



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

Council President Mitra Jalali
Vice President HwaJeong Kim
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

Present 7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost 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 as amended

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

Nay: 0

1 [RES 25-19](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept a \$500 gift from the St. Clements Faith Action Team.

Adopted

2 [RES 25-28](#) Granting preliminary approval to the issuance of certain general obligation and revenue bonds as approved in the 2025 City budget; expressing the intent of the City to reimburse itself from the proceeds of such tax-exempt and taxable bonds; and authorizing City finance staff and advisors to take certain actions with respect to the sale of such bonds.

Adopted

3 [RES 25-29](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a lease renewal with Griggs Midway Building

Corporation for the Police Department's Employee Assistance Program.

Adopted

- 4 [RES 25-30](#) Approving the expansion of an Auto Repair Garage license to the existing Auto Body Repair/Painting Shop License to the existing licenses for A Certified Collision Center Inc d/b/a A Certified Collision Center (License ID# 20030002881) for the premises located at 920 Atlantic Street.

Adopted

- 5 [RES 25-33](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Health/Sport Club license now held by St Paul Pilates & Fitness LLC d/b/a St Paul Pilates & Fitness (License ID #20240001983) for the premises located at 2327 Wycliff Street, Suite 150.

Adopted

- 6 [RES 25-36](#) Approving the application for a license approval for Lexington Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a The Lexington for the Liquor On Sale-291 or more seats, Liquor On Sale Sunday, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) and Entertainment (A), requesting a modification to the existing license conditions, (License ID #20150000044) for the premises located at 1096 Grand Avenue.

Adopted

- 7 [RES 25-39](#) Accepting the gift of the costs of travel and tuition expenses from the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative for Deputy Mayor Jaime Tincher, Nicolle Newton, Melanie McMahon, Krystle Cruz Williams, and John McCarthy to attend the Leading Economic Development in Cities program to be held in Cambridge, Massachusetts January 13- 17, 2025.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 25-61](#) Approving Ordinance Permit No. 20233470701 for Frana Companies on Bidwell Street.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 25-63](#) Authorizing the Department of Emergency Management to pay for all costs for Emergency Management training and/or costs associated with the operation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during emergencies and declared disasters in 2025.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 25-81](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Jessica Braun and Timothy Marino as members of the Capital Improvement Budget Committee.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 25-82](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Teferi Tafa, Jasmine Michaels, and Ivan Cortes Roque and the reappointment of Krystle Igbo-Ogbonna as chair to the Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity Commission.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 25-83](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Brad Teslow, Ocean C. Poet, Anna Hover, and Frances Lane to the Mayor's Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 25-84](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Mysee Chang and reappointment of Chang Vang to the Public Housing Agency (PHA). (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

- 14 [RES 25-85](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Phillip Wahlberg to the Truth in Sale of Housing Board.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 25-90](#) Authorizing the proper City officials to accept a gift stipend reimbursing travel and lodging costs for Assistant City Attorney Edmundo D. Lijo to attend the Cities for Action convening in New York City from December 4, 2024, to December 5, 2024.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 25-93](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Liz Lee and Trisha Duncan and reappointment of Wade Luneburg to the Visit Saint Paul Board of Directors. (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

- 17 [RES 25-95](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Public Library Agency to apply for funds, in an amount up to \$1,000,000, with no match required of the City, from Bloomberg Philanthropies for the Global Mayors Challenge to expand transportation options for young people via circulators throughout Saint Paul.

Adopted

- 18 [Min 25-1](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of November 6, 13, and 20, 2024.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 25-40](#) Creating the new classification of Lead Life Coach Case Worker in EG 06, Professional Employees Association.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 25-41](#) Creating the new classification of Life Coach Case Worker in EG 06, Professional Employees Association.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 25-57](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Senior Legislative Aide in Employee Group 17, Non-Represented City Managers, Grade 16C.
Adopted
- 22 [RES 25-58](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Chief Policy Analyst, EG 17, Non-Represented City Managers, Grade 25C.
Adopted
- 23 [RES 25-54](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Tri-Council: LIUNA Laborers, Local 363; General Drivers, Local 120; and Operating Engineers, Local 49 for the purpose of amending Article 4 of the 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement regarding the LIUNA Pension Fund contribution.
Adopted

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.

