



# City of Saint Paul

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## Minutes - Final

### Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, April 7, 2026

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House/Remote

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#### 9:00 a.m. Hearings

##### Special Tax Assessments

- 1     **RLH TA 25-376**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 583 MARSHALL AVENUE. (File No. J2526R, Assessment No. 258570) (Refer to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

Sponsors:     Bowie

*Delete the assessment.*

*No one appeared*

*Moermond: trip charge, but we have no orders.*

*Supervisor Lisa Martin: correct.*

*Moermond: recommend deletion.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/22/2026**

- 2     **RLH TA 26-31**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 580 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2525R2, Assessment No. 258590)

Sponsors:     Johnson

*Delete the assessment.*

*No one appeared*

*Moermond: this is a trip charge, but again we don't have orders. Recommend deletion.*

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- 3     **RLH TA 25-414**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 580 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2527R1, Assessment No. 258601)

**Sponsors:** Johnson

*Delete the assessment.*

*No one appeared*

*Moermond: this was a cleanup done by the crew June 11. But we don't have orders. When you were looking for orders, Ms. Martin?*

*Supervisor Lisa Martin: it just shows "Resolved" so we have no way of knowing how.*

*Moermond: recommend deletion.*

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### 10:00 a.m. Hearings

- 4**      **RLH TA 26-80**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1216 ALBEMARLE STREET. (File No. 2603T, Assessment No. 269002)

**Sponsors:** Kim

*Approve and make payable over 10 years.*

*No one appeared*

*Moermond: the property owner is in agreement with the assessment but would like payments divided over 10 years. So recommended.*

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- 5**      [RLH TA 26-47](#)      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1106 CUMBERLAND STREET. (File No. 2601T, Assessment No. 269000)

**Sponsors:** Kim

*Approve and make payable over 10 years.*

*No one appeared*

*Voicemail left at 11:25 am: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling Rosilyn Carroll Blakey about a tree assessment for 1106 Cumberland. We'll try you back in a little bit.*

*Voicemail left at 11:38 am: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling Rosilyn Carroll Blakey again about the tree removal assessment for 1106 Cumberland. I do know from the notes you wanted this divided over a number of years, I'll recommend this is made payable over 10 years. If you want to discuss this further, reply to the email you receive and let us know and we'll reschedule you a couple of weeks out.*

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- 6**      **RLH TA 25-422**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2170 HIGHWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2511E1, Assessment No. 258325)

Sponsors: Johnson

Approve the assessment.

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Moermond: what was this for?

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Moermond: did you talk to parking enforcement? Do you remember?

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Yohannes: I completely understand. We listed the Oakdale address at 7583 isn't even close to 2000 Highwood as a mailing address.

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**7 RLH TA 25-404** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2170 HIGHWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2512E1, Assessment No. 258326)

Sponsors: Johnson

Approve the assessment.

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**8 RLH TA 26-49**

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Approve the assessment.

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### Special Tax Assessments-Rolls

- 10 RLH AR 26-26** Ratifying the assessment for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) service during Nov-Dec 2025 (File No. 2603T, Assessment No. 269002)

**Sponsors:** Noecker

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/13/2026**

### 11:00 a.m. Hearings

- 11 [RLH SAO 26-24](#)** First Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 399 BLAIR AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-16. (April 14, 2026 Legislative Hearing)

**Sponsors:** Bowie

*Layover to LH Tuesday April 14, 2026 at 11 am for update. (CPH 4/15)*

*Nyar Pwo, owner, appeared via phone*

*Moermond: I'm calling about the deadlines put in place for getting the cleanup addressed. The last time we spoke we talked about the deadlines and the Council Public Hearing where you could contest. Today we have the same kind of situation and whether or not the work was done. Again, another Council Public Hearing to talk to the Council about if you disagree with my recommendation.*

*Staff report by Supervisor Lisa Martin: an inspector went by yesterday to take photos. The flat bed tow-truck and large amount of outside storage and debris remains throughout the property. They added another accessory structure that appears more than 200 square feet, no permit for that. 3 other structures besides the house and garage. A lot of wood and debris throughout the yard.*

