City of Saint Paul

Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Council Chambers - 3rd Floor
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Council President Rebecca Noecker
Vice President HwaJeong Kim
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Matt Privratsky
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 **3:30 PM** **Council Chambers - 3rd Floor**

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

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

Absent 1 - Councilmember Anika Bowie

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

1 AO 25-41 Authorizing Public Works Recycling and Organized Trash fund to amend their 2025 fiscal budget for a reallocation of spending by $477,626 to purchase containers with built in compactors.

Received and Filed

2 AO 25-42 Amending spending authority within the 2025 spending budget of the Department of Public Works Administration Fund Director's Office Accounting Unit for the hiring of professional consultation services from Two Rivers Technology contractor.

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

Council President Noecker stated that Item 19 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Privratsky moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

3 RES 25-1080 Amending the Public Works grant budget for a Department of Energy grant of $3,650,237 by a reduction of $325,000.

Adopted

4 RES 25-1175 Approving a Limited Use Permit with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Lafayette Trail project (that includes an indemnification clause).

Adopted

5 RES 25-1176 Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during June 9 to 25, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 9, 2025 and City Council public hearing for October 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2527R, Assessment No. 258572)

Adopted

6 RES 25-1177 Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during April 2 to May 9, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 9, 2025 and City Council public hearing for October 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2511, Assessment No. 258210)

Adopted

7 RES 25-1178 Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during February 20 to March 21, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 9, 2025 and City Council public hearing for October 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2513E, Assessment No. 258324)

Adopted

8 RES 25-1179 Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during April 8 to 10, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 9, 2025 and City Council public hearing for October 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2511P, Assessment No. 258410)

Adopted

9 RES 25-1180 Approving the City's cost of providing Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during May to December 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 9, 2025 and City Council public hearing for October 8,

2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2503V, Assessment No. 258002)

Adopted

10 RES 25-1181 Approving the City's cost of providing Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during January to April 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 9, 2025 and City Council public hearing for October 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2504V, Assessment No. 258003)

Adopted

11 RES 25-1182 Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) during June 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 9, 2025 and City Council public hearing for October 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2507T, Assessment No. 259010)

Adopted

12 RES 25-1206 Authorizing the Police Department (SPPD) to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for the 2026 Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training (ICPOET) Grant Program, issued by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Adopted

13 RES 25-1209 Supplementing the General Resolution (23-289) Relating to Water Revenue Bonds of the City; Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to Purchase a Water Revenue Note in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed $28,000,000; Providing for the issuance of a Water Revenue Note, Series 2025-1; and Authorizing Execution of a Project Loan Agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority ("Supplemental Resolution No. 3").

Adopted

14 RES 25-1210 Authorizing issuance of and awarding the sale of two Taxable Grant Anticipation Notes for Lead Pipe Replacement in the City.

Adopted

15 RES 25-1227 Memorializing a City Council decision to deny the appeal of Mark Schwartz from a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals denying two variance requests to establish a 22-resident supportive housing facility on the property at 438 Daly Street.

Adopted

16 RES 25-1233 Establishing the rate of pay for new classification of SPRWS Training Coordinator, in Grade 038 of EG 10, Manual and Maintenance Supervisors Association.

Laid over to August 20, 2025

17 RES 25-1248 Approving a Release of Covenant and recording of a new Parkland Covenant between the City and Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC pertaining to the Great Lawn Parkland Agreement.

Adopted

18 RES 25-1266 Authorizing the Police Department to submit a grant application to the FY 2026 Enforcement Grant Program from the Office of Traffic Safety of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, which includes a match requirement.

Adopted

20 RES 25-1130 Establishing the rate of pay for Property and Evidence Specialist, Grade 028, Employee Group 01.

Adopted

21 RES 25-1174 Approving the Maintenance Labor Agreement (May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2028) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #82.

Adopted

22 RES 25-1207 Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME Council 5, Clerical, Local 2508 for the purpose of modifying the Grade Steps for Community Engagement Cadet and Parking Enforcement Officer.

Adopted

23 RES 25-1280 Retaining outside counsel for cyber compliance.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

19 RES 25-1271

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Capital Allocation Agreement for the Rivercentre Complex among City of Saint Paul, Rivcercentre Convention and Visitors Authority, and Saint Paul Arena Company, LLC

Council President Noecker moved approval of Version 2.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

24 RES 25-1196 Honoring the Saint Paul Downtown Improvement District Ambassadors for their dedication to a safe, clean, and friendly downtown.

Council President Noecker gave remarks and read from the resolution.

John Bandemer from the Downtown Alliance gave remarks.

Councilmember Privratsky spoke in support.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support.

Councilmember Kim spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

25 RES 25-1219 Appointing Kumud Verma as Chief Budget Officer for the City Council.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support and moved approval.

