



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

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

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Councilmember Saura Jost will be participating remotely at 5055 July St. (outside), San Diego, CA 92110

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:40 PM

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 25-14](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1510 Laurel Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

Received and Filed

- 2 [AO 25-17](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: An additional \$51,750.00 of funding for North End Neighborhood Organization (NENO) business investment and revitalizing fund.

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: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 4 [RES 25-484](#) Approving a 5-year agreement between the City and the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) regarding the operation and maintenance of select publicly-owned stormwater treatment systems at the Snelling-Midway superblock.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 25-489](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for May 7, 2025, to consider approval of the 2025 Mill and Overlay Program.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 25-514](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota - Dept of Transportation to provide emergency fire response and annual fire drills.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 25-518](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Michael Darrow, Daniel Featherstone, Catherine Grilz, and Michael Rademaker and reappointment of Erin Hayes, Shaval Webb, and Nancy Rodenborg to the Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 25-519](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Nelsie Yang to serve on the Ramsey County Dispatch Policy Committee.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 25-520](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Rebecca Noecker to serve on the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 25-521](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of HwaJeong Kim to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 25-522](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of HwaJeong Kim to the Minnesota Landmarks Board.
Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 3 [RES 25-471](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Golden Thyme Holdings LLC (License ID# 20250000218), d/b/a Golden Thyme Restaurant & Bar, for Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio), and Entertainment (A) licenses, located at 934 Selby Avenue.
Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEMS

RES 25-560 Appointing Lisa Nelson as the interim Ward 4 councilmember.

Council President Noecker moved to suspend the rules to take up the item. Needing two-thirds of members present, the motion failed 3-3 (those opposed being Councilmembers Bowie, Jost, and Johnson).

[RES 25-564](#) Recognizing the Youth and Families of the 2024-25 Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Basketball League

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

RES 25-556 Appointing Matt Privratsky as the interim Ward 4 councilmember.

Councilmember Jost moved to suspend the rules to take up the item. Needing two-thirds of members present, the motion failed 2-4 (those opposed being Councilmembers Bowie, Noecker, Kim, and Yang).

[RES 25-559](#) Affirming the extension of Declaration of Local Emergency with an effective date of April 1, 2025 by Mayor Melvin Carter III.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, 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.

First Reading

12 [Ord 25-21](#) Granting the application of Central Internal Medicine Associates PA to rezone property at 635 Cleveland Avenue South (southwest corner at Bayard Avenue) from OS office-service to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Laid over to April 9, 2025 for Second Reading

- 13 [Ord 25-29](#) Amending Chapter 193A.08 of the Legislative Code pertaining to rent stabilization.

Laid over to April 9, 2025 for Second Reading

- 14 [Ord 25-31](#) Creating Chapter 193 of the Legislative Code (Title XIX) pertaining to Tenant Protections.

Laid over to April 9, 2025 for Second Reading**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

- 15 [RES PH 25-58](#) Approving the application of Allianz Field + Minnesota United FC for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound for the Great Lawn Concert event on May 9, 2025 outside of Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Ave. N. (To be withdrawn due to the event cancellation.)

Withdrawn

- 16 [RES PH 25-59](#) Approving the application of University of St. Thomas, Erin Whipkey, Assistant Director of Campus Life for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 16, 2025 at 2115 Summit Avenue, University of St. Thomas, Lower Quad.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 17 [RES PH 25-60](#) Amending the 2025 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Traffic Warehouse accounting unit to account for additional Capital Projects, Local Option Sales Tax work, Signage for Rondo neighborhood renaming expenditures and wire theft replacement in the accumulative amount of \$1,714,622.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

RECESS

Meeting recessed at 4:16 PM

ROLL CALL

Meeting resumed at 5:00 PM

Present 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 1 - Councilmember Anika Bowie

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 32** [RLH TA 25-30](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2502E2, Assessment No. 258317)
- Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Bowie
- 33** [RLH TA 25-31](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2503E1, Assessment No. 258312)
- Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Bowie
- 34** [RLH TA 25-32](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2504E3, Assessment No. 258315)
- Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Bowie
- 35** [RLH TA 25-33](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2505E2, Assessment No. 258317)
- Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Bowie

- 36** [RLH TA 25-34](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2501E1, Assessment No. 258309)
- Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Bowie

- 37** [RLH TA 25-64](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2506E2, Assessment No. 258320)
- Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Bowie

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: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

- 18** [RLH TA 25-97](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1106 ALBEMARLE STREET. (File No. J2510T, Assessment No. 258520)
- Adopted**
- 19** [RLH TA 25-90](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1467 ASHLAND AVENUE. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
- Adopted**
- 20** [RLH SAO 25-24](#) Appeal of Matthew Ellenberger to a Summary Abatement Order at 983 AVON STREET NORTH.
- Adopted**
- 21** [RLH TA 25-140](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 810 BUFFALO STREET. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)