*Moermond: we were expecting a cleanup of the tow truck, debris not construction*

*related, and the scrap metal. Why isn't that done?*

*Pwo: I had to use the other truck to put the flatbed out. Today I had to fill out the paperwork. The tow truck is gone today. I'm about to hop in the truck and go but you called me. I got the paperwork filled out ready to drop off.*

*Moermond: what about the non-construction items like scrap metal? Those seem to still be there. What's going on?*

*Pwo: the wood?*

*Moermond: scrap wood, not building wood.*

*Pwo: I brought it out to lift the flatbed up, but I already put it away. There's nothing in the way right now.*

*Moermond: I have photos that show you still have scrap wood and the tow truck there. Then I'm seeing junk wood leaned up against a shed with some particle board. Will that be gone soon?*

*Pwo: yes. It took some time with all the weather. It will be gone soon. The tow truck will be gone right now.*

*Moermond: I'm going to recommend the Council that the work isn't done, and they authorize the Department of Safety and Inspections to do a cleanup. If the work is done before the cleanup, you're fine. This has a Council Public Hearing next Wednesday and if it is all done, fantastic. If it isn't, then the Department of Safety and Inspections is authorized to do a cleanup.*

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- 12**     [RLH SAO 26-12](#)     Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1021 COOK AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH SAO 26-4.

**Sponsors:**     Yang

*The nuisance is abated and the matter resolved.*

*Staff report by Supervisor Lisa Martin: completed and abated.*

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- 13**     [RLH SAO 26-26](#)     Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2016 FREMONT AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-21.

**Sponsors:**     Johnson

*The nuisances are partially abated.*

*Mark Puhala, owner, appeared via phone*

*Moermond: we're calling you about your first deadline to get things done. It looks like you had the vehicle on an appropriate surface, licensed and operable, stakes and fencing.*

*Puhala: we didn't get the stakes. I knew we were forgetting something. I'm struggling to*

*find the email you sent me. The deadline was April 3?*

*Moermond: yes.*

*Puhala: we got the car moved and tires filled. The registration was done last November, so that wasn't expired tabs. They were red for 2026.*

*Moermond: I don't know what they were looking at.*

*Martin: I don't have the previous photos in front of me, but the ones from yesterday show current tabs, full tires, and parked in front of the garage.*

*Moermond: so the car is now in compliance.*

*Puhala: but we still need the stakes.*

*Moermond: you do. This has a Council Public Hearing next Wednesday, and the stakes need to be pulled right away. If they're not I'll ask the Council to authorize a crew to go do it.*

*Puhala: not a problem. My partner said they should be able to do it right now. Can I send photos after this call?*

*Moermond: you'll get a follow up email from Joanna Zimny.*

*Puhala: thank you so much. I'm so sorry. I really wish I hadn't lost track of the paper. When I get the follow up email I will make sure I don't lose track of it. For what its worth plans for the garden are going well. My neighbor will be transplanting his bushes into my yard.*

*Moermond: excellent. Then the branches and Christmas tree can go easier.*

*Puhala: right. I'm going to have those "twiddled" town, May 1 right?*

*Moermond: yes.*

*Puhala: would you be able to send the original document again just in case I can't find it?*

*Moermond: yes, that's not a problem.*

*Puhala: I'm so sorry I didn't get to the stakes in time.*

*Moermond: you still have a chance, so get on it.*

*Puhala: we'll get it done tonight.*

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- 14**     [RLH SAO 26-10](#)     Second Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 805 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST in Council File RLH SAO 25-75.

