

# **City of Saint Paul**

City Hall and Court House 15 West Kellogg Boulevard Council Chambers - 3rd Floor 651-266-8560

## **Meeting Minutes - Action Only**

## **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

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

## **ROLL CALL**

## Meeting started at 3:30 PM

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE**

1	AO 25-3	Amending the 2025 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Electric Vehicle Maintenance accounting unit to budget for a new service level agreement with Zef Energy for 2025 to maintain electrical vehicle charging stations city-wide.
		Received and Filed
2	AO 25-4	Approving the 2024 Fund 200 - City Grants for the Department of Emergency Management to more accurately record expenditures for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.
		Received and Filed
3	AO 25-5	Approving the 2024 Fund 100 - General Fund for the Fire Department to more accurately record expenditures.
		Received and Filed
4	AO 25-7	Shifting funds within the ARP AU to an alternate spending account in order to align with project spending.
		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 Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

**Nay**: 0

Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during October 7 to 23, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 18, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 2, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)

#### **Adopted**

Approving the City's cost of providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during October 14 to 22, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 18, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 2, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2510T, Assessment No. 258520)

#### **Adopted**

7 RES 25-50

Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during October 28 to November 8, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 18, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 2, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)

#### **Adopted**

8 RES 25-51

Approving the City's cost of providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during October 24 to November 6, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 18, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 2, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2511T, Assessment No. 258523)

## **Adopted**

9 RES 25-62 Authorizing the Office of Financial Services to apply for an MPCA Local Climate Action Planning Grant for developing a municipal fleet decarbonization plan.

## Adopted

Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Jekai's Scratch Kitchen LLC (License ID# 20240002005), d/b/a Chips Clubhouse, for Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday and Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk) licenses, located at 272 Snelling Avenue South, Unit #200.

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11	RES 25-91	Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Cinema Ballroom LLC (License ID# 20240001715), d/b/a CB Event Center, for a Dance or Rental Hall license, located at 1560 St Clair Avenue.
		Adopted
13	RES 25-99	Authorizing the Police Department's expenditures relating to community meetings and events in 2025.
		Adopted
14	RES 25-101	Authorizing the Police Department to purchase light refreshments for witnesses, victims, and suspects during critical incident investigations and assistance programs.
		Adopted
15	RES 25-102	Authorizing the Police Department to purchase refreshments for employee recognition ceremonies and events in 2025.
		Adopted
16	RES 25-103	Authorizing the Police Department's expenditures relating to the Canine Unit's community engagement meetings, community engagement events, and training sessions in 2025.
		Adopted
17	RES 25-104	Authorizing the Police Department expenditures for the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training program conducted in 2025.
		Adopted
18	RES 25-105	Authorizing the Police Department to purchase food and beverages for law enforcement trainings conducted in 2025.
		Adopted
19	RES 25-106	Authorizing the Police Department's expenditures relating to the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Unit's community engagement meetings and multi-agency Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) meetings and events in 2025.
		Adopted
20	RES 25-107	Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept grants from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) totaling \$92,391 for Winter snow equipment acquisition and trail improvements at Highland Park and Phalen Park.
		Adopted

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21	RES 25-108	Authorizing the Police Department to expense costs associated with tassessors for Police Officer exams taking place throughout 2025.  Adopted	the
22	RES 25-109	Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept state to funds and enter into a grant agreement, which includes an indemnific clause.  Adopted	-
23	RES 25-129	Approving the Mayor's appointment of Laura Trujillo to a two-year ten Advisory Committee on Aging.  Adopted	m on the
24	RES 25-130	Approving the Mayor's appointments of Kelly Leingang, Nick Petrucel Tiratto, and Kaleb McCulloch and reappointments of Kera Peterson, Skoglund, and Rick Varco to the Labor Standards Advisory Committee Adopted	Tristan
25	RES 25-131	Approving the Mayor's appointment of Mysee Chang Vang to the Sair Public Housing Agency (PHA).  Adopted	nt Paul
26	RES 25-133	Approving the Mayor's appointment of Liz Lee and Trisha Duncan to Saint Paul Board of Directors.  Adopted	the Visit
27	RES 25-143	Authorizing the City to accept a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from Stephen Titoe on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) for general Adopted	
28	RES 25-144	Authorizing the City to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Patrick's Association on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) for gaupport.  Adopted	
29	RES 25-148	Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during March 20 to September 24, 2024, and date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council pulpering for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2507, Assessment No. 258806)  Adopted	ıblic
30	RES 25-149	Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boservices during October 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J25)	for consider

