

RESOLUTION
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Expressing support for Minneapolis Park Board Workers, and strongly urging the Minneapolis Park Board and the MPRB workers to continue bargaining in good faith and reach a fair contract agreement to end the strike.

Whereas, the Minneapolis City Council recognizes the invaluable contributions of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and its workers who maintain and enhance our city's parks and recreational facilities, ensuring they remain safe, welcoming, and enjoyable spaces for all residents and visitors; and

Whereas, for years, the Minneapolis Parks System has consistently been ranked as either the best or among the best in the nation, and this would not be possible without one of the best workforces in the nation; and

Whereas, these MPRB workers are currently on strike due to their union and the MPRB reaching impasse ongoing disputes in the collective bargaining process with the MPRB; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis City Council believes in fair and just labor practices, which include good faith negotiations and equitable wages that respect the dignity and contributions of all employees and working conditions between public employers and public employee unions; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis City Council recognizes that public sector workers are in critically needed during a difficult time to recruit and retain quality talent, and supports efforts to build and maintain a strong public sector workforce where workers feel valued for their contributions; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis City Council recognizes the importance of union representation, and hard-fought labor protections that are critical to the wellbeing of working people and their families; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis City Council believes it is in the best interest of the city that the impasse between the MPRB and the union is resolved, and a fair and just contract with which both parties can agree be negotiated and ratified swiftly and amicably to ensure the continued operation and maintenance of our highly valued parks and recreational facilities;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Minneapolis City Council stands in solidarity with the MPRB workers who are on strike and supports their right to fair treatment and equitable working conditions; and supports the continuing efforts to negotiate sought-after terms and conditions of employment.

Be It Further Resolved that the Minneapolis City Council strongly supports the MPRB and the union to return to the bargaining table in good faith, and engage in meaningful negotiations over wages and other key issues that impact the well-being of workers.

Be It Further Resolved that the Minneapolis City Council urges both parties to continue bargaining in good faith, and reach an agreement that ends the strike, respects the contributions of Park Board workers, and ensures the continued excellence and success of our city's parks and recreational facilities.