City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, October 27, 2026 **9:00 AM** **Room 330 City Hall & Court House/Remote**

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Remove/Repair Orders

1 RLH RR 26-7 Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 633 CAPITOL BOULEVARD within fifteen (15) days after the May 20, 2026, City Council Public Hearing.

Sponsors: Bowie

Layover to LH January 12, 2027 at 9 am for further update after City staff + County meeting on property.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 1/12/2027

2 RLH RR 26-14 Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 914 CENTRAL AVENUE WEST within fifteen (15) days after the August 19, 2026, City Council Public Hearing. (Refer to September 15, 2026 on condition)

Sponsors: Bowie

Layover to LH December 8, 2026 at 9 am to review work plan/bids based on completed CCIR and status of title change and back taxes.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 12/8/2026

3 RLH RR 26-19 Third Making finding on the appeal of Jay Mitchell, o/b/o The Money Man, LLC, to a substantial abatement ordered for 947 FREMONT AVENUE in Council File RLH 26-16.

Sponsors: Johnson

Forfeit an additional $2,500 of $15,000 PD. (That would leave remaining PD of $5,000).

Referred to the City Council due back on 11/4/2026

10:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

4 **RLH TA 26-247** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2098 BUSH AVENUE. (File No. J2615B, Assessment No. 268121)

Sponsors: Johnson

Approve the assessment.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/13/2027

5 RLH TA 26-238 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 829 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2605, Assessment No. 268908)

Sponsors: Yang

Layover to LH November 10, 2026 at 10 am to review any documentation of payment submitted by PO.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 11/10/2026

6 RLH TA 26-251 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 364 MAPLE STREET. (File No. VB2603, Assessment No. 268906) (October 27, 2026 Legislative Hearing)

Sponsors: Johnson

Approve and make payable over 5 years.

John Davis, owner, appeared via phone

Hoffman: unpaid Vacant Building fee from 2025 through 2026. Billing is August – May, but anniversary date in August 2008. Still on the Vacant Building list.

Davis: I recognize the present day building is still on the Vacant Building list. Late 2025, Quarter 4, we began to put a plan together to interview GCs and find financing to start the process in January 2026 to get this thing off the Vacant Building list and get a Certificate of Occupancy. Bring this building back to functional use. I recognize it has been on the list for many years. It has been in my family for longer than that, however my family hasn't had the means to take this project to where it is. My wife and I began these plans Quarter 4, 2025. I know we've been paying the Vacant Building fee throughout. I guess I'm appealing because I'm asking for City relief and support since we've been fully going through the process this year to getting it back to operational.

It had no water lines, gas lines, electrical lines. We had to pull those all in under permits. We will be closing out permits soon. Is there a way to prorate from the beginning of the year? It has been a big project.

Moermond: what is the exact period covered by this assessment? Christmas even of 2008?

Hoffman: yes. It should have been sent in early 2025 to recoup the Vacant Building fees for 2025-2026 year. If we're looking at those dates, then 2026-2027 would be coming up here in December for the next year, which COULD be out of the program by

then. This year has already passed.

Moermond: yeah. That's where I'm stuck too. The bill covered December 24, 2025 through December 24, 2026. If you're 45 days out that takes you to mid-December, so you'd have been in the full year for 2025-2026 but then you won't have any bills after that.

Davis: and that's where I was asking for City's relief since throughout all of 2026 we've been putting considerable resources towards this. Given it has been on the Vacant Building list since 2008 I was hopeful the City could see there's considerable work being done the present year. I'm trying to see if there's some gray area to get relief DUE to the amount of work in 2026.

Moermond: I can't look at the fact it is being worked on. I can only look at whether or not you have the Code Compliance certificate. That's the finish line. I'm stuck on that. Would it be helpful to make it payable over a number of years?

Davis: what does that look like?

[Moermond discusses invoice process in real estate, payment, and when it rolls onto the 2026 taxes]

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/28/2026

7 RLH TA 26-244 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 570 PRIOR STREET NORTH, aka 576 PRIOR STREET NORTH. (File No. J2615B, Assessment No. 268121)

Sponsors: Coleman

Layover to LH November 10, 2026 at 10 am to review photos of work submitted by property rep.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 11/10/2026

8 **RLH TA 26-248** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1141 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2605, Assessment No. 268908)

Sponsors: Coleman

Approve and make payable over 5 years.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/13/2027

11:00 a.m. Hearings

Summary & Vehicle Abatement Orders

9 **RLH SAO 26-104** Appeal of Ojulique Davidson to a Summary Abatement Order at 1415 GALTIER STREET.

Sponsors: Kim

Recommendation forthcoming (CPH 11/18).

Referred to the City Council due back on 11/18/2026

Making Finding on Nuisance Abatements

10 **RLH SAO 26-79** Making finding on the appealed of Lucky "Tiger Jack" Rosenbloom to a nuisance abatement ordered for 369 DALE STREET NORTH in Council File RLH SAO 26-62.

Sponsors: Bowie

Nuisance is partially abated. PO to submit engineer report/statement regarding portions of fence he wants to remain. Orders to be converted to correction order.

Referred to the City Council due back on 11/18/2026

1:30 p.m. Hearings

Orders To Vacate - Fire Certificate of Occupancy

11 RLH VO 26-48 Appeal of Ashray Gupta to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice, including Revocation and Order to Vacate at 251 MARIA AVENUE.

Sponsors: Johnson

Layover to LH November 17, 2026 at 1:30 pm for further discussion after closing and including purchaser (on condition units 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9 stay unoccupied). PO to submit work plan/timeline and proof of financing to help develop recommendation.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 11/17/2026

2:00 p.m. Hearings

Fire Certificates of Occupancy

12 RLH FCO 26-89 Appeal of Ashray Gupta, Representative on behalf of ENCF MK DREY MSP 03 LLC, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1863 SEVENTH STREET EAST.

Sponsors: Johnson

Layover to LH November 17th at 1:30. DSI to write revised orders. PO to submit work plan/timeline and proof of financing to help develop recommendation.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 11/17/2026

3:00 p.m. Hearings

Other - Fence Variance

13 **RLH OA 26-4** Appeal of Reginald Johnson/Kristin Becker to a Fence Variance Denial at 775 EDMUND AVENUE.

Sponsors: Bowie

Recommend variance of 1.5' (totaling 8.5').

Referred to the City Council due back on 11/18/2026