



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 HwaJeong Kim
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Molly Coleman
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

- 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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 26-13](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 633 Capitol Blvd a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 26-13](#) Amending the 2026 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Electric Vehicle Maintenance accounting unit.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 26-15](#) Establishing intent for one-time special funds budgeted for consulting services in OFS.
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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 4 [RES 26-198](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a three-year lease agreement with District 10 Como Community Council at the Historic Como Streetcar Station.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 26-216](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for funds of up to \$250,000 per application from the Local Trail Connections grant program.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 26-217](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for funds of up to \$500,000 per application from the Outdoor Recreation grant program.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 26-219](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for the 2026 HIDTA Grant Program, issued by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 26-273](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Malt On Sale (Brewery Taproom), Liquor On Sale--Sunday, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk), Malt Off Sale (Brewery), Malt Off Sale (Small Brewery - 128 oz), Gambling Location & Entertainment (A) license now held by Grainless Gravity LLC d/b/a SAW Brewing (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-000488-2025) for the premises located at 1750 Thomas Ave.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 26-274](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Auto Repair Garage license now held by Tee to Tree Auto LLC d/b/a Doran-King Auto Repair (License ID #DSIBLAUTO-000494-2025) for the premises located at 1521 Randolph Ave.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 26-288](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept a donation of tickets to local theater and sporting events from Tickets for Kids Charities for youth and their families to attend various events in the metropolitan area.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 26-290](#) Approving the City's Council's reappointment of Nick Muhammad, Carla Robinson and Regina Jackson to the Saint Paul Recovery Act Community Reparations Commission.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 26-292](#) Accepting the gift of travel expenses from the Knight Foundation for Assistant Mayor Nick Stumo-Langer to attend the Knight Media Forum from February 11 - February 12, 2026 in Miami, Florida.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 26-302](#) Approving the use of Neighborhood STAR funds for Saint Paul Public Works Mill and Overlay and Sidewalk Programs.

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 14 [ABZA 26-1](#) Considering the appeal of the Minnesota Department of Administration to the Board of Zoning Appeals lack of an approval of a zoning variance to permit a 10' tall fence between the surface parking facility and Phalen Boulevard and Barclay Street. (Public hearing closed and laid over from February 11, 2026)

Motion of intent is to deny the appeal

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

SUSPENSION ITEM

- [RES 26-320](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to conduct various fire training exercises at the property located at 753 Front Avenue.

Adopted

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

- 15 [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.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

16 [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.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

First Reading

17 [Ord 26-9](#)

Adopting the geothermal energy franchise by The Heights Community Energy, Inc.

Laid over to February 25, 2026 for Second Reading

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

18 [Ord 26-11](#)

Granting authority to the Port Authority to issue and sell bonds in the principal amount of approximately \$6,000,000, and any bonds to refund such bonds, to secure such bonds with a pledge of the full faith, credit and resources of the City (the "City") and to use the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds to pay the cost and expense necessarily to be incurred by said Port Authority for a portion of the cost of the redevelopment of part of the St. Joseph's hospital site.

Laid over to February 25, 2026 for Second Reading

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 19** [Ord 26-12](#) Amending section 310.01 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code to create new fee categories and associated license fees for Transportation Network Companies.
- Laid over to February 25, 2026 for Second Reading**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 20** [Ord 24-26](#) Amending Chapters 65 and 66 of the Legislative Code pertaining to drive-through sales and services and walk-up service windows. (Public hearing continued from September 3, 2025)
- Amended and public hearing continued to February 25, 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
- 21** [RES PH 26-7](#) Ratifying the assessment for Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private Properties. (File No. SWRP2601, Assessment No. 263000)
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
- 22** [RES PH 26-39](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to amend the financing and spending plan, in the amount of \$250,000, and to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Historical Society to accept Commemorative Statues, Memorials, and Historic Preservation (CSMHP) grant funds.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
- 23** [RES PH 26-40](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$2,500,000, to reflect funds awarded from the

Department of Employment and Economic Development for a state bonding pass through grant of \$2,500,000 for the Conway Recreation Center project, and authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement, which includes 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

