



City of Saint Paul

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Council Chambers - 3rd
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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, July 23, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Councilmember Nelsie Yang will be participating remotely.

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

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

Absent 1 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker

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 Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

1 [RES 25-858](#)

Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Metropolitan Council for Livable Communities Demonstration Account for LCDA-TOD Transit Oriented Development projects at: 680-694 Minnehaha Avenue E. (West End of Historic Hamm's Brewery redevelopment); 1170 Arcade Street (Face to Face); and 642 Selby Avenue (The Beasley), as well as projects applying for LCDA-Development program funds for 1570 White Bear Avenue N. (GloryVille), 0 Idaho Avenue (The Heights, parcel B1), and 470 White Bear Avenue (The Aragon).

Adopted

- 2 [RES 25-965](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Metropolitan Council for construction of METRO G Line station infrastructure on Robert Street.
- Adopted**
- 3 [RES 25-1012](#) Authorizing the acceptance of \$72,000 from the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Solar on Public Buildings Grant Program for rooftop solar installation at Animal Services.
- Adopted**
- 4 [RES 25-1041](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to apply for Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Community Resilience Grant funding for the Jackson Street Project (10% match required).
- Adopted**
- 5 [RES 25-1069](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during May 28 to June 6, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 19, 2025 and City Council public hearing for October 1, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2526R, Assessment No. 258570)
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 25-1070](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during June 2 to 6, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 19, 2025 and City Council public hearing for October 1, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2513TW, Assessment No. 258571)
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 25-1083](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment Chris Thorn, Kathleen Paul, Patrick Ingram, Francisco Jose Flores Caballero, Jess Marsalla, Ingie Osman, Luca Hale, Dani Schmidt and reappointment of Dave Muhovich and Regina Rippel to the Ramsey County Community Health Services Advisory Committee (CHSAC).
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 25-1113](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Amazed Group LLC (License ID# 20190001176), d/b/a Cups & Cheers, to add a Liquor On Sale 2 AM Closing license to the existing Liquor On Sale - 291 or more seats, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Entertainment (A), and Gambling Location licenses, located at 1624 & 1626 White Bear Avenue N.
- Adopted**
- 9 [RES 25-1120](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Leela Nightclub LLC (License ID# 20250000797),

d/b/a Leela Thai Restaurant, for Liquor On Sale - 101-180 seats, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Entertainment (A) licenses, located at 945 Rice Street, Suite A.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 25-1123](#) Authorizing the use of 2024 Cultural STAR dollars for additional library materials.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 25-1134](#) Authorizing the acceptance of \$72,000 from the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Solar on Public Buildings Grant Program for rooftop solar installation at Fire Station #3.
Adopted
- 12 [RES 25-1135](#) Approving the expansion of billboards eligible for removal as a result of conversion from static to dynamic displays.
Adopted
- 13 [RES 25-1136](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with adverse action and the imposition of a \$500 matrix penalty against 1NE Stop Food Market INC d/b/a 1NE Stop Food Market INC (License ID #20220001938) for the premises located at 604 Western Ave N.
Adopted
- 14 [RES 25-1137](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with adverse action and the imposition of a \$500 matrix penalty against Frontier JK LLC d/b/a BP (License ID #20220001842) for the premises located at 623 Como Ave.
Adopted
- 16 [RES 25-1152](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Missy Staples Thompson, Leonard Thomas and Veronica Robinette to the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA).
Adopted
- 17 [RES 25-1153](#) Approving the revision and updates to the City's Investment Policy Statement.
Adopted
- 19 [RES 25-1072](#) Requesting a variance from Minnesota Municipal State Aid Rules for the St. Anthony/Rondo Avenue Mill & Overlay Project from Snelling Avenue to Marion Street.
Adopted
- 20 [RES 25-1154](#) Approving the expansion of a Liquor Service area into an adjoining space approximately 600 square feet in size for a business holding existing Liquor

On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Liquor On Sale - 2 AM Closing, Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk), Entertainment (B) and Gambling Location licenses for #1 Gameday LLC d/b/a #1 Gameday (License ID# 20220002125) for the premises located at 191 7th St E.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 15 [RES 25-1138](#) Authorizing the City, on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department, to accept a donation in the amount of \$32,000 from the Midway Men's Club to support Recreation Services programming.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
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- 18 [RES 25-1160](#) Approving the reappointment of Barton (Butch) Inks as the Chief of the Fire Department.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
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- 21 [RES 25-1145](#) Supplementing the general resolution (CF 88-835) relating to Sewer Revenue Bonds and providing for the issuance of Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2025C (Green Bonds) and taking other required actions. (To be amended)
- Adopted as amended**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

SUSPENSION ITEMS

- [RES 25-1192](#) Recognizing the contribution of the Captain Chia Koua Vang and Sai Yang Vang.
- Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

[RES 25-1203](#)

Honoring the Beloved Melvin "Mr. Bubbles" Giles.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

[SR 25-119](#)

2025 Legislative Session Report.

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

22 [Ord 25-38](#)

Amending Chapter 375 of the Legislative Code to allow Pedicabs to pull a trailer and remove the hours restrictions (which will support small businesses while promoting an environmentally friendly alternative to transportation) and incorporate Uniform License Procedures as outlined in Legislative Code Chapter 310, and clarify ambiguous language.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

First Reading

23 [Ord 25-43](#)

Establishing the classifications titled Legislative Hearing Officer, Senior Legislative Hearing Officer, and Chief Legislative Hearing Officer in the unclassified service pursuant to Section 12.03.2(H) of the City Charter (must

be approved by Civil Service Commission after adoption by City Council and prior to Mayor's signature).

