



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

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

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

Present 4 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang,
Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Absent 3 - Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim and
Councilmember Anika Bowie

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 25-13](#) Amending the 2025 Public Works Engineering Fund Survey Section budget to reallocate budgeted amounts within spending accounts for the maintenance and upgrade of the public website in order to better align with actual spending needs, in the amount of \$20,000.

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: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

- 2 [RES 25-317](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program in an amount of up to \$850,000 a year for two years.

Adopted

- 3 [RES 25-320](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessments for sanitary sewer replacement within the street right-of-way from the public sewer to the property line, done with the Cleveland Avenue Street reconstruction project. (File No. 19258C, Assessment No. 226002)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 25-327](#) Authorizing a lease agreement with the Police Department for the use of a video relay antenna at Highland Tower No. 3 located at 750 South Snelling Avenue.

Adopted

- 5 [RES 25-335](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for a Geothermal Planning Grant from the Minnesota Department of Commerce for Como Zoo.

Adopted

- 6 [RES 25-337](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Fire Supervisory Association, Local 21, to establish promotional rights from one classification to another for employees in the following union represented classifications: Fire District Chief, Emergency Medical Service Chief and Fire Training Officer.

Laid over to March 12, 2025

- 7 [RES 25-348](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a joint powers agreement with Ramsey County Geographic Information Systems for governmental units interested in using geographic systems and data created and maintained by Ramsey County.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 25-357](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into an agreement with the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency for the collaborative A Community Outreach Program (ACOP) (that includes an indemnification clause).

Adopted

- 9 [RES 25-359](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Second Hand Dealer-Motor Vehicle and Auto Repair Garage license now held by Earl Street Auto Sales and Repairs LLC d/b/a Earl Street Auto Sales and Repairs LLC (License ID #20250000006) for the premises located at 803 Earl Street.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 25-360](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during March 11 to October 17, 2024, and setting

date of Legislative Hearing for April 1, 2025 and City Council public hearing for May 14, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2508, Assessment No. 258807)

Adopted

- 11 [RES 25-361](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during November 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 1, 2025 and City Council public hearing for May 14, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2508B, Assessment No. 258107)
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 25-362](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during November 1 to December 12, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 1, 2025 and City Council public hearing for May 14, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2507, Assessment No. 258206)
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 25-363](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during September 23 to October 21, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 1, 2025 and City Council public hearing for May 14, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2508E, Assessment No. 258307)
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 25-364](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) during December 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 1, 2025 and City Council public hearing for May 14, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2503T, Assessment No. 259002)
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 25-393](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during October to December 2024, and setting date of legislative hearing for April 10, 2025 and City Council public hearing for May 14, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2502A1, Assessment No. 250113)
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 25-394](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during October to December 2024, and setting date of legislative hearing for April 10, 2025 and City Council public hearing for May 14, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2502A2, Assessment No. 250114)
- Adopted**

- 17 [Min 25-2](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of December 2, 4, 11, 18, and 19, 2024.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 25-331](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the Tri-Council LIUNA Laborers, Local 363, to provide premium pay for the union employees holding the title Water Utility Worker in the Saint Paul Regional Water Service selected to the leads.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 19 [SR 25-35](#) Administrating the Oaths of Office to the Assistant City Attorneys.

Shari Moore, City Clerk, administered the oath of office.

Received and Filed

- 20 [ABZA 25-1](#) Considering the appeal of Sean Ryan - Ryan Companies, US Inc. to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals denying four variance requests to construct a mixed-use development on the property at 2200 Ford Parkway.

Councilmember Jost gave remarks and withdrew the item.

Withdrawn

- 21 [ABZA 25-2](#) Considering the appeal of Sean Ryan - Ryan Companies, US Inc. to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals denying two variance requests to construct a commercial building on the property at 0 Cretin Avenue South (Highland Bridge Block 2C).

Councilmember Jost gave remarks and withdrew the item.

Withdrawn

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

- 22 [Ord 25-5](#) Granting the application of East Mall Associates & Wengler Family Limited Partnership to rezone the properties at 841 and 857 Grand Avenue from BC community business (converted) and B2 community business to T3 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Council President Noecker moved to lay over for one week.

