



Ward Six News

October 2015

Working Families Agenda

The City Council along with staff is working to develop policy proposals in the areas of earned safe and sick (paid sick time) and fair scheduling, as well as addressing wage theft through effective enforcement mechanisms and partnership with state and federal agencies that enforce existing wage and hour laws. The Council has requested staff to present proposed ordinances in these areas by the end of 2015.

We are seeking input on draft policy proposals for earned safe and sick time through meetings with businesses, workers, and community members. You can view the draft policy proposals [here](#). Comments can be submitted to workingfamilies@minneapolismn.gov through **October 16, 2015**.

There are several opportunities to learn more about the Working Families Agenda and give your feedback. One of them will be:

Public Hearing
November 4, 10:00am
Council Chambers (Room 317), City Hall
350 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415

For more information please visit the City's website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/WorkingFamiliesAgenda/index.htm>

Minneapolis

New indicators to measure success

The City Council and mayor adopted [community indicators](#) by which the City will assess whether it's moving in the right direction toward its [goals](#). Community indicators are high-level signals of community health and well-being. They also represent what people who live and work in Minneapolis care about. Progress toward City goals will be assessed by the following measures:

- **Living well:** the types of transportation people use to commute to work, housing that is both affordable and safe, the amenities and services in our neighborhoods, residents' perception of safety, the number of violent crimes, and the economic power of the arts and the creative sector.
- **One Minneapolis:** disparities in the following focus areas: unemployment, poverty, low-level crime arrests, third grade reading proficiency, hospitalization from asthma, infant mortality rate, trust in Minneapolis City government, and access to healthy food.
- **Great places:** air quality affecting human health; the health of our lakes, streams and rivers; garbage and recycling; the city's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions, access to parks and green space, and the condition of roads and bridges.
- **A hub of economic activity and innovation:** employment, sales, business startups, and adults' education levels and wages.
- **A City that works:** resident satisfaction with City services and value for tax dollars, City employee engagement, resident access to information about City programs and services, and percentage of women and people of color in the City workforce.

The set of community indicators is based on an extensive review of best practices from peer cities, community input and professional staff and policymaker feedback. To identify measures that people who live and work in Minneapolis care about, the City conducted an engagement process that included individual interviews, paper surveys, listening sessions and an online crowdsourcing tool called IdeaScale. Over four weeks, more than 1,500 people participated. More than 200 ideas and 7,900 votes helped City staff develop a list of 30 community indicators. The City tailored engagement strategies to ensure that a variety of perspectives from a wide range of communities was heard, including cultural communities, seniors, young people and City employees.

Order supplies to help make recycling easier

Free recycling resources from Hennepin County are available for you, including recycling labels, bags for collecting recyclables and a recycling guide. You can order for your household, or get larger quantities to use and share at events, at work or in your community.

You can [order online](#) through the county website call 612-348-3777 or email environment@hennepin.us.



Help Shape Our City

Apply for openings on boards and commissions

Applications are now being accepted for a number of open boards and commissions positions that the City Council and Mayor will appoint this fall. Board and commission members in the City of Minneapolis provide valuable insights, help shape key policy decisions and provide community-based input into administration of services. The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City.

- [Arts Commission](#)
- [Capital Long-Range Improvements Committee](#)
- [Charter Commission](#)
- [Community Environmental Advisory Committee \(CEAC\)](#)
- [Heritage Preservation Commission](#)
- [Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council](#)
- [Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging](#)
- [Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People With Disabilities](#)
- [Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights](#)
- [Minneapolis Planning Commission](#)
- [Minneapolis Police Conduct Oversight Commission](#)
- [Minneapolis Police Conduct Review Panel](#)
- [Minneapolis Public Housing Authority](#)
- [Minneapolis Telecommunications Network \(MTN\)](#)
- [Public Health Advisory Committee](#)
- [Skyway Advisory Committee](#)
- [Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)



Applications will be reviewed beginning **October 23, 2015**. However, the positions are open until filled. Visit the City's website for a [list of appointment opportunities, position descriptions and to apply](#).

Lake Street Council

Boards & Commissions Leadership Workshop

The Lake Street Council is hosting a workshop for community leaders who would like to explore leadership on a board of directors at the community or city level. I am writing to ask that you share this with your networks, and also to ask if you know two or three people who you could suggest as potential board or commission members. They are particularly interested in bringing in new leaders that are underrepresented on boards: people of color, immigrant leaders, renters, and others.

The workshop is **October 13 at 9:00 am** at the Midtown YWCA.

2015 Budget Process Underway

Mayor Betsy Hodges presented her 2016 recommended budget to the City Council Aug. 12. Council members will now consider the budget with final approval of the 2016 budget scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Visit the City's website to see the [mayor's proposed budget](#) and other budget information. The proposed budget is also posted on the [City's Financial Transparency website](#), which provides an interactive search feature.



Additional key dates in the 2016 budget process include:

- Sept. 18-Nov. 3: Ways and Means presentations and City department budget hearings (tentative dates can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov/budget/index.htm).
- 6:05 p.m. Nov. 18: Public hearing on levy and budget.
- 1 p.m., Dec. 4 and 7: Ways and Means Budget Subcommittee budget markup.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9: Public hearing and budget adoption.

Watch the 2015 budget process live on TV or the City website

You can watch the mayor's budget address and upcoming budget hearings on Minneapolis 79 (Comcast Cable channel 79) or on a smartphone, tablet or computer by visiting the City of Minneapolis website at www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/79. Video recordings are available to watch any time on [the City website](#). The rebroadcasts on Minneapolis 79 will be Mondays at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays at noon from now until early December.

PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS

The City of Minneapolis has tentatively scheduled two public comment hearings on the proposed 2015 property tax levy and budget:

Nov. 18 at 6:05 p.m.
Room 317 of City Hall

Dec. 9 at 6:05 p.m.
Room 317 of City Hall

Free 2015 Minneapolis Energy Fair

Sign up for money-saving energy programs, see presentations about ways to make your home more energy efficient, and learn about options to go solar at an [energy fair](#) coming to the Minneapolis Convention Center. Visitors can also get free LED lightbulbs and a complimentary continental breakfast. Children are welcome, and there will be plenty of activities for them.

Saturday, Oct. 10 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Minneapolis Convention Center, 1301 Second Ave. S.

The energy fair is sponsored by NRG Energy with Meet Minneapolis, the City of Minneapolis, Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy.