



# City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House  
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Council Chambers - 3rd  
Floor  
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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 Nelsie Yang*

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Wednesday, March 12, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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#### ROLL CALL

**Meeting started at 3:30 PM**

**Present** 4 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang,  
Councilmember Anika Bowie and Councilmember Saura Jost  
**Absent** 2 - Councilmember HwaJeong Kim and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

#### COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 25-12](#) Saint Paul Regional Water Services 2025 Budget Amendment No. 2 in multiple accounting units to reflect a restructure of the organization.  
**Received and Filed**
- 2 [AO 25-14](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Funding for 2025 District Council Community Engagement program and clearance of blighted properties.  
**Received and Filed**
- 3 [AO 25-15](#) Establishing one (1) new project through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolution # RES 24-1893.  
**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

*Council President Noecker stated that Items 14 and 15 would be taken separately.*

*Councilmember Yang moved approval.*

**Consent Agenda adopted as amended**

**Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson

- 4     [RES 25-291](#)     Authorizing the City to renew a lease agreement with the Pointe of Saint Paul Condominium Association for the Police Department's use of interior and rooftop space for radio communication equipment.  
**Adopted**
- 5     [RES 25-374](#)     Approving a petition from WRA 1276 LLC for specially assessing the costs of a fire protection system at 1276 Wilson Avenue. (Project No. FP2025-02, Assessment No. 257100).  
**Adopted**
- 6     [RES 25-376](#)     Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the Gary Sinise Foundation First Responder Grant Program up to the amount of \$150,000 to purchase extrication equipment and/or firefighting equipment.  
**Adopted**
- 7     [RES 25-377](#)     Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the Jeremiah Lucey Grant Program/Leary Firefighters Foundation grant up to the amount of \$25,000 to purchase extrication equipment and/or firefighting equipment.  
**Adopted**
- 8     [RES 25-379](#)     Authorizing the Fire Department to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Saint Patrick's Association.  
**Adopted**
- 9     [RES 25-412](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to purchase food and beverages for law enforcement recruiting conducted in 2025.  
**Adopted**
- 10    [RES 25-425](#)     Appointing and authorizing the execution of a Master Legal Services Agreement with Kutak Rock LLP.  
**Adopted**
- 11    [RES 25-428](#)     Amending the budget for AU 21117700 - Opioid Settlement and creating department-specific accounting units and projects for each of the identified uses of Opioid Settlement funds in the 2024 and 2025 adopted budgets.  
**Adopted**
- 12    [Min 25-12](#)     Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of January 8, 15, and 22, 2025.

**Adopted**

- 13     [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.

**Adopted****ROLL CALL**

**Present**   6 -   Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 14     [RES 25-434](#)     Amending Appendix A-2 of the Administrative Code to establish the creation of the City Council Public Safety & Community Wellness Committee. (Laid over from March 12, 2025)

*Councilmember Bowie gave remarks and moved to lay over for two weeks.*

*Councilmember Johnson gave remarks.*

*Bowie gave additional remarks.*

**Laid over to March 26, 2025**

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

**Nay:**   0

- 15     [RES 25-424](#)     Advocating for a Green New Deal.

*Ella from Sunrise Twin Cities gave remarks.*

*Jesse from Sunrise Twin Cities gave remarks.*

*Councilmember Jost spoke in support.*

*Councilmember Kim spoke in support.*

*Councilmember Yang spoke in support.*

*Councilmember Bowie spoke in support.*

*Jost moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**16**     [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)

*Councilmember Jost moved to lay over to April 16, 2025.*

**Laid over to April 16, 2025**

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

**Nay:** 0

**SUSPENSION ITEM**

[SR 25-41](#)

Overview of the Office of Cannabis Management's CanRenew Grant.

