



City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Council Chambers - 3rd
Floor
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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

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

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

Present 5 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Molly Coleman

Absent 2 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker and Councilmember HwaJeong Kim

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 25-40](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 52 Elizabeth Street East a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 25-55](#) Amending ESG project budgets: funding for 2024-25 Emergency Solutions Grant activities administered by Ramsey County per the Joint Powers Agreement approved via RES 19-2110.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 25-56](#) Amending the 2025 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Grants Electric Vehicle Charging Stations accounting unit and project code to align project spending.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 25-60](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate budget to more accurately record expenditures for the department capital fund.
Received and Filed
- 5 [AO 25-63](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: \$144,405.85 of funding for DSI demolitions and \$2,474.30 of additional funding for 650-658 Sherburne Ave.
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: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Kim

- 6 [RES 25-1481](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for contamination cleanup funding for a project at 1165 Arcade Street N (Dist. 5, Ward 6).
Adopted
- 7 [RES 25-1495](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Metropolitan Council for Livable Communities Demonstration Account for Tax Base Redevelopment Account projects at: 680-694 Minnehaha Avenue E. (Hamm's Brewery - District 4, Ward 7) and 1165 Arcade Street (F2F@Arcade by Face to Face - District 5, Ward 6); as well as applying for TBRA-SEED Site Investigation funds for projects at 680-694 Minnehaha Avenue E. (West End of Hamm's) and 706 Marshall Avenue (Rondo Revitalize - District 8, Ward 1).
Adopted
- 8 [RES 25-1514](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory to accept a grant of \$400 from the Mid-America Orchid Congress for the purchase of orchid plants in the year 2025.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 25-1515](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an Interconnection Agreement with Xcel Energy, which includes an indemnification clause, for solar at Fire Station #7.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 25-1550](#) Approving a partial waiver of the Sustainable Building Ordinance for the Primates Mechanical Building at Como Zoo.
Adopted
- 12 [RES 25-1552](#) Approving a partial waiver of the Sustainable Building Ordinance for the Polar Bear Mechanical Building at Como Zoo.
Adopted

- 14 [RES 25-1557](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funding from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Community Tree Planting Grants Program to invest in public property tree planting to restore, enhance and diversify tree canopy throughout Saint Paul.
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 25-1559](#) Approving the use of NSTAR grant funds for a change in scope of work for BP Sushi LLC.
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 25-1561](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 6 Neighborhood Star Year-Round program for Sensuel Lingerie LLC.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 25-1564](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Molly Coleman to serve on The Family Housing Fund.
- Adopted**
- 18 [RES 25-1569](#) Accepting the donation of registration, travel, and lodging expenses from ReConnect Rondo for Councilmember Anika Bowie to attend the Reconnecting Communities Summit 2025 in Washington, D.C. from September 28-29, 2025.
- Adopted**
- 19 [RES 25-1574](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 5 and Ward 6 Neighborhood Star Year-Round Programs for Lavish Luxe Hair Studios LLC.
- Adopted**
- 20 [RES 25-1581](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Mariana Smith to the Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity Commission.
- Adopted**
- 21 [RES 25-1582](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Timothy DeGiau and Barak ade Soleil to the Mayor's Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities.
- Adopted**
- 22 [RES 25-1583](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Morgan Kuschel and reappointments of Thomas Eckstein, Ronald Weisman, Marj Ebensteiner, Imogene Treichel, Meghan Redmond, Teisha Magee, and Alaina Gall to a two-year term on the Advisory Committee on Aging.
- Adopted**
- 23 [RES 25-1584](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Sequoia Rutan to the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA).

Adopted

- 25 [RES 25-1610](#) Approving the appointment of Saura Jost to serve on the Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) Board of Trustees.

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 10 [RES 25-1545](#) Approving the Proposed Issuance of Conduit Revenue Bonds by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the Twin Cities German Immersion School Project, 1031 Como Avenue, under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 through 469.1655 (District 10 Ward 5).

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Yang

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Kim

- 13 [RES 25-1556](#) Approving the proposed issuance of conduit charter school lease revenue notes by the Port Authority (the "Port Authority") for the Metro Deaf School Project located at 1125 Energy Park Drive (District 10, Ward 4).

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Yang

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Kim

- 24 [RES 25-1598](#) Authorizing the City's ranked list of 2026 State General Obligation bonding requests for submittal to Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB).

Adopted as amended

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Kim

SUSPENSION ITEM

- [RES 25-1650](#) Appointing the Public Rights Project as special counsel for the purpose of providing legal representation to the City of Saint Paul in the matter of City of Boston, et al. v. Department of Homeland Security, et al., to be filed in the District of Massachusetts.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Kim

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

- 26** [Ord 25-59](#) Amending Chapters 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, and 69 of the Legislative Code as recommended in the Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study.
- Laid over to November 5, 2025 for Second Reading**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Kim
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- 27** [Ord 25-61](#) Amending Chapter 74 of the Legislative Code by enacting a new section designating the Theodore Hamm Brewing Company Heritage Preservation District as a Heritage Preservation Site.
- Amended and laid over to October 22, 2025 for Second Reading**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Kim

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 28** [Ord 25-58](#) Considering the application of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to rezone property at 1059 Maryland Avenue (NW Corner of Earl St) from B2 Community Business to T2 Traditional Neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map.
- Laid over to October 22, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Kim

- 29** [RES PH 25-227](#) Approving the application of Saint Paul Public Schools for a conditional use permit for an outdoor trade school in an I2 zoning district at 0 Empire Drive. (To be withdrawn)
Withdrawn

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 33** [RLH SAO 25-55](#) Appeal of Mark Puchala II to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 2016 FREMONT AVENUE. (Public hearing continued to October 15, 2025)
Public hearing closed and laid over to November 5, 2025
Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
Nay: 0
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LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Kim

- 30** [RLH SAO 25-57](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 42 BAKER STREET WEST in Council File RLH SAO 25-53.
Adopted
- 31** [RLH VO 25-19](#) Appeal of Isaac Garland and Franchesca Vann-Wickstrom to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate at 705 DAYTON AVENUE. (Public hearing continued to October 15, 2025)
Adopted as amended
- 32** [RLH TA 25-275](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1762 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. VB2510A, Assessment No. 258833)

(Public hearing continued to August 27, 2025)

Public hearing continued to January 7, 2025

- 34 [RLH SAO 25-54](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1593 MARGARET STREET in Council File RLH SAO 25-50.
Adopted as amended

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:25 PM

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