Adopted

- 22 [RLH TA 25-89](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 864 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)

Adopted

- 23 [RLH TA 25-83](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1826 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519) (April 1, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

- 24 [RLH TA 25-167](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 273 COTTAGE AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2505D, Assessment No. 258820)

Adopted

- 25 [RLH TA 25-141](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 776 DESOTO STREET. (File No. J2504R1, Assessment No. 258542)

Adopted

- 26 [RLH TA 25-87](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 836 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)

Adopted

- 27 [RLH TA 25-156](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 901 EUCLID STREET. (File No. J2510T, Assessment No. 258520)

Adopted

- 28 [RLH TA 25-116](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2060 FOURTH STREET EAST (2060 4TH STREET EAST). (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)

Adopted

- 29 [RLH TA 25-85](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 605 FRONT AVENUE (Vacant Lot). (File No. J2510T, Assessment No. 258520)

Adopted

- 30 [RLH TA 25-92](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1319 GALTIER STREET. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)

Adopted

- 31 [RLH TA 25-84](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 940 GOODRICH AVENUE. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)

Adopted

- 38 [RLH TA 25-110](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1112

KINGSFORD STREET. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)

Adopted

- 39** [RLH TA 25-148](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 714 LAFOND AVENUE. (File No. J2504T3, Assessment No. 258545)
- Adopted**
- 40** [RLH TA 25-106](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 900 LAUREL AVENUE. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519) (Public hearing continued to October 1, 2025)
- Public hearing continued to October 1, 2025**
- 41** [RLH TA 25-107](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 686 LEXINGTON PARKWAY SOUTH. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)
- Adopted**
- 42** [RLH TA 25-82](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1114 MARGARET STREET. (File No. J2511T, Assessment No. 258523)
- Adopted**
- 43** [RLH TA 25-183](#) Amending Council File RLH TA 24-475 to delete the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during May 2, 2023 to February 19, 2024 at 233 MARYLAND AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2411, Assessment No. 248817)
- Adopted**
- 44** [RLH TA 25-53](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1540 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2506A, Assessment No. 258822) (Public hearing continued to April 2, 2025)
- Public hearing continued to April 16, 2025**
- 45** [RLH TA 25-96](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1155 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519) (Public hearing continued to September 10, 2025)
- Public hearing continued to September 10, 2025**
- 46** [RLH TA 25-138](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 193 ROBERT STREET SOUTH. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
- Adopted**
- 47** [RLH TA 25-93](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 304 RYAN AVENUE. (File No. J2510T, Assessment No. 258520)
- Adopted**
- 48** [RLH TA 25-94](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 304 RYAN AVENUE. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)

Adopted

- 49 [RLH TA 25-101](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 ST ALBANS STREET SOUTH, UNIT 1B. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)

Adopted

- 50 [RLH TA 25-123](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 ST ALBANS STREET SOUTH, UNIT 2B. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)

Adopted

- 51 [RLH TA 25-124](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 ST ALBANS STREET SOUTH, UNIT 3B. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)

Adopted

- 52 [RLH TA 25-125](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 ST ALBANS STREET SOUTH, UNIT 4B. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)

Adopted

- 53 [RLH TA 25-126](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 ST ALBANS STREET SOUTH, UNIT 5B. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)

Adopted

- 54 [RLH TA 25-127](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 ST ALBANS STREET SOUTH, UNIT 6B. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)

Adopted

- 55 [RLH TA 25-108](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 502 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)

Adopted

- 56 [RLH TA 25-76](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1141 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2506, Assessment No. 258805)
(Continued public hearing to April 2, 2025)

Amended and public hearing continued to April 9, 2025

- 57 [RLH TA 25-88](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 125 WINTER STREET. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)

Adopted

- 58 [RLH AR 25-19](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during October 7 to 23, 2024. (File No. J2511R Assessment No. 258519)

Adopted

- 59 [RLH AR 25-20](#) Ratifying the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during October 14 to 22, 2024. (File No. J2510T Assessment No. 258520)

Adopted

- 60 [RLH AR 25-21](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during October 28 to November 8, 2024. (File No. J2512R Assessment No. 258522)

Adopted

- 61 [RLH AR 25-22](#) Ratifying the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during October 24 to November 6, 2024. (File No. J2511T Assessment No. 258523)

Adopted

ROLL CALL

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

RES 25-560 Appointing Lisa Nelson as the interim Ward 4 councilmember.

Councilmember Kim moved to reconsider the motion to suspend the rules to take up the item. Needing two-thirds of members present, the motion failed 3-3 (those opposed being Councilmembers Bowie, Jost, and Johnson).

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 5:31 PM

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