



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 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 25-27](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate budget to more accurately record expenditures for the department foundation grants.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 25-28](#) Moving funds from one account code to another within the Grant Matching F211 project to align with project spending.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 25-30](#) Establishing nine (9) new projects through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolution #s RES 25-735, RES 25-721, RES 25-697, RES 25-687, RES 25-686, and RES 25-840.
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

Council President Noecker stated that Item 9 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 4 [RES 25-823](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Service Line on private properties, and setting date of City Council public hearing for July 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2502, Assessment No. 253001)
- Adopted**
- 5 [RES 25-843](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Karen Reid to a two-year term on the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization.
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 25-845](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Antara Mandal, Kristin Murph Dawkins, and David Davies and reappointment of Hannah Hoeger to the Saint Paul Climate Justice Advisory Board.
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 25-861](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Matt Privratsky to the Board of Water Commissioners for a term beginning on June 10, 2024.
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 25-873](#) Authorizing the City Council to purchase food and beverages for the City Council retreat to be held on June 5, 2025.
- Adopted**
- 10 [RES 25-875](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Matt Privratsky to serve on the Visit Saint Paul Board of Directors for a term ending December 31, 2027.
- Adopted**
- 11 [RES 25-879](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a lease agreement with Dell Financial Services (that includes an indemnification clause).
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 25-817](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2025 June Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 417.
- Adopted**

FOR DISCUSSION

- 9 [RES 25-874](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Matt Privratsky (as an alternate) to

serve on the Metropolitan Transportation Advisory Board.

Councilmember Jost moved approval of Version 2.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

13 [RES 25-834](#)

Honoring Miyoko Omori, Founder of Sakura Restaurant & Bar.

Council President Noecker read from the resolution.

Miyoko Omori gave remarks.

Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

14 [RES 25-856](#)

Approving the appointment of Jenne Nelson as the Legislative Aide in Ward 4.

Councilmember Privratsky spoke in support and moved approval.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support.

Councilmember Jost spoke in support.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in support.

Council President Noecker spoke in support.

Jenne Nelson was sworn in.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

15 [RES 25-831](#)

Requesting approval of a lease with the owner of 9 5th Street East for City office space.

Bruce Engelbrekt from the Office of Financial Services gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Council President Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

16 [RES 25-813](#)

Authorizing issuance of and awarding the sale of General Obligation Various Purpose Bonds, Series 2025A and levying a tax for the Series 2025A Bonds.

Neal Younghans from the Office of Financial Services gave a combined staff report on Items 16 and 17.

Councilmember Privratsky moved approval.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

17 [RES 25-814](#)

Providing for the issuance of and accepting a proposal on the sale of General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds, Series 2025B; and levying a tax for the payment of the Series 2025B Bonds.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

18 [RES PH 25-99](#)

Approving the final (combined) plat for Highland Bridge Rowhomes 6th Addition at 905 Woodlawn Avenue.

Spencer Miller-Johnson, City Planner, gave a staff report.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Councilmember Johnson gave remarks.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 19 [RES PH 25-108](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Police Department in the amount of \$150,000 for the 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant.
- Councilmember Yang moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- 20 [RES PH 25-105](#) Authorizing an increase in the Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Fund in the amount of \$25,000 to reflect grant funds received from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC) (authorization to enter into a grant agreement detailing the requirements of said grant, which includes an indemnification clause) and to amend the Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Fund to reflect said funds to support the St. Paul Get Down program.
- Councilmember Kim moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- 21 [RES PH 25-104](#) Approving the application of Ka Vang for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 14, 2025 and June 15, 2025 at 425 Rice Street - parking lot.
- Councilmember Bowie moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- 22 [RES PH 25-107](#) Approving the application of Tawfiq Islamic Center for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 6 or 7, 2025 at 270 Lexington Parkway North / Oxford Community Center.
- Councilmember Bowie moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

- 23 [RES PH 25-111](#) Approving the application of The United Hmong Family, Inc. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 27-29, 2025 at 1151 Jessamine Avenue West - McMurray Fields.

Councilmember Privratsky moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 24 [RES PH 25-112](#) Approving the application of Hot Summer Jazz Festival for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on June 20 and 21, 2025 at 221 5th Street East. - Mears Park.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 25 [RES PH 25-101](#) Approving the application of El Burrito Mercado for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Thursdays June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2025 at 175 Caesar Chavez Street - El Burrito Mercado patio.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

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

- 26** [RLH TA 25-204](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 886 / 892 ARCADE STREET. (File No. J2518R, Assessment No. 258534)
Adopted
- 27** [RLH TA 25-195](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 650 BLAIR AVENUE. (File No. J2517R, Assessment No. 258530)
Adopted
- 28** [RLH SAO 25-21](#) Fourth Making finding on the appealed of JoAnn Lorvig Tsoumanis to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1400 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-2. (Legislative Hearing June 3, 2025)
Adopted as amended
- 29** [RLH TA 25-225](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1083 EDGERTON STREET. (File No. J2518R, Assessment No. 258534)
Adopted
- 30** [RLH TA 25-194](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1313 FIFTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2518R, Assessment No. 258534)
Adopted
- 31** [RLH TA 25-215](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 984 AND 988 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2518R, Assessment No. 258534)
Adopted
- 32** [RLH TA 25-260](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1654 JUNO AVENUE. (File No. J2518R, Assessment No. 258534) (Legislative Hearing on June 3, 2025)
Referred to August 5, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 33** [RLH TA 25-197](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1570 PACIFIC STREET. (File No. J2518R, Assessment No. 258534)
Adopted
- 34** [RLH TA 25-223](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1624 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2518R, Assessment No. 258534)
Amended and public hearing continued to January 7, 2026 (assessment to be reduced by half if no same or similar violations by that time)
- 35** [RLH TA 25-199](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1390

SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2517R, Assessment No. 258530)

Adopted

- 36 [RLH TA 25-200](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1440 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2517R, Assessment No. 258530) (Continue Public Hearing to October 1, 2025)

Public hearing continued to October 1, 2025

- 37 [RLH FCO 25-27](#) Appeal of Mary Durkop to a Correction Notice - Re-Inspection Complaint at 1725 THOMAS AVENUE.

Adopted

- 38 [RLH AR 25-41](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during January 13 to 23, 2025. (File No. J2517R, Assessment No. 258530)

Adopted

- 39 [RLH AR 25-42](#) Ratifying the assessment for Snow and Ice Removal services during January 24 to 31, 2025. (File No. J2501S, Assessment No. 258533)

Adopted

- 40 [RLH AR 25-43](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during January 27 to February 7, 2025. (File No. J2518R, Assessment No. 258534)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:09 PM

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