# Business Item

Metropolitan Council

**For the Metropolitan Council:** November 18, 2026

**Business Item: 2026-199**

Resolutions Setting Regular Council and Committee Meeting Days and Authorizing Closed Committee Meetings; Resolution Nos. 2026-14 through 2026-19

**District(s), member(s):** All

**Policy/legal reference:** Council Bylaws, articles II & III; Minn. Stat. § 13D.04, subd. 1

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## Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolutions setting days, times and locations for regular meetings of the Council and its Committees and authorizing closed Committee meetings:

a. Metropolitan Council (Resolution No. 2026-14)
b. Committee of the Whole (Resolution No. 2026-15)
c. Community Development Committee (Resolution No. 2026-16)
d. Environment Committee (Resolution No. 2026-17)
e. Management Committee (Resolution No. 2026-18)
f. Transportation Committee (Resolution No. 2026-19)

## Background

The Metropolitan Council and other public bodies that are subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law are required to adopt a schedule of their regular meetings. (Minn. Stat. § 13D.04, subd. 1.)

As per its Bylaws, the Council establishes its regular meetings, and the regular meetings of its committees, by resolution.

The Council-adopted schedule of regular meetings of the Metropolitan Council and its Committees as set forth in the Resolutions is as follows:

- The regular meeting days for the Metropolitan Council shall be the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.
- The regular meeting days for the Committee of the Whole shall be the first and third Wednesday of each month.
- The regular meeting days for the Community Development Committee shall be the first and third Monday of each month; except when a meeting for a regular meeting falls on a legal holiday, in which case the immediate succeeding Tuesday shall be

the meeting date for that regular meeting.

- The regular meeting days for the Environment Committee shall be the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- The regular meeting days for the Management Committee shall be the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.
- The regular meeting days for the Transportation Committee shall be the second and fourth Monday of each month.

As set forth in the Resolutions, the Council is adjusting certain meeting dates for the Council, Committee of the Whole, and Management Committee meetings in the year 2027 to allow the Council to conduct its business without interruption when there are federal and state holidays, particularly during the year-end holiday season.

In addition to setting the regular dates, a resolution is required in order to make the adjusted dates "regular" meetings instead of special meetings.

If the Council or one of its committees decides to hold a meeting at a time or place different from the time or place of a regular meeting, that meeting is a "special meeting" for which the Council must give at least three calendar days' notice of the "date, time, place, and purpose of the [special] meeting." Minn. Stat. § 13D.04, subd. 2(a). Agenda items for a special meeting can be removed, but business or information items not on the posted notice of the special meeting cannot be added or considered at that meeting. Passing these Resolutions sets these meetings as regular meetings and gives the public, Council members, and Council staff significant advanced notice for planning purposes.

## Rationale

Section 13D.04 of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law requires a public body to maintain a schedule of its regular meetings. Articles II and III of the Bylaws of the Metropolitan Council state that Council regular meetings, Committee of the Whole meetings, and standing committee meetings must be set by the Council by resolution.

## Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Establishing the Council and standing committee meeting schedule is necessary to ensure that Council business items are addressed in a timely manner for the Council to provide essential services and infrastructure to the seven-county metropolitan region. It also ensures notice and transparency to the public.

## Funding

None.

## Small business inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small business contracting with the proposed action.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

# METROPOLITAN COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING REGULAR MEETING DAYS FOR METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Article II, Paragraph A of the Bylaws of the Metropolitan Council states that regular meetings of the Council "shall be set by the Council by resolution"; and

WHEREAS, Section 13D.04 of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law requires each public body to keep on file at its primary offices a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the regular meeting days for the Metropolitan Council shall be the second and fourth Wednesday of each month;

2. THAT the regular meetings of the Metropolitan Council in December of 2027 will be December 1, 2027, and December 15, 2027;

3. THAT unless otherwise determined by the Council or the Chair, the regular meetings of the Metropolitan Council shall be held at 390 Robert Street North in Saint Paul, Minnesota, commencing at 4:00 p.m.;

4. THAT subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, the time and place of these regular meetings may be adjusted as determined by the Chair and as specified in the notice for each meeting.

Adopted this _____ day of, _____ 2026.

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Robin Hutcheson, Chair Mee Cheng, Recording Secretary

# METROPOLITAN COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING REGULAR MEETING DAYS FOR METROPOLITAN COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT CLOSED MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Article II, Paragraph C of the Bylaws of the Metropolitan Council states that regular meetings of the Committee of the Whole "shall be set by the Council by resolution"; and

WHEREAS, Section 13D.04 of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law requires each public body to keep on file at its primary offices a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Open Meeting Law and case law permit a public body to close a meeting to discuss attorney-client privileged matters and for other specified purposes; and

WHEREAS, Committee of the Whole meetings are primarily for considering informational items or discussing matters that may be business items at a regular or special Council meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the regular meeting days for the Committee of the Whole shall be the first and third Wednesday of each month;

2. THAT the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole in December of 2027 will be December 8, 2027;

3. THAT unless otherwise determined by the Council or the Chair, the regular meetings of the Committee of the Whole shall be held at 390 Robert Street North in Saint Paul, Minnesota, commencing at 4:00 p.m.;

4. THAT subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, the time and place of these regular meetings may be adjusted as determined by the Chair and as specified in the notice for each meeting;

5. THAT when appropriate and necessary and consistent with the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law and other applicable law, the Committee of the Whole may close any of its meetings to discuss attorney-client privileged matters and other matters for which meetings may be closed.

Adopted this _____ day of, _____ 2026.

