

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM  
**CLIMATE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**  
October 10, 2024

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:30 pm on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Katie Cashman (Chair), Emily Koski (Vice-Chair), LaTrisha Vetaw, Jamal Osman, Jason Chavez, and Aurin Chowdhury (Quorum - 4)

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Non-Governmental Tax-Exempt Parcel Street Light Operation Fee: 2025 assessments ([2024-00864](#))

Passage of Resolution adopting the assessments, levying the assessments, and adopting the assessment roll for the 2025 Street Light Operations Fee Assessment Project 1337L.

Staff presentation by Jeff Handeland, Public Works.

The public hearing was opened.

The following person spoke:

1. Leslee Jackson

The public hearing was closed.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

2. Non-Governmental Tax-Exempt Parcel Street Maintenance: 2025 assessments ([2024-00866](#))

Passage of Resolution adopting the assessments, levying the assessments, and adopting the assessment roll for the 2025 Street Maintenance Assessment Project 1337M.

Staff presentation by Jeff Handeland, Public Works.

The public hearing was opened.

The following person spoke:

1. Leslee Jackson

The public hearing was closed.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

3. Special Service Districts (Legacy Districts): 2025 proposed services and service charges ([2024-00938](#))

Passage of Resolution approving the 2025 operating plans, special services, cost estimates, service charges, and the lists of 2025 service charges for the 48th & Chicago, Central Avenue, Dinkytown, Eat Street, Linden Hills, Lowry Hill, Stadium Village, and Uptown Special Service Districts (Non-428A Districts), and authorizing the Department of Public Works to proceed with the work.

Staff presentation by David Bauer, Public Works.

The public hearing was opened.

The following person spoke:

1. LesLee Jackson

The public hearing was closed.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

4. Contract with Xcel Energy for the Upper Harbor Phase I Public Infrastructure Project ([2024-01129](#))

Authorizing a contract with Xcel Energy, in the amount of \$36,760.25, for the purpose of installing new underground wires beneath the Canadian Pacific Kansas City railroad tracks and removing the existing overhead wires and poles on 33rd Avenue N, as part of the Upper Harbor Phase I Public Infrastructure Project.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

5. Updated Joint Powers Agreement for Continued Participation in the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission ([2024-01140](#))

Authorizing a joint powers agreement to continue the City's participation in the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission along with other cities within the watershed.

Chair Cashman extended the courtesy of the floor to Mike Welch, Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission.

Staff presentation by Elizabeth Stout, Principal Professional Engineer, Surface Water & Sewers.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

6. Updated Joint Powers Agreement for continued participation in the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission ([2024-01141](#))

Authorizing a joint powers agreement to continue the City's participation in the Shingle Creek Water Management Commission along with the other cities within the watershed.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

7. Updating Uniform Assessment Rates ([2024-01139](#))

Passage of Resolution updating uniform assessment rates for street construction, street renovation, street resurfacing, and alley construction and resurfacing improvements.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

8. Copper Wire Theft legislative directive ([2024-01108](#))

Receiving and filing an update on street lighting copper wire theft regarding where the problem is occurring and how staff are responding to the problem including response times, repair prioritization, and state level response.

Staff presentation by Joe Laurin, Public Works.

The report was received and filed.

9. Zero waste programming update ([2024-00839](#))

Receiving and filing a presentation in response to the zero waste programming legislative directive regarding an analysis of the air pollution impacts of trash burning at the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC), in relation to the expected air quality emergencies.

Staff presentation by Jenni Lansing, Health Department.

The report was received and filed.

10. Zero waste landscape analysis ([2024-00838](#))

Receiving and filing a national landscape analysis of other cities' policies, regulations, and programs relating to achieving zero waste.

Staff presentation by Ashley Dziuk, City Auditor's Office.

The report was received and filed.

11. Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC) closure ([2024-01078](#))

Receiving and filing public comment on a plan for closure of the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC) located in downtown Minneapolis.

The public hearing was opened.

The following people spoke:

1. Stephanie Booker
2. Rose Brewer
3. Nichole Jacquez
4. Doug Gurian-Sherman
5. Luke Norquist
6. LesLee Jackson
7. Anndrea Young
8. Karen Clark
9. Louis Alemayehu
10. Alex Iverson
11. Shiori Konda-Mohammed
12. Toya Lopez
13. Heidi Adelsman
14. Lachelle Cunningham
15. Jessica Garroway
16. Marissa Roark
17. Jackson Kerr
18. Christy Dolph
19. Bill Yates
20. Jeremy Marshik
21. Joe Hesla
22. Bonnie Beckel
23. Sam Hesla
24. Cassandra Hendricks
25. Maxine Groen
26. Joshua Lewis
27. Yolanda Roth
28. Jessica Intermill
29. Kent Fritz-Smead
30. T. Casey
31. Mark Schultz
32. Doug Carmody
33. Jackie Smolen
34. Nazir Khan
35. Lee Samelson
36. Julia Johnson
37. Representative Frank Hornstein
38. Anndrea Young
39. Connor Stratton

The public hearing was closed.

The public comments were received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Reported by Kendall Smaby, Clerk