



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 Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

Present 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang,
Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie and
Councilmember Saura Jost

Absent 1 - Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 25-16](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Closing out unused rehab funds from Neighborworks 2023 contracts, transferring the balance to PED rehab salaries account.
- 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 Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim,
Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 2 [RES 25-352](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for April 23, 2025, to consider approval of the 2025 Alley Improvement Program.
- Adopted**

- 3 [RES 25-366](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during January 13 to 23, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 15, 2025 and City Council public hearing for June 4, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2517R, Assessment No. 258530)
- Adopted**
- 4 [RES 25-367](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Snow and Ice Removal form the Public Sidewalk services during January 24 to 31, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 15, 2025 and City Council public hearing for June 4, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2501S, Assessment No. 258533)
- Adopted**
- 5 [RES 25-368](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during January 27 to February 7, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 15, 2025 and City Council public hearing for June 4, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2518R, Assessment No. 258534)
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 25-387](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessments for the Griggs/Scheffer Area Paving and Lighting, Phase II paving and lighting project constructed as part of the 2021 St. Paul Street Paving Program (SPS). (File No. 19233, Assessment No. 215200)
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 25-390](#) Memorializing a City Council decision to grant the appeals of Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC from a Planning Commission decision regarding the development of property at 1566 University Avenue West.
- Adopted**
- 9 [RES 25-403](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Ramsey County for Right of Way acquisition on the County's Eustis Street Project.
- Adopted**
- 10 [RES 25-404](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a cooperative agreement with Ramsey County for the County's Eustis Street Project.
- Adopted**
- 11 [RES 25-419](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for April 23, 2025, to consider approval of the 2025 Saint Paul Streets and Sales Tax Street Projects.
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 25-421](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Services to apply for a Geothermal Planning Grant from the Minnesota Department of Commerce for Mount Airy

community in partnership with District Energy St. Paul.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 25-432](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to solicit sponsorship donations from local businesses and organizations to donate to the hanging flower basket program for the beautification of the City.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 25-435](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Water Maintenance Supervisor I, Grade 036, Employee Group 10.

Laid over to March 26, 2025

- 15 [RES 25-439](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the 7-day license suspension adverse action against Rice St Tobacco Inc d/b/a Rice St Tobacco, (License ID #150001586) for the premises located at 956 Rice St.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 8 [RES 25-401](#) Setting August 12, 2025 as the Special Election date to fill the vacancy of the Ward 4 City Council member.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 16 [RES 25-461](#) Approving updated rules and regulations for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 17 [RES 25-472](#) Outlining the City's 2025 Legislative Agenda. (Laid over from March 19, 2025)

Laid over to March 26, 2025

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

SUSPENSION ITEMS

[RES 25-437](#) Authorizing the City to apply for \$7.5 million from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for the Mississippi River Learning Center Peninsula Restoration project.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 18** [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.

Laid over to March 26, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson

- 19** [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.

Laid over to March 26, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson

- 20** [Ord 25-25](#) Repealing Chapter 440 of the Legislative Code related to Energy Benchmarking.
- Laid over to March 26, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson
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- 21** [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.
- Laid over to March 26, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
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- 22** [RES PH 25-44](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to amend the financing and spending plan in the amount of \$125,000 and to enter into a grant agreement with the Metropolitan Council to accept fishing pier grant funds, which includes an indemnification clause.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
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- 23** [RES PH 25-45](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget for the Randolph Bridge Project.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
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- 24** [RES PH 25-46](#) Approving the application of Skinner's Pub for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Tuesdays, June 3 - September 23, 2025 at 919 Randolph Ave - Skinner's Pub.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 25** [RES PH 25-48](#) Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto), and amending the operating budget with respect to the City's sponsorship of a Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Contamination Cleanup grant for the benefit of YMCA of the North for its site at 530 N. Wheeler Street (District 11, Ward 4).

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 26** [RES PH 25-52](#) Accepting a \$215.00 anonymous donation to be placed in the City's General Fund.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 27** [APC 25-2](#) Considering the appeal of West 7th/Fort Road Federation to a decision of the Planning Commission denying an appeal of a Statement of Clarification issued by the Zoning Administrator that a proposed solid waste truck dispatch center and maintenance facility is similar to a public works yard or maintenance facility at 560 Randolph Avenue.

Motion of intent is to grant the appeal

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 29** [RLH SAO 25-17](#) Appeal of Shein Yang to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 724 CASE AVENUE.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 31** [RLH VBR 25-12](#) Appeal of Ozzy Zahran, O.I.G. Holdings LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 658 CONWAY STREET.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 36** [RLH TA 25-26](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 912 FRY STREET. (File No. VB2506, Assessment No. 258805)

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 52** [RLH TA 25-95](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 327 MAPLE STREET. (File No. J2506E, Assessment No. 258305)

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 53** [RLH TA 25-86](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1033 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2506, Assessment No. 258805)

Referred to May 6, 2025 Legislative Hearing

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 39** [RLH TA 25-30](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2502E2, Assessment No. 258317)

Public hearing continued to April 2, 2025

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 40** [RLH TA 25-31](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2503E1, Assessment No. 258312)
- Public hearing continued to April 2, 2025**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 41** [RLH TA 25-32](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2504E3, Assessment No. 258315)
- Public hearing continued to April 2, 2025**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 42** [RLH TA 25-33](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2505E2, Assessment No. 258317)
- Public hearing continued to April 2, 2025**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 43** [RLH TA 25-34](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2501E1, Assessment No. 258309)
- Public hearing continued to April 2, 2025**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 44** [RLH TA 25-64](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2506E, Assessment No. 258305)