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		Assessment No. 258106)
		Adopted
31	RES 25-150	Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services from September 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2503C, Assessment No. 252002)  Adopted
32	RES 25-151	Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services from September 2024 (C.D.B.G. Funds), and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2504C, Assessment No. 252003)  Adopted
33	RES 25-152	Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during August 22 to September 20, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2507E, Assessment No. 258306)  Adopted
34	RES 25-153	Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during August 21 to October 8, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2507P, Assessment No. 258406)  Adopted
35	RES 25-154	Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) services during October to November 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2502T, Assessment No. 259001)  Adopted
36	RES 25-158	Authorizing a professional services contract with Almeida Public Affairs, Inc.
		Adopted
37	RES 25-159	Authorizing a professional services contract with Messerli Kramer, P.A.
		Adopted
38	RES 25-160	Authorizing a professional services contract with Primacy Strategy Group.

#### **Adopted**

#### FOR DISCUSSION

**12** RES 25-94

Authorizing the Department of Safety and Inspections ("DSI") to enter into a Settlement Agreement with Ali Alfureedy on behalf of Maryland Tobacco Inc., d/b/a Maryland Tobacco ("Licensee").

#### **Adopted**

Yea: 7 -

 Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

**Nay:** 0

#### SUSPENSION ITEM

RES 25-192

Ensuring equity in the implementation of administrative citations through a legislative advisory committee.

## **Adopted**

Yea: 7 -

Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang,
 Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and
 Councilmember Johnson

**Nay:** 0

## **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**

39 Ord 25-2

Amending Chapter 6.03 of the City Charter pertaining to the application of Administrative Citations for violations of City Ordinances, based on the recommendation of the Charter Commission pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 410.12, subdivision 7.

## **Adopted**

Yea: 7 -

Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

**Nay**: 0

**40** Ord 25-3

Granting the application of Macalester College to rezone property at 1655 and 1661 Grand Avenue and 37 Macalester Street (north side between Macalester

and Cambridge) from T2 traditional neighborhood to RM1 multiple family and to rezone property at 53, 57, and 63 Macalester Street (southwest corner of Grand and Macalester) from T2 traditional neighborhood to VP vehicle parking, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

#### **Adopted**

Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and

Councilmember Johnson

**Nay:** 0

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

Ord 25-4 41

Amending Title IV of the Administrative Code to add Chapter 92, titled Tree Preservation for City Sponsored Projects.

## Laid over to February 26, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Councilmember Johnson

**Nay:** 0

42 **RES PH 25-1**  Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$250,000 to reflect funds received from the National Park Service for the Samuel Morgan Regional Trail Reconstruction project.

## **Adopted**

Yea: 7 -

Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

43 **RES PH 25-2**  Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$50,000 for STAR Grant funds received for accessible multi-use courts at Conway Recreation Center.

#### **Adopted**

Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

**Nay:** 0

44 **RES PH 25-3**  Amending the finance and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$50,000 from the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy, to reflect funds authorized for the Swede Hollow Staircase and Trail project.

## **Adopted**

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

Councilmember Johnson

**Nay:** 0

**45** RES PH 25-5

Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$101,200 to reflect funds received from the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy for the Pedro Park project.

## **Adopted**

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

Councilmember Johnson

**Nay**: 0

**46** RES PH 25-9

Amending the spending and financing budget in the Lowertown Ballpark Fund for capital improvements to be made by the Saints at the CHS Field Ballpark.

## **Adopted**

**'ea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang,

Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and

Councilmember Johnson

**Nay:** 0

**47** RES PH 25-11

Approving the application of Podium Sports Marketing for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on January 30, January 31, and February 1, 2025 at 214 4th Street East - Union Depot.

## **Adopted**

Yea: 7 -

 Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

**48** RES PH 25-14

Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment to apply for and accept a \$583,000 grant from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation to support program operation costs for CollegeBound Saint Paul and CollegeBound Boost and amending the 2025 budget for the Office of Financial Empowerment.

## **Adopted**

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

Councilmember Johnson

**Nay**: 0

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## **49** RES PH 25-15

Authorizing the City to apply for and accept \$15,000 in grant funding from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation for travel and operating expenses related to CollegeBound Boost and amending the 2025 budget for the Office of Financial Empowerment.

#### **Adopted**

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang,

Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and

Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

## LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

Appeal of James W. Bush and Linda D. Dear, tenants, to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 1391 HAZELWOOD STREET, APARTMENTS, 10 AND 11.

