CITYCOUNCILPROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
November 3, 2026

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Ralph R. Echtinaw on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager:	Kurt Giles
Deputy Clerk:	Bobbie Marr
Police Chief:	Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance: Officer Morell

Mayor Echtinaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Hart, to approve the agenda for November 3, 2026, with the addition of 11B-Emergency Police Car Purchase and 11C-Furnace and Unit Heater.. All ayes carried the motion.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 20, 2026. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Hart, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of $1,315,530.61 All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Board Minutes.

City Council discussed the October 2026 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Azzam, to receive the October 2026 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Echtinaw requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda items "a" through "c" as shown below:

a. Payment to Crawford Contracting for Construction Improvements-DWSRF Loan Project.
b. Payment to Farabee Mechanical for Emissions Monitor Repairs to Engine #8.
c. Payment to Crawford Contracting for Construction Improvements for the DWSRF Loan Project.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve Consent Agenda items "a" through "c". All ayes carried the motion.

Resignation of Council Member and Discussion of Potential Appointment to Fill Vacancy.

Manager Giles requested members to accept and approve the resignation of Council Member, Fares Azzam, effective 11/4/2026.

Discussion was held and the consensus was to solicit interested parties.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Leonard, to accept and approve the resignation with regret, of Council Member, Fares Azzam, effective 11/4/2026. All ayes carried the motion.

Addition to Agenda-Emergency Police Car Purchase.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the emergency purchase of a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility from Arrowheard Uplifters in the amount of $62,565, which includes the initial vehicle upfitting, as an emergency replacement for the PD's totaled 2023 Dodge Charger.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Hart to approve the emergency of a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility from Arrowheard Uplifters in the amount of $62,565. All ayes carried the motion.

Addition to Agenda-Purchase of Heater Units for the Standard Building and Dam House.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the purchase of heating units for the Standard Electric Building and the Downtown Generating Station with an amount not to exceed $20,500.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Leonard, to replace heating units for the Standard Electric Building and the Downtown Generating Station with an amount not to exceed $20,500. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Nothing to report.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Chief Ramereiz reported that there was a disorderly person in the voting place.

Council Comments.

Member Palmer reported that he appreciated the patrol coverage on Halloween.

Member Azzam reported that he appreciated everyone on the council, city staff, and volunteers and thanked them.

Public Comments.

Member Azzam's children thank everyone for working with their dad.

Adjournment.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard to adjourn at 6:31p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Bobbie Marr, Deputy Clerk