



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

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

Present 6 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Matt Privratsky

Absent 1 - Councilmember HwaJeong Kim

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 25-33](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 499 Snelling Avenue North a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

Received and Filed

- 2 [AO 25-43](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: \$50,000 of funding for Arcade Wine and Spirits (1100 Arcade St) for CDBG subgrantee ESNDG for their Business Investment Fund (BIF) program.

Received and Filed

- 3 [AO 25-44](#) Establishing eighteen (18) new projects through the STAR Economic Development Program as adopted via City Council Resolution # 25-633.

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: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 4 [RES 25-1184](#) Accepting a Community Resilience grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the Jackson Street Project and authorizing the execution of the grant agreement.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 25-1197](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement with MnDOT for the Central Safe Routes to School Project.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 25-1198](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement with MnDOT for the Como Safe Routes to School Project.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 25-1212](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during April 17, 2024 to March 18, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 16, 2025 and City Council public hearing for October 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2513, Assessment No. 258829)
Adopted
- 8 [RES 25-1213](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during April 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 16, 2025 and City Council public hearing for October 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2513B, Assessment No. 258113)
Adopted
- 9 [RES 25-1217](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory to apply for a grant of up to \$400 from the Mid-America Orchid Congress for the purchase of orchid plants in the year 2025.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 25-1231](#) Authorizing the City to apply for \$63,075 from the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Solar on Public Buildings Grant Program for solar installation at Hamline Midway Library.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 25-1257](#) Authorizing the City to enter into Agreement No.1057461 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for federal participation in a force account for the Burns and Suburban Sidewalk Infill Project.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 25-1277](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Auto Repair Garage license now held by Romea Auto Repair LLC d/b/a Romea Auto Repair LLC (License ID #20250001058) for the premises located at 511 Smith Avenue South.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 25-1281](#) Authorizing the Department of Emergency Management to apply for an annual Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support regional preparedness and capabilities to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 25-1293](#) Approving the proposed issuance of Conduit Revenue Bonds by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for Nova Classical Academy Project, 1455 Victoria Way, under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 through 469.1655 (District 9, Ward 3).

Adopted

- 15 [RES 25-1294](#) Approving the proposed issuance of Conduit Revenue Bonds by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the Twin Cities Academy Project, 690 Birmingham Street, under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 through 469.1655 (District 1, Ward 7).

Adopted

- 16 [RES 25-1299](#) Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special City General Election held August 12, 2025.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 25-1233](#) Establishing the rate of pay for new classification of SPRWS Training Coordinator, in Grade 038 of EG 10, Manual and Maintenance Supervisors Association.

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 18 [RES 25-1307](#) Celebrating the one year anniversary of the Minnesota Toy Library in the City of Saint Paul.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

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

- 19** [Ord 25-46](#) Approving the application of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA), Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church to rezone properties at 694 Minnehaha Avenue E et al from I2 general industrial to H2 residential, T3 traditional neighborhood, RM2 medium-density multiple-family residential district and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map. (Public hearing on July 23, 2025)

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 20** [Ord 25-47](#) Approving an interim ordinance pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 462.355, Subd.4 pending the completion of a Zoning Study on Sober Houses and Supportive Housing Facilities.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 21** [Ord 25-45](#) Changing one block of Margaret Street between Arcade Street and East 7th Street from a one-way street westbound to a two-way street in accordance with Chapter 147 of the Legislative Code.

Laid over to August 27, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 22** [RES PH 25-163](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$105,242.36 to utilize Parkland Dedication funds for the Linwood Park Improvements project.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 23** [RES PH 25-171](#) 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 Hamm's Brewery Redevelopment at 680-694 Minnehaha Avenue E. (District 4, Ward 7).

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 24** [RES PH 25-172](#) Approving the three applications of University of St Thomas (UST) for a UST Welcome Days Pep Rally on 08/27; a UST Football Game on 08/28 and a UST Welcome Days Tommie Get Together Event on 08/29/2025 for three sound level variances in order to present live amplified sound at the University of St Thomas Stadium, 2115 Summit Avenue.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 26 [RLH TA 25-306](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 992 ARCADE STREET. (File No. J2511B, Assessment No. 258111)

Public hearing closed and laid over to September 3, 2025

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 50 [RLH TA 25-296](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 815 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)

Public hearing closed and laid over to September 3, 2025

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 25 [RLH TA 25-298](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 367 ARBOR STREET. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)

Adopted

- 27 [RLH TA 25-295](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 926 CENTRAL AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)

Adopted

- 28 [RLH TA 25-305](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1083 CHATSWORTH STREET NORTH. (File No. VB2511, Assessment No.

