



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 Molly Coleman
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:39 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

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

- 1 [RES 25-1276](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the establishment of the 2026 - 2027 health insurance contribution rates and VEBA contribution rates. (To be laid over one week for adoption)
Adopted
- 2 [RES 25-1346](#) Acknowledging receipt of District Energy St. Paul, Inc. notice of rate increase as of October 1, 2025, and directing the Office of Financial Services, the City Attorney's Office, and Council Operations to review and analyze the rate changes.
Adopted
- 3 [RES 25-1372](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of

Occupancy fees billed during May 2 to June 5, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 7, 2025 and City Council public hearing for January 14, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2601, Assessment No. 268200)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 25-1373](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during March 25 to April 21, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 7, 2025 and City Council public hearing for January 14, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2601E, Assessment No. 268300)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 25-1375](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during July 31, 2024 to April 22, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 14, 2025 and City Council public hearing for January 14, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2601, Assessment No. 268900)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 25-1376](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during May 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 14, 2025 and City Council public hearing for January 14, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2601B, Assessment No. 268100)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 25-1395](#) Authorizing the City to apply for \$72,000 from the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Solar on Public Buildings Grant Program for solar installation at Frogtown Community Center.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 25-1406](#) Approving the application for a license approval for Amsterdam LLC d/b/a Amsterdam Bar & Hall for the Liquor On Sale - 181-290 seats, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Liquor On Sale - 2 AM Closing, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk) & Entertainment (B) license, (License ID #20110002591) for the premises located at 6 6th St W.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 25-1409](#) Approving a Rental Hall New Location license to Cakes By Jerilyn Mariee LLC d/b/a Venue 1944 (License ID 20250000938) for the premises located at 839 University Ave W Suite #105.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 25-1410](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Auto Repair Garage license now held by Vue's Auto Repair LLC d/b/a Vue's Auto Repair (License ID #20250001121) for the premises located at 1202 Dale St N.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 25-1411](#) Approving a Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale Sunday New Location license to Saint Bark LLC d/b/a Saint Bark (License ID 20250001162) for the premises located at 1145 Snelling Ave N.
- 13 [RES 25-1421](#) Accepting the donation of conference registration from PFMAM (PFM Asset Management) for City Treasurer Sarah Brown and Debt Manager Neal Youngmans to attend the 2025 Minnesota Investment Forum on October 7, 2025.
- 14 [RES 25-1422](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Tobacco Products Shop license now held by Fog Tobacco Plus INC d/b/a Imperial Smoke Shop Plus (License ID #20250010001) for the premises located at 227 Snelling Avenue North.
- 15 [RES 25-1425](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to revoke the Liquor On Sale - 100 Seats or Less, Entertainment (A), Liquor On Sale Sunday, and Gambling Location license against Taste of Rondo LLC d/b/a Taste of Rondo Restaurant (License ID #20190000107) for the premises located at 976 Rondo Avenue.
- 16 [RES 25-1427](#) Memorializing a City Council decision to approve an application to re-zone 5 parcels of land located at 694 Minnehaha Avenue East, *et al.* from I-2 general industrial to H2 residential, RM2 medium-density multiple-family residential, and T3 traditional neighborhood.
- 17 [RES 25-1431](#) Approving the use or non-use of a Project Labor Agreement on Department of Parks and Recreation construction projects for the second half of 2025.

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 12 [RES 25-1418](#) Celebrating 40 Years of the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 18 [RES 25-1447](#) Approving the City of Saint Paul Audit Committee's next study related to the data practices process and authorizing Wilder Research to conduct the study. (Laid over from September 17, 2025)
- Laid to September 24, 2025**
- 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

- 19 [Ord 25-50](#) Amending Chapter 45 of the Administrative Code to define reporting requirements and require that the City's Legislative Agenda be presented to City Council no later than the second Wednesday in December.
- Adopted**
- 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.

- 20 [Ord 25-49](#) Establishing the classification titled City Council Communications Lead 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 signature).
- Laid over to September 24, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 21 [Ord 25-53](#) Amending Chapter 441 of the Legislative Code to adjust the electric-vehicle charging station rates.
- Laid over to September 24, 2025 for Final Adoption**

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

Nay: 0

- 22** [RES PH 25-160](#) Amending the Department of Public Works Capital Improvement Budget to add Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Community Resilience grant funding to the Jackson Street Project.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 23** [RES PH 25-201](#) Approving the application of Laura K LeFebvre, Highland Park Harmonies event, for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Highland Park Picnic Shelter, 1227 Montreal Ave.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 24** [RES PH 25-203](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program grant from the Office of National Drug Control Policy, authorizing the execution of the grant agreement, and amending the 2025 grant fund budget and add activity budget. (Public hearing closed and laid over from September 17, 2025)

