



City of Saint Paul

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Council Chambers - 3rd
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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 8, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 25-2](#) Notification that Mica Park has been installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site.
Received and Filed

- 2 [CO 25-1](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1319-1321 Dayton Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
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 Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 3 [RES 25-40](#) Creating the new classification of Lead Life Coach Case Worker in EG 06, Professional Employees Association (to be laid over one week for final adoption).
Laid over to January 15, 2025
- 4 [RES 25-41](#) Creating the new classification of Life Coach Case Worker in EG 06, Professional Employees Association (to be laid over one week for final adoption).
Laid over to January 15, 2025
- 5 [RES 25-57](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Senior Legislative Aide in Employee Group 17, Non-Represented City Managers, Grade 16C. (To be laid over one week for adoption)
Laid over to January 15, 2025
- 6 [RES 25-58](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Chief Policy Analyst, EG 17, Non-Represented City Managers, Grade 25C. (To be laid over one week for adoption)
Laid over to January 15, 2025
- 7 [RES 25-42](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during March 1 to August 14, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 4, 2025 and City Council public hearing for March 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2506, Assessment No. 258805)
Adopted
- 8 [RES 25-43](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during September 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 4, 2025 and City Council public hearing for March 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2506B, Assessment No. 258105)
Adopted
- 11 [RES 25-46](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during August 8 to 14, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 4, 2025 and City Council public hearing for March 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2506P, Assessment No. 258405)
Adopted
- 12 [RES 25-47](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during April to July 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 4, 2025 and City Council public hearing for March 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2502V, Assessment No. 258001)
Adopted

- 13 [RES 25-2](#) Designating the City's official newspaper for 2025.
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 25-21](#) Requesting a variance from Minnesota Municipal State Aid Rules for the Kellogg Boulevard Capital City Bikeway Project from 7th Street West to St. Peter Street.
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 25-32](#) Accepting right-of-way easements to dedicate a new public street in conjunction with the housing development by Buhl Investors at 102 Water Street and 150 Water Street on the City's West Side.
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 25-52](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 25-53](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2024 program.
- Adopted**
- 18 [RES 25-27](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by D X LLC (License ID# 20240001917), d/b/a Rite Liquor, for Liquor Off Sale and Tobacco Shop licenses, located at 645 Snelling Avenue South.
- Adopted**
- 19 [RES 25-1](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Minipac LLC (License ID# 20240001961), d/b/a Minipac, for Gas Station and Tobacco Shop licenses, located at 1184 Maryland Avenue East.
- Adopted**
- 20 [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. (To be laid over one week for adoption)
- Laid over to January 15, 2025**
- 21 [RES 25-34](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor Off Sale and Tobacco Shop license now held by Ghalley Inc d/b/a International Spirits (License ID #20240001966) for the premises located at 710 Cleveland Avenue South.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 25-55](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to submit applications for state funding to the 2024-2025 MnDOT Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program with no local capital funding match requirements.
- Adopted**
- 23 [RES 25-56](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for a \$38,163.00 grant through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the purchase of fire hydrant valves.
- Adopted**
- 24 [RES 25-8](#) Approving a Parking Ramp (Private) - New Location license to Emerald Street LLC d/b/a Metro Lofts (License ID 20240000459) for the premises located at 2650 University Avenue West.
- Adopted**
- 25 [RES 25-9](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Parking Lot license now held by Keefeco Parking LLC d/b/a Keefeco Parking LLC (License ID #20240001670) for the premises located at 471 Wabasha Street North.
- Adopted**
- 26 [RES 25-10](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Parking Lot license now held by Keefeco Parking LLC d/b/a Keefeco Parking LLC (License ID #20240001671) for the premises located at 209 9th Street East.
- Adopted**
- 27 [RES 25-11](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Parking Ramp license now held by Keefeco Parking LLC d/b/a Keefeco Parking LLC (License ID #20240001669) for the premises located at 145 7th Street East.
- Adopted**
- 28 [RES 25-12](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Parking Ramp license now held by Keefeco Parking LLC d/b/a Keefeco Parking LLC (License ID #20240001673) for the premises located at 95 7th Street East.
- Adopted**
- 29 [RES 25-13](#) Approving a Motor Vehicle Dealer- New Vehicles and Second Hand Dealer-Motor Vehicle - New Location license to Dunn Enterprises Inc d/b/a Johnson Williams Funeral Sales (License ID 20240001967) for the premises located at 935 Bradford Street.
- Adopted**
- 30 [RES 25-14](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Parking Lot license now held by Keefeco Parking LLC d/b/a Keefeco Parking LLC (License ID #20240001668) for the premises located at 393 Kellogg Boulevard East.

