



City of Saint Paul

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

Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

Council President Rebecca Noecker
Vice President HwaJeong Kim
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Matt Privratsky
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

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 Matt Privratsky

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 25-36](#) Amending the 2025 spending and financing budgets in the Department of Public Works Traffic Signals and Street Lighting Maintenance Accounting Units to fund the purchase of two new wire trailers.

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 Privratsky

Nay: 0

- 3 [RES 25-780](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Data Practices Specialist, in EG 02, AFSCME Technical, Grade 039. (To be laid over one week for final adoption)

Laid over to July 9, 2025

- 4 [RES 25-781](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Data Practices Supervisor, EG 09., SPSO, Grade 018 (to be laid over one week for final adoption)

Laid over to July 9, 2025

- 5 [RES 25-901](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during April 15 to May 14, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 22, 2025 and City Council public hearing for September 3, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2524R, Assessment No. 258563)
Adopted
- 6 [RES 25-902](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Miscellaneous Abatement services during February to May 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 22, 2025 and City Council public hearing for September 3, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2502A, Assessment No. 258564)
Adopted
- 7 [RES 25-924](#) Approving a Liquor On Sale- 100 Seats Or Less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Entertainment (B) New Location license to STARCADE LLC d/b/a Starcade (License ID 20240001843) for the premises located at 928 7th St W.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 25-938](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District for the enhanced street sweeping stewardship grant to perform additional street sweeping within the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District boundaries.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 25-943](#) Establishing the rate of pay for SPRWS Asset Manager, Grade 024, Employee Group 09. (To be laid over one week for adoption)
Laid over to July 9, 2025
- 10 [RES 25-955](#) Authorizing the Office of Neighborhood Safety ("ONS") to apply for grant funding from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs' 2026-2027 Community Crime Intervention and Prevention Grant.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 25-962](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2024 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant in the amount of \$4,820,054.40 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to hire 12 additional firefighters.
Adopted
- 12 [RES 25-995](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2024 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to purchase supplies for the community risk

reduction program Project Safe Haven.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 25-975](#) Recognizing Immigrant Heritage Month, World Refugee Day, and Caribbean American Heritage Month.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 2 [RES 25-681](#) Directing the City Clerk to notify the County Auditor to place a referendum of Ordinance Ord 25-2 on the November 4, 2025, ballot and approving the title and language for that ballot question.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 14 [SR 25-119](#) 2025 Legislative Session Report

Laid over to July 23, 2025

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEMS

- [RES 25-1015](#) Honoring Community Partners and Recognizing National Gun Violence Awareness Month.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- [RES 25-1030](#) Recognizing the successes of the Hmong International Freedom Festival held by The United Hmong Family, Inc.

Adopted

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

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

- 15 [Ord 25-36](#) Amending the Appendix to Chapter 409 of the Legislative Code pursuant to Section 17.07.1 of the Charter, and Section 409.20 of the Legislative Code to create an additional Commercial Development District at 1624/1626 White Bear Avenue North.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

First Reading

- 16 [Ord 25-34](#) Amending Chapters 33, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65 & 66 of the Legislative Code to correct errors, and to update and clarify language.

Laid over to July 9, 2025 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 17 [Ord 25-37](#) Authorizing Public Works to collect fees from RDUs for garbage services to support the costs of operations and disposal and setting the 2025 late fee for delinquent garbage bills.

Laid over to July 9, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 18 [RES PH 25-122](#) Approving the application of St. Paul Saints Baseball Club for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Rock the Fourth event on July 4, 2025 at 360 Broadway St - CHS Field.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 19 [RES PH 25-123](#) Approving the application of Rondo Avenue Inc. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 271 Mackubin St - Martin Luther King Recreation Center.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 20 [RES PH 25-126](#) Approving the application of El Burrito Mercado for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025 at 175 Caesar Chavez St - El Burrito Mercado patio.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 21 [RES PH 25-127](#) Approving the application of Marcela Vega for the Chicano Fest event sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on July 12, 2025 at 235 Marshall Ave - Parking Lot.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 25 [RLH TA 25-290](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 25-34 to ratify the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during March 11 to October 17, 2024 at 1003 ARCADE STREET. (File No. VB2508, Assessment No. 258807)

Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 5 years)

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

Nay: 0

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

Nay: 0

- 22** [RLH SAO 25-43](#) Appeal of Carlos Block to a Summary Abatement Order at 2125 AMES AVENUE.
Adopted
- 23** [RLH FCO 25-35](#) Appeal of Ronald Staeheli to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 358 ARBOR STREET.
Adopted
- 24** [RLH VO 25-11](#) Appeal of Connie Baehr to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice (which includes condemnation) at 961 ARCADE STREET.
Adopted
- 26** [RLH RR 25-17](#) First Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 887 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-17.
Amended and referred to July 15, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 27** [RLH FCO 25-33](#) Appeal of Rebecca J Monsoor-Cassidy Tr to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice - Complaint Inspection at 944 CROMWELL AVENUE.
Adopted
- 28** [RLH VBR 25-23](#) Appeal of David Jacobowitch to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 839 EDMUND AVENUE.
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:12 PM

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Written public comment on public hearing items can be submitted to Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us, CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us, or by voicemail at 651-266-6805. Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers, and by telephone by registering to speak by noon on the day before the meeting. The registration link is located on the City Council website at www.stpaul.gov/council or <https://forms.office.com/g/TD3xN7WHy5>.

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