Councilmember Kim spoke in support.

Jay Willms, City Council Director, spoke in support.

Kumud Verma was sworn in and gave remarks.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

26 RES 25-1220 Appointing Tim Greenfield as Chief Policy Officer for the City Council.

Councilmember Kim spoke in support and moved approval.

Jay Willms, City Council Director, spoke in support.

Tim Greenfield was sworn in and gave remarks.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

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

27 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).

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

28 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.

Councilmember Privratsky spoke in support and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

Second Reading (public hearing already held)

29 Ord 25-46 Approving the application of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA), Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), and St.

John Evangelical Lutheran Church to rezone properties at 694 Minnehaha Avenue E et al from I2 general industrial to H2 residential, T3 traditional neighborhood, RM2 medium-density multiple-family residential district and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map. (Public hearing on July 23, 2025)

Councilmember Johnson moved to lay over for one week.

Laid over to August 20, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

First Reading

30 Ord 25-45 Changing one block of Margaret Street between Arcade Street and East 7th Street from a one-way street westbound to a two-way street in accordance with Chapter 147 of the Legislative Code.

Evan Marohn from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Laid over to August 20, 2025 for Second Reading

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

31 Ord 25-47 Approving an interim ordinance pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 462.355, Subd.4 pending the completion of a Zoning Study on Sober Houses and Supportive Housing Facilities.

Mazy Kerling, resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Julie Hellwich, resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing.

Councilmember Privratsky gave remarks.

Laid over to August 20, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

32 RES PH 25-154 Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto), and amending the operating budget with respect to the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Grant Program for the benefit of Face to Face at 1170 North Arcade Street (District 5, Ward 6).

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

33 RES PH 25-170 Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto), and amending the operating budget with respect to the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Tax Base Revitalization Account Contamination Clean Up Grant for the benefit of The Rondo Community Land Trust’s Mixed-Use Redevelopment at 642 Selby Avenue (District 8, Ward 1).

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

34 RES PH 25-167 Authorizing the Office of Financial Services to amend the budget to reflect a $49,000 grant accepted from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Local Climate Action Grant Program for developing a municipal fleet decarbonization plan.

Council President Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

35 RES PH 25-169 Authorizing the acceptance of $144,958 in total grant funding from the Minnesota Department of Commerce, with no match required, for a Geothermal Planning Grant in partnership with District Energy St. Paul; authorizing the execution of a grant agreement (which includes an indemnification clause); and amending the 2025 Grant Budget.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

36 PH 25-3 Public hearing regarding MnDOT's proposed capital improvements on Robert Street from Annapolis Street to Kellogg Boulevard.

Reuben Collins from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report.

Chris Bauer from the Minnesota Department of Transportation continued the staff report.

11 people spoke during the public hearing.

Council President Noecker moved to close the public hearing. Approved 6-0.

Noecker gave remarks.

Councilmember Privratsky gave remarks.

Councilmember Johnson gave remarks.

Councilmember Yang gave remarks.

Councilmember Jost gave remarks.

Noecker gave additional remarks.

Yang gave additional remarks.

Public hearing closed

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

37 ABZA 25-6 Considering the appeal of Stronger Sober House to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals denying a variance request to establish a 12-resident supportive housing facility on the property at 269 Harrison Avenue.

David Eide from the Department of Safety and Inspections gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Matt Soumweber, resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Council President Noecker moved to close the public hearing.

Noecker moved intent to deny the appeal.

Councilmember Johnson gave remarks.

Motion of intent is to deny the appeal

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Privratsky moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

38 RLH TA 25-286 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1753 AMES PLACE. (File No. CG2503A2, Assessment No. 250117)

Adopted

39 RLH TA 25-315 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 291 BATES AVENUE. (File No. CG2503A2, Assessment No. 250117)

Adopted

40 RLH TA 25-273 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1076 CUMBERLAND STREET (File No. CG2503A1, Assessment No. 250116)

Adopted

41 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 August 27, 2025

42 RLH TA 25-309 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2261 SARGENT AVENUE. (File No. CG2503A1, Assessment No. 250116)

Adopted

43 RLH TA 25-333 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 782 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. CG2503A2 , Assessment No. 250117)

Adopted

44 RLH TA 25-342 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2319 STANDISH STREET. (File No. CG2503A2, Assessment No. 250117)

Adopted

45 RLH TA 25-341 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 560 WHITE BEAR AVENUE NORTH. (File No. CG2503A2, Assessment No. 250117)

Adopted

46 RLH AR 25-61 Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2025. (File No.CG2503A1, Assessment No.250116)

Adopted

47 RLH AR 25-62 Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2025. (File No.CG2503A2, Assessment No.250117)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 5:21 PM

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