



# 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 Nelsie Yang*  
*Councilmember Anika Bowie*  
*Councilmember Molly Coleman*  
*Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson*  
*Councilmember Saura Jost*  
*Councilmember HwaJeong Kim*

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Wednesday, March 18, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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**Councilmember Kim may be participating remotely.**

#### ROLL CALL

**Meeting started at 3:31 PM**

- Present** 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Molly Coleman
- Absent** 2 - Councilmember Anika Bowie and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

#### 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**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

**Nay:** 0

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

- 1**     [RES 26-176](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding of a Structure on Private Property during the month of June 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 14, 2026 and City Council public hearing for May 20, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2602B, Assessment No. 268108)

**Adopted**

- 2**     [RES 26-298](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition of Vacant, Nuisance and/or Hazardous Structure from the month of January 2026, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 14, 2026 and City Council public hearing for May

20, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties.  
(File No. J2604C, Assessment No. 262003)

**Adopted**

- 3     [RES 26-306](#)     Authorizing the City to enter into a cooperative agreement with Ramsey County for their project on Jackson Street from Rose Avenue to Wheelock Parkway.
- Adopted**
- 4     [RES 26-321](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during July 2025 for 845 7th Street East, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 14, 2026 and City Council public hearing for May 20, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties.  
(File No. J2603B3, Assessment No. 268112)
- Adopted**
- 5     [RES 26-322](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during June 2025 for 712 Snelling Avenue North, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 14, 2026 and City Council public hearing for May 20, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties.  
(File No. J2602B1, Assessment No. 268108)
- Adopted**
- 6     [RES 26-323](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during September 2025 for 1566 Grotto Street North, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 14, 2026 and City Council public hearing for May 20, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2605B1, Assessment No. 268113)
- Adopted**
- 7     [RES 26-402](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept a sponsorship valued at \$1,000 from Metro Transit to support Right Track's Career Exploration Day.
- Adopted**
- 8     [RES 26-417](#)     Accepting the gift of airfare, lodging, meals, and other travel expenses from the Dallas Fire Department for Assistant Chief Jeramiah Melquist to participate as an assessor for the Dallas Fire Captain test.
- Adopted**
- 9     [RES 26-421](#)     Changing the rate of pay for the classification of Assessment Supervisor (formerly Real Estate and Assessment Supervisor), EG 09.
- Laid over to March 25, 2026**
- 10    [RES 26-423](#)     Appointing Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani as Special Counsel for Purposes of Providing Legal Advice, Counsel, and Representation for Council Member Cheniqua Johnson in the lawsuit captioned: Jon Berry v.

the City of Saint Paul, et. al.

**Adopted**

- 11     [RES 26-425](#)     Approving the Engagement Letter between the City and Brian T. Grogan and his firm Cozen O'Connor as special counsel representing the City for its ongoing Comcast cable-franchise negotiations.

**Adopted**

- 12     [RES 26-429](#)     Approving Ordinance Permit 20240030601 for Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure installed by Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC at the following locations on the United Village Project Site as defined in the "Development Agreement By and Between Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC": on Spruce Tree Avenue from Simpson Street to Pascal Street.

**Adopted**

- 13     [RES 26-430](#)     Extending the appointment of Iverson Reuvers as Special Counsel for Purposes of Providing Legal Advice, Counsel, and Representation in Civil Lawsuits Involving the City.

**Adopted**

- 14     [RES 26-436](#)     Authorize and accept temporary and permanent easements from property owners for the renovation of Osborn Plaza.

**Adopted**

- 15     [RES 26-364](#)     Establishing the rate of pay for Water Control Systems Information Analyst, Grade 046, Employee Group 02.

**Adopted**

#### ROLL CALL

**Present**   7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Molly Coleman

#### FOR DISCUSSION

- 16     [RES 26-461](#)     Recognizing the 2026 Eid al-Fitr and all Saint Paul residents who are celebrating the holiday.

**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.

**Final Adoption**

- 17     [Ord 26-16](#)     Granting the application of Xcel Energy to rezone property at 325 Commercial St from H1 Residential to I1 Light Industrial and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 18     [Ord 26-18](#)     Amending Section 193.04 of the Legislative Code (Title XIX) to temporarily extend the pre-eviction notice period in Section 193.04 from 30-days to 60-days.
- Laid over to March 25, 2026 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- PUBLIC HEARINGS**
- Live testimony is limited to two minutes for each person. See below for optional ways to testify.**
- 19     [Ord 26-17](#)     Administrative Ordinance establishing the minimum qualifications for the vacancy for the position of Fire Chief pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.12.1 of the City Charter.
- Laid over to March 25, 2026 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 20     [RES PH 26-66](#)     Approving the application of Allianz Field for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Great Lawn Concert Series event on the Fridays of May 29, July 24, July 31, August 14, and September 18, 2026, at 400 Snelling Avenue North - Outside of Allianz Field.
- Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 21**     [RES PH 26-67](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to accept the 2026 Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training 2026 (ICPOET) from the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs; authorizing the execution of the grant agreement and amending the 2026 grant budget and adding activity budget.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 22**     [PH 26-4](#)     Public hearing on grievances about federal immigration operations.

**Public hearing closed**

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

**Nay:** 0

**LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA**

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will receive a combined public hearing and be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate public hearing and discussion if desired.

**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

- 23**     [RLH TA 25-357](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 724 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J2512E2, Assessment No. 258327) (Public hearing continued to October 7, 2026)

**Public hearing continued to October 7, 2026**

- 24**     [RLH SAO 26-20](#)     Appeal of Hannah Larson to a Summary Abatement Order at 760 COTTAGE AVENUE EAST.

**Adopted**

- 25     [RLH FCO 26-20](#)     Appeal of Kali Terry to a Fire Inspection Report at 392 EDMUND AVENUE.  
  
   **Adopted as amended**
- 26     [RLH SAO 26-15](#)     Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 120  
FLANDRAU PLACE in Council File RLH SAO 26-5.  
  
   **Adopted**
- 27     [RLH VO 26-15](#)     Appeal of Elizabeth Sibet, Sibet Renovations, LLC, to a Notice of  
Condemnation and Order to Vacate at 227 FULLER AVENUE. (March 17,  
2026 Legislative Hearing)  
  
   **Public hearing continued to March 25, 2026**
- 28     [RLH VBR 26-1](#)     Appeal of Raim Abdurakhimov to a Vacant Building Registration Notice and a  
Notice of Condemnation and Order to Vacate at 935 GERANIUM AVENUE  
EAST.  
  
   **Adopted**
- 29     [RLH RR 26-3](#)     Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 118  
MANITOBA AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the March 18, 2026, City  
Council Public Hearing. (Refer to April 28, 2026 Legislative Hearing)  
  
   **Referred to April 28, 2026 Legislative Hearing**
- 30     [RLH AR 26-7](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s)  
at 837 PEDERSEN STREET. (File No. 2602T, Assessment No. 269001)  
  
   **Adopted**
- 31     [RLH SAO 26-23](#)     Amending Council File RLH SAO 26-11, adopted March 4, 2026, to grant  
Negil Neely an additional extension for property at 1079 WESTERN  
AVENUE NORTH.  
  
   **Adopted**

**ADJOURNMENT****Meeting ended at 4:52 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](mailto:Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us). Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers.

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