

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
September 1, 2026

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw on Tuesday, September 1, 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
Clerk:	Jamie Long
Police Chief:	Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance: Josh Leppien- Economic Development Director.

Mayor Echtenaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve the agenda for September 1, 2026. All ayes carried the motion.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Hart, to approve the minutes of the Joint School Board Meeting held on August 17, 2026 and the Regular Meeting held on August 18, 2026. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$1,403,307.26. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the August 2026 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Hart, supported by Palmer, to receive the August 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 “j” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Alpha Omega for Replacement of the Mini Split HVAC Unit in City Hall Server Room.
- b. Payment to Berger Chevrolet for Purchase of 2026 Truck to Replace #76.
- c. Payment to Crawford Contracting for Emergency Storm Sewer Repairs.
- d. Payment to Elite Pipeline Services for Closed-Circuit TV Taping.
- e. Payment to Malley Construction for the DWSRF Grant Construction Project.
- f. Payment to MDOT for Reconstruction of Main Street from M-46 to Center Street.
- g. Payment to OHM for Professional Services for the DWSRF Loan Construction Oversight Project.
- h. Payment to OHM for Consultant Construction Engineering Services for the DWSRF Grant Project I, Phase II.
- i. Payment to OHM for Construction Engineering Services for North Main Street Reconstruction Project.
- j. Payment to Border States for Decorative Streetlight LED Fixtures.

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

Curbside Solid Waste Contract Extension.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the contract extension for 24 months with Granger for Solid Waste Services, contingent on the Alma City Commission’s approval of the contract extension.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Hart, supported by Leonard, to approve the contract extension for 24 months with Granger for Solid Waste Services, contingent on the Alma City Commission’s approval of the contract extension. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles reported that construction is wrapping up around the city. Giles reported that valve replacements will be done this week.

Manager Giles reported that there was an incident on August 22nd, a temporary cap came off of a stub on Mill Street. The Water Department did an excellent job of getting the valve shut off and the

problem taken care of quickly.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Mayor Echlinaw reported an e-scooter that wasn't following basic traffic laws, inquiring about the rules and regulations of such e-scooters. Chief Rameriz informed the council that he and the other officers are trying to stay on top of this issue and have spoken to some riders and their parents to make them aware of the rules. Rameriz is working on making the community more aware of these bikes and scooters and the ordinances and rules they need to be following for everyone's safety and has reached out to the superintendent of St. Louis Schools as well.

Member Hart commented on how nice North Main looks after the construction has been completed.

Member Palmer stated he appreciates the bike lanes that were added on North Main.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Hart to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, City Clerk