



# City of Saint Paul

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Council Chambers - 3rd  
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## 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*

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Wednesday, September 4, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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#### ROLL CALL

**Meeting started at 3:30 PM**

**Present** 4 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang and Councilmember Saura Jost

**Absent** 3 - Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

#### COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 24-60](#) Amending ESG project budgets: Reallocating funding for the 2022-23 Emergency Solutions Grant activities administered by Ramsey County per the Joint Powers Agreement approved via RES 19-2110.

**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:** 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Jost

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

- 2 [RES 24-1155](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessments for Annapolis Street from Humboldt Avenue to Robert Street (Phase I, Part B) paving and lighting project constructed as part of the 2023 St. Paul Street Paving Program (SPS). (File No. 19249B, Assessment No. 245201)

**Adopted**

- 3     [RES 24-1159](#)     Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessments for Annapolis Street from Robert Street to Kansas Avenue (Phase II) paving and lighting project constructed as part of the 2024 St. Paul Street Paving Program (SPS). (File No. 19250, Assessment No. 245202)

**Adopted**

- 4     [RES 24-1181](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during June 20, 2023 to April 22, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 1, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 22, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2502, Assessment No. 258801)

**Adopted**

- 5     [RES 24-1182](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during May 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 1, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 22, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2502B, Assessment No. 258101)

**Adopted**

- 6     [RES 24-1183](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services from January to June 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 1, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 22, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2501C, Assessment No. 259000)

**Adopted**

- 7     [RES 24-1184](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services from February to March 2024 (C.D.B.G. Funds), and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 1, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 22, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2502C, Assessment No. 259001)

**Adopted**

- 8     [RES 24-1185](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during April 26 to May 23, 2024 and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 1, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 22, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2502, Assessment No. 258201)

**Adopted**

- 9     [RES 24-1186](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during March 22 to April 19, 2024 and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 1, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 22, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2502E, Assessment No. 258301)

**Adopted**

- 10    [RES 24-1187](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during April 3 to June 11, 2024 and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 1, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 22, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2502P, Assessment No. 258501)

**Adopted**

- 11    [RES 24-1188](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during January to May 2024 and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 1, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 22, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2501V, Assessment No. 258000)

**Adopted**

- 12    [RES 24-1261](#)     Authorizing the Horticulture Section at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory to apply for a grant of up to \$400 from the Mid-America Orchid Congress and, if awarded, accept it for the purchase of orchid plants in the year 2024.

**Adopted**

- 13    [RES 24-1280](#)     Authorizing the use of the Neighborhood STAR Program funds for Public Works' sidewalk program and bike & pedestrian improvements.

**Adopted**

- 14    [RES 24-1283](#)     Accepting the gift of travel expenses from Association of Prosecuting Attorneys for City Attorney, Lyndsey Olson and Dave Hunt, Senior Attorney, to attend the Gun Violence Prosecutor-Led Alternatives, Community of Practicing Meeting in Bronx, New York on June 6,2024.

**Adopted**

- 15    [RES 24-1294](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Antonio Elias and John Perlich to the Business Review Council.

**Adopted**

- 16    [RES 24-1296](#)     Approving the Settlement Agreement and Release between Ahmed Ali and the City of St. Paul, et al.

**Adopted**

- 17    [RES 24-1258](#)     Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 70, for the purpose of

providing premium pay to Saint Paul Regional Water Services employees holding specific licenses in the classifications of Senior Water Operator, Maintenance Worker III and Chemical Feed System Specialist II.

**Adopted**

- 18 [RES 24-1259](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2027) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 110.

**Adopted**

- 19 [RES 24-1279](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Emergency Management Supervisor in EG 09, SPSO.

**Adopted**

- 20 [RES 24-1306](#) Declaring September 9th, 2024, as James "Willky" Williams Day in the City of Saint Paul.

**Adopted**

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim and Councilmember Saura Jost

**Absent** 2 - Councilmember Anika Bowie and Councilmember Cheniqua 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.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 21 [Ord 24-21](#) Amending Legislative Code Chapters 60, 63, 65, and 66 pertaining to adult use cannabis.

**Public hearing continued to September 11, 2024 for Final Adoption**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

- 22 [Ord 24-22](#) Amending Section 409.01 of the Legislative Code to allow the Union Depot and Science Museum of Minnesota to have unlimited catered events within their spaces for class T-Temporary on-sale liquor license-Caterer and class

N-On-sale caterer's license.

**Laid over to September 11, 2024 for Final Adoption**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

- 23**    [RES PH 24-226](#)    Approving the application of R. Mychael Wright for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound for a on September 14, 2024 on Selby Avenue from Chatsworth St N to Victoria St N.

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

- 24**    [RES PH 24-227](#)    Approving the application of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on September 15, 2024 at 1199 Midway Parkway - Como Midway Picnic Pavilion.

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

- 25**    [RES PH 24-228](#)    Approving the application of the Minnesota United FC for a sound level variance application in order to present amplified sound on September 18, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with pre-event sound checks at 5:00 p.m., within the Street and the Beer Garden Area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Ave. N.

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

- 26**    [RES PH 24-229](#)    Approving the host issuance by the City of Mendota of one or more series of conduit revenue bonds, approving a Bond Compliance and Fee Agreement, and authorizing the execution of documents relating thereto, all for the Hourcar Project located at 880 Duluth Street (District 4, Ward 6).

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

#### LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 34 [RLH RR 23-31](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 455 ROBERT STREET SOUTH within fifteen (15) days after the August 2, 2023, City Council Public Hearing.

**Amended and referred to October 22, 2024 Legislative Hearing, to return for City Council public hearing on October 23, 2024**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

#### LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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#### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

- 27 [RLH VBR 24-51](#) Appeal of Ali Ahmed to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 219 BELVIDERE STREET EAST.

**Adopted**

- 28 [RLH SAO 24-57](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1818 BLAIR AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-48.

**Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)**

- 29 [RLH TA 24-130](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 746 COOK AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2406E, Assessment No. 248305) (Public hearing continued to September 4, 2024)

**Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)**

- 30     [RLH VBR 24-47](#)     Appeal of James Swartwood to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 729 FOURTH STREET EAST.  
**Adopted**
- 31     [RLH VBR 24-49](#)     Appeal of Abah Mohamed to a Vacant Building Registration Notice and Notice of Condemnation-Unfit for Human Habitation-Order to Vacate at 576 LEXINGTON PARKWAY NORTH.  
**Adopted**
- 32     [RLH TA 24-341](#)     Amending Council File RLH AR 24-50 to delete the assessment for Rubbish & Garbage Clean Up services during February 1 to 12, 2024 at 99 ORANGE AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524)  
**Adopted**
- 33     [RLH TA 24-287](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 975 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. VB2410A, Assessment No. 248826)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment ratified and payable over 5 years)**
- 35     [RLH VBR 24-48](#)     Appeal of Manoj Bhakta, Bhakta Properties LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 81 ROSE AVENUE EAST.  
**Adopted**
- 36     [RLH SAO 24-53](#)     Appeal of Angela Glenhue to a Summary Abatement Order at 1941 STANFORD AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 37     [RLH RR 24-29](#)     Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 291 STINSON STREET within fifteen (15) days after the September 4, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (Refer to September 10, 2024 Legislative Hearing)  
  
**Referred to September 10, 2024 Legislative Hearing**
- 38     [RLH TA 24-342](#)     Amending Council File RLH AR 24-36 to reduce the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during March 29 to November 14, 2023 at 822 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. VB2408, Assessment No. 248807)  
**Adopted**

**ADJOURNMENT****Meeting ended at 4:12 PM**

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