



# City of Saint Paul

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Council Chambers - 3rd  
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## Meeting Minutes - Action Only

### City Council

*Council President Rebecca Noecker*  
*Vice President Nelsie Yang*  
*Councilmember Anika Bowie*  
*Councilmember Molly Coleman*  
*Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson*  
*Councilmember Saura Jost*  
*Councilmember HwaJeong Kim*

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Wednesday, April 22, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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#### ROLL CALL

**Meeting started at 3:33 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

#### COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 26-19](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 914 Central Avenue West a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)  
**Received and Filed**
- 2 [AO 26-22](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate 2026 budget in the Police Special Fund to more accurately reflect expenditures.  
**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:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

**Nay:** 0

- 3 [RES 26-504](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the

application submitted by Clairview Holdings LLC (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-000561-2026), d/b/a Groveland Tap, to add a Gambling Location license and upgrade to full Liquor On Sale and Liquor On Sale Sunday licenses from an existing Wine On Sale and Malt On Sale (Strong) license (which includes Sunday service) [The establishment will continue to have an existing Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) license], located at 1834 St. Clair Avenue.

**Adopted**

- 4     [RES 26-567](#)     Authorizing the City to enter into a cooperative agreement with Ramsey County for the Maryland Avenue Corridor Study.

**Adopted**

- 5     [RES 26-570](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept a donation of \$1,000, for McDonough Recreation Center, donated by the North End Community Foundation, to be used for the McDonough Spring Egg Hunt event.

**Adopted**

- 6     [RES 26-572](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept a donation of \$1,000, donated by the North End Improvement Club, for the McDonough Spring Egg Hunt Event.

**Adopted**

- 7     [RES 26-577](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for up to \$500,000 from the Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund (ERF) for the Mississippi River Learning Center Peninsula Restoration project.

**Adopted**

- 8     [RES 26-578](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for up to \$25,000 from the Ramsey County and Minnesota Brownfields Site Assessment Grant Program for the Mississippi River Learning Center project.

**Adopted**

- 9     [RES 26-607](#)     Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2026 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 110. (To be laid over one week for adoption)

**Laid over to May 6, 2026**

- 10    [RES 26-625](#)     Authorizing the Police Department (SPPD) to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for FY 2025 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grants, which are federal pass through funds issued by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS).

**Adopted**

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- 11     [RES 26-626](#)     Authorizing the City to enter into a Reciprocal Fire Service Agreement, on behalf of the Fire Department, with the Capital City Regional Firefighter's Association.
- Adopted**
- 12     [RES 26-627](#)     Accepting the gift of airfare, lodging, registration, and meals from the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) for Firefighter Sarah Reasoner to present at two sessions at the FDIC conference.
- Adopted**
- 13     [RES 26-628](#)     Accepting the gift of conference registration for the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) for Interim Fire Chief Greg Duren, Assistant Fire Chief Jeramiah Melquist, and Assistant Chief Tony Farina to participate in the Metro Chief Summit at the FDIC conference.
- Adopted**
- 14     [RES 26-632](#)     Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 2 Neighborhood STAR year-round program for S&G Grill LLC Phase 1/3 Perimeter Fence & Safety Improvements project.
- Adopted**
- 15     [RES 26-633](#)     Approving the use of Neighborhood STAR grant funds for a change in scope of work for Block Portrait Studios.
- Adopted**
- 16     [RES 26-638](#)     Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2026 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the United Association of Steamfitters Pipefitters Local No 455. (To be laid over one week for adoption)
- Laid over to May 6, 2026**
- 17     [RES 26-645](#)     Changing the rate of pay for Legal Support Specialist (formerly Legal Secretary) from Grade 030 to Grade 031 of EG 01, AFSCME Clerical. (To be laid over one week for adoption)
- Laid over to May 6, 2026**
- 18     [RES 26-647](#)     Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all costs associated with hazardous materials team training, exercises or unplanned response deployments in 2026.
- Adopted**
- 19     [RES 26-648](#)     Authorizing the City to purchase a used fire truck from the City of Vadnais Heights.
- Adopted**
- 20     [RES 26-653](#)     Accepting the gift of the costs of travel, food, and lodging from the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance for Climate Action Coordinator Liz Boyer to attend the

annual gathering of the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance on May 4-8, 2026.

**Adopted**

- 21     [RES 26-654](#)     Authorizing the City Attorney's Office to apply for the 2027 Prosecutor-Based Crime Victim Services 12-Month Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, for prosecutor-based crime victim services in Ramsey County.

**Adopted**

- 22     [RES 26-655](#)     Establishing the rate of pay for Solid Waste Services Crew Leader in Grade 021 of EG 71, Tri-Council Laborers/Groundworkers. (To be laid over one week for adoption)

**Laid over to May 6, 2026**

- 23     [RES 26-656](#)     Authorizing the City Council to spend up to \$500 for the purchase of light refreshments for the Ward 2 Annual Meeting to be held on May 14, 2026.

**Adopted**

- 24     [RES 26-464](#)     Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028) between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME Local 3757 - Legal.

