City of Saint Paul

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Council Chambers - 3rd Floor
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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, April 23, 2025 **3:30 PM** **Council Chambers - 3rd Floor**

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:34 PM

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

Absent 1 - Councilmember HwaJeong Kim

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

1 AO 25-21 Amending the 2025 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Electric Vehicle Charging Stations accounting unit to budget for additional maintenance services and electric vehicle charging stations city-wide.

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

Council President Noecker stated that Item 20 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Privratsky moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

2 RES 25-535 Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during February 12 to 26, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 20, 2025 and City Council public hearing for July 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2519R, Assessment No. 258541)

Adopted

3 RES 25-536 Approving the City's cost of providing Snow and Ice Removal from the Public Sidewalk during February 21, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 20, 2025 and City Council public hearing for July 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2502S, Assessment No. 258547)

Adopted

4 RES 25-537 Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during February 26 to March 3, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 20, 2025 and City Council public hearing for July 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2520R, Assessment No. 258548)

Adopted

5 RES 25-578 Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Metropolitan Council for Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) fund for contamination cleanup for a project at 642 Selby Avenue (Rondo CLT Mixed-Use Redevelopment).

Adopted

6 RES 25-579 Authorizing the City to apply to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund (ERF) for contamination cleanup grant funding for a project at 642 Selby Ave (Rondo CLT Mixed-Use Development).

Adopted

7 RES 25-588 Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all travel expenses for four Minnesota State Patrol employees that attended the Priority One training in Mesa, AZ on February 2-8, 2025 or March 9-15, 2025.

Adopted

8 RES 25-590 Authorizing the Department of Safety and Inspections to apply for a grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Homelessness, Housing, and Support Services Administration for the Homeless Assistance Response Team outreach program.

Adopted

9 RES 25-592 Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2025 Workplace Wellness Community Grant for up to $6,000 from the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce for health and wellness equipment for the firefighters at the fire

stations.

Adopted

10 RES 25-594 Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all costs incurred to host a graduation ceremony for firefighters on May 29, 2025 at the Minnesota History Center.

Adopted

11 RES 25-600 Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2025 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 110.

Laid over to May 7, 2025

12 RES 25-603 Requesting City acceptance of a downtown parcel from the Saint Paul Port Authority as part of the skyway and pedestrian tunnel connection between the RiverCentre and Landmark Tower.

Adopted

13 RES 25-604 Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the $500 matrix penalty and license suspension adverse action against Brian Kirov Petkov d/b/a Brian Kirov Petkov (License ID #20230001726) for the premises located at 457 Iglehart Ave. (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

14 RES 25-617 Approving the application for approval of the amended/proposed license conditions 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 regarding the storage and parking of vehicles on the premises for Eagle Auto Body LLC d/b/a Eagle Auto Body LLC for the Auto Body Repair/Painting Shop (License ID #240000663) for the premises located at 786 Robert Street South.

Adopted

15 RES 25-619 Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the $500 matrix penalty and license suspension adverse action against Ruth Sharon Atherly d/b/a Ruth Sharon Atherly (License ID #20240000111) for the premises located at 621 Cleveland Avenue South.

Adopted

16 RES 25-620 Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to revoke the Short-Term Rental (Owner Occupied) license against Adhina Bawa & Sunil Bawa d/b/a Adhina Bawa & Sunil Bawa, (License ID #20210001954) for the premises located at 641 Lexington Parkway N.

Adopted

17 RES 25-626 Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 70, for the purpose of ensuring effective staffing, training and operational continuity during the new plant launch at the Saint Paul Regional Water Services.

Laid over to May 7, 2025

18 RES 25-627 Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to revoke the Short-Term Rental (Non-Owner Occupied) license against the Dien Real Estate LLC d/b/a Homi, (License ID #20220001701) for the premises located at 1659 Edmund Ave.

Adopted

19 RES 25-628 Approving the application for approval of amended license conditions 1, 2, and 3, reducing number of for-sale vehicles from twenty-two (22) to sixteen (16) for Earl Street Auto Sales and Repairs LLC d/b/a Earl Street Auto Sales and Repairs LLC for the Second Hand Dealer-Motor Vehicle and Auto Repair Garage (License ID #20250000006) for the premises located at 803 Earl St.

