



# 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*

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Wednesday, August 21, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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#### ROLL CALL

**Meeting started at 3:31 PM**

**Present** 5 - Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

**Absent** 2 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker and Councilmember Anika Bowie

#### COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 24-57](#) Amending the 2024 Saint Paul Public Library Agency budget to reallocate budgeted amounts within spending accounts to better align with actual spending needs, in the amount of \$367,772.

**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 Jalali state that Items 30 and 31 would be taken separately.*

*Councilmember Kim moved approval.*

**Consent Agenda adopted as amended**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Bowie

- 2 [RES 24-856](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council Public Hearing

to ratify the assessment for benefits, costs, and expenses for the Grand/Snelling parking lot operation and maintenance for 2025. File No. 18746-24, Assessment No. 247202.

**Adopted**

- 3     [RES 24-1093](#)     Authorizing the City to enter into a detour agreement with the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation, for the East 7th Street and Arcade Street Project.

**Adopted**

- 4     [RES 24-1105](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on private properties, and setting date of City Council public hearing for September 18, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2402LDSRP, Assessment No. 244001)

**Adopted**

- 5     [RES 24-1106](#)     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 September 18, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2402, Assessment No. 243001)

**Adopted**

- 6     [RES 24-1107](#)     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 September 18, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2403, Assessment No. 243005)

**Adopted**

- 7     [RES 24-1108](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Service Line on private property at 1668 Westminster St, and setting date of City Council public hearing for September 18, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2404, Assessment No. 243006)

**Adopted**

- 8     [RES 24-1109](#)     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 September 18, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2405, Assessment No. 243007)

**Adopted**

- 9     [RES 24-1110](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Service Line on private property at 1144 Cook Ave E, and setting date of City Council public hearing for September 18, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2406, Assessment No. 243008)

**Adopted**

- 10    [RES 24-1111](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up

services during April 29 to May 10, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 17, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 15, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2501R, Assessment No. 258500)

**Adopted**

- 11     [RES 24-1112](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during May 29 to June 12, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 17, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 15, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2501T, Assessment No. 258503)

**Adopted**

- 12     [RES 24-1113](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during May 10 to 20, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 17, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 15, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2502R, Assessment No. 258501)

**Adopted**

- 13     [RES 24-1114](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during June 7 to 26, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 17, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 15, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)

**Adopted**

- 14     [RES 24-1130](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept a donation in the amount of \$8,821.85 from the North Dale Booster Club.

**Adopted**

- 15     [RES 24-1172](#)     Authorizing issuance of and awarding the sale of a taxable grant anticipation note for lead pipe replacement in the City.

**Adopted**

- 16     [RES 24-1175](#)     Approving the application with conditions, per the Legislative Hearing Officer, for the application submitted by Fernando & Sons Auto Repair Inc, d/b/a same (License ID#20240001116), for an Auto Repair Garage license located at 670 Snelling Avenue N.

**Adopted**

- 17     [RES 24-1194](#)     Amending the financing and spending plans in the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Fire Department grant funds to reallocate spending authority between two existing accounting units.

**Adopted**

- 18     [RES 24-1198](#)     Approving the application with conditions, per the Legislative Hearing Officer,

for the application submitted by Bikkurim-Baldingers 1888 LLC, d/b/a Razava Bread Company License (ID#20240001073), for Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio) licenses, located at 685 Grand Avenue.

**Adopted**

- 19     [RES 24-1199](#)     Authorizing the City to accept a donation in the amount of \$4000.00 from the Saint Paul Police Foundation (SPPF) on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) for the Safe Summer Nights program.

**Adopted**

- 20     [RES 24-1205](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Bryan Kuzel and reappointment of Tom Aasheim, Jonathan Banks, Hanna Getachew-Kreusser, Katie Kapaun, Donna Rapacz, Mary Rick, and Trish Stevens to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County.

**Adopted**

- 21     [RES 24-1215](#)     Authorizing the City, on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation, to accept a baseball/softball outdoor scoreboard donation, valued in the amount of \$5,000, from the Minnesota Twins and Daktronics to support the youth baseball and softball programming at the Dunning Sports Complex.

**Adopted**

- 22     [RES 24-1236](#)     Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Michael Lukes to a two-year term on the Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization.

**Adopted**

- 23     [RES 24-1237](#)     Authorizing the City to support an application from the Rondo Community Land Trust to the Environmental Protection Agency Community Change Grant program.

**Adopted**

- 24     [RES 24-1238](#)     Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Liz Xiong and appointment of Kristin Beckmann to the Public Housing Agency (PHA).

**Adopted**

- 25     [RES 24-1239](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Sarah Gartner, Ahnaf Prio, and reappointment of Terri Banaszewski, Erin Heelan, and Chris Leifeld to a three-year term on the Neighborhood STAR Board.

**Adopted**

- 26     [RES 24-1241](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Jillian Hansen, Gabriele Menomin, Mauricio Leon Mendez, and Isaac Evans to the Saint Paul Climate Justice Advisory Board.

