



City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
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Council Chambers - 3rd
Floor
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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

Council President Rebecca Noecker
Vice President HwaJeong Kim
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:34 PM

Present 5 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 1 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. If discussion on an item is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 1 [RES 25-397](#) Authorizing payment in the amount of \$35,000 in full and final settlement of the claim of Amanda Fiallos.
Adopted
- 2 [RES 25-398](#) Authorizing payment in the amount of \$24,553.80 in full and final settlement of the claim of Adam Murphy.
Adopted
- 3 [RES 25-465](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for funds up to \$350,000 from the Outdoor Recreation grant program and up to \$250,000 from the Local Trail Connections grant program.

Adopted

- 4 [RES 25-467](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application to the Automobile Theft Prevention Grant Program of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
- Adopted**
- 5 [RES 25-473](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to suspend the Liquor On Sale-100 Seats or Less, Entertainment (A) Liquor On Sale Sunday and Gambling Location license against the Taste of Rondo LLC d/b/a Taste of Rondo Restaurant, (License ID #20190000107) for the premises located at 976 Rondo Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 25-481](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation and Libraries to be named as joint partners with Saint Paul Public Schools in their application to the Minnesota Department of Education for 21st Century Community Learning Center for up to \$75,000 a year for program years 2025/26 to 2029/30, with no match requirement.
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 25-482](#) Authorizing the City to accept a donation of K9 Ballistic Vests on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) for canine officer protection from Brady's K9 Fund.
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 25-483](#) Approving the Five Year Lease of office space for the Office of Neighborhood Safety.
- Adopted**
- 9 [RES 25-502](#) Authorizing reimbursement up to \$500 for the purchase of snacks and refreshments for a City Council community engagement event to be held on March 27, 2025.
- Adopted**
- 10 [RES 25-504](#) Authorizing reimbursement up to \$450 for the purchase of snacks and refreshments for a City Council east side community engagement event to be held on March 28, 2025.
- Adopted**
- 11 [RES 25-435](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Water Maintenance Supervisor I, Grade 036, Employee Group 10.
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 25-498](#) Supporting the Gold Line BRT Extension from the City of Saint Paul to the City of Minneapolis.

Adopted

RECESS

Meeting recessed at 3:38 PM

ROLL CALL

Meeting resumed at 3:47 PM

Present 5 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 1 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker

FOR DISCUSSION

- 13 [RES 25-459](#) Appointing the interim Ward 4 councilmember. (To be amended)

Councilmember Kim moved to lay over to Friday, March 28. Motion failed 2-3 (Those opposed being Councilmembers Bowie, Jost, and Johnson).

Councilmember Jost moved Version 2. Approved 3-2 (Those opposed being Councilmembers Kim and Yang).

Jost moved to lay over to Friday, March 28.

Amended and laid over to March 28, 2025

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 14 [RES 25-434](#) Amending Appendix A-2 of the Administrative Code to establish the creation of the City Council Public Safety & Community Wellness Committee. (Laid over from March 12, 2025)

Laid over to April 9, 2025

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 15 [RES 25-472](#) Outlining the City's 2025 Legislative Agenda. (Laid over from March 19, 2025)

Councilmember Yang moved the A-1 Amendment. Approved 5-0. (The language will be added to the Taxes section of the Legislative Agenda attachment)

Councilmember Kim moved the A-2 Amendment. Approved 5-0. (The language will be added to the Taxes section of the Legislative Agenda attachment)

Adopted as amended

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

ORDINANCES

An ordinance is a city law enacted by the City Council. It is read at three separate council meetings and becomes effective after passage by the Council and 30 days after publication in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press. Public hearings on ordinances are generally held at the second reading.

Final Adoption

- 16** [Ord 25-23](#) Granting the application of St Paul Property Group, LLC to rezone properties at 10 River Park Plaza from T3M traditional neighborhood with master plan to ITM transitional industrial with master plan and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 17** [Ord 25-24](#) Amending Chapter 427 of the Legislative Code to reference and incorporate Uniform License Procedures as outlined in Legislative Code Chapter 310, clarify ambiguous language, update outdated gender language, add Infrared heated sauna fitness studios to the definition license category, and change the on-duty staffing exceptions.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 18** [Ord 25-25](#) Repealing Chapter 440 of the Legislative Code related to Energy Benchmarking.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 19** [Ord 25-28](#) Amending Chapter 189.10 of the Legislative Code pertaining to duties of frequency of the Truth-in-Sale of Housing Board evaluator examination.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

First Reading

- 20** [Ord 25-26](#) Amending Chapter 43.03 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Vacant Buildings as it relates to the Vacant Building Registration Fee.

Laid over to April 23, 2025 for Second Reading

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Live testimony is limited to two minutes for each person. See below for optional ways to testify.

- 21** [RES PH 25-47](#) Approving the petition of Marc David to vacate the portion of alley right-of-way behind 1178 Burns Avenue.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 22** [RES PH 25-53](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$115,068 for a contribution received from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) to pay training for firefighters.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 23** [RES PH 25-54](#) Approving the application of University of St. Thomas, Aaron Fimon, UST Public Safety Manager, for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 10, 2025 at 2115 Summit Avenue, University of St. Thomas, O'Shaughnessy Stadium.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 24** [RES PH 25-56](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Police Department in the amount of \$350,000 for the Intensive Comprehensive Police Officer Education and Training (ICPOET) Program from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

SUSPENSION ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEM FOR RECONSIDERATION

- [RLH TA 25-26](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 912 FRY STREET. (File No. VB2506, Assessment No. 258805)

Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 25** [RLH TA 24-335](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 586 BURGESS STREET. (File No. VB2501A, Assessment No. 258809) (Public hearing closed and laid over from January 8, 2025)

Laid over to April 9, 2025

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 32** [RLH VBR 25-4](#) Appeal of Ozzy Zahran, O.I.G. Holdings, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 383 TORONTO STREET.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 26** [RLH VBR 25-15](#) Appeal of Lori Moseng-Wegner, on behalf of owner Steven G Moseng, to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 1577 6TH STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 27** [RLH VBR 25-14](#) Appeal of Ali Ahmed to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 219 BELVIDERE STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 28** [RLH TA 25-165](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 24-116 to delete the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during August 1 to 30, 2024 at 116 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2507T, Assessment No. 258515)

Adopted

- 29** [RLH TA 25-149](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 718 LAFOND AVENUE. (File No. J2504T2, Assessment No. 258544)

Adopted

- 30** [RLH SAO 25-23](#) Appeal of David West to a Summary Abatement Order at 145 LAWSON AVENUE EAST.

 Adopted

- 31** [RLH RR 25-12](#) Referring to City Council of a potential stay of enforcement of demolition for Jay Mitchell, on behalf of Quality Residences, LLC, for property at 401 ROSE AVENUE EAST.

 Adopted

- 33** [RLH TA 25-166](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 25-3 to delete the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during May 2 to July 24, 2024 at 575 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2505, Assessment No. 258804)

 Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 5:23 PM

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