Adopted

20 RES 25-632 Approving a complete waiver of the Sustainable Building Ordinance for the Como Maintenance Fabric Structure at 1295 Jessamine Avenue.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

21 RES 25-633 Approving the 2025 Commercial Corridor Organization Assistance Program, Citywide.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

22 RES 25-517 Approving the appointment of Jay Willms as Director of City Council Operations.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

23 RES 25-649 Honoring Dana DeMaster for Her Service on the Audit Committee.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

SUSPENSION ITEMS

RES 25-622 Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to revoke the Dance or Rental Hall license against the MJ Accents LLC d/b/a MJ Accents LLC, (License ID #20230001969) for the premises located at 670 Payne Ave.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

RES 25-646 Approval of Healthy Homes (HH) & Power of Home (POH) Program Guidelines, Citywide.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

RES 25-654 Authorizing the City Council to spend up to $300 for the purchase of light refreshments for the Ward 2 Annual Meeting to be held on May 1, 2025.

Council President Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

RES 25-658 Amending RES-25-192 to extend the timeline for the establishment of an Administrative Citation Legislative Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

SUSPENSION ITEMS FOR RECONSIDERATION

RES 25-582 Authorizing the City to enter an amendment to lease agreement 15905 with National Cooperative Leasing to expand the fleet size of the Evie carshare program by 45 vehicles.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval of Version 2.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

RES PH 25-62 Approving the application of Breakaway Music Festival for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 6 through June 7, 2025 at 400 Snelling Avenue North - Allianz Field Grounds. (Public hearing continued from April 23, 2025)

Councilmember Bowie moved to amend the resolution to return to Version 2, reopen the public hearing, and lay over to May 14, 2025.

Amended, public hearing reopened, and laid over to May 14, 2025

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

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

24 Ord 25-30 Amending Chapter 310.04 of the Legislative Code to regulate a more efficient method of cancellation when licensee is not in compliance with providing materials to be engaged in licensed activity.

Council President Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

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

25 Ord 25-26 Amending Chapter 43.03 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Vacant Buildings as it relates to the Vacant Building Registration Fee. (Laid over from March 26, 2025)

Councilmember Jost moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to May 7, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

26 RES PH 25-65 Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Operating and Capital Budgets for the 2025 Lighting Improvement Program and the 2025 Bike Improvement Program. (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

27 RES PH 25-66 Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget for the Payne Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

28 RES PH 25-70 Amending the financing and spending plans in the Library Capital Budget for the Transforming Libraries Project.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

29 RES PH 25-74 Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of $64,241.09 for the Minnesota Task Force One (MNFT1) reimbursement from the City of Edina.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

30 RES PH 25-73 Approving the applications of Wabasha Brewing Company for two sound level variances in order to present amplified sound for a Weekends at Wabasha - Fridays May and June Event Series and a Weekends at Wabasha - Saturdays May and June Event Series, May 2 - June 28, 2025, at 429 Wabasha Street S - Wabasha Brewing Company.

Withdrawn

31 RES PH 25-37 Final Order approving the 2025 Alley Improvement Program.

Steve Dodge from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions alongside Lynn Rolf from the Office of Financial Services.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

32 RES PH 25-42 Ratifying the assessment for the Griggs/Scheffer Area Paving and Lighting, Phase II paving and lighting project constructed as part of the 2021 St. Paul Street Paving Program (SPS). (File No. 19233B, Assessment No. 215200)

Steve Dodge from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report.

John Smith, resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Jost spoke in favor and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

33 RES PH 25-49 Final Order approving the reconstruction of streets in the 2025 Saint Paul Streets Program and Sales Tax Street Projects.

Council President Noecker stated that Council would be voting to continue the public hearing to the next Council meeting, due to Councilmember Kim's absence.

Steve Dodge from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions alongside Lynn Rolf from the Office of Financial Services.

8 people spoke during the public hearing.

Noecker gave remarks.

Councilmember Yang asked for additional clarification.

Dodge addressed Yang's question.

Noecker moved to continue the public hearing to May 7, 2025.

Public hearing continued to May 7, 2025

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Privratsky moved approval.

item is Adopted Consent Agenda

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

34 RLH SAO 25-9 Making finding on the appealed of Michael E. Corcoran to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1478 AMES AVENUE in Council File SAO 24-51.

Adopted

35 RLH RR 25-8 Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 594 BRUNSON AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-31. (Amend to grant additional 90 days and forfeit $5,000 of $10,000)

Adopted as amended (granted 5 months to complete the abatement and forfeit $2,500 of the $10,000 performance deposit)

36 RLH SAO 25-30 Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 724 CASE AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-17.

Adopted

37 RLH SAO 25-32 Appeal of Ana Silva to a Summary Abatement Order at 1016 DESOTO STREET.

Adopted

38 RLH VBR 25-18 Appeal of Zach Johnson, US Internet Corporation, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1540 RANDOLPH AVENUE.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 5:24 PM

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