



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

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 11, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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 Matt Privratsky

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 25-22](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 670 Sims Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 25-20](#) Amending the 2025 Department of Safety and Inspections spending budget to transfer \$56,475 to the Animal Service AU for the purchase of vehicles.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 25-29](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Funding for Nanny's Jamaican Kitchen, North End Market, Lay's Food Market, and 1019 Arcade St (Metro Wireless), projects selected by CDBG subgrantee NENO and ESNDC for their Business Investment Fund (BIF) programs.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 25-33](#) Approving the 2025 Fund 100 - General Fund for the Fire Department to more accurately record expenditures.
Received and Filed
- 5 [AO 25-34](#) Amending the 2025 Public Works Sewers Utility Fund Storm Sewer System Charge to accurately reflect Street Sweeping costs within the single Other Services Account.

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

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 6** [RES 25-794](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean up services during April 9 to 28, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 8, 2025 and City Council public hearing for August 20, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2523R, Assessment No. 258557)
- Adopted**
- 7** [RES 25-795](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during March 5 to 31, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 8, 2025 and City Council public hearing for August 20, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2510, Assessment No. 258209)
- Adopted**
- 8** [RES 25-796](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during December 23 to January 22, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 8, 2025 and City Council public hearing for August 20, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2511E, Assessment No. 258318)
- Adopted**
- 9** [RES 25-797](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during August 2, 2024 to February 25, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 8, 2025 and City Council public hearing for August 20, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2509P, Assessment No. 258408)
- Adopted**
- 10** [RES 25-798](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) from April 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 8,

2025 and City Council public hearing for August 20, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2505T, Assessment No. 259006)

Adopted

- 11 [RES 25-837](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during January to March 2025, and setting date of legislative hearing for July 10, 2025 and City Council public hearing for August 13, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2503A1, Assessment No. 250116)

Adopted

- 12 [RES 25-838](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during January to March 2025, and setting date of legislative hearing for July 10, 2025 and City Council public hearing for August 13, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2503A2, Assessment No. 250117)

Adopted

- 13 [RES 25-842](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with adverse action and the imposition of a \$500 matrix penalty against Grand Stop Llc d/b/a Grand Stop (License ID #130003229) for the premises located at 236 Grand Avenue.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 25-857](#) Approving the Maintenance Labor Agreement (May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2028) between the City of Saint Paul and the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association, Local 633.

Laid over to June 18, 2025

- 15 [RES 25-876](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Lucy Bar & Restaurant LLC (License ID# 20240001343), d/b/a Tin Cups Plus, to add a Gambling Location license to the existing Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Entertainment (B) licenses, located at 1220 Rice Street.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 25-881](#) Approving the appointment of Noah McVay as community advisor to the Audit Committee and as a non-voting member for a term of three years.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 25-883](#) Accepting the gift of airfare, lodging, meals, and other travel expenses from the Kansas City Fire Department for Fire Captain Brittney Baker to participate as an assessor for the Fire EMS Captain Assessment.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 25-884](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota - Department of Transportation to provide emergency fire response and annual fire drills.
Adopted
- 19 [RES 25-885](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of a nozzle valued at \$739.90 from Dinges Fire Company.
Adopted
- 20 [RES 25-891](#) Authorizing the City Attorney's Office to apply for the 2026 Crime Victim Services 12-Month Renewal Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs for prosecutor-based crime victim services in Ramsey County.
Adopted
- 21 [RES 25-898](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Wine On Sale and Malt On Sale (Strong) license now held by The Lucious Crab Inc d/b/a The Lucious Crab Inc (License ID #20250000523) for the premises located at 501 University Ave W.
Adopted
- 22 [RES 25-899](#) Approving the application for a license approval for Midcity Kitchen LLC d/b/a Midcity Kitchen LLC for the Wine On Sale, Malt On Sale (Strong) and Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) license, (License ID #20250000349) for the premises located at 693 Raymond Ave.
Adopted
- 23 [RES 25-900](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor - Micro Distillery Cocktail Room, Liquor-Off Sale Micro Distillery, Liquor On Sale, Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio) license now held by The 11 Wells Spirits Company LLC d/b/a The 11 Wells Spirits Company LLC (License ID #20250000209) for the premises located at 704 Minnehaha Ave E.
Adopted
- 24 [RES 25-911](#) Authorizing reimbursement up to \$600 per event for the purchase of snacks and refreshments for community listening sessions hosted by the Reparations Commission.
Adopted
- 25 [RES 25-920](#) Recognizing Principal Dr. Fatima Lawson for her outstanding contributions to education and as a proud recipient of the 2024 National Distinguished Principal Award.
Adopted
- 26 [Min 25-22](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of April 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2025.

