



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

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

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

Present 6 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Matt Privratsky

Absent 1 - Councilmember HwaJeong Kim

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: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 1 [RES 25-541](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the Denial of the Tobacco Products Shop License and adverse action against MSP Tobacco and Vapor INC d/b/a MSP Tobacco and Vapor (License ID #20240000984) for the premises located at 2419 7th Street West.

Adopted

- 2 [RES 25-565](#) Authorizing the City, on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation, to apply for grant funds of \$100,000 from the Minnesota Twins.

Adopted

- 3 [RES 25-567](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the \$500 matrix penalty and license suspension adverse action against Ayako Nakandakari d/b/a Ayako Nakandakari (License ID #20170000614) for the premises located at 762 Cleveland Ave S.
- Adopted**
- 4 [RES 25-570](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the Denial of the Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle & Tree Trimmer - Each Add'l Vehicle License application and adverse action against Carr's Tree Service INC d/b/a Carr's Tree Service INC (License ID #20240001440) for the premises located at 307 State Highway 78 North.
- Adopted**
- 5 [RES 25-574](#) Authorizing the acceptance of up to \$100,000 in total grant funding (with indemnification obligations) from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, which will be matched with 10% in City funds specifically allocated for grant matching, for a comprehensive analysis of the City's storm sewer system within the Beltline subwatershed; authorizing the execution of a grant agreement; and amending the 2025 Grant Budget.
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 25-582](#) Authorizing the City to enter an amendment to lease agreement 15905 with National Cooperative Leasing to expand the fleet size of the Evie carshare program by 45 vehicles.
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 25-597](#) Approving the appointment of Councilmember Matt Privratsky as a member of the Audit Committee.
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 25-602](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Denise Wickiser to a two-year term on the Advisory Committee on Aging.
- Adopted**
- 9 [RES 25-607](#) Approving the reappointments of Stephanie D. Dilworth and James T. Farnsworth as community advisors to the Audit Committee as non-voting members for an additional term of three years.
- Adopted**
- 10 [RES 25-609](#) Accepting the gift of lodging expenses from Mayors for a Guaranteed Income for Mayor Carter to attend the African American Mayors Association Annual Conference from April 16-17, 2025 in Washington, D.C.
- Adopted**

FOR DISCUSSION

- 11 [RES 25-466](#) Approving the Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME Clerical, Local 2508; AFSCME Technical, Local 1842 and the Professional Employees Association, Inc. creating a pilot program for the purpose of establishing an equitable language compensation premium for the Saint Paul Public Libraries.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

SUSPENSION ITEMS

- [RES 25-630](#) Recognizing the 20th Annual Hmong National Development Conference, themed “We Rise, United”, and Celebrating 50 years of Hmong resilience, leadership, and impact in the United States.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- [RES 25-643](#) Approving the partial loan forgiveness of up to \$238,949.88 in combined principal and interest on a City mortgage to the Commerce Building Phase I and Commerce Building Phase II projects, 10 4th Street East (District 17, Ward 2).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

FOR DISCUSSION

- 12 [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)

Motion of intent is grant the appeal

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

Absent: 1 - 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.

Final Adoption

- 13** [Ord 25-21](#) Granting the application of Central Internal Medicine Associates PA to rezone property at 635 Cleveland Avenue South (southwest corner at Bayard Avenue) from OS office-service to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 14** [Ord 25-30](#) Amending Chapter 310.04 of the Legislative Code to regulate a more efficient method of cancellation when licensee is not in compliance with providing materials to be engaged in licensed activity.

Laid over to April 23, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 15** [RES PH 25-62](#) Approving the application of Breakaway Music Festival for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 6 through June 7, 2025 at 400 Snelling Ave N - Allianz Field Grounds.

Adopted as amended

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Johnson

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 16** [RES PH 25-63](#) Approving the applications of White Squirrel Bar for two sound level variances in order to present amplified sound for a Saturday Patio Music Series and a Sunday Patio Music Series, June 1 - August 31, 2025, at 974 7th St W - the White Squirrel Bar patio.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 17** [RES PH 25-67](#) Approving the application of El Burrito Mercado for two sound level variances in order to present live music on certain Fridays for Fiesta Mexicana Fridays, Fridays, May 2 through September 12, 2025 and, Saturdays for a Musica en mi Barrio Summer Music Series beginning Saturdays, May 3 through August 16, 2025 at the El Burrito LaPlacita Patio space at 175 Cesar Chavez Street.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 18** [RES PH 25-69](#) Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and related documents) and amending the operating budget for the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Demonstration Account Affordable Homeownership Grant Program for Rondo Community Land Trust (RCLT) at 1036 Marshall Avenue (District 8, Ward 1).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 19** [RLH TA 25-120](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 120 LYTON PLACE. (File No. VB2507B, Assessment No. 258827) (Public hearing closed and laid over from April 9, 2025)
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim
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- 20** [RLH TA 25-76](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1141 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2506B, Assessment No. 258823) (Public hearing closed and laid over from April 9, 2025)
- Adopted as amended (assessment ratified and made payable over 5 years)**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim
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- 26** [RLH TA 25-56](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 685 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2505C, Assessment No. 258818)
- Public hearing closed and laid over to May 7, 2025**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Kim

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 21 [RLH RR 25-8](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 594 BRUNSON AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-31.
Amended and public hearing continued to April 23, 2025
- 22 [RLH SAO 25-32](#) Appeal of Ana Silva to a Summary Abatement Order at 1016 DESOTO STREET.
Amended and public hearing continued to April 23, 2025
- 23 [RLH TA 25-201](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 25-21 to ratify and spread payments the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during October 28 to November 8, 2024 at 1131 FARRINGTON STREET. (File No. J2512R Assessment No. 258522)
Adopted
- 24 [RLH VO 25-6](#) Appeal of Maher Safi, Downtown Smoke Shop, to a Notice of Condemnation-Unfit for Human Habitation-Order to Vacate at 55 FIFTH STREET EAST (381 MINNESOTA STREET).
Adopted
- 25 [RLH FCO 25-8](#) Appeal of Navid Amini to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 342 KELLOGG BOULEVARD WEST.
Adopted
- 27 [RLH VBR 25-17](#) Appeal of Scott Fergus to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 922 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 28 [RLH TA 25-53](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1540 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2506A, Assessment No. 258822) (Public hearing continued to April 2, 2025)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 29 [RLH TA 24-408](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 918 PARK STREET. (File No. J2504T, Assessment No. 258507) (Public hearing continued to April 16, 2025)
Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)
- 30 [RLH SAO 25-33](#) Appeal of Mary Hood to a Summary Abatement Order at 1311 SIXTH STREET EAST.
Adopted
- 31 [RLH SAO 25-29](#) Appeal of Mario Lee to a Summary Abatement Order at 419 THOMAS AVENUE.

Adopted

- 32** [RLH TA 25-129](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 435 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J2504E2, Assessment No. 258314)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 33** [RLH TA 25-130](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 435 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J2505E1, Assessment No. 258316)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 34** [RLH TA 25-131](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 435 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J2506E, Assessment No. 258305)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 35** [RLH TA 25-203](#) Amending Council File AR 24-108 to delete the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during July 25, 2023 to June 19, 2024 at 840 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. VB2504, Assessment No. 258803)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:57 PM

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