



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, January 6, 2026

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House/Remote

Hearing starts at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 1** **RLH TA 26-4** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 970 BURR STREET. (File No. J2602E, Assessment No. 268301)

Sponsors: Kim

Delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/18/2026
- 2** **RLH TA 26-6** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1697 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2602TW Assessment No. 268702)

Sponsors: Johnson

Delete the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/18/2026
- 3** **RLH TA 26-5** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2123 HAWTHORNE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2602TW, Assessment No. 268702)

Sponsors: Yang

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/18/2026
- 4** [RLH TA 26-9](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2014 THIRD STREET EAST. (File No. J2601E, Assessment No. 268300)

Sponsors: Johnson

Layover to LH May 19, 2025 at 10 am to see if access to files is restored.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 5/19/2026

Special Tax Assessments-ROLLS

- 5 **RLH AR 26-1** Ratifying the assessment for providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during June 27 to July 8, 2025. (File No. J2602TW, Assessment No. 268702)

Sponsors: Noecker

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/18/2026

- 6 **RLH AR 26-2** Ratifying the assessment for providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during April 22 to May 21, 2025. (File No. J2602E, Assessment No. 268301)

Sponsors: Noecker

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/18/2026

11:00 a.m. Hearings**Summary & Vehicle Abatement Orders**

- 7 [RLH CO 26-1](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 927 DESOTO STREET in Council File RLH CO 25-15. (Legislative Hearing on January 6, 2026)

Sponsors: Kim

The nuisance is abated and matter resolved.

Moermond: we have a Summary Abatement Order that was issued November 19th to clean up trash in the rear yard. This was as follow up to a September 23rd Legislative Hearing where we wanted the garbage issued in its own order so it could be cleaned up if she didn't do. It was reinspected today and the nuisance has been abated.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/7/2026

- 8 [RLH SAO 26-2](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1473 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-66.

Sponsors: Jost

The nuisance is abated related to the first deadline.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/14/2026

- 9 [RLH SAO 26-1](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 805 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST in Council File RLH SAO 25-75.

Sponsors: Bowie

The nuisance is abated related to the first deadline.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/14/2026

- 10 [RLH SAO 26-3](#) First Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1079 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH in Council File RLH SAO 25-71.

Sponsors: Kim

The nuisance is not abated.

Mins pending

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/14/2026

1:00 p.m. Hearings

Vacant Building Registrations

- 11 [RLH VBR 25-32](#) Appeal of Eng Tat Ng to a Registered Vacant Building placard plus Notice of Condemnation-Unfit for Human Habitation-Order to Vacate at 1032 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (January 6, 2026 Legislative Hearing)

Sponsors: Yang

Deny the appeal (noting that the PO will submit a VB registration form and receive fee waiver from DSI).

Eng Tat Ng, owner, appeared via phone.

Updated Staff report by Supervisor Keith Demarest: we had contact at this property starting in October. This is a single-family home that does have a fire Certificate of Occupancy. We responded to several referrals to this property. October 30th 2925 a referral was sent about an extension cord was being run across the street of Magnolia from 1035 to 1032 Magnolia. Another complaint November 10th stating multiple power cords running from 1032 across the street to 1035 Magnolia. November 13 a referral was sent stating a generator was being used to power home in lieu of electricity. November 18th a referral was sent again stating a generator was being used to power the house.

November 20th Inspector Daryl Chute did an inspection of the property. Those orders are attached to the appeal. During that inspection done he noted the property be condemned due to no electrical service, no heat, and no smoke alarms present. All utilities had been shut off to the property including water, electricity and gas.

Moermond: I have photos from the St. Paul Fire Department. It looks like a substantial fire. Fires mean they automatically go to the Vacant Building program.

Supervisor Matt Dornfeld: we do have a Vacant Building form that has a registration that has a box you can check and request the 90 day fee waiver due to the fire. Fire Exempt. Turn it in and get approved for that waiver.

Ng: the fire happened the 27th and I informed my insurance and they inspected yesterday. I haven't received anything yet. I haven't heard whether it can be repaired or

whatnot. I guess I need to do that Vacant Building form to get that waiver. Where do I get this form?

Dornfeld: that would have been sent even before the fire, it was sent when it became a Vacant Building early December.

Moermond: so you would have received one already but we can email you a new one. I don't recall seeing that.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/7/2026

1:30 p.m. Hearings

Orders To Vacate - Fire Certificate of Occupancy

- 12** **RLH VO 26-1** Appeal of Austen Fisher, SMRLS, on behalf of Tenant JLynne Reigns to a Fire Inspection Report, including a Condemnation Order to Vacate at 1891 SEVENTH STREET EAST #301.

Sponsors: Johnson

Deny the appeal and grant extension to February 13, 2026 for compliance.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/21/2026

2:00 p.m. Hearings

Fire Certificates of Occupancy

- 13** [RLH FCO 26-2](#) Appeal of Gomaa Elzamel to a Fire Inspection Report at 1090 LOEB STREET.

Sponsors: Kim

Layover to LH January 13, 2026 at 2 pm (unable to reach PO).

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 1/13/2026