



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 16, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Councilmember Nelsie Yang will be participating remotely.

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:38 PM

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 25-40](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to reallocate \$2,982,560 within its various accounting units in the 2025 adopted budget to most accurately reflect the projected actual spending in each accounting unit and provide the appropriate levels of spending authority.

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Council President Noecker stated that Item 16 was being withdrawn and that Item 19 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 2 [RES 25-904](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply for Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-Development Grant Funds for a project at 576 Lexington Parkway N. (The Lexington Deluxe) (Dist. 7, Ward 1).
Adopted
- 3 [RES 25-1001](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for \$15,000 in cost-share funding from the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District for mechanical harvesting of aquatic vegetation on Lake Phalen in 2025.
Adopted
- 4 [RES 25-1024](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during March 1, 2024 to February 17, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 12, 2025 and City Council public hearing for September 17, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2512, Assessment No. 258825)
Adopted
- 5 [RES 25-1025](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during March 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 12, 2025 and City Council public hearing for September 17, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2512B, Assessment No. 258112)
Adopted
- 6 [RES 25-1047](#) Accepting the gift of travel expenses from the William Julius Wilson Institute at Harlem Children's Zone for Mayor Carter to attend the Summer Institute: Transforming Place through Neighborhood Leadership at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in partnership with The Ed Redesign Lab from Jul 9-10, 2025 in Cambridge, MA.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 25-1053](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale-291 or more seats, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Liquor On Sale-2AM Closing, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Entertainment (B) and Gambling Location license now held by DH Hospitality LLC d/b/a Dark Horse; Bar & Eatery; Earl & Wilson (License ID #20250000924) for the premises located at 250 & 256 7th St E.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 25-1061](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept funds from Blaze Credit Union for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program in an amount of \$1,000 for the 2025 training program.
Adopted

- 9 [RES 25-1071](#) Authorizing CollegeBound Saint Paul, under the Office of Financial Empowerment, to expend an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for food, refreshments, and incentives for activities and events throughout 2025.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 25-1082](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Matthew Bandstra and reappointment of Hwa Jeong Kim, Chad Kulas, Bryan Kuzel, James McClean, Yolanda McIntosh, Sheri Riemers, Tanya Velishek to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 25-1090](#) Authorizing the City to execute a second amendment to a lease agreement with Ramsey County for the Ramsey County Sheriff's use of space in the City Hall Annex.
Adopted
- 12 [RES 25-1091](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale-100 seats or less and Liquor On Sale-Sunday license now held by Fateh LLC d/b/a Indian Kitchen Bar & Grill (License ID #20250000853) for the premises located at 272 Snelling Ave S.
Adopted
- 13 [Min 25-30](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of June 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2025.
Adopted
- 14 [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.
Adopted
- 15 [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.
Adopted
- 16 [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)
Withdrawn
- 17 [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.
Adopted

- 18 [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.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 19 [RES 25-1115](#) Recognizing Disability Pride Month and honoring disability advocacy in Saint Paul.

Council President Noecker gave remarks and read the resolution.

Kari Sheldon, member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities, gave remarks.

Julia Nelson, member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities, gave remarks.

Anna Hover, member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities, gave remarks.

Noecker moved approval.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in favor.

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.

Final Adoption

- 20 [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 Privratsky spoke to resident concerns and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

First Reading

- 21 [Ord 25-41](#) Amending Chapter 33.04 of the Legislative Code to require that 10% of the estimated plan review fee is to be paid before a review may begin.
- David Hoban, Deputy Director in the Department of Safety and Inspections, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.*
- Laid over to July 23, 2025 for Second Reading**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 22 [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.
- Fernando Scott, resident, spoke during the public hearing.*
- Councilmember Jost moved to close the public hearing.*
- Laid over to July 23, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- 23 [RES PH 25-146](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a \$96,000 agreement with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, (Conservation Partners Legacy grant program, requiring a ten percent in-kind match), to enhance and restore 23 acres of native woodland habitat at Swede Hollow Park (and to amend the Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Fund budget to reflect said funds received).
- Councilmember Johnson moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Privratsky
- Nay:** 0
- 24 [RES PH 25-148](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$382,427 by increasing the 2025 budget using fund balance, to reflect previously awarded funding from Parkland Dedication funds.
- Councilmember Kim moved approval.*

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 25** [RES PH 25-139](#) Approving the application of Minnesota Children's Museum for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 16, 2025 at 10 West 7th St. - Minnesota Children's Museum.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 26** [RES PH 25-140](#) Approving the application of Ka Vang for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 9, 2025 and August 10, 2025 at 425 Rice St - parking lot.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 27** [RES PH 25-141](#) Approving the application of Chris Bence for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on October 4, 2025 at 1199 Midway Pkwy - Como Midway Picnic Pavilion.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 28** [RES PH 25-143](#) Approving the application of St. George Greek Orthodox Church for the Greek Festival event sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on July 25-26, 2025 at 1111 Summit Ave - St George Greek Orthodox Church grounds.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 29** [RES PH 25-144](#) Approving the application of Great River Passage Conservancy for the Music on the Mississippi event sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 3, 2025 at 226 Spring St - Upper Landing Park.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 48** [RLH VBR 25-20](#) Appeal of Andy Dawkins and Richard Bowen to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 767 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST.