Public hearing closed and laid over to September 24, 2025

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

Nay: 0

- 25** [RES PH 25-205](#) Amending the City's Operating Budget to reflect the final sale details resulting from the issuance of the Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2025C.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 26** [RLH RSA 25-8](#) Appeal of Jim Poradek & Abbie Hanson, Attorneys for Housing Justice Center, representing Tenant, Jill Ackerman, to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 934 ASHLAND AVENUE, UNIT 1.
- Adopted as amended (appeal granted)**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 3 - Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
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- 27** [RLH RSA 25-10](#) Appeal of Jim Poradek & Abbie Hanson, Attorneys for Housing Justice Center, representing Tenant, Vincent Cornell, to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 934 ASHLAND AVENUE, UNIT 2.
- Adopted as amended (appeal granted)**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 3 - Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
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- 28** [RLH RSA 25-13](#) Appeal of Jim Poradek & Abbie Hanson, Attorneys for Housing Justice Center, representing Tenant, Kayla Simonson, to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 942 ASHLAND AVENUE, UNIT 8.
- Adopted as amended (appeal granted)**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 3 - Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
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- 29** [RLH RSA 25-14](#) Appeal of Jim Poradek & Abbie Hanson, Attorneys for Housing Justice Center, representing Tenant, Jessica Skaare, to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 942 ASHLAND AVENUE, UNIT 9.
- Adopted as amended (appeal granted)**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 3 - Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
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- 30** [RLH RSA 25-15](#) Appeal of Jim Poradek & Abbie Hanson, Attorneys for Housing Justice Center, representing Tenants, Samuel Perkins & Chloe Cable, to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 942 ASHLAND AVENUE, UNIT 11.
- Adopted as amended (appeal granted)**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 3 - Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

- 31 [RLH RSA 25-17](#) Appeal of Jim Poradek & Abbie Hanson, Attorneys for Housing Justice Center, representing Tenants, Lillian Johnson & Eleanor Rowen, to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 942 ASHLAND AVENUE, UNIT 12.
- Adopted as amended (appeal granted)**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 3 - Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

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

- 32 [RLH TA 25-349](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1499 ALBERT STREET NORTH. (File No. J2525R, Assessment No. 258565)
- Adopted**
- 33 [RLH TA 25-294](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 427 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. J2522R4, Assessment No. 258582) (Public hearing continued to August 6, 2025)
- Public hearing continued to October 22, 2025**
- 34 [RLH TA 25-357](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 724 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J2512E, Assessment No. 258322) (To refer to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing; Public hearing continued to January 14, 2026)
- Referred to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing**
- 35 [RLH TA 25-348](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 732 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J2525R, Assessment No. 258565)
- Adopted**
- 36 [RLH TA 25-331](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 869 CLARK STREET. (File No. J2524R, Assessment No. 258563)
- Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**
- 37 [RLH TA 25-332](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 875 CLARK

STREET. (File No. J2524R, Assessment No. 258563)

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

- 38 [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 October 22, 2025
- 39 [RLH TA 25-275](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1762 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. VB2510A, Assessment No. 258833) (Public hearing continued to August 27, 2025)
Public hearing continued to October 15, 2025
- 40 [RLH TA 25-371](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 360 KENNARD STREET. (File No. J2512B, Assessment No. 258112) (September 16, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to October 14, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 41 [RLH TA 25-352](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 650 LAFOND AVENUE. (File No. J2512E, Assessment No. 258322)
Adopted
- 42 [RLH RR 25-19](#) Third Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 401 ROSE AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 25-14.
Public hearing continued to October 8, 2025
- 43 [RLH RR 25-23](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 670 SIMS AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the September 17, 2025, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted
- 44 **Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 676 THIRD STREET EAST. (File No. J2504E, Assessment No. 258303) (Continue public hearing to August 6, 2025)**

Public hearing continued to October 22, 2025
- 45 [RLH TA 25-358](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1760 WILSON AVENUE. (File No. J2525R, Assessment No. 258565) (To refer back to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 46 [RLH AR 25-74](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up service during May 12 to 28, 2025. (File No. J2525R, Assessment No. 258565)

Adopted as amended (580 Minnehaha Ave E referred to November 4, 2025)

Legislative Hearing)

- 47 [RLH AR 25-75](#) Ratifying the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement service billed during January 22 to February 18, 2025. (File No. J2512E, Assessment No. 258322)

**Adopted as amended (2170 Highwood Ave referred to November 4, 2025
Legislative Hearing)**

- 48 [RLH AR 25-76](#) Ratifying the assessment for Graffiti Removal service during February 28 to March 28, 2025. (File No. J2510P, Assessment No. 258409)

Adopted

- 49 [RLH AR 25-77](#) Ratifying the assessment for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) service during May 2025. (File No. 2506T, Assessment No. 259008)

Adopted

- 50 [RLH AR 25-78](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during March 1, 2024 to February 17, 2025. (File No. VB2512, Assessment No. 258825)

**Adopted as amended (677 California Ave referred to November 4, 2025
Legislative Hearing; 692 Hamline Ave N and 554 Stryker Ave referred to
October 21, 2025 Legislative Hearing)**

- 51 [RLH AR 25-79](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during March 2025. (File No. J2512B, Assessment No. 258112)

**Adopted as amended (1615 Stanford Ave referred to October 14, 2025
Legislative Hearing)**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:57 PM

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