



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 Molly Coleman
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

- Present** 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Molly Coleman
- Absent** 2 - Councilmember HwaJeong Kim and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

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

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson

- 1 [RES 26-120](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funds, in an amount of up to \$800,000, from the Minnesota Department of Cannabis Management's CanRenew Community Restoration grant for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program for SFY 2027.

Adopted

- 2 [RES 26-122](#) Accepting the gift of travel expenses from the Knight Foundation for Library Director Maureen Hartman to attend the Knight Foundation Library Leaders Convening and Knight Media Forum from February 10 - February 13, 2026 in Miami, Florida.

Adopted

- 3 [RES 26-149](#) Approving the use or non-use of a Project Labor Agreement on Department of Parks and Recreation construction projects for the first half of 2026.
Adopted
- 4 [RES 26-168](#) Supporting the study of new passenger rail service between Saint Paul and Fargo/Moorhead and Saint Paul and Kansas City, Missouri.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 26-192](#) Approving the Proposed Issuance of Conduit Health Care Revenue Bonds by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the Episcopal Homes Obligated Group (The Willows Project), 80 Mackubin Street, under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 through 469.1655 (District 8 Ward 1).
Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION**SUSPENSION ITEMS**

- [RES 26-231](#) Approving the appointment of Kamaria Kassim as the Director of Human Resources effective February 9, 2026.
Adopted
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson

ROLL CALL

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

- [RES 26-253](#) Calling on the State of Minnesota and Governor Walz to enact an energy and gas shutoff moratorium to keep Minnesota families safe and protect them from ICE.
Adopted as amended
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

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

- 6 [Ord 26-4](#) Granting the application of Baillon Company to rezone four (4) 11 light industrial parcels to B5 central business-service.
Adopted
Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 7 [Ord 26-5](#) Adding Chapter 268 to the Legislative Code to prohibit law enforcement staging operations on city-owned properties and limit access to non-public City spaces.
Adopted
Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

First Reading

- 8 [Ord 26-8](#) Amending Section 86.01(a) of the Saint Paul Administrative Code to Authorize up to Three (3) Assistants to the Mayor to Execute Certain Contracts Made in the Name of the City of Saint Paul and Authorized by the City Council and Further Amending Section 86.01 (a) to Increase the Dollar Value Amount for Contracts Executed by Designees.
Laid over to February 11, 2026 for Second Reading

SUSPENSION ITEM

- [Ord 26-7](#) Adding Chapter 268B to the Legislative Code to require law enforcement officers to conduct law enforcement operations without a mask or facial covering unless certain exceptions apply.

Laid over to February 11, 2026 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 9 [Ord 26-6](#) Adding Chapter 268A to the Legislative Code to require law enforcement officers performing law enforcement duties to visibly display identification on the outermost layer of their uniform.
- Amended and laid over to February 11, 2026 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
- 10 [RES PH 26-28](#) Authorizing the City to accept a \$500,000 grant from the State to pay for Technology Rich Space improvements to the Rondo Community Library; authorizing the execution of a grant agreement related thereto (which includes indemnification language); authorizing the appropriate City officials to record a declaration related to the grant agreement on the Rondo Community Library property; and amending SPPL's 2026 financing and spending plans.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
- 11 [RES PH 26-13](#) Ratifying the assessment for Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private Properties. (File No. SWRP2503, Assessment No. 253002)
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
- 12 [RES PH 26-14](#) Ratifying the assessment for Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on Private Properties. (File No. 2502LDSRP, Assessment No. 254001)
- Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 13** [RES PH 26-16](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Fund, in the amount of \$35,000, to reflect grant funds received from the Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) to support the St. Paul Get Down program (and authorization to enter into a grant agreement detailing the requirements of said grant, which include an indemnification clause).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 14** [RES PH 26-18](#) Approving the 2026 - 2027 Capital Improvement Budget Committee Capital Maintenance Funding recommendations, and amending the 2026 Capital Improvement Budget to allocate funding for capital maintenance projects to the appropriate departments, as recommended by the committee.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 15** [RES PH 26-21](#) Authorizing the Extension of the Terms of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Grant under the Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) Program for ForwardEdge ASIC LLC.

Councilmember Kim moved denial. "Aye" votes are recorded as "Nay" votes for the purposes of legislative management software functionality.

Denied

Yea: 0

Nay: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 16** [RES PH 26-22](#) Authorizing the Police Department to amend the 2026 Grant Fund for the

sub-grant received from Ramsey County for the Violent Crime Enforcement Team (VCET).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 17** [RES PH 26-29](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$20,000 for a grant from Ramsey County Public Health to purchase a LUCAS device.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 18** [RES PH 26-30](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$115,393 for a contribution received from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) to pay for training for firefighters.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 19** [RES PH 26-31](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment to apply for and accept a \$165,000 grant from the McKnight Foundation to support operational costs for its shared ownership initiative and amending the 2026 budget for the Office of Financial Empowerment.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 20** [RES PH 26-37](#) Establishing the Festivals and Events Security Credit.

Public Hearing closed and laid over to February 11, 2026.

- 21 [PH 26-4](#) Public hearing on grievances about federal immigration operations.

Public hearing continued to February 11, 2026

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

SUSPENSION ITEM

- [RLH VO 26-7](#) Appeal of Minister Scarlet Rose to a Fire Inspection Report, which includes condemnation, at 787 HOWELL STREET NORTH.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

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 Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 22 [RLH TA 25-294](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 427 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. J2522R4, Assessment No. 258582)

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

- 23 [RLH TA 25-413](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 862 CLEAR

AVENUE. (File No. J2601TW1, Assessment No. 268703) (Amend to delete)

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

- 24 [RLH TA 25-119](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 263 CURTICE STREET WEST. (File No. J2507T1, Assessment No. 258537)

Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)

- 25 [RLH RR 25-28](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 430 DALE STREET NORTH within fifteen (15) days after the October 22, 2025, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to remove within 15 days)

Adopted as amended (remove within 15 days)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 26 [RLH TA 25-416](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 913 EARL STREET. (File No. J2601TW2, Assessment No. 268704) (Amend to delete)

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

- 27 [RLH SAO 26-5](#) Appeal of Danny Ballard to a Summary Abatement Order at 120 FLANDRAU PLACE.

Adopted

- 28 [RLH TA 25-111](#) Amending Council File RLH TA 24-472 to Continue the Public Hearing for the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1055 FOURTH STREET EAST adopted by Council on February 12, 2025. (File No. J2505R, Assessment No. 258508)

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

- 29 [RLH SAO 25-69](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2016 FREMONT AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-55.

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

- 30 [RLH SAO 26-6](#) Appeal of Mark Puchala to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 2016 FREMONT AVENUE.

Adopted

- 31 [RLH FCO 26-2](#) Appeal of Gomaa Elzamel to a Fire Inspection Report at 1090 LOEB STREET.

Adopted

- 32 [RLH TA 25-391](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 933 WOODBRIDGE STREET. (File No. J2601R4, Assessment No. 268605) (Amend to delete)

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 7:35 PM

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