Public hearing continued for one week.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: I am asking for a one-week continuance to give time for the plumbing permit to be finalized.

Councilmember Bowie moved to continue the public hearing for one week.

Public hearing continued to July 23, 2025

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Jost 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

- 30** [RLH TA 25-237](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1245 ALBEMARLE STREET. (File No. J2520R, Assessment No. 258548)

Amended and public hearing continued to August 6, 2025

- 31 [RLH TA 25-269](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 733 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. J2510B, Assessment No. 258109)

Adopted

- 32 [RLH TA 25-251](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1845 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. J2510E, Assessment No. 258311)

Adopted

- 33 [RLH TA 25-262](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1724, 1748 AND 1760 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J2521R, Assessment No. 258549)

Adopted

- 34 [RLH TA 25-277](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 80 COTTAGE AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2510B, Assessment No. 258109)

Adopted

- 36 [RLH TA 25-275](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1762 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. VB2510A, Assessment No. 258833)
(Public hearing continued to August 27, 2025)

Public hearing continued to August 13, 2025

- 37 [RLH TA 25-256](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 941 FREMONT AVENUE. (File No. J2521R, Assessment No. 258549)

Adopted

- 38 [RLH TA 25-272](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 646 FULLER AVENUE. (File No. J2510B, Assessment No. 258109)

Adopted

- 39 [RLH TA 25-261](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2510E, Assessment No. 258311)

Adopted

- 40 [RLH TA 25-253](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1814 JAMES AVENUE. (File No. J2521R, Assessment No. 258549) (Public hearing continued to July 23, 2025)

Public hearing continued to July 23, 2025

- 41 [RLH TA 25-308](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 857 LAFOND AVENUE. (File No. J2505C, Assessment No. 252005) (July 15, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

Adopted as amended (made payable over 10 years)

- 42 [RLH RR 25-18](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 1510 LAUREL AVENUE within five (5) days after the July 16, 2025, City Council Public Hearing.
- Adopted**
- 43 [RLH TA 25-264](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1510 LAUREL AVENUE. (File No. J2510B, Assessment No. 258109)
- Adopted**
- 44 [RLH TA 25-265](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 245 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST (1285 L'ORIENT STREET). (File No. VB2510, Assessment No. 258810)
- Adopted**
- 45 [RLH TA 25-310](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1323 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. CRT2509, Assessment No. 258208)
- Public hearing continued to July 23, 2025**
- 46 [RLH RR 25-19](#) Third Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 401 ROSE AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 25-14. (July 15, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
- Amended and public hearing continued to August 6, 2025**
- 47 [RLH TA 25-259](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 617 STRYKER AVENUE. (File No. J2521R, Assessment No. 258549)
- Adopted**
- 35 [RLH TA 25-280](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1067 EDGERTON STREET. (File No. J2510E, Assessment No. 258311)
- Adopted**
- 49 [RLH TA 25-255](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2451 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2508P, Assessment No. 258407)
- Adopted**
- 50 [RLH TA 25-257](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2516 WABASH AVENUE. (File No. J2508P, Assessment No. 258407)
- Adopted**
- 51 [RLH AR 25-52](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during March 10 to 28, 2025. (File No. J2521R, Assessment No. 258549)
- Adopted**

- 52 [RLH AR 25-53](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during January 31 to February 28, 2025. (File No. CRT2509, Assessment No. 258208)

Adopted

- 53 [RLH AR 25-54](#) Ratifying the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement service billed during November 22 to December 20, 2024. (File No. J2510E, Assessment No. 258311)

Adopted

- 54 [RLH AR 25-55](#) Ratifying the assessment for Graffiti Removal service during October 21 to February 4, 2025. (File No. J2508P, Assessment No. 258407)

Adopted

- 55 [RLH AR 25-56](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during September 5 to December 20, 2024. (File No. VB2510, Assessment No. 258810)

Adopted

- 56 [RLH AR 25-57](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during January 2025. (File No. J2510B, Assessment No. 258109)

Adopted

- 57 [RLH AR 25-58](#) Ratifying the assessment for Demolition services from November to December 2024 (C.D.B.G. Funds). (File No. J2505C, Assessment No. 252005)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:14 PM

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