**Adopted**

- 27     [RES 24-1242](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Hol Flor to the Mayor's Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities.  
**Adopted**
- 28     [RES 24-1243](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointments of Alexander Hungs to a two-year term on the Advisory Committee on Aging.  
**Adopted**
- 29     [RES 24-1253](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Angela Casselton to the Business Review Council.  
**Adopted**

**ROLL CALL**

- Present**   6 -   Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
- Absent**   1 -   Councilmember Rebecca Noecker

**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 30     [RES 24-1264](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Nelsie Yang to the Board of Water Commissioners for a term beginning on August 1, 2024.  
*Councilmember Yang gave remarks and moved approval.*  
**Adopted**
- Yea:**   6 -   Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:**   0
- Absent:**   1 -   Councilmember Noecker
- 31     [RES 24-1265](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Nelsie Yang to the Saint Paul Port Authority Board of Commissioners for a term beginning on August 1, 2024.  
*Councilmember Yang gave remarks and moved approval.*  
**Adopted**
- Yea:**   6 -   Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:**   0
- Absent:**   1 -   Councilmember Noecker

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

- 32**     [RES PH 24-178](#)     Amending the City's Capital Improvement Budget and Operating Budget to reflect the final sale details resulting from the issuance of the G.O. Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2024A and the G.O. Street Reconstruction Bonds, Series 2024B, amending the budget for 2021E Street Assessment bonds for prepayment and pay off the 2021B G.O. Tax Increment Finance bonds.
- Councilmember Jost moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
- 33**     [RES PH 24-194](#)     Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital and Operating Budgets for the 2024 Bicycle Facility Improvements Program.
- Councilmember Bowie moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
- 34**     [RES PH 24-195](#)     Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget for the 2024 Downtown Paver Replacement Project.
- Councilmember Kim moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
- 35**     [RES PH 24-196](#)     Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget for the Fourth and St. Peter Pedestrian Improvement, Kellogg/Third Bridge, Shepard Road Bridge near Otto and the West Side Pedestrian Improvement Projects.
- Councilmember Jost moved Version 2. Approved 6-0.*

*Councilmember Yang moved approval.*

**Adopted as amended**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 36**    [RES PH 24-203](#)    Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department's 2024 capital project budget for Fire Station 7.

*Councilmember Johnson moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 37**    [RES PH 24-209](#)    Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$7,086.40 for the Minnesota Task Force One (MNTF1) reimbursement from the City of Edina.

*Councilmember Yang moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 38**    [RES PH 24-214](#)    Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$1,731.01 for the donation from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation for equipment for Twin Cities Female Firefighter Fitness (TCF3) group.

*Councilmember Kim moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 39**    [RES PH 24-210](#)    Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto) and amending the

operating budget for the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Grant Program for the Rondo Community Land Trust (Rondo CLT) at 1036 Marshall Avenue (District 8, Ward 1).

*Councilmember Bowie moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 40**     [RES PH 24-212](#)     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 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Contamination Cleanup/Site Investigation Seeding Equitable Environmental Development (SEED) 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:** 6 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 41**     [RES PH 24-206](#)     Approving the application of PackMaterial, LLC/Shay (Glorius) L. Martin for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 24, 2024 at 1063 Iglehart Avenue - The JK Movement/Jimmy Lee Recreation Center Football Field.

*Councilmember Bowie moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 42**     [RES PH 24-207](#)     Approving the application of University of St. Thomas, for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on September 7, September 14, October 5, October 26, November 9, and November 23, 2024 at 2115 Summit Avenue - O'Shaughnessy Stadium.

*Councilmember Jost moved approval.*



**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

**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**

*Councilmember Johnson moved approval.*

**Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 43**    [RLH VBR 24-40](#)    Appeal of LaVonne Pine to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1478 BLAIR AVENUE. (public hearing closed and laid over from August 28, 2024)  
**Public hearing continued to August 28, 2024**
- 44**    [RLH VO 24-23](#)    Appeal of James Cran to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection (which includes vacate order) at 293 BURLINGTON ROAD. (Refer to August 27, 2024 Legislative Hearing)  
**Referred to August 27, 2024 Legislative Hearing**
- 45**    [RLH TA 24-311](#)    Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1133 EUCLID STREET. (File No. CG2402A2, Assessment No. 240114)  
**Adopted**
- 46**    [RLH VO 24-27](#)    Appeal of Taylor James Swartwood to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 604 OAKDALE AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 47**    [RLH SAO 24-49](#)    Appeal of Kevin Wilkerson to a Notice to Cut Tall Grass and/or Weeds at 1156 SAINT CLAIR AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 48**    [RLH RSA 24-6](#)    Appeal of Colin Gulling to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 1184 SEMINARY AVENUE.

**Adopted**

- 49     [RLH VO 24-28](#)     Appeal of Cynthia Johnstone to a "Partial Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate of Unit 1 Only" at 1352 SEVENTH STREET WEST.

**Adopted****ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 3:44 PM

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