**Sponsors:**     Bowie

*The nuisance is not abated.*

*Rashad Turner, tenant, appeared via phone*

*Moermond: you had a deadline for appropriate surfacing or removal of vehicles. Vehicle removal or site plan removal. As the tenant the site plan stuff would be up to the owner. Ms. Martin, staff went out?*

*Martin: no approved site plan. Food trailer, broken fencing, boat and food trailer are still on site as well and need to be removed.*

*Moermond: so still some issues. What's going on?*

*Turner: sounds like the two of you may not be aware of what's taken place recently. Ms. Martin, I thought you were on that email "loop". The plan was submitted based on the hearing which the two of you said that the gravel was ok.*

*Moermond: we're aware Mr. Turner, you don't need to assume otherwise.*

*Turner: what's the deal with that then?*

*Moermond: zoning denied the application and as the tenant you aren't authorized to file that.*

*Turner: you're incorrect.*

*Moermond: let me finish my sentence, Mr. Turner.*

*Turner: well, you're speaking incorrectly so I wanted to save you time.*

*Moermond: oh, well thank you, but I think I got it.*

*Turner: are you saying Caitlyn didn't submit it or...?*

*Moermond: I'm saying YOU submitted it from what I understand.*

*Turner: you are incorrect.*

*Moermond: ok, tell me more.*

*Turner: your understanding is incorrect. You should be able to access that paperwork.*

*Moermond: all the same, the application was denied.*

*Turner: so you and Ms. Martin lied during the Legislative Hearing?*

*Moermond: no one lied.*

*Turner: you both said that gravel was ok.*

*Moermond: no, no. We said it was a zoning decision.*

*Turner: neither one of you said that. The recording has been made available. Maybe we need to start the process over?*

*Moermond: that's fine, you can argue that to the City Council. Either way next Wednesday April 15, I'll find it isn't in compliance with orders and that they authorize the Department of Safety and Inspections to act to abate the nuisance. There was no guarantee on our part. It was application and approval of that application. Not just to apply for it. You needed to be in compliance one way or another.*

*Turner: you didn't state that one of those means was gravel?*

*Moermond: excuse me?*

*Turner: at the Legislative Hearing, did you not state one of those means was gravel?*

*Moermond: it COULD be, but that's up to Zoning.*

*Turner: that's not how it was articulated at the hearing. Do what you need to do and I'll talk to the Council about it.*

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## 1:30 p.m. Hearings

### Orders To Vacate - Fire Certificate of Occupancy

- 15 RLH VO 26-16** Appeal of Orzugul Kahramonova, Art Investment Group, to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice, which includes Certificate of Occupancy Revocation and Order to Vacate, at 100 GEORGE STREET EAST.

**Sponsors:** Noecker

*Grant to June 1 for all orders on condition the units remain unoccupied, otherwise grant to June 1, 2026 for orders related to windows, and to May 1, 2026 for balance of the orders. (CPH April 22)*

*Voicemail left at 2:22 pm: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling about 100 George. We'll try back in just a little bit.*

*Voicemail left at 2:45 pm: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling again about 100 George. I'm looking at what we were aiming for last week, which is the tenants were out and you could measure windows and use that to figure out the windows timeline. Looking for an update for you on that. If you want to send an email that would be helpful. I'll put this on the agenda next week but hopefully we can resolve this by email.*

*Note: JZ spoke with appellant after hearing who agreed to above recommendation so matter was sent directly to Council (email attached).*

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## 2:00 p.m. Hearings

### Fire Certificates of Occupancy

16 RLH FCO  
26-25

Appeal of Ronald Staeheli, on behalf of Diane Staeheli, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 358 ARBOR STREET.

Sponsors: Noecker

*Grant appeal of items 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 and grant to June 1, 2026 for item 3 of the February 26, 2026 orders.*

*Ron Staeheli, owner, appeared via phone*

*Moermond: received some additional information from you that we've reviewed. [Moermond gives background of appeals process]*

*Staff report by Supervisor Der Vue: an appeal due to recent orders issued by Supervisor Keith Demarest. There are a few interior items including smoke alarm, access, insect infestation and some exterior items which aren't due until May 1, 2026 from a previous appeal.*

*Moermond: this is a follow-up inspection after a previous appeal. What's new here we haven't talked about before?*

*Staeheli: is that a question?*

*Moermond: yes.*

*Staeheli: it isn't for a smoke detector near a bedroom. It is a smoke detector IN the bedroom. I don't need one NEAR the bedroom, I have ones IN the bedroom.*

*Moermond: often enough when we get this type of order we're talking about a bracket or something that doesn't have an alarm mounted. If the bracket would come off it is compliant often.*