Public hearing continued to April 2, 2025

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda**Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended**

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 28** [RLH TA 25-71](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 89 ATWATER STREET (File No. CRT2506, Assessment No. 258205)
Adopted
- 30** [RLH SAO 25-18](#) Making finding on the appealed of JoAnn Lorvig Tsoumanis to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1400 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-2.
Adopted
- 32** [RLH VO 25-5](#) Amending Council File RLH VO 25-2, adopted February 12, 2205, to grant Gomaa Elzamel an additional extension for property at 948 COOK AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 33** [RLH TA 25-119](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 263 CURTICE STREET WEST. (File No. J2507T1, Assessment No. 258537) (Continued public hearing to August 27, 2025)
Public hearing continued to August 27, 2025
- 34** [RLH TA 25-70](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 733 FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH. (File No. VB2506, Assessment No. 258805)
Adopted
- 35** [RLH TA 25-143](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 24-99 to delete Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during July 1 to 22, 2024 at 667 FOURTH STREET EAST.

(File No. J2504T1, Assessment No. 258543)

Adopted

- 37 [RLH SAO 25-22](#) Making finding on the appealed of Jason Syverson to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1004 FULLER AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-11.
Adopted
- 38 [RLH TA 25-69](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 471 HATCH AVENUE. (File No. J2506E, Assessment No. 258305)
Adopted
- 45 [RLH TA 25-91](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2002 JAMES AVENUE. (File No. J2506E, Assessment No. 258305) (March 18, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to April 22, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 46 [RLH TA 25-63](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1458 JULIET AVENUE. (File No. J2506B, Assessment No. 258105)
Adopted
- 47 [RLH RR 25-9](#) Granting a variance to allow title transfer of 1156 LINCOLN AVENUE.
Adopted
- 48 [RLH TA 25-100](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2177 LINCOLN AVENUE. (File No. J2506T1, Assessment No. 2585) (Amend to delete)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 49 [RLH VBR 25-13](#) Appeal of Michael Born, owner; and Michael O'Neill, attorney from Martin & Squires; to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 120 LYTON PLACE.
Adopted
- 50 [RLH TA 25-151](#) Amending the previously ratified assessment to reduce the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during June 20, 2023 to April 22, 2024 at 705 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2502, Assessment No. 258801)
Adopted
- 51 [RLH TA 25-73](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 49 MANITOBA AVENUE. (File No. CRT2506, Assessment No. 258205)
Adopted
- 54 [RLH TA 25-53](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1540 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2506, Assessment No. 258805)

(Public hearing continued to April 2, 2025)

Public hearing continued to April 2, 2025

- 55** [RLH TA 25-65](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 754 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. J2506B, Assessment No. 258105)
Adopted
- 56** [RLH TA 25-74](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 754 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. CRT2506, Assessment No. 258205)
Adopted
- 57** [RLH VBR 25-10](#) Appeal of Jaswant Teekasingh to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 159 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE WEST.
Adopted
- 58** [RLH VBR 25-11](#) Appeal of Paul Mulcahy to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 272 RICHMOND AVENUE.
Adopted
- 59** [RLH RR 25-7](#) Granting a stay of enforcement of RLH RR 23-31, ordering the demolition for 455 ROBERT STREET SOUTH, to Tom Radio, representing Allstate BK Real Estate Holdings, Ltd., pending compliance with specified conditions. (Amend to lift stay on enforcement of RLH RR 23-31)

Adopted as amended (stay of enforcement lifted, removal authorized)
- 60** [RLH TA 25-109](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 716 ROSE AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2506, Assessment No. 258805)
Adopted
- 61** [RLH TA 25-76](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1141 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2506, Assessment No. 258805) (Continued public hearing to April 2, 2025)
Public hearing continued to April 2, 2025
- 62** [RLH TA 25-129](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 435 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J2504E2, Assessment No. 258314) (March 18, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to April 1, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 63** [RLH TA 25-130](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 435 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J2505E1, Assessment No. 258316) (March 18, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to April 1, 2025 Legislative Hearing

- 64 [RLH TA 25-131](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 435 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J2506E, Assessment No. 258305) (March 18, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to April 1, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 65 [RLH AR 25-13](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during March 1 to August 14, 2024. (File No. VB2506, Assessment No. 258805)
Adopted
- 66 [RLH AR 25-14](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during September 2024. (File No. J2506B, Assessment No. 258105)
Adopted
- 67 [RLH AR 25-15](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during September 7 to October 24, 2024. (File No. CRT2506, Assessment No. 258205)
Adopted
- 68 [RLH AR 25-16](#) Ratifying the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during July 23 to September 21, 2024. (File No. J2506E, Assessment No. 258305)
Adopted
- 69 [RLH AR 25-17](#) Ratifying the assessment for Graffiti Removal services during August 8 to 14, 2024. (File No. J2506P, Assessment No. 258405)
Adopted
- 70 [RLH AR 25-18](#) Ratifying the assessment for Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during April to July 2024. (File No. J2502V, Assessment No. 258001)
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT**Meeting ended at 5:48 PM**

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