*Caroline Swinford, Grants Specialist in the Office of Financial Services, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.*

**Received and Filed**

**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**

**17**     [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 approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 18     [Ord 25-6](#)     Amending Chapter 85 of the Legislative Code regarding Water Rates.
- Councilmember Yang moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 19     [Ord 25-7](#)     Amending Chapter 87 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Water Service Connections.
- Councilmember Yang moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 20     [Ord 25-8](#)     Amending Chapter 88 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Water Meters.
- Councilmember Yang moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 21     [Ord 25-9](#)     Amending Chapter 89 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Fire Supplies.
- Councilmember Yang moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 22     [Ord 25-10](#)     Amending Chapter 90 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Fire Hydrants.
- Councilmember Yang moved approval.*
- Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**23**     [Ord 25-11](#)

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

*Councilmember Yang moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**24**     [Ord 25-12](#)

Amending Chapter 92 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Plumbing.

*Councilmember Yang moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**25**     [Ord 25-13](#)

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

*Councilmember Yang moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**26**     [Ord 25-14](#)

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

*Councilmember Yang moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**27**     [Ord 25-15](#)

Amending Chapter 96 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Connection of Air

Conditioning Equipment to City Water.

*Councilmember Yang moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**28**     [Ord 25-16](#)

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

*Councilmember Yang moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**First Reading**

**29**     [Ord 25-23](#)

Granting the application of St Paul Property Group, LLC to rezone properties at 10 River Park Plaza from T3M traditional neighborhood with master plan to ITM transitional industrial with master plan 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 19, 2025 for Second Reading**

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

**Nay:** 0

**30**     [Ord 25-24](#)

Amending Chapter 427 of the Legislative Code to reference and incorporate Uniform License Procedures as outlined in Legislative Code Chapter 310, clarify ambiguous language, update outdated gender language, add Infrared heated sauna fitness studios to the definition license category, and change the on-duty staffing exceptions.

*Councilmember Bowie moved to lay over for one week.*

**Laid over to March 19, 2025 for Second Reading**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 31**     [Ord 25-25](#)     Repealing Chapter 440 of the Legislative Code related to Energy Benchmarking.  
*Councilmember Noecker moved to lay over for one week.*
- Laid over to March 19, 2025 for Second Reading**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 32**     [Ord 25-28](#)     Amending Chapter 189.10 of the Legislative Code pertaining to duties of frequency of the Truth-in-Sale of Housing Board evaluator examination.  
*Councilmember Johnson moved to lay over for one week.*
- Laid over to March 19, 2025 for Second Reading**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

- 33**     [RES PH 25-38](#)     Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$448.57 for the donation from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation to support the Twin Cities Female Firefighter Fitness (TCF3) group.  
*Councilmember Kim moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 34**     [RES PH 25-39](#)     Approving the application of MN Run Series, Podium Sports Marketing for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 31, 2025 at 226 Spring St - Upper Landing Park.  
*Councilmember Jost moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0



- 35**     [RES PH 25-41](#)     Amending the financing and spending plans in the Police Department in the amount of \$150,951 for the current Minnesota Crime Prevention grants.
- Councilmember Bowie moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 36**     [RES PH 25-43](#)     Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of two grant agreements (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto), and amending the operating budget with respect to the City's sponsorship of a Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Contamination Cleanup Grant, and a Metropolitan Council Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Contamination Cleanup Grant for Farwell on Water: District Connections and Venue at 42 Water Street West (District 3, Ward 2).
- Councilmember Johnson moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 37**     [RES PH 25-50](#)     Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota to accept up to \$30,000 from the State Funded IJA Technical Assistance Program.
- Councilmember Yang moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 38**     [RES PH 25-51](#)     Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$72,000, to reflect funds received for rooftop solar installations at the North End Community Center (and to enter into a required grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Commerce).
- Andy Rodriguez, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a staff report.*
- Councilmember Kim spoke in support and moved approval.*
- Councilmember Yang spoke in support.*
- Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting ended at 4:43 PM**

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