



# City of Saint Paul

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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 Matt Privratsky*  
*Councilmember Nelsie Yang*

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Wednesday, May 14, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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#### 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 Matt Privratsky

#### COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 25-23](#) Amending the 2025 spending budget in the Department of Public Works, moving \$100,000 of expenses from Summer Street Maintenance to Traffic Signs and Markings to accommodate FY25 needs for traffic marking materials.

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 Privratsky

**Nay:** 0

- 2 [RES 25-636](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during September 5 to December 20, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 10, 2025 and City Council public hearing for July 16, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2510, Assessment No. 258810)

**Adopted**

- 3     [RES 25-637](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during January 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 10, 2025 and City Council public hearing for July 16, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2510B, Assessment No. 258109)

**Adopted**

- 4     [RES 25-638](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services from November to December 2024 (C.D.B.G. Funds), and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 10, 2025 and City Council public hearing for July 16, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2505C, Assessment No. 252005)

**Adopted**

- 5     [RES 25-660](#)     Authorizing the submission of the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and 2025-26 Annual Action Plan (CDBG, ESG, HOME) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and execution of HUD agreements.

**Adopted**

- 6     [RES 25-716](#)     Accepting the gift of travel expenses from the Young Elected Officials Network for Mayor Melvin Carter to attend the 2025 YEO National Convening from May 1-2 in Washington, D.C.

**Adopted**

- 7     [RES 25-722](#)     Appointing Nelsie Yang to serve on the Ramsey County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

**Adopted**

- 8     [RES 25-729](#)     Approving a Parking Lot New Location license to Interstate Parking d/b/a Interstate Parking (License ID 20250000456) for the premises located at 755 Prior Ave N.

**Adopted**

- 9     [RES 25-735](#)     Approving the Use of Grant Funds Through the Ward 1 Neighborhood Star Year-Round Program For YWCA St. Paul.

**Adopted**

- 10    [RES 25-741](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funds of \$35,000 from the Minnesota State Arts Board.

**Adopted**

- 11    [RES 25-742](#)     Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2025 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, Local 10. (To be laid over one week for

adoption)

**Laid over to May 21, 2025**

- 12**     [RES 25-743](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a grant agreement with Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) to accept cost share grant funding for Como Regional Park, (which includes an indemnification clause).  
**Adopted**
- 13**     [RES 25-755](#)     Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Richard Jacobs and Timothy Trembley to the Truth in Sale of Housing Board.  
**Adopted**
- 14**     [RES 25-756](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointments of Eric Foster, Aden Homard, Krista Schnelle, and Ella Voldto a three-year term on the Heritage Preservation Commission.  
**Adopted**
- 15**     [RES 25-757](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointments of Darren Tobolt and Michelle Beeman to a three-year term on the District Energy Board of Directors.  
**Adopted**
- 16**     [RES 25-758](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointments of Daniel Blackburn, Der Yang, and Manuel Zuniga to the Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity Commission.  
**Adopted**
- 17**     [RES 25-761](#)     Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all costs incurred to host a graduation ceremony for the EMS Academy on May 16, 2025 at Fire Department headquarters.  
  
**Adopted**
- 18**     [Min 25-18](#)     Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of March 5, 12, 19, 26, and 28, 2025.  
**Adopted**
- 19**     [RES 25-662](#)     Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2025 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the United Association of Plumbers, Local 34. (To be laid over one week for adoption)  
**Adopted**

**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 20**     [RES 25-642](#)     Changing the rate of pay for Storeroom Coordinator, EG 01, AFSCME Clerical.

**Adopted as amended**

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

**Nay:** 0

**RECESS**

**Meeting recessed at 3:36 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

**Meeting resumed at 3:44 PM**

**Present** 7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Matt Privratsky

**SUSPENSION ITEM**[RES 25-801](#)

Memorializing a City Council decision to grant the appeal of Brian Pierce from a Planning Commission decision to approve the application of Abel Pliego Burgos for a reestablishment of a nonconforming use permit at 237 Richmond St.

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

**Nay:** 2 - Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

**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.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

**21**[Ord 25-32](#)

Considering the application of Matt Kenevan to rezone property at 959 Payne Avenue (southwest corner of Case Avenue) from B2 community business to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

**Laid over to May 21, 2025 for Final Adoption**

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

**Nay:** 0

**22**     [RES PH 25-62](#)

Approving the application of Breakaway Music Festival for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 6 through June 7, 2025 at 400 Snelling Avenue North - Allianz Field Grounds. (Public hearing continued from April 23, 2025)

**Adopted as amended**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Privratsky

**Nay:** 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Johnson

**23**     [RES PH 25-86](#)

Authorizing the Police Department to accept the 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant for \$235,000 and amending the financing and spending plans in the Police Department grant fund in the amount of \$199,175.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**24**     [RES PH 25-87](#)

Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$7,439.05 for the Minnesota Task Force One (MNTF1) reimbursement from the City of Edina.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**25**     [RES PH 25-88](#)

Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$30,000 for the Savvik Foundation and Delaware State University's initiatives to enhance workforce diversity.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**26**     [RES PH 25-92](#)

Authorizing the City to accept \$20,250 in grant funding from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation to support direct guaranteed income payments to Saint

Paul families in the CollegeBound Boost program.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**27**     [RES PH 25-93](#)

Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment to apply for and accept a \$20,000 grant from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund for the Financial Empowerment Cities Expert Mentor Program.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**28**     [RES PH 25-97](#)

Approving the adoption of a Sixth Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Ford Site Redevelopment Tax Increment Financing District and authorizing the execution of related documents (including amendments to the redevelopment agreement, minimum assessment agreement and related documents) (District 15, Ward 3).