258819)

Adopted

- 29 [RLH TA 25-300](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 956 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)

Adopted

- 30 [RLH TA 25-303](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1030 FREMONT AVENUE. (File No. CRT2510, Assessment No. 258209)

Adopted

- 31 [RLH TA 25-301](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 77 FRONT AVENUE. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)

Adopted

- 32 [RLH TA 25-360](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 25-59 to delete the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during April 2 to 11, 2025 at 725 FULLER AVENUE. (File No. J2522R1, Assessment No. 258579)

Adopted

- 33 [RLH TA 25-299](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1181 GALTIER STREET. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)

Adopted

- 34 [RLH TA 25-347](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 705 JESSAMINE AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)

Adopted

- 35 [RLH TA 25-354](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2022 LAUREL AVENUE. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)

Adopted

- 36 [RLH TA 25-297](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 34 LAWSON AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)

Adopted

- 37 [RLH RR 25-22](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 1623 MAYWOOD STREET within fifteen (15) days after the August 20, 2025, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted

- 38 [RLH TA 25-304](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1032 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2511B, Assessment No. 258111)

Adopted

- 39 [RLH VO 25-17](#) Appeal of Kristen Sachwitz to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Revocation and Order to Vacate at 529 ORLEANS STREET.
Adopted as amended (appeal denied)
- 40 [RLH TA 25-343](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 747 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. J2511E, Assessment No. 258318)
Adopted
- 41 [RLH TA 25-361](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 25-57 to ratify the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during January 2025 at 747 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. J2510B, Assessment No. 258109)
Adopted
- 42 [RLH TA 25-362](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 25-54 Ratifying the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement service billed during November 22 to December 20, 2024 at 747 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. J2510E, Assessment No. 258311)
Adopted
- 43 [RLH TA 25-307](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 664 PLUM STREET. (File No. VB2511, Assessment No. 258819)
Adopted
- 44 [RLH RR 25-19](#) Third Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 401 ROSE AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 25-14.
Public hearing continued to September 17, 2025
- 45 [RLH TA 25-302](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1164 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. J2509P, Assessment No. 258408)
Adopted
- 46 [RLH TA 25-316](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 515 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2511B, Assessment No. 258111)
Adopted
- 47 [RLH TA 24-489](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 676 THIRD STREET EAST. (File No. J2504E, Assessment No. 258303) (Continue public hearing to August 6, 2025)
Public hearing continued to September 17, 2025
- 48 [RLH VBR 25-30](#) Appeal of Gomaa Elzamel to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 838 THIRD STREET EAST.
Adopted

- 49 [RLH SAO 25-49](#) Appeal of Jennifer Adrian to a Notice to Cut Tall Grass and/or Weeds at 2198 TILSEN AVENUE.
Adopted
- 51 [RLH TA 25-311](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 694 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)
Adopted
- 52 [RLH TA 25-312](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 704 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)
Adopted
- 53 [RLH AR 25-63](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during April 9 to 28, 2025. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)
Adopted
- 54 [RLH AR 25-64](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during March 5 to 31, 2025. (File No. CRT2510, Assessment No. 258209)
Adopted
- 55 [RLH AR 25-65](#) Ratifying the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during December 23 to January 22, 2025. (File No. J2511E, Assessment No. 258318)
Adopted as amended (2170 Highwood Ave removed for separate consideration in September 18, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
- 56 [RLH AR 25-66](#) Ratifying the assessment for Graffiti Removal services during August 2, 2024 to February 25, 2025. (File No. J2509P, Assessment No. 258408)
Adopted
- 57 [RLH AR 25-67](#) Ratifying the assessment for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) service during April 2025. (File No. 2505T, Assessment No. 259006)
Adopted
- 58 [RLH AR 25-68](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during September 16 to January 22, 2025. (File No. VB2511, Assessment No. 258819)
Adopted
- 59 [RLH AR 25-69](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during February 2025. (File No. J2511B, Assessment No. 258111)
Adopted
- 60 [RLH AR 25-70](#) Ratifying the assessment for Demolition services from December 2024 to February 2025 (C.D.B.G. Funds). (File No. J2506C, Assessment No. 252006)

Adopted

- 61** [RLH AR 25-71](#) Ratifying the assessment for Demolition services from March to April 2025.
(File No. J2507C, Assessment No. 252007)

Adopted**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 4:51 PM

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