#### Adopted as amended

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

Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

**75** RLH TA 24-406

RLH RSA 24-12

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 916 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST (918 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST). (File No. J2501C, Assessment No. 252000)

#### Public hearing closed and laid over to February 5, 2025

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang,

Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and

Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

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## Approval of the Consent Agenda

## Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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Councilmember Johnson

**Nay:** 0

**51** RLH TA 24-365

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 515 BEAUMONT STREET. (File No. J2502E, Assessment No. 258301)

		Adopted
52	RLH VBR 25-2	Appeal of Chang Hua Wang to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 1484 CHARLES AVENUE.  Adopted
53	RLH SAO 25-3	Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1289 DANFORTH STREET in Council File RLH SAO 24-84.  Adopted
54	RLH VBR 25-1	Appeal of Chang Hua Wang to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 1649 EDMUND AVENUE.  Adopted
55	RLH TA 24-390	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1659 EDMUND AVENUE (File No. CRT2502, Assessment No. 258201)  Adopted
56	RLH TA 24-373	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 276 EXCHANGE STREET SOUTH. (File No. VB2502, Assessment No. 258801)  Adopted
57	RLH TA 24-374	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 276 EXCHANGE STREET SOUTH. (File No. J2502B, Assessment No. 258101)
58	RLH RR 25-1	Adopted  Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1726 FOURTH STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 24-33.  Adopted
59	RLH TA 25-30	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2502E, Assessment No. 258301) (Refer to February 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
		Referred to February 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing
60	RLH RR 24-34	Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 674 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST within fifteen (15) days after the November 6, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to remove within 15 days)
		Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)
61	RLH TA 24-461	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2023 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2502B, Assessment No. 258101)
		Adopted

62	RLH TA 24-462	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2023 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2501V, Assessment No. 258000)  Adopted
63	RLH TA 24-467	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2023 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2502E, Assessment No. 258301)  Adopted
64	RLH TA 24-468	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2023 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2503E, Assessment No. 258301)  Public hearing continued to February 5, 2025
65	RLH TA 24-394	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1122 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2502B, Assessment No. 258101)  Adopted
66	RLH RR 25-3	Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 41 MILLER CREST LANE in Council File RLH RR 24-23.  Adopted
67	RLH CO 25-1	Appeal of Shyann Murphy to a Correction Notice at 2151 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.  Adopted
68	RLH RR 25-4	Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 2117 MOHAWK AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-24.  Adopted
69	RLH SAO 24-82	Appeal of Joseph Richardson to a Summary Abatement Order and a Vehicle Abatement Order at 1875 NORTH PARK DRIVE.  Adopted
70	RLH VO 24-4	Appeal of Raj Mehta to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection (which includes condemnation) at 220 ROBERT STREET SOUTH.  Adopted as amended (appeal granted)
71	RLH TA 24-370	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 874 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2502P, Assessment No. 258401)  Adopted
72	RLH TA 24-372	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1297 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. VB2502, Assessment No. 258801) Adopted
73	RLH VBR 25-3	Appeal of Zach Kirchoff, Ireland Homes, to a Vacant Building Registration

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		Renewal Notice at 1650 SHERBURNE AVENUE.
		Adopted
74	RLH VBR 24-73	Appeal of Shawn Punjwani, Embassy Thomas LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1333 THOMAS AVENUE.
		Adopted
76	RLH AR 24-86	Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during June 20, 2023 to April 22, 2024. (File No. VB2502, Assessment No. 258801)
		Adopted
77	<u>RLH AR 24-87</u>	Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during May 2024. (File No. J2502B, Assessment No. 258101)
		Adopted
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78	RLH AR 24-88	Ratifying the assessment for Demolition services from January to June 2024. (File No. J2501C, Assessment No. 252000)
		Adopted
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79	RLH AR 24-89	Ratifying the assessment for Demolition services from February to March 2024 (C.D.B.G. Funds). (File No. J2502C, Assessment No. 252001)
		Adopted
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80	RLH AR 24-90	Ratifying the assessment for Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during
		April 26 to May 23, 2024. (File No. CRT2502, Assessment No. 258201)
		Adopted
81	RLH AR 24-91	Ratifying the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during March 22 to April 19, 2024. (File No. J2502E, Assessment No. 258301)
		Adopted
82	RLH AR 24-92	Ratifying the assessment for Graffiti Removal services during April 3 to June 11, 2024. (File No. J2502P, Assessment No. 258401)
		Adopted
83	RLH AR 24-93	Ratifying the assessment for Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during January to May 2024. (File No. J2501V, Assessment No. 258000)
		Adopted
	ADJOURNMENT	
		Meeting ended at 4:28 PM

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