**Adopted**

#### FOR DISCUSSION

- 25     [RES 26-662](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Deb Barber to serve as the City's Director of Public Works.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 26     [RES 26-663](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Joe Harney to serve as the City's Office of Financial Services Director.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 27     [RES 26-667](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Kevin Duong to serve as Communications Manager - Assistant to the Mayor I.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 29**    [RES 26-672](#)    Honoring the Legacy of Yusef Mgeni in the City of St. Paul.

**Adopted as amended**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 28**    [RES 26-619](#)    Urging European financial institutions to divest from companies that enable the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and supporting the delegation of Twin Cities residents advocating for this divestment.

**Laid over to May 6, 2026**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

**Nay:** 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

**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 26-25](#)    Amending Chapter 66 of the Legislative Code to correct a scrivener's error related to allowing additional lot coverage for providing functional green roof space.

**Laid over to May 6, 2026 for Second Reading**

- 31**    [Ord 26-26](#)    Updating Chapter 310 of the Legislative Code (Title XXIX) pertaining to Uniform License Procedures to extend payment of license renewal fees owed in calendar year 2026.

**Laid over to May 6, 2026 for Second Reading**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

- 32**    [Ord 26-19](#)    Adding Ch. 44A to the Administrative Code to institute training, reporting, and

programming related to the City's relationship with civil immigration laws and enforcement practices under Administrative Code Chapter 44.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 33**     [RES PH 26-80](#)     Authorizing the Department of Public Works to accept the donation of \$4,416 from the St. Paul Parks Conservancy to support a variety of projects and programs, including employee development initiatives, and to amend the 2026 Budget to support the appropriations.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 34**     [RES PH 26-90](#)     Approving the application of Xcel Energy for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for Xcel Energy infrastructure/utility work on the CP RR Crossing at Eagle Parkway and Shepard Road, from Thursday, May 7 to Thursday, May 21, 2026, on Eagle Parkway from Shepard Road to North Chestnut Street.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 35**     [RES PH 26-92](#)     Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$20,594.31 for the Minnesota Task Force One (MNTF1) reimbursement from the City of Edina.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Jost

- 36**     [RES PH 26-94](#)     Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$4,666.66 for the donations from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation and Firefighters Union Local 21 to support the Fire Explorers program.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Jost

- 37**     [RES PH 26-95](#)     Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$5,812.05 for the reimbursement from the Minnesota Professional Firefighters Association for firefighter helmets for Fire Ops 101 training.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Jost

#### **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 Coleman

**Nay:** 0

- 38**     [RLH FCO 26-25](#)     Appeal of Ronald Staeheli, on behalf of Diane Staeheli, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 358 ARBOR STREET.

**Adopted**

- 39**     [RLH TA 25-283](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 821 and 823 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J2522R3, Assessment No. 258581)

**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**

- 40**     [RLH VO 26-16](#)     Appeal of Orzugul Kahramonova, Art Investment Group, to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice, which includes Certificate of Occupancy Revocation and Order to Vacate, at 100 GEORGE STREET EAST.

**Adopted**

- 41**     [RLH FCO 26-19](#)     Appeal of Chris Schwartz, to a Correction Notice-1st Notice at 1112 KINGSFORD STREET.

**Adopted**

- 42     [RLH TA 25-106](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 900 LAUREL AVENUE. (File No. J2511R1, Assessment No. 258551)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)**
- 43     [RLH FCO 26-26](#)     Appeal of Gomaa Elzamel to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice, Second Notice at 1090 LOEB STREET.  
**Adopted**
- 44     [RLH TA 25-155](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 133 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2513R1, Assessment No. 258558)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**
- 45     [RLH TA 25-376](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 583 MARSHALL AVENUE. (File No. J2526R4, Assessment No. 258594) (Amend to delete)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**
- 46     [RLH TA 25-414](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 580 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2527R1, Assessment No. 258601)  
**Adopted**
- 47     [RLH TA 26-31](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 580 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2525R2, Assessment No. 258590)  
**Adopted**
- 48     [RLH TA 25-421](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1846 MONTREAL AVENUE. (File No. VB2601B, Assessment No. 268903)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)**
- 49     [RLH VO 26-19](#)     Appeal of Darren Bergstrom, Occupant, to a Notice of Condemnation and Order to Vacate at 306 SIDNEY STREET EAST.  
**Adopted**
- 50     [RLH TA 25-200](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1440 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2517R1, Assessment No. 2585666) (Continue Public Hearing to April 22, 2026)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)**
- 51     [RLH VO 26-20](#)     Amending Council File RLH VO 25-23, adopted November 19, 2025, to grant Paris Gety an additional extension to a Condemnation a Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate and a Summary Abatement Order for property at 855 THIRD STREET EAST.  
**Adopted**

- 52     [RLH TA 25-281](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1451 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2519R2, Assessment No. 258575)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**
- 53     [RLH TA 25-240](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1141 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2519R1, Assessment No. 258573)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 5:15 PM

City Council meetings are open for in person attendance, but the public may also comment on public hearing items in writing. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council. Comments may be submitted as follows:

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