



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

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 4, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

Present 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 2 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang and Councilmember Anika Bowie

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 24-84](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate its 2024 Office of National Drug Control Policy, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (HIDTA) Grant budget to more accurately record expenditures meeting capital criteria.
- 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

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 3 [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.

Laid over to December 11, 2024

5 [RES 24-1713](#) Adopting the Public Library's Collection Development Policy.

Adopted

6 [RES 24-1721](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to partner with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to apply for up to \$1,000,000 in National Science Byways grant funds for the River Balcony project.

Adopted

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

Laid over to December 11, 2024

8 [RES 24-1744](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for up to \$25,000 from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) to support the Outdoor Adventures Saint Paul project.

Adopted

9 [RES 24-1746](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter an Amendment of the 2023 (SHSP) State Homeland Security Program (St Paul Bomb Disposal Unit) from the Department of Public Safety.

Adopted

10 [RES 24-1747](#) Authorizing the Police Department to apply for the 2024 (SHSP) State Homeland Security Program (St Paul Bomb Disposal Unit) in the amount of \$235,000 from the Department of Public Safety.

Adopted

11 [RES 24-1752](#) Accepting the gift of travel and meals expenses from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for Councilmember Nelsie Yang to attend the Sustainable Materials and Solid Waste Exchange between Germany and Minnesota.

Adopted

12 [RES 24-1764](#) Authorizing the City to approve the Management Agreement between the City and Frogtown Gardens for use and programming of Frogtown Park And Farm.

Adopted

13 [RES 24-1772](#) Accepting the gift of airfare, lodging, and meal expenses from CARESTAR for Christyn Lewis and Savonarei Hodges attend the conference being held in Berkley, California, December 16-19, 2024.

Adopted

14 [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.

Laid over to December 11, 2024

- 15 [RES 24-1775](#) Accepting the gift of travel expenses from the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative for Mayor Melvin Carter to attend the Program for New Mayors: First 100 Days, in Cambridge, MA on December 5-6, 2024.

Adopted

- 17 [Min 24-42](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of September 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2024.

Adopted

- 18 [Min 24-46](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of October 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2024.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 2 [RES 24-956](#) Approving the Audit Committee's recommendation to audit the Capital Improvement Budget process since the City last revised the process in the 2018-19 cycle for the 2020-2021 and future cycles.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 4 [RES 24-1700](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the \$500 matrix penalty and license suspension adverse action against The Neighborhood Café Inc. d/b/a The Neighborhood Cafe, (License ID #20120000960) for the premises located at 1570 Selby Ave.

Councilmember Kim moved approval of Version 2.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 16 [RES 24-1780](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the \$500 matrix penalty and license suspension adverse action against KJ'S Hideaway

LLC Inc. d/b/a KJ'S Hideaway, (License ID #20210001046) for the premises located at 408 St. Peter Street.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval of Version 2.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

BUDGET ITEMS

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

Councilmember Kim moved to lay over for one week.

Laid over to December 11, 2024

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 20** [RES PH 24-259](#) Establishing the Water Charges for 2025. (Public hearing closed. Laid over from December 4, 2024)

Councilmember Johnson moved to lay over for one week.

Laid over to December 11, 2024

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 21** [RES 24-1723](#) Approving the Saint Paul Regional Water Services 2025 Budget. (Laid over from December 4, 2024)

Councilmember Jost moved to lay over for one week.

Laid over to December 11, 2024

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 22** [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)
- Councilmember Noecker moved to lay over for one week.*
- Laid over to December 11, 2024**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie
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- 23** [RES 24-1793](#) Approving and adopting the Saint Paul Public Library Agency Budget. (Laid over from December 4, 2024)
- Councilmember Jost moved to lay over for one week.*
- Laid over to December 11, 2024**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie
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- 24** [RES 24-1791](#) Approving the Saint Paul RiverCentre Convention and Visitors Authority 2025 Budget. (Laid over from December 4, 2024)
- Council President Jalali moved to lay over for one week.*
- Laid over to December 11, 2024**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie
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- 25** [RES 24-1750](#) Approving the 2025 City Tax Levy. (Laid over from December 4, 2024)
- Council President Jalali moved to lay over for one week.*
- Laid over to December 11, 2024**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie
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- 26** [RES 24-1763](#) Adopting the 2025 Budget. (City Council to consider the Mayor's line item

vetoed.)

Council President Jalali moved to lay over for one week.

Laid over to December 11, 2024

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

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.

First Reading

- 27** [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).
- Ryan Gruber from the Department of Human Resources gave a combined staff report on Items 27 and 28.*

Council President Jalali spoke in favor.

Laid over to December 11, 2024 for Second Reading

- 28** [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 11, 2024 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 29** [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.

Ann O'Keefe spoke during the public hearing.

Faith Lowell spoke during the public hearing.

Elaine Tarone spoke during the public hearing.

