

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
April 7, 2026

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 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  
City Clerk: Jamie Long  
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance: Keith Risdon-Utilities Director and Lou Fleury-OHM.

Mayor Echtenaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda.**

Moved by Azzam, supported by Hart, to approve the agenda for April 7, 2026 with the addition of 11D.-Sidewalk Replacement. All ayes carried the motion.

### **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Palmer, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2026. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Claims & Accounts.**

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Azzam, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$572,918.98. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Monthly Board Minutes.**

City Council discussed the March 2026 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Palmer, to receive the March 2026 Monthly Board Minutes 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 items “a” through “b” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Farabee Mechanical for Diesel Generator Fuel System Upgrades.
- b. Payment to Worthy Electric for Electrical Repairs to Tank Controls to Diesel Fuel Systems.

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

### **Quote for Refrigerator/Freezer Combo and BOD Incubator.**

Manager Giles requested members to approve the quote for the purchase of a refrigerator/freezer combo and BOD Incubator from Fisher Scientific, in the amount of \$15,435.27.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve the quote for the purchase of a refrigerator/freezer combo and BOD Incubator from Fisher Scientific, in the amount of \$15,435.27. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Quote for Ferric Chloride.**

Manager Giles requested members to approve the quote from PVS Chemicals for Ferric Chloride, in an amount not to exceed \$10,665.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Palmer, to approve the quote from PVS Chemicals for Ferric Chloride, in an amount not to exceed \$10,665. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Construction Engineering Proposal-MDOT Small Urban Project.**

Manager Giles requested members to approve the Construction Engineering Proposal from OHM Advisors for a not to exceed cost of \$126,952, in accordance with Project Supplement No. 24.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve the Construction Engineering Proposal from OHM Advisors for a not to exceed cost of \$126,952, in accordance with Project Supplement No. 24. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Addition to Agenda-Sidewalk Replacement.**

Manager Giles requested members to approve the contract with Siefert Concrete to repair sidewalks throughout the city, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Hart, to approve the contract with Siefert Concrete to repair sidewalks throughout the city, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

### **City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles reported that he, along with Keith Risdon attended a presentation on the library expansion and masterplan work, along with several library board members. Expansion to the North and to the West are being considered.. Giles plans to have another meeting with board members in the near future. Member Hart, who serves on the Library Board, expanded on the potential improvements the board is considering.

Manager Giles reported that the security camera project is near completion, with many video feeds being up and running.

Manager Giles reported that the bids on the Union Street Bypass Project came in much higher than expected. A recommendation to not award the bid at this time, due to the cost, will be coming at a later date.

### **City Clerk Report.**

Clerk Long reminded council members that if they plan to run for office, their packets are due by April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 p.m.

### **Police Chief Report.**

Chief Ramereiz reported that the police academy cadets are continuing to do well. The cadets just finished up the firearms portion of the course and will be starting the driving portion soon.

Chief Ramereiz reported that the grant he wrote to the Luneack foundation was approved and the city was granted three new A.E.D's. One was installed in the hallway by the community room and two went to the Electric Department. Ramereiz reported that he had given the Electric Department a refresher on how to use the A.E.D.

Chief Ramereiz reported that MMR has purchased a 95 inch television for the Community Room, as they hold many training courses there. The city covered the cost for Worthy Electric to install the new television.

### **Council Comments.**

Nothing to report.

**Public Comments.**

There were none.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, City Clerk