- 24 [RES PH 26-44](#) Approving the application of Pro-Life Action Ministries for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Good Friday Solemn Prayer Vigil on April 3, 2026, at 671 Vandalia Street on Charles Avenue between Pillsbury and Vandalia Streets.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 25 [RES PH 26-45](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$551,205.97 to reflect additional 2026 funding expected from Como Friends.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 26 [RES PH 26-46](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$679,543.63 to accept the 2024 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) to provide firefighter physicals, paramedic training, Art of Smoke training, Incident Safety Officer training, and Sleep Matter training.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 27 [RES PH 26-50](#) Approving (i) the establishment of the Fairview/St. Joe's Tax Increment Financing District (a redevelopment district) in the Downtown St. Paul Industrial Development District and adopting a Tax Increment Financing Plan

therefor, and (ii) a modification to the Redevelopment Plan for the Downtown St. Paul Industrial Development District (District 17, Ward 2).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

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

Public hearing continued to February 25, 2026

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

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 Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 29** [RLH TA 26-4](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 970 BURR STREET. (File No. J2602E, Assessment No. 268301)

Adopted

- 30** [RLH TA 26-16](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 705 DAYTON AVENUE. (File No. J2602E, Assessment No. 268301)

Adopted

- 31** [RLH TA 26-11](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 839 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. VB2602, Assessment No. 268901)

Public hearing continued to February 25, 2026

- 32** [RLH TA 26-2](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 463 FOREST STREET. (File No. VB2602, Assessment No. 268901)

Adopted

- 33 [RLH SAO 26-8](#) Appeal of Armand McCoy, on behalf of Andrew Eisenhart, to a Summary Abatement Order at 708 HAWTHORNE AVENUE EAST.
- Adopted**
- 34 [RLH TA 26-5](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2123 HAWTHORNE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2602TW, Assessment No. 268702)
- Adopted**
- 35 [RLH TA 26-12](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 606 LAFOND AVENUE (File No. J2602TW, Assessment No. 268702)
- Adopted**
- 36 [RLH TA 26-14](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 760 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2602, Assessment No. 268901)
- Adopted**
- 37 [RLH TA 26-6](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1697 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2602TW Assessment No. 268702)
- Adopted**
- 38 [RLH TA 26-1](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1264 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. VB2602, Assessment No. 268901)
- Adopted**
- 39 [RLH VO 26-6](#) Appeal of Terry Vasquez to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice, which includes condemnation, at 51 ROBIE STREET WEST.
- Adopted**
- 40 [RLH TA 26-13](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1084 SELBY AVENUE. (File No. J2602TW, Assessment No. 268702)
- Adopted**
- 41 [RLH VO 26-11](#) Amending Council File RLH 25-21, adopted December 10, 2025, to grant Dennis G. an additional extension for property at 555 SMITH AVENUE SOUTH.
- Adopted**
- 42 [RLH TA 26-8](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 720 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2602B, Assessment No. 268101)
- Adopted**
- 43 [RLH RR 26-2](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 799

UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST within fifteen (15) days after the February 18, 2026 City Council Public Hearing. (Refer back to April 14, 2026 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to April 14, 2026 Legislative Hearing

- 44** [RLH TA 26-17](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 435 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J2602E, Assessment No. 268301)
Adopted
- 45** [RLH TA 25-358](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1760 WILSON AVENUE. (File No. J2525R1, Assessment No. 258589) (Amend to delete)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 46** [RLH AR 26-1](#) Ratifying the assessment for providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during June 27 to July 8, 2025. (File No. J2602TW, Assessment No. 268702)
Adopted
- 47** [RLH AR 26-2](#) Ratifying the assessment for providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during April 22 to May 21, 2025. (File No. J2602E, Assessment No. 268301)
Adopted
- 48** [RLH AR 26-3](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during February 12 to May 22, 2025. (File No. VB2602, Assessment No. 268901)
Adopted
- 49** [RLH AR 26-4](#) Ratifying the assessment for providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during June, 2025. (File No. J2602B, Assessment No. 268101)
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:46 PM

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