First Reading

- 24 [Ord 25-4](#) Amending Title IV of the Administrative Code to add Chapter 92, titled Tree Preservation for City Sponsored Projects.
Laid over to January 22, 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 25-2](#) Amending Chapter 6.03 of the City Charter pertaining to the application of Administrative Citations for violations of City Ordinances, based on the recommendation of the Charter Commission pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 410.12, subdivision 7.
Laid over to January 22, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0
- 26 [Ord 25-3](#) Granting the application of Macalester College to rezone property at 1655 and 1661 Grand Avenue and 37 Macalester Street (north side between Macalester and Cambridge) from T2 traditional neighborhood to RM1 multiple family and to rezone property at 53, 57, and 63 Macalester Street (southwest corner of Grand and Macalester) from T2 traditional neighborhood to VP vehicle parking, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning

map.

Laid over to January 22, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 27** [RES PH 25-7](#) Approving the Augustus Corner final (combined) plat and variances of subdivision design standards.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 28** [RES PH 25-12](#) Authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$805,139 from the U.S. Department of Transportation, to execute a cooperative agreement for the grant, and to establish a corresponding budget for the grant in the City accounting system.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 39** [RLH RSA 24-12](#) Appeal of James W. Bush and Linda D. Dear, tenants, to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 1391 HAZELWOOD STREET, APARTMENTS, 10 AND 11.

Public hearing closed and laid over to January 22, 2025

- 47** [RLH TA 24-386](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1066 STINSON STREET. (File No. J2502R, Assessment No. 258501)

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 44** [RLH RR 24-52](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 1784 NORFOLK AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the January 15, 2025, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

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

Nay: 0

- 29** [RLH TA 24-364](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 291 BATES AVENUE. (File No. J2502R, Assessment No. 258501)
Adopted
- 30** [RLH TA 24-369](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1733 BEECH STREET. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505) (Public hearing continued to May 7, 2025)
Public hearing continued to May 7, 2025
- 31** [RLH TA 24-387](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 869 CLARK STREET. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)
Adopted
- 32** [RLH TA 24-388](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 875 CLARK STREET. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)
Adopted
- 33** [RLH TA 24-344](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 87 COOK AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2501R, Assessment No. 258500)
Adopted
- 34** [RLH SAO 25-1](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 317 DALY STREET in Council File RLH SAO 24-81.
Adopted

- 35 [RLH TA 24-354](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 463 FOREST STREET. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)
Adopted
- 36 [RLH TA 24-353](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2016 FREMONT AVENUE. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)
Adopted
- 37 [RLH TA 24-426](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1099 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2502R, Assessment No. 258501)
Adopted
- 38 [RLH TA 24-366](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 565 HATCH AVENUE. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)
Adopted
- 40 [RLH TA 24-357](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 463 HERSCHEL STREET. (File No. J2502R, Assessment No. 258501) (Public hearing continued to May 14, 2025)
Public hearing continued to May 14, 2025
- 41 [RLH VO 24-38](#) Appeal of Scott Swanson to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection (which includes condemnation) at 999 HUDSON ROAD. (January 14, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (extension granted to March 1, 2025)
- 42 [RLH TA 24-469](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2023 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2501R, Assessment No. 258500)
Adopted
- 43 [RLH TA 24-349](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 284 MAPLE STREET. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)
Adopted as amended
- 45 [RLH TA 23-330](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1199 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. J2501R, Assessment No. 258500)
Adopted
- 46 [RLH TA 24-363](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 155 RUTH STREET NORTH. (File No. J2501T, Assessment No. 258503)
Adopted
- 48 [RLH CO 24-8](#) Appeal of Thomas Nelson & Ranettia Alexander-Nelson to a Correction Notice at 493 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (Public hearing continued from November 13, 2024)

Amended and public hearing continued to February 12, 2025

- 49** [RLH TA 24-378](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1127 WINTHROP STREET SOUTH. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)
Adopted

- 50** [RLH TA 24-323](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 935 WOODBRIDGE STREET. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)
Adopted

- 51** [RLH AR 24-82](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during April 29 to May 10, 2024 (File No. J2501R, Assessment No. 248500)
Adopted

- 52** [RLH AR 24-83](#) Ratifying the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during May 29 to June 12, 2024 (File No. J2501T, Assessment No. 248503)
Adopted

- 53** [RLH AR 24-84](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during May 10 to 20, 2024 (File No. J2502R, Assessment No. 248501)
Adopted

- 54** [RLH AR 24-85](#) Ratifying the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during June 7 to 26, 2024 (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 248505)
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:27 PM

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