving for 2025 Spring Paving Project.
- b. Payment to Inniger Masonry & Construction for Masonry Repairs to the City Hall building.
- c. Payment to Legacy Assessing Services for Commercial, Industrial & Multi-Family Residential Parcel Review.
- d. Payment to Malley Construction for the DWSRF Grant Construction Project.
- e. Payment to Opengov for the 3rd Year Contract Fee for Enterprise Asset Management (Cartegraph).
- f. Payment to Safeware for 90% Completion of the Upgraded Camera System.
- g. Payment to Spicer for Main Street Bridge Design.
- h. Payment to Town & Country Group for WWTP Eaton Powerflex 400VFD Replacement and Spare.
- i. Payment to Rite-Way Asphalt Paving for Driveway Repairs.
- j. Payment to Seifert Concrete for Sidewalk Replacements and Curb Repairs.
- k. Payment to Waste Management for Disposal of Street Sweeping Debris.
- l. Change Order #2-Malley Construction for the DWSRF Grant Construction Project.
- m. Payment to Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone for Counsel Fees for DWSRF Bond Project.

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

Quote for Purchase and Installation of a New Battery Bank and Charging System for Diesel Generators #8 and #9.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the quote from Alpine Power Systems for purchase and installation of new battery bank and charging systems for generators #8 and #9 in the amount of \$19,810.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Hart, to approve the quote from Alpine Power Systems for purchase and installation of new battery bank and charging systems for generators #8 and #9 in the amount of \$19,810. All ayes carried the motion.

Quote to Rebuild Hidrostral Centrifugal Screw Pump.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the quote from Jett Pump & Valve to rebuild the Hidrostral Pumps, in an amount not to exceed \$9,947.23.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve the quote from Jett Pump & Valve to rebuild the Hidrostral Pumps, in an amount not to exceed \$9,947.23.

Set Public Hearing for an Ordinance Amendment.

Manager Giles requested members to approve setting the Public Hearing to consider the Ordinance Amendment B-244 for October 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Hart, approve setting the Public Hearing to consider the Ordinance Amendment B-244 for October 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Proposal for Union Street Pump Station Bypass Connection.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the proposal from OHM Advisors to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of a bypass connection to the Union Street Pump Station in the amount of \$19,195.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve the proposal from OHM Advisors to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of a bypass connection to the Union Street Pump Station in the amount of \$19,195. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Nothing to report.

City Clerk Report. Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz reported that MCOLE has released Officer Daniel Berden and he is officially an officer of the St. Louis Police Department. He will complete his field training this week and begin his rotation the following week.

Council Comments.

Member Hart commended the Electric Department for their quick response to the power outage on October 3rd.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard supported by Azzam, to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, City Clerk