_____ Robin Hutcheson, Chair

_____ Mee Cheng, Recording Secretary

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

# METROPOLITAN COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING REGULAR MEETING DAYS FOR METROPOLITAN COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT CLOSED MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Article III, Paragraph A.2 of the Bylaws of the Metropolitan Council states that "regular meetings of the standing committees shall be set by the Council by resolution"; and

WHEREAS, Section 13D.04 of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law requires each public body to keep on file at its primary offices a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Open Meeting Law and case law permit a public body to close a meeting to discuss attorney-client privileged matters and for other specified purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council's standing committees primarily discuss business and policy matters and make recommendations to the Metropolitan Council's governing body.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the regular meeting days for the Community Development Committee shall be the first and third Monday of each month; except when a meeting date for a regular meeting falls on a legal holiday, in which case the immediately succeeding Tuesday shall be the meeting date for that regular meeting;

2. THAT unless otherwise determined by the Council, the regular meetings of the Community Development Committee shall be held at 390 Robert Street North in Saint Paul, Minnesota, commencing at 4:00 p.m.;

3. THAT subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, the time and place of these regular meetings may be adjusted as determined by the Committee Chair and as specified in the notice for each meeting;

4. THAT when appropriate and necessary and consistent with the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law and other applicable law, the Community Development Committee may close any of its meetings to discuss attorney-client privileged matters and other matters for which meetings may be closed.

Adopted this _____ day of, _____ 2026.

_____ Robin Hutcheson, Chair

_____ Mee Cheng, Recording Secretary

# METROPOLITAN COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING REGULAR MEETING DAYS FOR METROPOLITAN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT CLOSED MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Article III, Paragraph A.2 of the Bylaws of the Metropolitan Council states that "regular meetings of the standing committees shall be set by the Council by resolution"; and

WHEREAS, Section 13D.04 of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law requires each public body to keep on file at its primary offices a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Open Meeting Law and case law permit a public body to close a meeting to discuss attorney-client privileged matters and for other specified purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council's standing committees primarily discuss business and policy matters and make recommendations to the Metropolitan Council's governing body.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the regular meeting days for the Environment Committee shall be the second and fourth Tuesday of each month;

2. THAT unless otherwise determined by the Council, the regular meetings of the Environment Committee shall be held at 390 Robert Street North in Saint Paul, Minnesota, commencing at 4:00 p.m.;

3. THAT subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, the time and place of these regular meetings may be adjusted as determined by the Committee Chair and as specified in the notice for each meeting;

4. THAT when appropriate and necessary and consistent with the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law and other applicable law, the Environment Committee may close any of its meetings to discuss attorney-client privileged matters and other matters for which meetings may be closed.

Adopted this _____ day of, _____ 2026.

_____ Robin Hutcheson, Chair

_____ Mee Cheng, Recording Secretary

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

# METROPOLITAN COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING REGULAR MEETING DAYS FOR METROPOLITAN COUNCIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT CLOSED MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Article III, Paragraph A.2 of the Bylaws of the Metropolitan Council states that "regular meetings of the standing committees shall be set by the Council by resolution"; and

WHEREAS, Section 13D.04 of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law requires each public body to keep on file at its primary offices a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Open Meeting Law and case law permit a public body to close a meeting to discuss attorney-client privileged matters and for other specified purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council's standing committees primarily discuss business and policy matters and make recommendations to the Metropolitan Council's governing body.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the regular meeting days for the Management Committee shall be the second and fourth Wednesday of each month;

2. THAT the regular meetings of the Management Committee in December of 2027 will be December 1, 2027, and December 15, 2027;

3. THAT unless otherwise determined by the Council, the regular meetings of the Management Committee shall be held at 390 Robert Street North in Saint Paul, Minnesota, commencing at 2:30 p.m.;

4. THAT subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, the time and place of these regular meetings may be adjusted as determined by the Committee Chair and as specified in the notice for each meeting;

5. THAT when appropriate and necessary and consistent with the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law and other applicable law, the Management Committee may close any of its meetings to discuss attorney-client privileged matters and other matters for which meetings may be closed.

Adopted this _____ day of, _____ 2026.

Robin Hutcheson, Chair

Mee Cheng, Recording Secretary

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# METROPOLITAN COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING REGULAR MEETING DAYS FOR METROPOLITAN COUNCIL TRANSPORATION COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT CLOSED MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Article III, Paragraph A.2 of the Bylaws of the Metropolitan Council states that "regular meetings of the standing committees shall be set by the Council by resolution"; and

WHEREAS, Section 13D.04 of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law requires each public body to keep on file at its primary offices a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Open Meeting Law and case law permit a public body to close a meeting to discuss attorney-client privileged matters and for other specified purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council's standing committees primarily discuss business and policy matters and make recommendations to the Metropolitan Council's governing body.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the regular meeting days for the Transportation Committee shall be the second and fourth Monday of each month;

2. THAT unless otherwise determined by the Council, the regular meetings of the Transportation Committee from January through June shall be held at 390 Robert Street North in Saint Paul, Minnesota, commencing at 4:00 p.m., and regular meetings of the Transportation Committee from July through December shall be held at 560 6th Avenue North in Minneapolis, Minnesota, commencing at 4:00 p.m.;

3. THAT subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, the time and place of these regular meetings may be adjusted as determined by the Committee Chair and as specified in the notice for each meeting;

4. THAT when appropriate and necessary and consistent with the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law and other applicable law, the Transportation Committee may close any of its meetings to discuss attorney-client privileged matters and other matters for which meetings may be closed.

Adopted this _____ day of, _____ 2026.

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Robin Hutcheson, Chair Mee Cheng, Recording Secretary