



City of Saint Paul

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15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Council Chambers - 3rd
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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

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting began at 3:33 PM.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 26-28](#) Establishing one (1) new project through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolution #- RES 26-767.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 26-29](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate budget for the Pathway to Policing Reimbursement Grant 2024 for the approved budget modification received from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 26-30](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate budget for the Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training (ICPOET) 2025 grant for the approved budget modification received from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and to more accurately reflect current year expenditures.
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: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 4** [RES 26-651](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by The University Club of St Paul (License ID# 43940), d/b/a The Commodore, for a Class B Entertainment license and to modify existing license conditions to permit the establishment to provide entertainment events to their customers for a business with the following existing licenses: Liquor On Sale - 181-290 Seats and Liquor On Sale - Sunday license.
Adopted
- 5** [RES 26-820](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the Saint Paul Police Federation for the purpose of changing the length of the eligibility list for the classification of Police Officer.
Laid over to May 27, 2026
- 6** [RES 26-782](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2026 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 Minnesota/North Dakota.
Laid over to May 27, 2026
- 7** [RES 26-811](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 82 for the May 2026 Wage and Fringe Adjustment.
Laid over to May 27, 2026
- 8** [RES 26-761](#) Authorizing a professional services contract with Poul Haas P.A.
Adopted
- 9** [RES 26-762](#) Authorizing a professional services contract with Primacy Strategy Group.
Adopted
- 10** [RES 26-780](#) Accepting the donation of registration, travel, and lodging expenses from the Vera Institute for the Office of Neighborhood Safety Deputy Director Rachel Holzemer to attend the Applied Executive Session #4 (AES 4) from May 12-14, 2026.
Adopted
- 11** [RES 26-788](#) Accepting an Active Transportation grant from the Metropolitan Council for the West Side Safe Routes to School Project and authorizing execution of the grant agreement.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 26-803](#) Authorizing the City, on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department), to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Mechanic Arts High School M Club to support youth programming at Frogtown Community Center and West Minnehaha Recreation Center.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 26-814](#) Approving the use of a Project Labor Agreement for the McMurray Fields project.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 26-819](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of two power load stretchers valued at \$46,000 from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 26-821](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of green roof maintenance services from Spark-Y valued at \$2,000.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 26-823](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to apply for \$50,000 from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Local Climate Action Implementation Grant Program, which has a match requirement, for energy efficiency upgrades at the Solid Waste & Recycling Facility.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 26-839](#) Authorizing issuance of and awarding the sale of two Taxable Grant Anticipation Notes for Lead Pipe Replacement in the City.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 26-649](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2026 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association, Local No. 633.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 26-696](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2026 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the United Association of Plumbers, Local 34.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 26-759](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2026 Wage and Fringe adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 26-784](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2026 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, Local 10.

Adopted

- 23 [RES 26-851](#) Recognizing the life of Tswv Mas Donald Yang for his contributions to Saint Paul and Proclaiming Sunday, May 31, 2026, as Tswv Mas Donald Yang Day in the City of Saint Paul.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 17 [RES 26-837](#) Finding that the Class "A" Valet, Inc. violated Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 224, and imposing restitution in the amount of \$21,658.

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

- 24 [Ord 25-4](#) Amending Title IV of the Administrative Code to add Chapter 92, titled Tree Preservation for City Sponsored Projects. (Laid over from February 26, 2025)

Laid over to June 24, 2026

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.

- 25 [RES PH 26-81](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget for the Wheelock Grotto Phase II Street Reconstruction Project.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 26** [RES PH 26-82](#) Accepting Local Road Improvement funding from the State of Minnesota and amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget to add this funding to Public Works pedestrian improvement projects.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 27** [RES PH 26-106](#) Establishing the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$100,000, to reflect funds received from the Minnesota Twins to support youth baseball and softball.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 28** [RES PH 26-107](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget to transfer Municipal State Aid (MSA) funding into projects.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 29** [RES PH 26-108](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget for the 2026 Sidewalk Reconstruction Program.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 30** [RES PH 26-117](#) Authorizing the execution of an MOU, accepting a \$10,000 gift and in-kind travel support from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund and amending the spending and financing budget for the Cities for Financial Empowerment

Grant.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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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

- 31** [RLH RR 26-7](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 633 CAPITOL BOULEVARD within fifteen (15) days after the May 20, 2026, City Council Public Hearing.

Refer to Legislative Hearing October 27, 2026

- 32** [RLH TA 26-101](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 25-59 to delete the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during April 2 to 11, 2025 at 872 RONDO AVENUE. (File No. J2522R1, Assessment No. 258500)

Adopted

- 33** [RLH VO 26-21](#) Appeal of George Leske, Occupant, to a Fire Inspection Report (which includes vacate) at 1609 SAINT ANTHONY AVENUE, APARTMENT 5.

Adopted

- 34** [RLH SAO 26-47](#) Making finding on the appealed of Victor Thao to a nuisance abatement ordered for 685 VAN BUREN AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-30. (May 19, 2026 Legislative Hearing)

Adopted as amended

- 35** [RLH AR 26-27](#) Ratifying the assessment for Demolition of Vacant, Nuisance and/or Hazardous Structure from the month of January 2026. (File No. J2604C, Assessment No. 262003)

Adopted

- 36 [RLH AR 26-28](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding fees billed during July 2025 at 845 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2603B3, Assessment No. 268112)

Adopted

- 37 [RLH AR 26-29](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding June 2025 at 712 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2602B1, Assessment No. 268108)

Adopted

- 38 [RLH AR 26-30](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding September 2025 at 1566 GROTTA STREET NORTH. (File No. J2605B1, Assessment No. 268113)

Adopted**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

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