**Adopted as amended**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

**Nay:** 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

**RECESS**

**Council will recess and then convene as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to take up RES 25-737. HRA will then adjourn and the City Council will reconvene.**

**Meeting recessed at 5:03 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

**Meeting resumed at 5:07 PM**

**Present** 7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Matt Privratsky

**LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM**

**29**     [RLH TA 25-171](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2054 LAUREL AVENUE. (File No. J2516R1, Assessment No. 258562)

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**38     [RLH TA 25-182](#)**

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 736 OAKDALE AVENUE. (File No. VB2508, Assessment No. 258807)

**Adopted as amended (assessment reduced to \$650)**

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

**Nay:** 0

**59     [RLH AR 25-40](#)**

Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2024. (File No. CG2502A2, Assessment No. 250114)

**Adopted as amended (1822 Chelton Avenue, 291 Bates Avenue, and 581 Charles Avenue removed and referred to July 10, 2025 Legislative Hearing)**

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

**Nay:** 0

**LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA**

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will receive a combined public hearing and be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate public hearing and discussion if desired.

**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 Privratsky

**Nay:** 0

**30     [RLH TA 25-206](#)**

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2060 4TH STREET EAST. (File No. CG2502A2, Assessment No. 250114)

**Adopted****31     [RLH TA 25-192](#)**

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 145 BELVIDERE STREET EAST. (File No. VB2508, Assessment No. 258807)

**Adopted**

- 32     [RLH TA 25-218](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1226 BERKELEY AVENUE. (File No. CG2502A1, Assessment No. 250113)

**Adopted**

- 33     [RLH SAO 25-12](#)     Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 411 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-5.

**Adopted**

- 34     [RLH RR 25-10](#)     Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 947 FREMONT AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the May 14, 2025, City Council Public Hearing. (Legislative Hearing May 13, 2025)

**Public hearing continued to May 21, 2025**

- 35     [RLH TA 25-205](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1931 FREMONT AVENUE. (File No. CG2502A2, Assessment No. 250114)

**Adopted**

- 36     [RLH TA 25-144](#)     Amending Council File RLH AR 25-1 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2024 at 796 HAGUE AVENUE. (File No. CG2501A1, Assessment No. 250111)

**Adopted**

- 37     [RLH TA 24-357](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 463 HERSCHEL STREET. (File No. J2502R1, Assessment No. 258528) (Public hearing continued to May 14, 2025)

**Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)**

- 39     [RLH TA 25-187](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 81 MAGNOLIA AVENUE WEST. (File No. 2503T, Assessment No. 259002)

**Adopted**

- 40     [RLH TA 25-139](#)     Amending Council File RLH AR 25-2 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2024 at 611 MARSHALL AVENUE. (File No. CG2501A2, Assessment No. 250112)

**Adopted**

- 41     [RLH TA 25-142](#)     Amending Council File RLH AR 25-1 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2024 at 63 MILTON STREET NORTH. (File No. CG2501A1, Assessment No. 250111)

**Adopted**

- 42     [RLH TA 25-217](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 840 MONTANA AVENUE WEST. (File No. CG2502A1, Assessment No. 250113)



**Adopted**

- 43     [RLH TA 25-208](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1122 JACKSON STREET. (File No. CG2502A2, Assessment No. 250114)
- Adopted**
- 44     [RLH TA 25-181](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 956 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. VB2508, Assessment No. 258807)
- Adopted**
- 45     [RLH TA 25-219](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1453 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. CG2502A1, Assessment No. 250113)
- Adopted**
- 46     [RLH TA 25-145](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1686 RACE STREET. (File No. CG2501A1-1, Assessment No. 250115)
- Adopted**
- 47     [RLH TA 25-210](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 272 RICHMOND STREET. (File No. CG2502A1, Assessment No. 250113)
- Adopted**
- 48     [RLH TA 25-222](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1709 SCHEFFER AVENUE. (File No. CG2502A1, Assessment No. 250113)
- Adopted**
- 49     [RLH TA 25-190](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 382 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. J2508E, Assessment No. 258307)
- Adopted**
- 50     [RLH TA 25-174](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1336 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. VB2508, Assessment No. 258807)
- Adopted**
- 51     [RLH TA 25-234](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 750 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. CG2502A2, Assessment No. 250114)
- Adopted**
- 52     [RLH TA 25-209](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 901 WELLS STREET. (File No. CG2502A2, Assessment No. 250114)
- Adopted**
- 53     [RLH AR 25-34](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during March 11 to October 17, 2024. (File No. VB2508, Assessment No. 258807)

**Adopted**

- 54     [RLH AR 25-35](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during November 2024. (File No. J2508B, Assessment No. 258107)

**Adopted**

- 55     [RLH AR 25-36](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during November 1 to December 12, 2024. (File No. CRT2507, Assessment No. 258206)

**Adopted**

- 56     [RLH AR 25-37](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during September 23 to October 21, 2024. (File No. J2508E, Assessment No. 258307)

**Adopted**

- 57     [RLH AR 25-38](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) service during December 2024. (File No. 2503T, Assessment No. 259002)

**Adopted as amended (588 Forest Street removed and referred to May 20, 2025 Legislative Hearing)**

- 58     [RLH AR 25-39](#)     Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2024. (File No. CG2502A1, Assessment No. 250113)

**Adopted****ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting ended at 5:34 PM**

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