



City of Saint Paul

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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

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

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 Molly Coleman

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 26-39](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget for the University Avenue Reconstruction Project.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 26-38](#) Establishing one (1) new project through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolution #- RES 26-1027
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 26-40](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: To allocate \$150,000 for demolition of 648-656 Bush Avenue and to return \$7,821.70 NENO business investment and revitalization funds back to the undesignated fund.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 26-41](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to move \$71,499 from unspent signing and lighting materials budget to accommodate a garage door replacement for the Traffic Building, located at 899 Dale Street.
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 Coleman

Nay: 0

- 5 [RES 26-903](#) Authorizing the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation to submit project applications for funding to the 2026 Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation for federal funding and the 2026 Active Transportation Solicitation for regional sales tax funding.
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 26-944](#) Approving the City's cost of providing removal of diseased and/or dangerous tree(s) during April 2026, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 4, 2026 and City Council public hearing for September 16, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2606T, Assessment No. 269007)
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 26-968](#) Authorizing the City to apply for sub-grant funds from the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) to install curbside charging through the RMI E-Mobility Accelerator program.
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 26-998](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028) and Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the Saint Paul Supervisors' Organization.
- Laid over to July 15, 2026**
- 9 [RES 26-1000](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20240010110 for Roadway Base Infrastructure and Roadway Traffic infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site. The roadway, lighting and signs & pavement marking infrastructure identified in Ordinance Permit 20240010110 is for work at the following location(s): on Bohland Avenue from Ranger Way to Finn Street; on Ranger Way from Bohland Avenue to Saunders Avenue; on Beechwood Avenue from Cretin Avenue to Finn Street; on Village Way from Cretin Avenue to Finn Street; on Saunders Avenue from Cretin Avenue to Finn Street (District 15, Ward 3).
- Adopted**
- 10 [RES 26-1001](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20240010110A for Roadway Base Infrastructure and Roadway Traffic infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford

(Highland Bridge) Site. The roadway, lighting and signing & pavement marking infrastructure identified in Ordinance Permit 20240010110A is for work at the following location(s): on Finn Street from Bohland Avenue to Montreal Avenue.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 26-1002](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20240010308 for Roadway Traffic (Lighting) Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site (District 15, Ward 3).
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 26-1016](#) Approving Right of Way Permit Fee Rates for 2026.
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 26-1023](#) Naming Phalen Picnic Island to Tou Ger Xiong Island.
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 26-1025](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a community garden license agreement with West Side Community Organization.
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 26-1036](#) Accepting the gift of airfare, lodging, meals, and other travel expenses from the Omaha Fire Department for Deputy Chief Brittney Baker to participate as an assessor for their captain promotion process.
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 26-1046](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an Interconnection Agreement with Xcel Energy, which includes an indemnification clause, for solar at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 26-1048](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Auto Body Repair/Painting Shop license now held by TW Auto Body 93 LLC d/b/a TNT Auto Body (License ID #DSIBLAUTO-000641-2026) for the premises located at 93 Annapolis St. E.
- Adopted**
- 18 [RES 26-1050](#) Authorizing the City to Enter into a Services Agreement with Nortridge Hosting Services LLC or One of Its Affiliates (that includes an indemnification clause) for Certain Loan Servicing and Management Software.
- Adopted**
- 19 [RES 26-1051](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028) and Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul

and the Professional Employees Association, Inc.

Laid over to July 15, 2026

- 20** [RES 26-1052](#) Approving the Use of Grant Funds through the Ward 4 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for Bewick Cafe LLC Walk-in Cooler/Freezer Project.
Adopted
- 21** [RES 26-1055](#) Approving a Special Law enacted by the Minnesota State Legislature during the 2026 Regular Session allowing the City of Saint Paul to issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses to the Science Museum of Minnesota and the Union Depot for sales on the premises any day of the week.
Adopted
- 22** [RES 26-1056](#) Accepting the gift of travel expense and tuition from the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative for Mayor Kaohly Her to attend the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative from 7/11/2026 - 7/16/2026.
Adopted
- 23** [RES 26-1057](#) 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 Metro Transit 10-mile Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit project. (File No. 19252C, Assessment No. 226001)
Adopted
- 24** [RES 26-1058](#) Honoring Catherine Plessner and Recognizing July 9th, 2026 as Catherine Plessner Day.
Adopted
- 25** [RES 26-1059](#) Accepting the gift of travel expense and tuition from the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative for Assistant Mayors Nick Stumo-Langer and Hnu Vang to attend the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative from 8/9/2026 - 8/13/2026.
Adopted
- 26** [RES 26-1142](#) Authorizing the Police Department to apply for the Firearms Storage Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
Adopted
- 27** [RES 26-1064](#) Authorizing the Police Department to apply for a Crisis Intervention and Behavioral Health Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety - Office of Justice Programs.
Adopted
- 28** [RES 26-1073](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale,

Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Entertainment (B), and Gambling Location licenses (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-000905-2026) now held by MPL 1067 LLC d/b/a Mounds Park Lounge for the premises located at 1067 Hudson Rd.