*Vue: if there is one within 10 feet of a sleeping room on this level and the property hasn't had a building permit recently, if there was a bracket and it isn't legally required removing it would be sufficient.*

*Staeheli: the orders state specifically in living room/dining room are too far away to provide adequate detection. He's making stuff up. We're talking about a bed that's rumped and must be used as a bedroom, and installed IMMEDIATELY underlined in bold. Those aren't legal orders. Let's not cover for him by saying there's a bracket on the wall.*

*Moermond: we already discussed the bedroom space. You weren't using it as a bedroom, but it IS a bedroom. That's covered in a previous hearing. It is true we wouldn't need detectors in certain areas, and I don't see photos.*

*Vue: if there is a smoke or carbon within 10 feet of a sleeping room it meets the requirement, but I can't confirm since I didn't do the inspection myself.*

*Moermond: I'm going to grant this piece conditionally and I would want to see photos with measuring tape in the future if it's called out again. We need a lot better documentation.*

*Staeheli: it wasn't random insects near a garbage bag. It was a clean bag barely 3/4th*

full with a random bug near it. The rest is storage and one of his business. That woman can own as much as she wants in whatever stacks she wants. It may not meet your LIFE standards but—

Moermond: hang on, you are correct. The photos I have don't show heavy content. Just a note about clean egress to windows and doors. I'll recommend granting the appeal of that item.

Staeheli: 3 of the 4 inspections he's saying I failed on, he didn't bother sending me any letter or email about a reinspection for the December 22nd date. Every one I "didn't attend" were either excused.

Moermond: hold on. None of the no shows are relevant to me, only the deadline embedded in the bottom of the order. That can be removed from the order since it is covered in the follow up appointment earlier.

Staeheli: I want June 1 and you really should let paint be above 35 degrees to get a good coat on it. I'm old, I'd like to not ever do it again.

Moermond: I can agree with June 1 for that.

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**17 RLH FCO  
26-26**

Appeal of Gomaa Elzamel to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice, Second Notice at 1090 LOEB STREET.

Sponsors: Kim

Grant to June 1, 2026 for compliance.

Gomaa Elzamel, owner, appeared via phone  
Cristabel Olivera, partner of owner, appeared via phone

Staff update by Supervisor Der Vue: I have updated photos and Correction Order from Inspector Dravis from April 1. I'm looking at the orders in comparison to the March 2nd orders. I show 4 deficiencies, not much change, if any, from the April 1 inspection. A fourth deficiency was added for the exterior of the property for the April 6 orders.

Moermond: my team sent those April 6 orders since its only April 7 so no way they'd have received them. They're identical except for item 4, which doesn't seem like it would be a surprise. Are you looking for more time?

Elzamel: I want another inspector. Alex isn't very professional. He added some things he didn't need to. I also need more time, yeah.

Moermond: what am I supposed to see in the photos that show that? That you don't think are violations.

Olivera: he's talking about the ones before the new ones. The new ones we went with the Supervisor. He's asking for a new inspector and not having to deal with Alex anymore. The photos he's talking about are from the previous ones where they took photos from last year and the window framing that's wear and tear. He asked Alex what I'm supposed to do about the window, and Alex said "well, I can't tell you how to do it, I'm just saying what needs to be done." Gomaa asked if he could repaint it, and he said sure.

*Elzamel: he keeps adding more and more.*

*Vue: during the April 1 inspection, the inspector was accompanied by a Supervisor correct? Inspector Demarest?*

*Elzamel: yes.*

*Vue: based on the updated deficiencies the Supervisor agreed with inspector Dravis' inspection.*

*Moermond: my perspective on this is these orders are all old except for item 4.*

*Vue: based on the photos on page 7, 4, it looks like it would be accessible by rodents. Not uncommon for squirrels to do this.*

*Moermond: an extension to complete these, what are you asking for?*

*Elzamel: 2 months?*

*Moermond: I'll say June 1, and then the Department of Safety and Inspections can take further action. What would that be Ms. Vue?*

*Vue: our next step is typically revoking the Fire Certificate of Occupancy with an order to vacate.*

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