



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, March 4, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Councilmember Johnson will be participating remotely.

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 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

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

- 1** [RES 26-145](#) Approving the City's cost for Demolition of Vacant, Nuisance and/or Hazardous Structure from the month of September 2025 and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 31, 2026 and City Council public hearing for May 6, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2602C, Assessment No. 262001)

Adopted

- 2** [RES 26-146](#) Approving the City's cost for Demolition of Vacant, Nuisance and/or Hazardous Structure from the month of November 2025 and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 31, 2026 and City Council public hearing for May 6, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties.

(File No. J2603C, Assessment No. 262002)

Adopted

- 3 [RES 26-303](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a master contract with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development to allow the City to receive and administer state funds for the operation of Right Track.
- Adopted**
- 4 [RES 26-307](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreements (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028) and Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME Council 5, Clerical - Local 2508 and Technical - Local 1842. (To be laid over for one week for adoption)
- Laid over to March 11, 2026**
- 5 [RES 26-328](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funds of \$40,000 from Midway Men's Club.
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 26-344](#) Approving Ordinance Permits 20220010212, 20220010214, 20230010216, 20240010217 - 20240010219, 20250010220, 20250010221 for Roadway - Sidewalk Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site, for roadway sidewalks in various locations on Highland Bridge (District 15, Ward 3).
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 26-345](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Auto Repair Garage license now held by Dale Transmission Auto Repair LLC d/b/a Dale Transmission Auto Repair (License ID #DSIBLAUTO-00123-2025) for the premises located at 965 Pierce Butler Route.
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 26-355](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to donate rope rescue equipment to the Department of the Air Force 133rd Air Lift Wing.
- Adopted**
- 9 [RES 26-366](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for funds, in an amount of up to \$50,000, from the Saint Paul Foundation for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment and Training Program for program year 2026.
- Adopted**
- 10 [RES 26-373](#) Accepting the gift of airfare, lodging, meals, and other travel expenses from the Austin Fire Department for Deputy Chief Brittney Baker to participate as an assessor for the EMS process.
- Adopted**

- 11 [RES 26-380](#) Approving the application for change of ownership of the Liquor Off Sale and Tobacco Shop license now held by B's Liquors LLC d/b/a B's Liquors (License ID #DSIBLLOFS-000473-2025 and #DSIBLTOBAC-000475-2025) for the premises located at 1047 Hudson Rd.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 26-396](#) Authorizing the City Council to expend up to \$450.00 for food and refreshments at a Ward 6 Community Engagement Event in March 2026.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 13 [RES 26-365](#) Electing the officers of the City Council, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Library Board, and Council committees, and appointing Council Members to the Audit Committee.

Adopted as amended

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.

Final Adoption

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

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 15 [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.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

16 [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.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEM

[Ord 26-18](#)

Amending Section 193.04 of the Legislative Code (Title XIX) to temporarily extend the pre- eviction notice period in Section 193.04 from 30-days to 60-days.

Laid over to March 11, 2026 for Second Reading

First Reading

17 [Ord 26-16](#)

Granting the application of Xcel Energy to rezone property at 325 Commercial St from H1 Residential to I1 Light Industrial and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map.

Public hearing continued to March 11, 2026 for Second Reading

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 19 [RES PH 26-25](#) Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto), and amending the operating budget with respect to the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council TBRA Grant Application for the benefit of Face to Face at 1170 N. Arcade Street (District 5, Ward 6).
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 20 [RES PH 26-64](#) Transmitting the City's support for the Bronze Line Locally Preferred Alternative to the Metropolitan Council and Ramsey County.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 21 [ABZA 26-2](#) Considering the appeal of a decision by the Board of Zoning Appeals denying a variance request to convert an existing lit, freestanding sign to a dynamic display sign at 1305 7th Street West.
- Motion of intent is the appeal is granted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 22 [PH 26-4](#) Public hearing on grievances about federal immigration operations.
- Public hearing continued to March 11, 2026**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 27 [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)

Adopted as amended (made payable over 5 years)

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

Nay: 0

- 35** [RLH SAO 26-11](#) Second Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1079 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH in Council File RLH SAO 25-71.

Adopted

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

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

- 23** [RLH TA 26-21](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1160 CLARENCE STREET. (File No. J2603B, Assessment No. 268102)

Adopted

- 24** [RLH TA 26-24](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1728 CONCORDIA AVENUE (1724 CONCORDIA AVENUE). (File No. J2603B, Assessment No. 268102)

Adopted

- 25** [RLH TA 25-430](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 384 EARL STREET. (File No. J2513TW1, Assessment No. 258595)

Adopted

- 26** [RLH TA 26-25](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1556 GROTTO STREET NORTH. (File No. J2605B, Assessment No. 268104)

Adopted

- 28** [RLH SAO 26-17](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 708 HAWTHORNE AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH SAO 26-8.

Adopted

- 29 [RLH TA 26-20](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1201 JACKSON STREET. (File No. J2603B, Assessment No. 268102)

Adopted

- 30 [RLH SAO 26-19](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1377 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH SAO 26-9. (March 3, 2026 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to March 10, 2026 Legislative Hearing

- 31 [RLH TA 26-26](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1814 PINEHURST AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2603B, Assessment No. 268102)

Adopted

- 32 [RLH TA 26-27](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 847 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. J2603B, Assessment No. 268102)

Adopted

- 33 [RLH TA 26-30](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 273 (275) SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2603B, Assessment No. 268102)

Adopted

- 34 [RLH SAO 26-14](#) Appeal of Susan K. Smith to a Summary Abatement Order at 1496 UPPER AFTON ROAD.

Adopted

- 36 [RLH CO 26-2](#) Appeal of Faustin Grant Felmler to a Correction Notice at 222 WINIFRED STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 37 [RLH AR 26-5](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during July 2025. (File No. J2603B, Assessment No. 268102)

Adopted

- 38 [RLH AR 26-6](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during September 2025. (File No. J2605B, Assessment No. 268104)

Adopted**ADJOURNMENT****Meeting ended at 5:12 PM**

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