



City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Council Chambers - 3rd
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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

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

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

Present 7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Molly Coleman

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 26-44](#) Establishing one (1) new project through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolution #- RES 26-1052.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 26-45](#) Amending ESG project budgets: funding for 2025-26 Emergency Solutions Grant activities administered by Ramsey County per the Joint Powers Agreement approved via RES 19-2110.
Received and Filed

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 as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 3 [RES 26-1021](#) Approving the City's cost for Demolition of Vacant, Nuisance and/or

Hazardous Structure from the month of June 2026, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 25, 2026 and City Council public hearing for September 23, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2608C, Assessment No. 262007)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 26-1080](#) Establishing the rate of pay for the classification of Accounting Director, Grade 028, EG 09, SPSO. (To be laid over one week for adoption)

Laid over to August 5, 2026

- 5 [RES 26-1084](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Public Works Supervisor II, Solid Waste, Manual and Maintenance Supervisors - Employee Group 10, Grade 038. (To be laid over one week for adoption)

Laid over to August 5, 2026

- 6 [RES 26-1094](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Metropolitan Council and Ramsey County for replacement of traffic signal controllers and related work on the Metro Green Line along University Avenue.

Adopted

- 7 [RES 26-1139](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to enter into a grant agreement with the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District for the enhanced street sweeping stewardship grant to perform additional street sweeping within the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District boundaries.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 26-1143](#) Approving an Auto Repair Garage New Location license application (License ID #DSIBLAUTO- 000615-2026) for Discount Tire Company of MN Inc d/b/a Discount Tire for the premises located at 1350 University Ave W.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 26-1144](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Liquor On Sale - 2 AM Closing, Entertainment (A), and Gambling Location licenses (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-000644-2026) now held by Bear Down Holdings LLC d/b/a The Victorian for the premises located at 859 Thomas Ave.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 26-1146](#) Amending Council File RES 26-890 to add the MnDOT agreement number and update the grant amount.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 26-1160](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Caitlyn Brady, Sam Adams, Esmae Heveron, Tou Fang, Trevor Harwell, and reappointment of Nate Nins to the Neighborhood STAR Board.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 26-1179](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 3 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for Presbyterian Homes Foundation.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 13 [RES 26-1197](#) Recognizing Community Health Workers day in the City of Saint Paul.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 14 [ABZA 25-3](#) Considering the appeal of Dominic Carchedi to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals denying a variance request to establish a 24-resident supportive housing facility on the property at 418 Sherburne Avenue. (Public hearing closed. Laid over from August 6, 2025)

Motion of intent is to deny the appeal

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 15 [ABZA 25-5](#) Considering the appeal of Stronger Sober House to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals denying a variance request to establish a 11-resident supportive housing facility on the property at 519 Farrington Street. (Public hearing closed. Laid over from August 6, 2025)

Motion of intent is to deny the appeal

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEMS

- [RES 26-1158](#) Authorizing the City to renew its lease with Metropolitan State University for the Dayton's Bluff Library.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

[RES 26-1223](#)

Authorizing the proper City officials to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County to exercise their common and cooperative powers to support the operation of emergency shelter facilities.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

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 26-32](#)

Amending Appendix C of the Legislative Code relating to Northern States Power, D/B/A Xcel Energy, Electric Franchise.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

17 [Ord 26-33](#)

Amending Appendix B of the Legislative Code relating to Northern States Power, D/B/A Xcel Energy, Gas Franchise.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

First Reading**18** [Ord 26-27](#)

Administrative Ordinance placing the classification titled Deputy City Clerk in the unclassified service pursuant to Section 12.03.2(H) of the City of Saint Paul Charter (must be approved by Civil Service Commission after adoption by City Council but prior to Mayor signature).

Laid over to August 5, 2026 for Second Reading

19 [Ord 26-31](#)

Amending Section 224.05(c) of the Legislative Code to eliminate the City's provisional 90-day minimum wage rate in the City of Saint Paul for workers between the ages of 14 and 17.

Laid over to August 5, 2026 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 20** [Ord 26-35](#) Amending Chapter 65 of the Legislative Code pertaining to golf courses.
- Amended and laid over to August 5, 2026 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim,
 Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and
 Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 21** [Ord 26-36](#) Adding Chapter 86.13 to the Administrative Code to require City Council
 approval of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste contracts.
- Laid over to August 5, 2026 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim,
 Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and
 Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 22** [RES PH 26-150](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public
 Works Capital Budget to transfer Municipal State Aid (MSA) funding into the
 Wabasha Bridge Rehabilitation Project.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim,
 Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and
 Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 23** [RES PH 26-151](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public
 Works Capital Budget for the University Avenue Street Reconstruction
 Project.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim,
 Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and
 Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 24** [RES PH 26-155](#) Approving the application of the Department of Parks and Recreation for a
 sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for a National Night
 Out event on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 271 Mackubin Street - Martin Luther
 King Recreation Center.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 25** [RES PH 26-156](#) Approving the application of Dual Citizen Brewing Company for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for a Backyard Blues Fest event on Friday, August 7, and Saturday, August 8, 2026, at 725 Raymond Avenue - Dual Citizen Brewing.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 26** [RLH TA 26-125](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 720 COTTAGE AVENUE EAST. (File No. 2604T, Assessment No. 269003)

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 34** [RLH SAO 26-50](#) Making finding on the appealed of Gary Grimes to a nuisance abatement ordered for 314 WYOMING STREET EAST in Council File RLH SAO 26-46.

Public hearing continued to August 19, 2026

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 27** [RLH VO 26-29](#) Appeal of Lawrence Lee, Occupant, to a Notice of Condemnation and Order to Remain Vacant at 342 BATES AVENUE, UNIT 2.

Adopted

- 28** [RLH SAO 26-55](#) Appeal of Tami Richardson to a Summary Abatement Order at 1547 CARROLL AVENUE.

Adopted

- 29** [RLH SAO 26-57](#) Appeal of Katherine Werner to a Tall Grass and Weeds Order at 2177 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE.

Adopted

- 30** [RLH SAO 26-54](#) Appeal of Jane Foster to a Summary Abatement Order at 1312 SCHEFFER AVENUE. (July 21, 2026 Legislative Hearing)

Public hearing continued to August 5, 2026

- 31** [RLH SAO 26-56](#) Appeal of Thomas Turbes to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 2203 SELBY AVENUE.

Adopted

- 32** [RLH VBR 26-12](#) Appeal of Gomaa Elzamel to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 838 THIRD STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 33** [RLH VBR 26-13](#) Appeal of Jeanne Elizabeth Aura to a Vacant Building Registration Notice and Notice of Condemnation and Order to Remain Vacant at 2051 THIRD STREET EAST.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:30 PM

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