



# City of Saint Paul

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Council Chambers - 3rd  
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## Meeting Minutes - Action Only

### City Council

*Council President Rebecca Noecker*  
*Vice President Nelsie Yang*  
*Councilmember Anika Bowie*  
*Councilmember Molly Coleman*  
*Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson*  
*Councilmember Saura Jost*  
*Councilmember HwaJeong Kim*

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Wednesday, May 6, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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#### ROLL CALL

**Meeting started at 3:32 PM**

**Present** 6 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Molly Coleman

**Absent** 1 - Councilmember HwaJeong Kim

#### COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 26-25](#) Establishing one (1) new project through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolution #s- RES 26-632.

**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 Coleman

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 2 [RES 26-476](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) in February 2026, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 2, 2026 and City Council public hearing for July 15, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2604T, Assessment No.

269003)

**Adopted**

- 3     [RES 26-642](#)     Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Metropolitan Council for the METRO G Line Bus Rapid Transit Project.
- Adopted**
- 4     [RES 26-664](#)     Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale - 291 or more seats, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Liquor On Sale - 2AM Closing, Entertainment (B), Tobacco Shop & Liquor Off Sale licenses now held by SPH Grill LLC d/b/a The St Paul Grill (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-000679-2026) for the premises located at 350 Market Street.
- Adopted**
- 5     [RES 26-665](#)     Approving the expansion of the Liquor Outdoor Service Area of the existing Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Entertainment (A), and Gambling Location licenses for 620 Club LLC d/b/a 620 Club (License ID #20240001045) for the premises located at 620 7th Street West.
- Adopted**
- 6     [RES 26-670](#)     Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the Capitol Region Watershed District maintenance grant.
- Adopted**
- 7     [RES 26-673](#)     Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for June 10, 2026 to consider approval of the improvement to the alley bounded by Hatch, Orchard, Kilburn and Ryde. (File No. 19266, Assessment No. 255001)
- Adopted**
- 8     [RES 26-676](#)     Approving the agreements with Lime (Neutron Holdings, Inc. dba Lime) and Spin (Pheenix USH LLC, dba Spin) to provide electric scooter and electric-assisted bicycle sharing services for the 2026 season, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms.
- Adopted**
- 9     [RES 26-695](#)     Accepting the gift of travel, lodging, and related expenses from NACTO and supporting funders for Steve Dodge to attend the Designing Cities Conference on equitable, safe, and sustainable multi-modal transportation.
- Adopted**
- 12    [RES 26-704](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Samuel Xiong, Phoenix Vang, and Lay Wah to three-year terms on Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities.
- Adopted**

- 13     [RES 26-709](#)     Accepting temporary easements and authorizing payment to property owners for the Woodward Alley Reconstruction Project.  
**Adopted**
- 14     [RES 26-711](#)     Authorizing the City to apply for the Knight Cities Challenge from Knight Foundation to support a range of innovative projects to address community needs around expanding economic opportunity and growing cultural vibrancy.  
**Adopted**
- 15     [RES 26-712](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Paw Wah Wah, Amria Abdirahman, Jaclyn Nicholas and Alexander Knoll to the Climate Justice Advisory Board.  
**Adopted**
- 16     [RES 26-727](#)     Authorizing the Saint Paul Police Department to accept a bequest from the Nancy E. Sittard Irrevocable Trust for the purchase, training, and care for police dogs.  
**Adopted**
- 17     [RES 26-728](#)     Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the Tri-Council (LIUNA Laborers, Local 563; General Drivers, Local 120; and Operating Engineers, Local 49) for a 2026 interim wage increase during their reorganization transition. (To be laid over one week for adoption)  
**Laid over to May 13, 2026**
- 18     [RES 26-731](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Emily Peterson to the Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission.  
**Adopted**
- 19     [RES 26-735](#)     Approving the application for change of ownership to the Wine On Sale and Malt On Sale (Strong) license (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-000661-2026) now held by Moon House Thai Cuisine LLC d/b/a Moon House Thai Cuisine for the premises located at 1665 Rice Street.  
**Adopted**
- 20     [RES 26-737](#)     Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of 500 combination smoke alarms/CO detectors valued at \$29,985 from Kidde.  
**Adopted**
- 21     [RES 26-738](#)     Approving the application for change of ownership to the Motor Vehicle Salvage Dealer (License ID #DSIBLAUTO-000680-2026) and Second Hand Dealer - Motor Vehicle (License ID #DSIBLAUTO-000714-2026) licenses now held by Atlas Automotive Recycling LLC d/b/a Atlas Automotive Recycling LLC for the premises located at 228 Sycamore Street West.  
**Adopted**
- 22     [RES 26-744](#)     Extending the appointment of Jardine, Logan & O'Brien, P.L.L.P., as Special

Counsel for purposes of providing legal advice, counsel, and representation in civil lawsuits involving the City.

