



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

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

Wednesday, July 9, 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 25-37](#) Amending the 2025 Saint Paul Regional Water Services spending budget to record the cost-neutral change in spending for principal and interest due on PFA note DW09.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 25-38](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate budget to more accurately record expenditures for the department special fund.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 25-39](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate budget to more accurately record expenditures for the department special 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

Councilmember Privratsky moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

- 4 [RES 25-921](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit a grant application to the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program of the U.S. Department of Justice.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 25-960](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement with MnDOT for funding of the Central Safe Routes to School Project.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 25-961](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement with MnDOT for funding of the Como Safe Routes to School Project.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 25-973](#) Approving the Maintenance Labor Agreement (May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2028) between the City of Saint Paul and the United Association of Steamfitters - Pipefitters Local Union No. 455.
Laid over to July 16, 2025
- 8 [RES 25-989](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to enter into a Cooperative Construction Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (that includes an indemnification clause) for the Pleasant Avenue Project.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 25-996](#) Authorizing the Saint Paul Public Library to accept state parks passes from the State of Minnesota ("State") and authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement with the State that includes indemnification language.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 25-1000](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with adverse action and the imposition of a \$500 matrix penalty and proposed license conditions against Ecuadorian Express Llc d/b/a Charly's Auto Repair (License ID #220000246) for the premises located at 1335 Prosperity Avenue.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 25-1004](#) Authorizing the Police Department to apply to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Discretionary Grant Program from the Office of National Drug Control Policy to support supplemental equipment for narcotics enforcement.
Adopted

- 12 [RES 25-1005](#) Authorizing the Police Department to apply for the 2026-2027 Community Crime Intervention and Prevention (CCIP) Programs Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety - Office of Justice Programs to support ASPIRE Partnerships to Reduce Violent Crime.
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 25-1006](#) Authorizing the Police Department to apply for the FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants program from the US Department of Justice - Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office to support the Downtown Homelessness Initiative.
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 25-1007](#) Authorizing the Police Department to apply for the FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants program from the US Department of Justice - Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office to support scholarships for potential St. Paul Police Department recruits.
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 25-1008](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Auto Repair Garage and Second Hand Dealer - Motor Vehicle Parts license now held by Phalen Lake Auto Repair LLC d/b/a Phalen Lake Auto Repair LLC (License ID #20250000606) for the premises located at 1383 Arcade St.
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 25-1010](#) Approving the expansion of a Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk) license to the existing Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less licenses for Candlestick Hospitality LLC d/b/a Myriel (License ID# 20210000722) for the premises located at 470 Cleveland Ave S.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 25-1016](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during May 12 to 28, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 5, 2025 and City Council public hearing for September 17, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2525R, Assessment No. 258565)
- Adopted**
- 18 [RES 25-1017](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during January 22 to February 18, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 5, 2025 and City Council public hearing for September 17, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2512E, Assessment No. 258322)
- Adopted**
- 19 [RES 25-1018](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during February 28 to March 28, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for

August 5, 2025 and City Council public hearing for September 17, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2510P, Assessment No. 258409)

Adopted

- 20 [RES 25-1019](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) during May 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 5, 2025 and City Council public hearing for September 17, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2506T, Assessment No. 259008)

Adopted

- 21 [RES 25-1026](#) Waiving the signature requirement for an expansion of the Energy Park Commercial Development District.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 25-1029](#) Authorizing the use of Project Labor Agreements for 2026, and federally funded 2027, 2028, and 2029 Public Works projects.

Adopted

- 23 [RES 25-1034](#) Authorizing Mayor Carter's Office and the Office of Financial Services to submit a McKnight Foundation Climate and Energy Program Grant Proposal.

Adopted

- 24 [RES 25-1038](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20240020401A for storm sewer infrastructure installed by the Port Authority on The Heights project site at the following locations: on Cottage Avenue from Howard Street (MH5014) to Winthrop Street (MH5018).

Adopted

- 25 [RES 25-1039](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 202420020402 for storm sewer infrastructure installed by the Port Authority on The Heights project site at the following locations: Ivy Avenue from Winthrop Street/Orange Avenue (MH5005) to Howard Street (MH5001C); Winthrop Street/Orange Avenue at Ivy Avenue (MH5005 to MH5006); Howard Street at Ivy Avenue (MH5001 to MH5109).

Adopted

- 26 [RES 25-1040](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20240020402A for storm sewer infrastructure installed by the Port Authority on The Heights project site at the following locations: on Ivy Avenue at Hawthorne Street (CBs 5250 and 5251 and FES5250A).

