



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

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

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

Present 6 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali,
Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie,
Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 1 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang

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: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim,
Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 1 [RES 24-1671](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a Department of Energy Federal Subgrant Agreement with the Rocky Mountain Institute to examine the cost and benefits of electric vehicle carshare, as well as the most effective business and economic models for electric vehicle carshare viability in communities outside the Twin Cities Metro.

Adopted

- 2 [RES 24-1727](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during May 2 to July 24, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 7, 2025 and City Council public hearing for February 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2505, Assessment No. 258804)

Adopted

- 3 [RES 24-1728](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during August 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 7, 2025 and City Council public hearing for February 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2505B, Assessment No. 258104)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 24-1729](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during August 7 to September 10, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 7, 2025 and City Council public hearing for February 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2505, Assessment No. 258204)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 24-1730](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during June 21 to July 22, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 7, 2025 and City Council public hearing for February 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2505E, Assessment No. 258304)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 24-1731](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during July 19 to 29, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 7, 2025 and City Council public hearing for February 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2505P, Assessment No. 258404)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 24-1757](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement (No. 1058345) for \$5,015,327.11 with the State of Minnesota for the Kellogg-3rd Bridge Project.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 24-1758](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement (No. 1058344) for \$3,500,000 with the State of Minnesota for the Kellogg-3rd Bridge Project.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 24-1759](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept state bonding funds and enter into a grant agreement (which includes an indemnification clause).

Adopted

- 10 [RES 24-1768](#) Approving the revised Wage and Benefit Policy for Non-Represented Management and Legislative Personnel.

Laid over to December 18, 2024

- 11 [RES 24-1771](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept state bonding funds and enter into a grant agreement (which includes an indemnification clause).
Adopted
- 13 [RES 24-1794](#) Approving the Settlement Agreement and Release Between Lisa Veith and the City of St. Paul.
Adopted
- 14 [RES 24-1796](#) Authorizing the conveyance of the Wheelock Early Learning Center, a City-owned property at 1521 Edgerton Street, to the St. Paul Public School District.
Adopted
- 15 [RES 24-1808](#) Approving a public hearing on the issuance of conduit revenue bonds by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (the "HRA"), acting jointly with the City of Minneapolis on behalf of Children's Health Care, 345 North Smith Avenue (District 9, Ward 2) (the "Borrower").
Adopted
- 16 [RES 24-1828](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Auto Repair Garage license now held by Capital City Auto Body LLC d/b/a Capital City Auto Body (License ID #20230000891) for the premises located at 690 University Avenue West.
Adopted
- 17 [RES 24-1830](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor Off Sale and Tobacco Shop license now held by Parkway Liquor LLC d/b/a Parkway Liquor (License ID #20240001788) for the premises located at 301 Wheelock Parkway East.
Adopted
- 18 [RES 24-1834](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for \$125,000 in Metropolitan Council grant funds for the construction of a fishing pier at Crosby Farm Regional Park.
Adopted
- 19 [RES 24-1835](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide paramedic training, firefighter equipment, power load cots, and training for firefighters.
Adopted
- 20 [RES 24-1842](#) Approving a Parking Ramp (Private) - New Location license to 695 Grand Group LLC d/b/a The Kneton (License ID 20240000574) for the premises located at 695 Grand Avenue.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 24-1689](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2025 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City and the International Union of Elevator Constructors, Local 9.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 24-1773](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Operating Engineers Local 49 for the purpose of providing training to City employees in the Tri-Council employee group.

Adopted

- 23 [RES 24-1732](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief, EG 40.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 12 [RES 24-1786](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the \$500 matrix penalty and license suspension adverse action against Taste of Rondo LLC d/b/a Taste of Rondo Restaurant, (License ID #20190000107) for the premises located at 976 Rondo Avenue.

Adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 24 [RES PH 24-281](#) Amending the City's 2024 Capital Improvement Budget to allocate \$6,789,929.00 of HOME-ARP funds. (Laid over from November 20, 2024)

Withdrawn

BUDGET ITEMS

- 25 [RES PH 24-270](#) Setting the 2025 Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer rates. (Public hearing closed. Laid over from December 4, 2024)

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 26** [RES PH 24-259](#) Establishing the Water Charges for 2025. (Public hearing closed. Laid over from December 4, 2024)
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
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- 27** [RES 24-1723](#) Approving the Saint Paul Regional Water Services 2025 Budget. (Laid over from December 4, 2024)
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
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- 28** [RES 24-1770](#) Approving the final 2025 Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) budget and certifying the final HRA property tax levy payable in 2025. (Laid over from December 4, 2024)
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

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

- 33** [Ord 24-33](#) Granting the application of Church of St. Pascal Baylon to rezone property at 470 White Bear Avenue North from H2 residential district to RM2 medium-density multiple family residential district and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 34** [Ord 24-36](#) Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

First Reading

- 35** [Ord 24-40](#) Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective April 1, 2025.

