

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 17, 2026

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 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Council Members Absent: Fares E. Azzam

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

Others in Attendance: Josh Leppien-Economic Development Director, Keith Risdon-Utilities Director.

Council Members and School Board Members introduced themselves.

The following topics were discussed:

- a. Update on latest school district bond improvement projects.
- b. Headlee Restoration for school operating millage-November 2026 Ballot.
- c. Review examples of schools/city interaction-school safety, Energy Waste Reduction Program, Public Power Week coloring contest, pumpkin painting contest and the fire department coloring book for Fire Safety Week. Chief Ramereiz gave updates on training for his officers, police presence in the schools and security cameras.
- d. Student Co-Op Program.
- e. Student Delegate Program-City Council/Planning Commission.
- f. Municipal Water Systems Improvements, North Main Street Reconstruction. Keith Risdon gave an update on the North Main Street Reconstruction, which is running behind schedule.
- g. Vacant Land Parcels with Shared Interest-Hubble Field, River Court Areas.
- h. Changes to Meet Up and Eat Up Program.
- i. Farmers Market and Bus Drop Off.
- j. Community Recreation Resources-Pickle Ball, Tennis, Basketball, etc.
- k. Other Opportunities.
- l. Fiber Optic Expansion.

Public Comment:

There were none.

A tentative meeting date of August 16, 2027, was discussed.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Leonard, to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, Clerk