Adopted

- 31 [RES 24-1891](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2025 January Wage and Fringe Adjustment (January 1, 2025) for the Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 417.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 9 [RES 25-44](#) Approving the City’s cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during to September 7 to October 23, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 4, 2025 and City Council public hearing for March 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2506, Assessment No. 258205)

Adopted as amended

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

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

- 32 [Ord 24-40](#) Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective April 1, 2025.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

First Reading

- 33 [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 15, 2025 for Second Reading

- 34** [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 15, 2025 for Second Reading**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 35** [RES PH 25-4](#) Authorizing the disposition of City-owned property to Macalester College.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 39** [RLH TA 24-335](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 586 BURGESS STREET. (File No. VB2501, Assessment No. 258800)
- Public hearing closed and laid over to March 26, 2025**
- 55** [RLH VO 25-1](#) Appeal of Tamer Azzazi, T & M Properties, to a Notice of Condemnation-Unfit for Human Habitation-Order to Vacate at 722 SIXTH STREET EAST.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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Nay: 0

- 36 [RLH TA 24-320](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 515 BEAUMONT STREET. (File No. J2501E, Assessment No. 258300)
Adopted
- 37 [RLH TA 24-236](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1056 BEECH STREET. (File No. J2420R1, Assessment No. 248535) (Amend to delete)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 38 [RLH SAO 24-80](#) Appeal of Thomas Grant to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 1449 BREDA AVENUE. (Refer to January 14, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to January 14, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 40 [RLH TA 24-330](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 412 CASE AVENUE. (File No. 2501T, Assessment No. 259000)
Adopted
- 41 [RLH SAO 24-84](#) Appeal of Rachel Kessy to a Summary Abatement Order at 1289 DANFORTH STREET.
Adopted
- 42 [RLH TA 24-376](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1386 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J2501E, Assessment No. 258300)
Adopted
- 43 [RLH VO 24-37](#) Appeal of Amber Duncan to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate at 973 FRONT AVENUE.
Adopted as amended (granted to January 10, 2025)
- 44 [RLH VBR 24-74](#) Appeal of Hassan Haydar to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 480 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 45 [RLH VBR 24-68](#) Appeal of Heather Mendiola, SMRLS (Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services), representing Kyaw Die, owner, to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice and Summary Abatement Order at 729 HAWTHORNE AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 46 [RLH TA 24-325](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 500 JACKSON STREET. (File No. J2501P, Assessment No. 258400)
Adopted

- 47 [RLH VBR 24-75](#) Appeal of Eden Spencer, Greater Metropolitan Housing Corp/GMHC Holding LLC to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 1117 JENKS AVENUE.
Adopted
- 48 [RLH TA 24-346](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 443 JOHNSON PARKWAY. (File No. J2501E, Assessment No. 258300)
Adopted
- 49 [RLH TA 24-348](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1033 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2501B, Assessment No. 258100)
Adopted
- 50 [RLH VBR 24-72](#) Appeal of Kristina Schultz to a Vacant Building Registration Notice and Order to Vacate at 150 & 152 PAGE STREET WEST.
Adopted
- 51 [RLH VBR 24-76](#) Appeal of Damon Mason, Rondo Community Land Trust, to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 843 SELBY AVENUE.
Adopted
- 52 [RLH TA 24-345](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1173 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. J2501P, Assessment No. 248400)
Adopted
- 53 [RLH TA 24-338](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2401 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. CRT2501, Assessment No. 258200)
Adopted
- 54 [RLH FCO 24-113](#) Appeal of Nikki Knapp, on behalf of Al Conard, to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1743 SHERWOOD AVENUE.
Adopted
- 56 [RLH TA 24-336](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2111 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2501P, Assessment No. 258400)
Adopted
- 57 [RLH TA 24-350](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1714 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J2501B, Assessment No. 258100)
Adopted
- 58 [RLH AR 24-76](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during December 20, 2023 to March 20, 2024. (File No. VB2501, Assessment No. 258800)
Adopted

- 59 [RLH AR 24-77](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during April 2024. (File No. J2501B, Assessment No. 258100)
Adopted
- 60 [RLH AR 24-78](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during October 6, 2023 to April 26, 2024. (File No. CRT2501, Assessment No. 258200)
Adopted
- 61 [RLH AR 24-79](#) Ratifying the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during February 22 to March 21, 2024. (File No. J2501E, Assessment No. 258300)
Adopted as amended (104 Ivy Ave W referred to January 9, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
- 62 [RLH AR 24-80](#) Ratifying the assessment for Graffiti Removal services during April 9 to May 16, 2024. (File No. J2501P, Assessment No. 258400)
Adopted
- 63 [RLH AR 24-81](#) Ratifying the assessment for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) service during May to June 2024. (File No. 2501T, Assessment No. 259000)
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT**Meeting ended at 4:28 PM**

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