Laid over to August 6, 2025 for Second Reading

- 24** [Ord 25-44](#) Amending the Appendix to Chapter 409 of the Legislative Code pursuant to Section 17.07.1 of the Charter, and Section 409.20 of the Legislative Code to expand the Energy Park Commercial Development District.
- Amended and laid over to August 6, 2025 for Second Reading**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 25** [Ord 25-41](#) Amending Chapter 33.04 of the Legislative Code to require that 10% of the estimated plan review fee is to be paid before a review may begin.
- Laid over to August 6, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
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- 26** [RES PH 25-133](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$54,500 to reflect funds received from the Wakan Tipi Awanyankapi (WTA), formerly the Lower Phalen Creek Project (LPCP), for the Wakan Tipi Center.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
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- 27** [RES PH 25-142](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$2,000,000 for funds contributed from the Port Authority for the Hillcrest Heights project.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 28** [RES PH 25-136](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget for multiple capital projects.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
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- 29** [RES PH 25-147](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Services to accept a \$49,000 grant and authorizing execution of a grant agreement (which includes an indemnification clause) with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Local Climate Action Grant Program for developing a municipal fleet decarbonization plan.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
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- 30** [RES PH 25-151](#) Amending the City's Capital Improvement Budget and Operating Budget to reflect the final sale details resulting from the issuance of the G.O. Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2025A and the G.O. Street Reconstruction Bonds, Series 2025B.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
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- 31** [RES PH 25-138](#) Approving the final (combined) plat for 391 McKnight Road South to create three H1 parcels.
- Laid over to August 6, 2025**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
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- 32** [RES PH 25-149](#) Approving the application of One Simple Plan LLC for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 15, and August 16, 2025 at the

Minnesota State Capitol Grounds - 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 33** [RES PH 25-152](#) Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 17, 2025 at Harriet Island - 49 Harriet Island Rd.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 34** [PH 25-2](#) Considering the application of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, Housing and Redevelopment Authority and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church to rezone property at 694 Minnehaha Avenue E. et al from I2 general industrial to H2 residential, RM2 medium-density multiple-family residential, and T3 traditional neighborhood.

Motion of intent is the application is granted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 35** [ABZA 25-5](#) Considering the appeal of Stronger Sober House to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals denying a variance request to establish a 11-resident supportive housing facility on the property at 519 Farrington Street.

Laid over to August 6, 2025

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 36 [RLH SAO 25-10](#) Making finding on the appealed of Michael E. Corcoran to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1478 AMES AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-51.

Public hearing closed and laid over to August 6, 2025

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Privratsky to Approve the Consent Agenda The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 37 [RLH TA 25-284](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 245 and 247 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. J2522R, Assessment No. 258555)
Adopted
- 38 [TA 25-294](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 427 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. J2522R, Assessment No. 258555) (Legislative Hearing July 22, 2025)
Amended and public hearing continued to August 6, 2025
- 39 [RLH TA 25-288](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 291 BATES AVENUE. (File No. CG2502A2-3, Assessment No. 250125)
Adopted
- 40 [RLH TA 25-287](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1822 CHELTON AVENUE. (File No. CG2502A2-1, Assessment No. 250123)
Adopted
- 41 [RLH VBR 25-28](#) Appeal of Jeff Zajac, Kindred Holdings LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice and Summary Abatement Order at 235 CLEVELAND AVENUE SOUTH.

Adopted

- 42 [RLH TA 25-278](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 610 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J2522R, Assessment No. 258555)

Adopted

- 43 [RLH TA 25-283](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 821 and 823 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J2522R, Assessment No. 258555) (Reduce and to continue public hearing to October 1, 2025)

Amended and public hearing continued to October 1, 2025

- 44 [RLH TA 25-253](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1814 JAMES AVENUE. (File No. J2521R, Assessment No. 258549) (Public hearing continued to July 23, 2025)

Public hearing continued to January 7, 2026

- 45 [RLH FCO 25-41](#) Appeal of Alex Miller, obo Saint Paul Public Schools, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 275 LEXINGTON PARKWAY NORTH (CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL).

Adopted

- 46 [RLH RR 25-20](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 674 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 24-34.

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

- 47 [RLH TA 25-310](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1323 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. CRT2509, Assessment No. 258208)

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

- 48 [RLH VBR 25-27](#) Appeal of Stacy Roxberg, Cottage Investments, to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 1083 SIXTH STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 49 [RLH VBR 25-20](#) Appeal of Andy Dawkins and Richard Bowen to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 767 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST.

Adopted as amended

- 50 [RLH TA 25-282](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1240 VIRGINIA STREET. (File No. J2522R, Assessment No. 258555) (Reduce and to continue public hearing to October 8, 2025)

Amended and public hearing continued to October 8, 2025

- 51 [RLH TA 25-285](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 400 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2522R, Assessment No. 258555)

Adopted

- 52 [RLH AR 25-59](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during April 2 to 11, 2025. (File No. J2522R, Assessment No. 258555)

Adopted

- 53 [RLH AR 25-60](#) Ratifying the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during March 28, 2025 at 1173 EDGERTON STREET. (File No. J2512TW, Assessment No. 258550)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:19 PM

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