Adopted

- 27 [RES 25-1046](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Saint Paul Police Federation to provide an accelerated entry program for Police Officers to join the Police Department.

Laid over to July 16, 2025

- 28 [RES 25-1051](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to enter into an agreement with the University of St. Thomas for the Cretin Avenue and Grand Avenue Signal Project.
Adopted
- 29 [RES 25-1054](#) Approving the addition of the Malt Off Sale (Small Brewery-128 oz) License to the existing Malt Off Sale (Brewery), Malt On Sale (Brewery Taproom), Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) and Gambling Location licenses for 7th Street Beer Company LLC d/b/a Barrel Theory Beer Company (License ID# 20170000548) for the premises located at 248 7th St E.
Adopted
- 30 [RES 25-1055](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale 101-180 seats, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) and Entertainment (B) license now held by HiSo LLC d/b/a HiSo Banquet Hall (License ID #20250000607) for the premises located at 1079 Rice St.
Adopted
- 31 [RES 25-1060](#) Authorizing the City, on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation, to accept two portable basketball hoop donations (valued at \$1,000) from Dick's Sporting Goods, to support the youth basketball programming at multiple recreation centers and passive parks.
Adopted
- 32 [RES 25-1063](#) Approving the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 21 (Fire Supervisory Unit) for the purpose of clarifying the EMT/EMS Certification premium pay. (To be withdrawn)
Laid over to July 16, 2025
- 33 [RES 25-1064](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 21 (Fire Supervisory Unit) for the purpose of clarifying EMS/EMT Certification premium pay.
Laid over to July 16, 2025
- 34 [RES 25-1065](#) Approving the Maintenance Labor Agreement (May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2028) between the City of Saint Paul and the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 Minnesota/North Dakota.
Laid over to July 16, 2025
- 35 [RES 25-1073](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment to expend an amount not to exceed \$4,000 from certain grant funds for the purpose of increasing engagement in research, usability testing, and outreach efforts related to the City's emergency financial empowerment program.

Adopted

- 36 [Min 25-27](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of May 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2025.

Adopted

- 37 [RES 25-780](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Data Practices Specialist, in EG 02, AFSCME Technical, Grade 039.

Adopted

- 38 [RES 25-781](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Data Practices Supervisor, EG 09., SPSO, Grade 018.

Adopted

- 39 [RES 25-943](#) Establishing the rate of pay for SPRWS Asset Manager, Grade 024, Employee Group 09.

Adopted**ROLL CALL**

Present 7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Matt Privratsky

FOR DISCUSSION

- 40 [RES 25-1011](#) Honoring Kris Taylor of Ecolab.

Council President Noecker read from the resolution, spoke in support, and moved approval.

Adopted

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

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

- 41 [Ord 25-38](#) Amending Chapter 375 of the Legislative Code to allow Pedicabs to pull a

trailer and remove the hours restrictions (which will support small businesses while promoting an environmentally friendly alternative to transportation) and incorporate Uniform License Procedures as outlined in Legislative Code Chapter 310, and clarify ambiguous language.

Council President Noecker spoke to the ordinance.

Laid over to July 16, 2025 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 42** [Ord 25-34](#) Amending Chapters 33, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65 & 66 of the Legislative Code to correct errors, and to update and clarify language.
- Councilmember Jost moved to close the public hearing.*
- Laid over to July 16, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
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- 43** [Ord 25-37](#) Authorizing Public Works to collect fees from RDUs for garbage services to support the costs of operations and disposal and setting the 2025 late fee for delinquent garbage bills.
- Councilmember Bowie moved to close the public hearing.*
- Later in the meeting, Council President Noecker moved to reconsider the item.*
Approved 7-0.
- Noecker stated that the item should have been on the agenda for Final Adoption and not for Second Reading. She then moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
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- 44** [RES PH 25-124](#) Ratifying the assessment for Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private Properties. (File No. SWRP2501, Assessment No. 253001)
- Hope Wedge, resident, spoke during the public hearing.*
- Councilmember Johnson moved approval.*
- Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

- 45** [RES PH 25-114](#) Authorizing an increase in the Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Fund in the amount of \$25,000 to reflect grant funds received from the Minnesota DNR (authorization to enter into a grant agreement detailing the requirements of said grant, and to amend the Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Fund to reflect said funds) to support the Saint Paul's Outdoor Adventures project.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 46** [RES PH 25-129](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$399,777.10 to reflect grant funds received from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, Restorative Practices Initiatives grant program (and authorizing them to enter into a grant agreement detailing the requirements of said grant).