Laid over to March 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

23 [Ord 25-6](#)

Amending Chapter 85 of the Legislative Code regarding Water Rates.

Racquel Vaske from Regional Water Services gave a staff report.

Councilmember Yang gave remarks and moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Laid over to March 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

24 [Ord 25-7](#)

Amending Chapter 87 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Water Service Connections.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Laid over to March 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

25 [Ord 25-8](#)

Amending Chapter 88 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Water Meters.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Laid over to March 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

26 [Ord 25-9](#)

Amending Chapter 89 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Fire Supplies.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Laid over to March 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

27 [Ord 25-10](#)

Amending Chapter 90 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Fire Hydrants.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Laid over to March 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

28 [Ord 25-11](#)

Amending Chapter 91 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Water Code miscellaneous provisions.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Laid over to March 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

29 [Ord 25-12](#)

Amending Chapter 92 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Plumbing.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Laid over to March 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

30 [Ord 25-13](#)

Amending Chapter 93 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Water Service Connections.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Laid over to March 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

31 [Ord 25-14](#)

Amending Chapter 94 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Interior Work.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Laid over to March 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

32 [Ord 25-15](#)

Amending Chapter 96 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Connection of Air Conditioning Equipment to City Water.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Laid over to March 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

33 [Ord 25-16](#)

Amending Chapter 97 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Well Drillers.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Laid over to March 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

34 [APC 25-1](#)

Considering the appeal by the University of Saint Thomas to a decision of the Planning Commission to uphold a condition of their 2004 conditional use permit regarding drive access from Goodrich Avenue. (Public hearing closed and laid over from March 12, 2025)

Bill Dermody, City Planner, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Tammera Deihm, attorney o/b/o University of Saint Thomas, presented arguments from the appellant.

11 people spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Jost moved to close the public hearing. Approved 4-0.

Jost thanked testifiers and moved to lay over for one week.

Public hearing closed and laid over to March 12, 2025

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

- 35** [RES PH 25-30](#) Amending the 2025 Saint Paul Regional Water Services budget resulting in an increase in spending and financing of \$12,000,000 for additional funds for the McCarrons Water Treatment Plant project.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

- 36** [RES PH 25-33](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$639,275 to reflect additional 2025 funding expected from Como Friends.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

- 37** [RES PH 25-35](#) Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto), and amending the operating budget for the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account ("LCDA") Grant for Gloryville at 1570 White Bear Avenue North (District 2, Ward 6).

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

- 38** [RES PH 25-36](#) Authorizing the Office of Neighborhood Safety to accept a Minnesota Department of Human Services grant to support operating costs of shelter space for integrated care to Familiar Faces clients experiencing homelessness, and to amend the budget of the Office of Neighborhood Safety accordingly.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

- 39** [RLH VBR 25-7](#) Appeal of Pastor Roger Barcus to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 677 CALIFORNIA AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 40** [RLH TA 25-27](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 355 COOK AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2505A, Assessment No. 258816)

Adopted

- 41** [RLH VO 25-4](#) Appeal of Glen Rank, on behalf of Millenium, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Revocation and Order to Vacate at 1596 HEWITT AVENUE.

Adopted

- 42** [RLH VBR 25-9](#) Appeal of Abah Mohamed to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement

and Notice of Condemnation and Order to Vacate at 576 LEXINGTON PARKWAY NORTH.

Adopted

- 43** [RLH RR 25-6](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 975 REANEY AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-28.

Adopted

- 44** [RLH AR 25-8](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during September 9 to 20, 2024. (File No. J2509R, Assessment No. 258514)

Adopted

- 45** [RLH AR 25-9](#) Ratifying the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during September 4 to 30, 2024. (File No. J2508T, Assessment No. 258517)

Adopted

- 46** [RLH AR 25-10](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during September 23 to October 4, 2024. (File No. J2510R, Assessment No. 258516)

Adopted

- 47** [RLH AR 25-11](#) Ratifying the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during October 1 to October 9, 2024. (File No. J2509T, Assessment No. 258518)

Adopted

- 48** [RLH AR 25-12](#) Ratifying the assessment for Miscellaneous Abatement services during July to October 2024. (File No. J2501A, Assessment No. 258521)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:40 PM

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