



City of Saint Paul

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*

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

Wednesday, February 11, 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 26-7](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 299 Sherburne Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 26-8](#) Accepting Minnesota Public Finance Authority funding to partially finance the replacement of lead services for a value of \$35,000,000.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 26-12](#) Amending the 2026 General Fund and Special Fund budgets for the Planning and Economic Development Department.
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 26-111](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during August 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 10, 2026 and City Council public hearing for April 15, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2604B, Assessment No. 268103)
Adopted

5 [RES 26-112](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during October 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 10, 2026 and City Council public hearing for April 15, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2606B, Assessment No. 268105)
Adopted

6 [RES 26-113](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during November 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 10, 2026 and City Council public hearing for April 15, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2607B, Assessment No. 268106)
Adopted

7 [RES 26-114](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during December 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 10, 2026 and City Council public hearing for April 15, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2608B, Assessment No. 268107)
Adopted

8 [RES 26-116](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services in December 2026, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 10, 2026 and City Council public hearing for April 15, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments for 692 6th Street East. (File No. J2601C, Assessment No. 262000)
Adopted

9 [RES 26-118](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the I35E bridge over Shepard Road Project.
Adopted

10 [RES 26-140](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to revoke the Liquor On Sale-100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Liquor On Sale-2AM Closing, Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Entertainment (A) & Gambling Location

licenses of B H & M INC d/b/a Born's Dutch Bar (License ID #0016222) for the premises located at 899 Rice Street.

Adopted

11 [RES 26-207](#) Approving the application for change of ownership of the Wine On Sale and Malt On Sale (Strong) license (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-000524-2026) now held by JJJ & L LLC d/b/a Vina Vietnamese Restaurant for the premises located at 756 Cleveland Ave S.

Adopted

12 [RES 26-227](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Liquor On Sale-2AM Closing, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk), Gambling Location & Entertainment (B) license (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-000346-2025) now held by JRDM Investments LLC d/b/a La Oficina Bar for the premises located at 202 Cesar Chavez St.

Adopted

13 [RES 26-254](#) Approving the reimbursement for the 2026 Ward 7 Let's Talk event series.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

14 [RES 26-215](#) Defending the U.S. Constitution and the Rule of Law.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

15 [RES 25-1914](#) Outlining the City's 2026 Legislative Agenda. (Laid over from January 21, 2026)

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

16 [RES 26-58](#) Amending Appendix A-2 of the Administrative Code relating to City Council Committees. (Laid over from January 28, 2026)

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

17 [RES PH 26-37](#) Establishing the Festivals and Events Security Credit. (Laid over from February 4, 2026)

Laid over 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

18 [RES 26-267](#) Denouncing the Trump Administration's Attack on Gender Affirming Care for Youth.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

SUSPENSION ITEM

Rules are suspended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

[RES 26-296](#) Urging hotels to not house federal immigration agents.

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

19 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.

Adopted

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 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 18, 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 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.

Amended and laid over to February 18, 2026 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson

22 RES PH 26-41 Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept grant funding in the amount of \$275,000.00 from the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources (authorization to enter into a grant agreement detailing the requirements of said grant, and to amend the Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Fund to reflect said funds) to invest in forestry planning and management of the tree canopy throughout Saint Paul.

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 26-26](#) Approving the application of JR Mac's for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the St Patrick's Day Tent events on March 14, 2026 and March 17, 2026 at 1420 7th St W - JR Mac's.

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 26-32](#) Approving the application of Burger Moe's for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the St Patrick's Day/Lucky Palooza event on March 14, 2026, at 242 7th St. W - Burger Moe's parking lot.

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 26-36](#) Approving the application of Patrick McGovern's Pub for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the St. Patrick's Day/Lucky Palooza events on March 14 and March 17, 2026, at 225 7th St. W - Patrick McGovern's Pub parking lot.

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 26-47](#) Approving the application of JR Mac's for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the St Patrick's Day Tent events on March 14, 2026 and March 17, 2026 at 1420 7th St W - JR Mac's. (to be withdrawn as duplicate)

Withdrawn (duplicate item)

27 [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 to February 18, 2026

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 18, 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 25-423 Ratifying theAppealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 677 CALIFORNIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2512A, Assessment No. 255834) (Amend to delete)

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

30 RLH TA 26-29 Ratifying theAppealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1069 CASE AVENUE. (File No. VB2601A, Assessment No. 268902)

Adopted

31 RLH TA 25-160 Ratifying theAppealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 562 GALTIER STREET. (File No. J2513R2, Assessment No. 258559) (Public hearing continued to October 22, 2025)

Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)

32 RLH VO 26-8 Appeal of Minister Scarlet Rose to a Fire Inspection Report, which includes

condemnation, at 787 HOWELL STREET NORTH: Final Determination.

Amended and public hearing continued to February 25, 2026

33 [RLH TA 25-371](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 360 KENNARD STREET. (File No. J2512B2, Assessment No. 258118)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)

34 [RLH SAO 26-9](#) Appeal of Joseph Garrick and Mary Skweres to a Summary Abatement Order at 1377 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.
Adopted

35 [RLH TA 26-28](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1324 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. VB2601C, Assessment No. 268904)
Adopted

36 [RLH TA 25-96](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1155 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. J2511R2, Assessment No. 258552) (Public hearing continued to September 10, 2025)
Adopted as amended (assessment reduced and made payable over 2 years)

37 [RLH TA 25-388](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 650 SIMS AVENUE (File No. 2507T1, Assessment No. 259012)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)

38 [RLH TA 24-489](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 676 THIRD STREET EAST. (File No. J2504E1, Assessment No. 258313)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:35 PM

City Council meetings are open for in person attendance, but the public may also comment on public hearing items in writing. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council. Comments may be submitted as follows:

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