



City of Saint Paul

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15 West Kellogg Boulevard
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

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:32 PM

Present 7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Molly Coleman

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 26-32](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate activity budget to more accurately record grant awards from the Saint Paul Police Foundation.

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: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 2 [RES 26-838](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Active Transportation funding for the Lafayette Trail Connection Project.

Adopted

- 3 [RES 26-840](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 70, for the purpose of ensuring adequate staffing, training and operational continuity during a period of staffing shortages in the Saint Paul Regional Water Services Production Division.

Laid over to June 3, 2026

- 4 [RES 26-843](#) Authorizing payment in the amount of \$12,818.89 in full and final settlement of claim of Deborah Brisch-Cramer.

Adopted

- 5 [RES 26-844](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20240020403 for Storm Sewer Collection infrastructure installed by the Saint Paul Port Authority on The Heights project site.

Adopted

- 7 [RES 26-880](#) Appointing and Authorizing the Execution of a Master Legal Services Agreement with Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Adopted

- 9 [RES 26-782](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2026 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 Minnesota/North Dakota.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 26-811](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 82 for the May 2026 Wage and Fringe Adjustment.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 26-820](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the Saint Paul Police Federation for the purpose of changing the length of the eligibility list for the classification of Police Officer.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 6 [RES 26-874](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Ia Xiong to serve as the City's Director of the Department of Safety and Inspections.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 8 [RES 26-886](#) Exercising the City's Authority to Opt-in to, and Support, the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority ("EDA"). (Laid over from May 27, 2026)
- Laid over to June 3, 2026**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 12 [RES 26-841](#) Amending the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation submitted by the Administrative Law Judge, and adopting them as amended, concerning the Auto Repair Garage & Second Hand Dealer - Motor Vehicle license held by M F K Enterprise Inc d/b/a M F K Enterprise (License ID #57957) for the premises located at 830 Robert Street South and imposing the presumptive matrix penalty and amending the license conditions. (Licensee will speak to Council on their own behalf).
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 13 [RES 26-812](#) Approving a Legislative Hearing Fee Waiver Pilot Program for the remainder of 2026.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 14 [RES 26-791](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Melanie McMahon to serve as the City's Director of Planning and Economic Development.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Bowie

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 15 [RES PH 26-120](#) Approving five (5) applications of the Grand Avenue Business Association for sound level variances in order to present amplified sound for the Grand Old Day event on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 640 Grand Avenue, South of the intersection of Grand Avenue and Grotto Street S. and 791 Grand Avenue, 917

Grand Avenue, 1055 Grand Avenue, and 1549 Grand Avenue - Macalester College Parking Lot.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 16 [RES PH 26-121](#) 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) Redevelopment Grant for the benefit of Afton Park Development's Mixed-Use Redevelopment at 841-857 Grand Avenue (District 16, Ward 2).

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 17 [RES PH 26-122](#) Accepting a grant on behalf of the St. Paul Fire Department from the Capitol Region Watershed District to support maintenance of the green roof located at Fire Department Headquarters/Station 1 building and amending SPFD's 2026 financing and spending plans

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 18 [RES PH 26-126](#) Authorizing the City to accept \$6,800,061 in HOME-ARP funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and amending the 2026 budget to incorporate these funds into the federal grant budget.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 19 [RES PH 26-130](#) Adopting the Climate Action and Resilience Plan Update

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

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: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 20** [RLH SAO 26-45](#) Making finding on the appealed of Emmett Owens, Jr., to the nuisance abatement ordered for 233 BATES AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-28. (May 26, 2026 Legislative Hearing)
Amended and public hearing continued to June 3, 2026
- 21** [RLH TA 25-422](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2170 HIGHWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2511E1, Assessment No. 258325)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 22** [RLH TA 25-404](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2170 HIGHWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2512E1, Assessment No. 258326)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 23** [RLH TA 26-49](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2170 HIGHWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2601E1, Assessment No. 268302)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 24** [RLH TA 26-38](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2170 HIGHWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2602E1, Assessment No. 268304)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 25** [RLH SAO 26-27](#) Second Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1377 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH SAO 26-19. (May 26, 2026 Legislative Hearing)
Amended and public hearing continued to June 10, 2026
- 26** [RLH SAO 26-39](#) Appeal of Melanie Baker to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle

Abatement Order at 1884 MONTANA AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 27 [RLH SAO 26-44](#) Appeal of Joseph Richardson to a Summary Abatement Order at 1875 NORTH PARK DRIVE.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 5:06 PM

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