



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 25, 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 26-14](#) Amending LAHA Project Budgets: \$500,000 of additional funding for the 2026 Emergency Rental Assistance program.
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 26-65](#) Authorizing the Department of Emergency Management to pay for all costs for Emergency Management training and/or costs associated with the operation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during emergencies and declared disasters in 2026.

Adopted

- 3 [RES 26-92](#) Authorizing the Police Department to purchase refreshments for Employee Recognition ceremonies and events in 2026.
Adopted
- 4 [RES 26-232](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for \$25,000, with no funding match required from the City, from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC) for the Revitalization of Outdoor Community Celebrations Project.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 26-263](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funds, of up to \$175,000, from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Trails grant programs, to support winter grooming and snowmaking improvements at City owned parks.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 26-271](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a cooperative agreement with Ramsey County for their project on Dale Street from Grand Avenue to Iglehart Avenue.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 26-272](#) Authorizing the Police Department to expense costs associated with assessors for the Commander and Sergeant exams.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 26-275](#) 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 2026.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 26-276](#) Requesting a variance from Minnesota Department of Transportation Municipal State Aid Rules to implement 10-foot wide travel lanes during the reconstruction of Arlington Avenue from W Wheelock Parkway to Payne Avenue.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 26-314](#) Approving Ordinance Permits 20210010309 - 20210010314 for Roadway Traffic - Signage and Pavement Markings Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site, for roadway signage and pavement markings in various locations on Highland Bridge (District 15, Ward 3).
Adopted
- 12 [RES 26-325](#) Authorizing the City to apply for up to \$3,000,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for the Mississippi River Learning Center Peninsula Restoration project.
Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 10** [RES 26-311](#) Supporting the designation of the West 7th Street corridor as the future METRO J Line.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 13** [RES 26-330](#) Restoring Ford's Area C.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 14** [RES 26-343](#) Recognizing Portia Hampton Flowers' career with the City of Saint Paul and thanking her for her service.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 15** [RES 26-326](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Policy Aides - Assistant to the Mayor I, Constituent Services Associates - Assistant to the Mayor I, and Director of Public Engagement and Constituent Services - Assistant to the Mayor VI.
- Adopted as amended**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 22** [RES PH 26-58](#) Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Black History month and uplifting the significant contributions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Divine 9 and Links Incorporated to the City of Saint Paul.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 16 [RES 26-341](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with adverse action and the imposition of a \$1,000 matrix penalty against Wizards Auto Repair LLC d/b/a Wizards Auto Repair (License ID #20240000998) for the premises located at 985 Randolph Avenue. (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

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 24 [RES PH 26-59](#) Authorizing the write off of Police staffing costs for qualifying free public cultural festivals and community events.

Public hearing closed laid over to March 11, 2026

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

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Jost

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

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 18 [Ord 24-26](#) Amending Chapters 65 and 66 of the Legislative Code pertaining to drive-through sales and services and walk-up service windows.

Amended and public hearing continued to March 4, 2026 for Final Adoption

- 19 [Ord 26-9](#) Adopting the geothermal energy franchise by The Heights Community Energy, Inc.

Laid over to March 4, 2026 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

20 [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 March 4, 2026 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

21 [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 March 4, 2026 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

23 [RES PH 26-62](#)

Amending the 2026 PED Operations Budget to Include HRA Housing Trust Fund Funding for Emergency Rental Assistance Staffing, Citywide.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

25 [RES PH 26-42](#)

Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital and Capital Maintenance Contingency Budgets to transfer \$90,000 for the Dale Street Roof Replacement.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 26** [RES PH 26-38](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to amend the financing and spending plan, in the amount of \$10,000, and to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Historical Society to accept Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage grant funds.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 27** [RES PH 26-55](#) Authorizing an increase in the Parks and Recreation 2026 Grant Fund Budget in the amount of \$510,000 to reflect grant funding awarded from the State of Minnesota DNR for a recurring operational grant at the Como Zoo and Conservatory for State Fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 28** [RES PH 26-52](#) Approving the application of Meefy Beat Inc DBA Shamrocks Irish Nook for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for a Saint Patrick's Day Weekend event on Saturday, March 14, 2026, and Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 995 West 7th Street - Shamrocks Irish Nook.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 29** [RES PH 26-51](#) Approving the petition of the Marianne McEvoy, to vacate the easterly half of the north-south alley right-of-way abutting 2105 Scudder Street.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 30** [RES PH 26-53](#) Approving the petition of the Ruth Dill-Macky, to vacate the westerly half of the north-south alley right-of-way abutting the south 98 feet of 2115 Scudder Street.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

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

Public hearing continued to March 4, 2026

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

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

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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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

- 33 [RLH TA 25-478](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2017 FOURTH STREET EAST. (File No. VB2513A, Assessment No. 258837)

Adopted

- 34 [RLH VO 26-5](#) Appeal of Robert Jennrich to a Correction Notice, which includes condemnation, at 873 FRONT AVENUE.

Adopted

- 35 [RLH TA 25-420](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 692 HAMLIN AVENUE NORTH AKA 1339 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. VB2512B, Assessment No. 258835) (Amend and public hearing continued to March 4, 2026)
- Public hearing continued to March 4, 2026**
- 36 [RLH VO 26-8](#) Appeal of Florence Cherry Kimmel ~~Minister Scarlet Rose~~ to a Fire Inspection Report, which includes condemnation, at 787 HOWELL STREET NORTH: Final Determination. (Refer to Legislative Hearing March 3, 2026)
- Referred to March 3, 2026 Legislative Hearing**
- 37 [RLH TA 25-479](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 843 SELBY AVENUE. (File No. VB2513B, Assessment No. 258838)
- Adopted**
- 38 [RLH TA 25-405](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1615 STANFORD AVENUE. (File No. J2512B1, Assessment No. 258117)
- Adopted**
- 39 [RLH TA 26-10](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 554 STRYKER AVENUE. (File No. VB2512C, Assessment No. 258836)
- Adopted**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 7:42 PM.

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