**Adopted**

- 23     [RES 26-745](#)     Approving the Three Year Lease between the City and Second Chance Recycling at 60 Sycamore Street.
- Adopted**
- 24     [RES 26-756](#)     Correcting a scrivener's error in Ord 25-78 which established Chapter 15 of the Administrative Code to define structured quarterly reporting requirements for certain personnel vacancies and overtime utilization.
- Adopted**
- 25     [RES 26-758](#)     Accepting the gift of registration, meals, hotel and travel expenses from Local Progress for Council Vice President Nelsie Yang to attend the 2026 Local Progress National Convening.
- Adopted**
- 26     [RES 26-767](#)     Approving the Use of Grant Funds Through the Ward 1 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church Systems Investments Project.
- Adopted**
- 27     [RES 26-607](#)     Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2026 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 110.
- Adopted**
- 28     [RES 26-638](#)     Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2026 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the United Association of Steamfitters Pipefitters Local No 455.
- Adopted**
- 29     [RES 26-645](#)     Changing the rate of pay for Legal Support Specialist (formerly Legal Secretary) from Grade 030 to Grade 031 of EG 01, AFSCME Clerical.
- Adopted**
- 30     [RES 26-655](#)     Establishing the rate of pay for Solid Waste Services Crew Leader in Grade 021 of EG 71, Tri-Council Laborers/Groundworkers.
- Adopted**

**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 10     [RES 26-700](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Alliana Golds, Joua Lor, and Mary Wah to three-year terms on the Humans Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity Commission.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 11 [RES 26-703](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Michelle Collins, Ollie Grotzke, and Hser Wah to two-year terms on the Labor Standards Advisory Committee.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

**SUSPENSION ITEM**

[RES 26-619](#) Urging European financial institutions to divest from companies that enable the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and supporting the delegation of Twin Cities residents advocating for this divestment. (to be withdrawn)

**Withdrawn**

**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.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

- 31 [Ord 26-25](#) Amending Chapter 66 of the Legislative Code to correct a scrivener's error related to allowing additional lot coverage for providing functional green roof space.

**Laid over to May 13, 2026 for Final Adoption**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 32**     [Ord 26-26](#)     Updating Chapter 310 of the Legislative Code (Title XXIX) pertaining to Uniform License Procedures to extend payment of license renewal fees owed in calendar year 2026.
- Laid over to May 13, 2026 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim
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- 33**     [RES PH 26-103](#)     Authorizing issuance of and awarding the sale of General Obligation Various Purpose Bonds, Series 2026B and levying a tax for the Series 2026B Bonds.
- Adopted as amended**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim
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- 34**     [RES PH 26-111](#)     Authorizing the issuance of and awarding the sale of General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds, Series 2026C; and levying a tax for the payment of the Series 2026C Bonds.
- Adopted as amended**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim
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- 35**     [RES PH 26-114](#)     Authorizing a transfer of appropriations between the Saint Paul City Council General Fund and Special Projects Fund in the amount of \$50,000 to align Audit Committee spending with past practices.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim
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- 36**     [RES PH 26-115](#)     Authorizing the City Council to utilize fund balance, accumulated and unspent in 2025, to increase the financing and spending budgets in the City Council

Special Projects Fund by \$245,050.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 37**     [RES PH 26-48](#)     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 Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Contamination Cleanup grant for the benefit Face to Face at 1170 Arcade Street North. (District 5, Ward 6).

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 38**     [RES PH 26-102](#)     Authorizing the acceptance of \$298,000 from the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Microgrids at Community Lifeline Facilities Grant Program for Oxford Community Center; and authorizing the execution of a grant agreement and amending the 2026 Grant Budget.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 39**     [RES PH 26-109](#)     Approving an Interim Use Permit for to allow temporary cellular telephone antennas on a 76' monopole tower at 732 Central Avenue West.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 40**     [RES PH 26-96](#)     Approving five (5) applications of El Burrito Mercado for a sound level variance