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 47** [RES PH 25-137](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) to accept and amend the 2025 Special Fund Budget for a donation from the Saint Paul Police Foundation (SPPF).

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 48** [RES PH 25-130](#) Approving the application of Rondo Community Coalition for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 820 Rondo Ave - Rondo Commemorative Plaza.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 49** [RES PH 25-131](#) Approving the application of Irish Fair of Minnesota for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 7, 2025, August 8, 2025, August 9, 2025, and August 10, 2025 at 200 Justus Ohage Blvd - Harriet Island Regional Park.

Councilmember Privratsky moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 50** [RES PH 25-132](#) Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 10, 2025 at Phalen Park Picnic Pavilion Patio - 1600 Phalen Dr.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 51** [RES PH 25-135](#) Approving the application of Metro Transit for two sound level variances in order to present amplified sound for the two locations of Rice Street Interlocking at 156 University Ave W and Minnesota Street Interlocking - E 12th St. and Minnestoa Street/ Union Depot Interlocking between Friday July 11-Monday July 21, 2025, for 2-3 days per site.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 52** [ABZA 25-3](#) Considering the appeal of Dominic Carchedi to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals denying a variance request to establish a 24-resident

supportive housing facility on the property at 418 Sherburne Avenue. (Public hearing closed and laid over from July 9, 2025)

David Eide, Zoning Inspector, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Dominic Carchedi, appellant, spoke during the public hearing and submitted a petition.

Robert McClain, resident, spoke during the public hearing and submitted written testimony.

Jackie Buroon, resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Bowie gave remarks and moved to lay the item over to August 6, 2025.

Public hearing closed and laid over to August 6, 2025

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

Nay: 0

53 [ABZA 25-4](#)

Considering the appeal of Mark Schwartz to 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.

David Eide, Zoning Inspector, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Noecker moved intent to deny the appeal.

Councilmember Johnson gave remarks.

Motion of intent is to deny the appeal

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

Nay: 0

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

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 54 [RLH TA 25-237](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1245 ALBEMARLE STREET. (File No. J2520R, Assessment No. 258548)
Public hearing continued to July 16, 2025
- 55 [RLH TA 25-246](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 68 DOUGLAS STREET. (File No. J2519R, Assessment No. 258541)
Adopted
- 56 [RLH RR 25-21](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1117 JENKS AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 25-11.
Adopted
- 57 [RLH TA 25-28](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 525 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2507T, Assessment No. 258515)
(Public hearing continued to July 9, 2025)
Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)
- 58 [RLH TA 25-250](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1300 LAFOND AVENUE. (File No. J2519R, Assessment No. 258541)
Adopted
- 59 [RLH TA 25-235](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1244 MATILDA STREET. (File No. J2520R, Assessment No. 258248)
Adopted
- 60 [RLH TA 25-7](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1264 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. VB2504, Assessment No. 258803) (Public hearing continued to July 9, 2025)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 61 [RLH VO 25-13](#) Appeal of Terrance F. Fahey, Tenant, to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint (which includes condemnation of Unit 3) at 1771 REANEY AVENUE.
Adopted
- 62 [RLH TA 25-207](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 967 SAINT ANTHONY AVENUE. (File No. J2519R, Assessment No. 258541)
Adopted
- 63 [RLH SAO 25-46](#) Appeal of North Seelinger to a Summary Abatement Order at 790 SHERBURNE AVENUE.
Adopted

- 64 [RLH TA 25-279](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 534 ST ALBANS STREET NORTH. (File No. J2519R, Assessment No. 258541) (July 8, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 65 [RLH TA 25-281](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1451 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2519R, Assessment No. 258541) (Reduce and continue to October 1, 2025 Public Hearing)
Amended and public hearing continued to October 1, 2025
- 66 [RLH TA 25-240](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1141 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2519R, Assessment No. 258541) (Public hearing continued to October 15, 2025)
Amended and public hearing continued to October 1, 2025
- 67 [RLH TA 25-239](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1922 WILSON AVENUE. (File No. J2520R, Assessment No. 258548)
Adopted
- 68 [RLH AR 25-49](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during February 12 to 26, 2025. (File No. J2519R, Assessment No. 258541)
Adopted
- 69 [RLH AR 25-50](#) Ratifying the assessment for Snow and Ice Removal from the Public Sidewalk during February 21, 2025. (File No. J2502S, Assessment No. 258547)
Adopted
- 70 [RLH AR 25-51](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during February 26 to March 3, 2025. (File No. J2520R, Assessment No. 258548)
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:30 PM

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