Laid over to December 18, 2024 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 36** [Ord 24-18](#) Establishing the classification titled Senior Legislative Aide in the unclassified service pursuant to Section 12.03.2(H) of the City Charter (must be approved by Civil Service Commission after adoption by City Council but prior to Mayor signature).

Laid over to December 18, 2024 for Final Adoption

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 37** [Ord 24-30](#) Establishing the classification titled Chief Policy Analyst in the unclassified service pursuant to Section 12.03.2(H) of the City Charter (must be approved by Civil Service Commission after adoption by City Council but prior to Mayor signature).

Laid over to December 18, 2024 for Final Adoption

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 38** [ABZA 24-4](#) Considering the appeal of Benegas Properties, LLC to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals denying two variance requests to construct a new multiple family dwelling on the property at 1963 Grand Avenue. (Public hearing closed and laid over from December 11, 2024)
- Laid over to December 18, 2024**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
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- 39** [RES PH 24-278](#) Establishing a financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$65,000 to reflect funds received from the Lower Phalen Creek Project (LPCP) for the Phalen Creek Daylighting project.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
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- 40** [RES PH 24-283](#) Granting an Interim Use Permit to Model Cities of St. Paul to Operate an Overnight Shelter for up to 64 Adults at 420 Roy Street.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
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- 41** [RES PH 24-287](#) Amending the City's Operating and Capital Improvement Budget to reflect the final sale details resulting from the issuance of the Tax-Exempt Sales Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds (Neighborhood and Economic Development Projects) Series 2024C.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
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- 42** [RES PH 24-288](#) Amending the West Side Flats Comprehensive Plan at 10 River Park Plaza.
- Failed (Two-thirds of all members, 5 votes, needed for passage)**

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Bowie

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 43** [RES PH 24-289](#) Amending the 2024 Regional Water Services budget resulting in an increase in spending and financing of \$37,000 for a Metropolitan Council grant.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 44** [RES PH 24-291](#) Approving a Five-Year Street Reconstruction Plan for the Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029 and granting preliminary approval to the issuance of certain General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds by the City.

Adopted as amended

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 45** [RES PH 24-293](#) Amending the spending and financing plans for various City departments.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 46** [RES PH 24-300](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment (OFE) to accept a \$5,000 donation from Living Cities, which would obligate OFE to pay consultants who developed a community ownership commercial real estate workbook as a resource for the Office's Shared Ownership Equity Summit held in October 2024.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 47** [RES PH 24-303](#) Authorizing the City to amend project budgets from grant fund to special fund and makes technical changes to ensure alignment with U.S. Department of Treasury spending guidelines.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

BUDGET ITEMS

- 30** [RES 24-1791](#) Approving the Saint Paul RiverCentre Convention and Visitors Authority 2025 Budget. (Laid over from December 4, 2024)
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
- 32** [RES 24-1763](#) Adopting the 2025 Budget. (Laid over from December 4, 2024)
- Councilmember Jost moved the A1 amendment. Failed 2-4 (opposed being Councilmembers Bowie, Noecker, Kim, and Johnson)*
- Councilmember Bowie moved the A2 amendment. Approved 5-1 (opposed being Council President Jalali)*
- Adopted as amended**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Jalali
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
- 29** [RES 24-1793](#) Approving and adopting the Saint Paul Public Library Agency Budget. (Laid over from December 4, 2024)
- Adopted as amended**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

31 [RES 24-1750](#) Approving the 2025 City Tax Levy. (Laid over from December 4, 2024)

Councilmember Kim moved approval of Attachment B. Approved 6-0.

Adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

SUSPENSION ITEM

[RES 24-1909](#) Expressing reporting commitments and additional City Council priorities related to the 2025 Budget.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

53 [RLH CO 24-10](#) Appeal of Jerry Brashier to a Correction Notice at 511 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (Public hearing closed and laid over from December 11, 2024)

Public hearing closed and laid over to December 18, 2024

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

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: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 48 [RLH RR 24-17](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 887 CHARLES AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the May 1, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to remove only) (Public hearing closed and laid over from October 9, 2024)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

- 49 [RLH SAO 24-81](#) Appeal of Elizabeth Eirwood to a Summary Abatement Order at 317 DALY STREET.

Adopted

- 50 [RLH SAO 24-68](#) Making finding on the appealed of Philip Johnston to a nuisance abatement ordered for 470 GOODRICH AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-58.

Adopted

- 51 [RLH VBR 24-69](#) Appeal of Patrick Cusick to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 517 IOWA AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 52 [RLH VO 24-33](#) Appeal of Jerry A. Brashier to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 511 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (Refer to January 7, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to January 7, 2024 Legislative Hearing

- 54 [RLH CO 24-8](#) Appeal of Thomas Nelson & Ranettia Alexander-Nelson to a Correction Notice at 493 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (Public hearing continued to November 13, 2024)

Public hearing continued to January 15, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:43 PM

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