in order to present amplified sound for Las Series de Verano de El Burrito Mercado, including Fiesta Mexicana en el Patio event on the Fridays of May 8, June 5, July 10, August 7, and September 11, 2026; Ritmo y Flow Brunch en el Patio event on the Saturdays of May 9, June 13, July 11, and August 15, 2026; Puro Tex-Mex Party en el Patio event on the Saturdays of May 30, June 27, July 25, and August 29, 2026; Baile En Mi Barrio event on the Saturdays of June 13, July 18, and August 8, 2026; and Pop-Up Tianguis event on the Sundays of June 28 and August 9, 2026, all at 175 Cesar Chavez Street - El Burrito Mercado.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 41**     [RES PH 26-78](#)     Approving the application of Ordway Center for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for a Flint Hills Family event on May 27-30, 2026, at 109 West 4th Street - Rice Park and 379 Saint Peter Street - Landmark Plaza.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 42**     [RES PH 26-79](#)     Approving the application of University of Saint Thomas - Campus Life for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for a Tommie Fest event on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 2115 Summit Avenue - University of Saint Thomas, John P. Monahan Plaza.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 43**     [RES PH 26-98](#)     Approving the application of Dual Citizen Brewing Company for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for Friends of the Mississippi Benefit Concert - "Music for the Mississippi" event on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 725 Raymond Avenue - Dual Citizen Brewing.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 44**     [RES PH 26-99](#)     Approving the application of Skinner's Pub for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for a Music on the Patio event series on Tuesdays from June 2, 2026, through September 29, 2026, at 919 Randolph Avenue - Skinner's Pub.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 45**     [RES PH 26-101](#)     Approving the application of Wabasha Brewing for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for Live Music at Wabasha event series on the Saturdays of May 9, May 23, June 6, June 20, July 4, August 1, and August 15, 2026, at 429 Wabasha Street South - the patio of Wabasha Brewing.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 46**     [RES PH 26-104](#)     Approving the application of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Train Days Music Festival event on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 240 Kellogg Boulevard East - Union Depot.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

**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 Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 47**    [RLH SAO 26-32](#)    Appeal of Michael Corcoran to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 1478 AMES AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 48**    [RLH SAO 26-28](#)    Appeal of Emmett Owens, Jr. to a Summary Abatement Order, Vehicle Abatement Order and Correction Notice at 233 BATES AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 49**    [RLH TA 25-410](#)    Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 511 BAY STREET. (File No. J2601R1, Assessment No. 268602) (Amend to delete)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**
- 50**    [RLH TA 25-429](#)    Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1077 BLAIR AVENUE. (File No. J2526R1, Assessment No. 258591) (Amend to delete)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**
- 51**    [RLH TA 26-98](#)    Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1093 BREEN STREET. (File No. CG25Q3B4-1, Assessment No. 260135)  
**Adopted**
- 52**    [RLH TA 25-375](#)    Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 828 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2526R3, Assessment No. 258593) (Amend to delete)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**
- 53**    [RLH RR 26-3](#)    Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 118 MANITOBA AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the March 18, 2026, City Council Public Hearing.  
**Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)**

- 54     [RLH VO 26-18](#)     Appeal of Ashray Gupta to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice, which includes vacate order, at 251 MARIA AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 55     [RLH VBR 26-6](#)     Appeal of Lynda Thurstin to a Notice of Condemnation and Order to Remain Vacant plus vacant building status at 767 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST.  
**Adopted**
- 56     [RLH VBR 26-7](#)     Appeal of Lori Kroeger to a Notice of Condemnation and Order to Remain Vacant plus vacant building designation at 1066 MATILDA STREET.  
**Adopted**
- 57     [RLH SAO 26-31](#)     Appeal of Michelle Skinner to a Summary of Abatement Order at 110 RUTH STREET.  
**Adopted**
- 58     [RLH TA 25-415](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 476 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2601R2, Assessment No. 268603) (Amend to delete)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**
- 59     [RLH FCO 26-33](#)     Appeal of Sei Korti to Inspection Orders at 561 VAN BUREN AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 60     [RLH SAO 26-33](#)     Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 412 WHITE BEAR AVENUE NORTH in Council File RLH SAO 26-25.  
**Adopted as amended (nuisance abated, matter resolved)**
- 61     [RLH AR 26-17](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Demolition of Vacant, Nuisance and/or Hazardous Structure from the month of December 2025. (File No. J2602C, Assessment No. 262001)  
**Adopted**
- 62     [RLH AR 26-18](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Demolition of Vacant, Nuisance and/or Hazardous Structure from the month of December 2025. (File No. J2603C, Assessment No. 262002)  
**Adopted**

**ADJOURNMENT****Meeting ended at 4:05 PM**

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Written public comment on public hearing items can be submitted to [Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us). Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers.

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