Kate O'Connell spoke during the public hearing.

Kevin Walker spoke during the public hearing.

Tom O'Keefe spoke during the public hearing.

Jonathan Frisch spoke during the public hearing.

Julie Hellwich spoke during the public hearing.

Matt Bauer spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Johnson moved to close the public hearing. Approved 5-0.

Johnson gave remarks and moved to lay over for one week.

Council President Jalali spoke in favor of Johnson's motion.

Public hearing closed and laid over to December 11, 2024 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

30 [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.

Councilmember Jost moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Public hearing closed and laid over to December 11, 2024 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

31 [RES PH 24-284](#)

Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto) and amending the operating budget with respect to the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Grant Program for the benefit of JB Vang Partners, Inc. at 680 & 694 Minnehaha Avenue East (District 4, Ward 7).

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 32** [RES PH 24-290](#) Approving the application of Lunda Construction and the City for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on only one of the following periods of time: December 6-9, 2024 or December 13-16, 2024 or December 20-23, 2024 or December 27-30, 2024 or January 3-6, 2025 or January 10-13, 2025 or January 17-19, 2025 or January 24-27, 2025, at the intersection of Mounds Boulevard and Kellogg Boulevard East and on Kellogg Boulevard East over Interstate 94.
- Sean Kershaw, Director of Public Works, gave an introduction.*
- Brent Christensen from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.*
- Councilmember Kim moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 3 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson
- 33** [RES PH 24-292](#) Consenting to the issuance by the City of Center City, Minnesota of Conduit Revenue Bonds on behalf of Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation (District 9, Ward 2).
- Jenny Wolfe from the Department of Planning and Economic Development gave a staff report.*
- Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie
- 34** [RES PH 24-294](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$60,381.50 for the Minnesota Task Force One (MNTF1) reimbursement from the City of Edina.
- Councilmember Johnson moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie
- 35** [RES PH 24-295](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the

amount of \$3,000 for the donation from Local 21 for IAFF Peer Support Training for firefighters.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 36** [RES PH 24-296](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$3,000 for the donation from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation for IAFF Peer Support Training for firefighters.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 37** [RES PH 24-297](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$17,519.41 for a contribution received from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) to pay for training for firefighters.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 38** [RES PH 24-299](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$75.00 for additional grant funds received from the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce for health and wellness equipment for the firefighters at Stations 22, 23, and 24.

Council President Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 39** [RLH SAO 24-79](#) Appeal of Corey Johnson to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 231 ANNAPOLIS STREET EAST.
Adopted
- 40** [RLH RR 24-36](#) Fourth Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 939 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-6. (Public hearing continued to December 3, 2024)
Amended and public hearing continued to December 18, 2024
- 41** [RLH CO 24-15](#) Appeal of Barbara Ritt to a Correction Notice at 914 CHARLOTTE STREET.
Adopted
- 42** [RLH FCO 24-106](#) Appeal of Gomaa Elzamel to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy with Deficiencies at 948 COOK AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 43** [RLH RR 24-43](#) Fourth Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 733 FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH in Council File RLH RR 24-26.
Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)
- 44** [RLH RR 24-44](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 925 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST within fifteen (15) days after the December 4, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (Refer back to Legislative Hearing Agenda for January 14, 2025)
Referred to January 14, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 45** [RLH TA 24-475](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 24-64 to delete the assessment for

Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during May 2, 2023 to February 19, 2024 at 233 MARYLAND AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2411, Assessment No. 248817)

Adopted

- 46 [RLH FCO 24-104](#) Appeal of Brenda Benson to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint at 1250 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 47 [RLH RR 24-48](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 802 MOUND STREET in Council File RLH RR 24-5.

Adopted

- 48 [RLH TA 24-457](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 23-108 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July through September 2023 for 621 MOUNT CURVE BOULEVARD. (File No. CG2304A1, Assessment No. 230114)

Adopted

- 49 [RLH TA 24-458](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 24-32 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2023 at 621 MOUNT CURVE BOULEVARD. (File No. CG2401A1, Assessment No. 240111)

Adopted

- 50 [RLH TA 24-459](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 24-52 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2024 at 621 MOUNT CURVE BOULEVARD. (File No. CG2402A1, Assessment No. 240113)

Adopted

- 51 [RLH TA 24-460](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 24-94 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during April to June 2024 at 621 MOUNT CURVE BOULEVARD. (File No. CG2403A1, Assessment No. 240115)

Adopted

- 52 [RLH VO 24-34](#) Appeal of Jaswant Teekasingh to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 159 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE WEST.

Adopted

- 53 [RLH RR 24-47](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1356 REANEY AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-13.

Adopted

- 54 [RLH VBR 24-71](#) Appeal of Carolyn Brown, Community Stabilization Project, to a Vacant

Building Registration Notice at 622 WELLS STREET.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:23 PM

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