Adopted

- 29 [RES 26-1074](#) Approving a new location application for the Liquor On Sale, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Liquor Outdoor Service Area Patio, and Liquor Outdoor Service Area Sidewalk licenses (License ID #DSIBLLIQ- 000843-2026) to Bewick Café LLC d/b/a Bewick Café for the premises located at 1340 Thomas Ave.

Adopted

- 30 [RES 26-1075](#) Approving the 2026 Cultural Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Grant Program awards.

Adopted

- 31 [RES 26-1077](#) Approving the 2026 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Grant Program awards.

Adopted

- 32 [RES 26-1092](#) Adopting the report of Ramsey County Elections finding that the petition for an initiative to create Chapter 34A of the Legislative Code pertaining to Tenant Right to Repair is insufficient.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 33 [RES 26-969](#) Establishing the rate of pay for the classification of GIS Supervisor, EG 09, SPSO, Grade 019.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 34 [RES 26-1106](#) Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Kumbayah The Juneteenth Story and Its Enduring Legacy of Community, Culture, and Freedom in the City of Saint Paul

Adopted

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

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

- 35 [Ord 26-32](#) Amending Appendix C of the Legislative Code relating to Northern States Power, D/B/A Xcel Energy, Electric Franchise.
 Laid over to July 15, 2026 for Second Reading
- 36 [Ord 26-33](#) Amending Appendix B of the Legislative Code relating to Northern States Power, D/B/A Xcel Energy, Gas Franchise.
 Laid over to July 15, 2026 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 37 [RES PH 26-146](#) Approving the application of Rondo Community Coalition for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for Fourth Annual Rondo Block Party event on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 820 Rondo Avenue - Rondo Commemorative Plaza.
 Adopted

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

 Nay: 0
- 38 [RES PH 26-147](#) Approving the application of Sonya Castillo for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for Chicano Fest event on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at 235 Marshall Ave.- Saint Paul Technical College Parking Lot.
 Adopted

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

 Nay: 0
- 39 [Ord 25-4](#) Amending Title IV of the Saint Paul Administrative Code to add Chapter 92, titled Tree Preservation for City Sponsored Construction Projects.
 Laid over to July 15, 2026 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 43** [RLH FCO 26-51](#) Appeal of Ambe McKenzie, tenant of unit 5, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 683 KANSAS AVENUE. (July 7, 2026 Legislative Hearing)

Adopted as amended (appeal denied, granted to August 7, 2026 for compliance)

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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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

- 40** [RLH SAO 26-41](#) Second Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 399 BLAIR AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-16. (July 7, 2026 Legislative Hearing)

Public hearing continued to July 15, 2026

- 41** [RLH RR 26-13](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 947 FREMONT AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 25-34.

Adopted as amended (\$5,000 of \$15,000 performance deposit forfeited, granted 180 days, and referred to August 11, 2026 Legislative Hearing for project completion)

- 42** [RLH FCO 26-48](#) Appeal of Robert Jennrich to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 873 FRONT AVENUE.

Adopted

- 44 [RLH VO 26-25](#) Appeal of Tobin Sauro to a Fire Inspection Report, including condemnation at 1655 MCAFEE STREET. (July 7, 2026 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (appeal denied, lower unit to be vacated immediately)
- 45 [RLH SAO 26-52](#) Making finding on the appealed of Melanie Baker to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1884 MONTANA AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH SAO 26-39.
Adopted
- 46 [RLH SAO 26-53](#) Making finding on the appealed of Joseph Richardson to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1875 NORTH PARK DRIVE in Council File RLH SAO 26-44.
Adopted
- 47 [RLH VO 26-24](#) Appeal of Jay Mitchell, on behalf of Quality Residences LLC, to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice, which includes Condemnation, at 65 ROSE AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 48 [RLH FCO 26-50](#) Appeal of Adam Kado to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1609 SAINT ANTHONY AVENUE.
Adopted
- 49 [RLH VO 26-27](#) Amending Council File RLH VO 25-23, adopted November 19, 2025, to grant Paris Getty 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

ADJOURNMENT**Meeting ended at 4:30 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:

Written public comment on public hearing items can be submitted to Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us or CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers.

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