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 27** [RES 25-923](#) Recognizing June as Black Music Month and Saint Paul Artists in the City of Saint Paul.

Councilmember Bowie gave remarks.

Rev. Carl Walker from Walker West gave remarks.

Braxton Haulcy from Walker West gave remarks.

Jerome Richardson, musician, gave remarks.

Tik Birch, DJ, gave remarks.

Glorius L. Martin, DJ, gave remarks.

DJ Advance gave remarks.

Jamela Pettiford, singer, gave remarks.

Tish Jones, poet, gave remarks.

Lewis McCaleb, musician, gave remarks.

Bowie gave additional remarks.

Councilmember Kim spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support.

Councilmember Jost spoke in support.

Bowie spoke in support and moved approval.

Council President Noecker spoke in support.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 28** [RES 25-926](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson to the Board of Water Commissioners for a temporary term beginning on June 17, 2025.

Councilmember Yang spoke in favor and moved approval.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in favor.

Council President Noecker spoke in favor.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 29** [RES 25-927](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Council President Rebecca Noecker to the Saint Paul Port Authority Board of Commissioners for a temporary term beginning on June 24, 2025.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

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.

First Reading

- 30** [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.

Dan Niziolek from the Department of Safety and Inspections gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Laid over to June 18, 2025 for Second Reading

SUSPENSION ITEMS

ITEMS FOR RECONSIDERATION

- [RES PH 25-111](#) Approving the application of The United Hmong Family, Inc. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 27-29, 2025 at 1151 Jessamine Avenue West - McMurray Fields.

Mee Vang, President of United Hmong Family, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Privratsky moved to close the public hearing. Approved 7-0.

Privratsky spoke in support.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in support.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

[RES PH 25-112](#)

Approving the application of Hot Summer Jazz Festival for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on June 20 and 21, 2025 at 221 5th Street East. - Mears Park.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

31 [RES PH 25-110](#)

Approving the Highland Bridge Rowhomes Seventh Addition Final (Combined) Plat.

Kady Dadlez, City Planner, gave a staff report.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

32 [RES PH 25-109](#)

Authorizing an increase in the Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Fund in the amount of \$14,000 to reflect funds received from the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) grant program, to support the BIPOC Parks Ambassadors Program, and authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into a grant agreement with the CRWD that includes indemnification language.

Councilmember Privratsky moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

33 [RES PH 25-80](#)

Authorizing the Office of Financial Services, in coordination with the Mayor's Office, to accept a grant award of \$120,000 from the Ford Foundation to support the City's budget engagement sessions and related efforts to ensure reflective governance.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

34 [RES PH 25-113](#)

Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$241.61 for the donation from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation to support the live fire burn training for firefighters.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

35 [RES PH 25-115](#)

Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) to accept and amend the 2025 Special Fund Budget for four donations from the Saint Paul Police Foundation (SPPF).

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

43 [RLH VBR 25-21](#)

Appeal of Gladys Igbo to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at

385 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: I met with Gladys Igbo earlier tonight and connected her with relevant inspectors and the building official at the Department of Safety and Inspections, hoping to get permitting issues resolved before this comes back to Council. I am asking you to refer this back to Legislative Hearing on July 15, 2025.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Referred to July 15, 2025 Legislative Hearing

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Privratsky moved approval.

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

- 36** [RLH TA 24-470](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1367 BRED A AVENUE. (File No. J2505R1, Assessment No. 258531) (Continue public hearing to June 11, 2025)

Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)

- 37** [RLH VO 25-12](#) Appeal of Lita Fierro to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint-Condemned at 927 DESOTO STREET. (Refer to September 23, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to September 23, 2025 Legislative Hearing

- 38** [RLH SAO 25-26](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 145 LAWSON AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH SAO 25-23.

Adopted

- 39** [RLH FCO 25-28](#) Appeal of Rosa Gomez to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint at 1123 PAYNE AVENUE, UNIT 2.

Adopted

- 40 [RLH VO 25-8](#) Appeal of James Parker, tenant, to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1220 SHERBURNE AVENUE.
Adopted
- 41 [RLH VO 25-9](#) Appeal of Dayana Valmyr, owner, to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1220 SHERBURNE AVENUE.
Adopted
- 42 [RLH VBR 25-24](#) Appeal of Otto Hiller to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 1331 STILLWATER AVENUE.
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:54 PM

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