



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 Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Councilmember Saura Jost will be participating remotely at 5055 July St. (outside), San Diego, CA 92110

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:40 PM

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 25-14](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1510 Laurel Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 25-17](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: An additional \$51,750.00 of funding for North End Neighborhood Organization (NENO) business investment and revitalizing 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 Johnson moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 4 [RES 25-484](#) Approving a 5-year agreement between the City and the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) regarding the operation and maintenance of select publicly-owned stormwater treatment systems at the Snelling-Midway superblock.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 25-489](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for May 7, 2025, to consider approval of the 2025 Mill and Overlay Program.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 25-514](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota - Dept of Transportation to provide emergency fire response and annual fire drills.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 25-518](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Michael Darrow, Daniel Featherstone, Catherine Grilz, and Michael Rademaker and reappointment of Erin Hayes, Shaval Webb, and Nancy Rodenborg to the Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 25-519](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Nelsie Yang to serve on the Ramsey County Dispatch Policy Committee.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 25-520](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Rebecca Noecker to serve on the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 25-521](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of HwaJeong Kim to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 25-522](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of HwaJeong Kim to the Minnesota Landmarks Board.
Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 3 [RES 25-471](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Golden Thyme Holdings LLC (License ID# 20250000218), d/b/a Golden Thyme Restaurant & Bar, for Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio), and Entertainment (A) licenses, located at 934 Selby Avenue.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in favor and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEMS

RES 25-560 Appointing Lisa Nelson as the interim Ward 4 councilmember.

Council President Noecker moved to suspend the rules to take up the item. Needing two-thirds of members present, the motion failed 3-3 (those opposed being Councilmembers Bowie, Jost, and Johnson).

[RES 25-564](#)

Recognizing the Youth and Families of the 2024-25 Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Basketball League

Shaina Abraham, Recreation Services Manager in the Department of Parks and Recreation, gave a staff report.

Youth sports participants introduced themselves.

Council President Noecker read from the resolution.

Councilmember Kim spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in support.

Noecker spoke in support and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

RES 25-556 Appointing Matt Privratsky as the interim Ward 4 councilmember.

Councilmember Jost moved to suspend the rules to take up the item. Needing two-thirds of members present, the motion failed 2-4 (those opposed being Councilmembers Bowie, Noecker, Kim, and Yang).

[RES 25-559](#)

Affirming the extension of Declaration of Local Emergency with an effective date of April 1, 2025 by Mayor Melvin Carter III.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support and moved approval.

Council President Noecker spoke in support.

Adopted

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

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

- 12** [Ord 25-21](#) Granting the application of Central Internal Medicine Associates PA to rezone property at 635 Cleveland Avenue South (southwest corner at Bayard Avenue) from OS office-service to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Kady Dadlez, City Planner, gave a staff report.

Laid over to April 9, 2025 for Second Reading

- 13** [Ord 25-29](#) Amending Chapter 193A.08 of the Legislative Code pertaining to rent stabilization.

Laid over to April 9, 2025 for Second Reading

- 14** [Ord 25-31](#) Creating Chapter 193 of the Legislative Code (Title XIX) pertaining to Tenant Protections.

Laid over to April 9, 2025 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 15** [RES PH 25-58](#) Approving the application of Allianz Field + Minnesota United FC for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound for the Great Lawn Concert event on May 9, 2025 outside of Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Ave. N. (To be withdrawn due to the event cancellation.)

Withdrawn

- 16** [RES PH 25-59](#) Approving the application of University of St. Thomas, Erin Whipkey, Assistant Director of Campus Life for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 16, 2025 at 2115 Summit Avenue, University of St. Thomas, Lower Quad.

Council President Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

17 [RES PH 25-60](#)

Amending the 2025 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Traffic Warehouse accounting unit to account for additional Capital Projects, Local Option Sales Tax work, Signage for Rondo neighborhood renaming expenditures and wire theft replacement in the accumulative amount of \$1,714,622.

Councilmember Bowie moved Version 2. Approved 6-0.

John Purdy, resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Council President Noecker asked staff for clarification.

Sean Kershaw, Director of Public Works, addressed Noecker's question.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

RECESS

Council President Noecker moved to recess. Approved 6-0.

Meeting recessed at 4:16 PM

ROLL CALL**Meeting resumed at 5:00 PM**

Present 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 1 - Councilmember Anika Bowie

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS**32 [RLH TA 25-30](#)**

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2502E2, Assessment No. 258317)

Assessment ratified and made payable over 3 years.

Trieu Tran, owner, appeared in person with an interpreter

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: Items 32-37 are all assessments for

bills related to excessive consumption of code enforcement services at this property. On January 4, 2024, an order was written related to a parking surface and where a vehicle was parked. Two weeks later, the order was rewritten and clarified, per the owner's request. The deadline from that order was not met when the inspector revisited, and an excessive consumption bill was generated. The first was generated on February 27, 2024. Others followed on March 12, March 29, April 12, April 29. Then, a vehicle abatement order was issued for many vehicles as well, and so excessive consumption bills started to come for both violations. 8 more excessive consumption fees followed and they were turned into the assessments before you today. They are billed for a time period, so some are for \$169 or \$303. If it's \$303, it's because there were two visits during that billing period. The amount is based on visits. There was compliance at the end of the year when the City cleaned up the property. It is now taken care of. If it's helpful, a photo is on the screen that gives an idea of what's going on.

Treiu Tran: I want to explain why I have so many tickets. There are three reasons. One is a language barrier. There are many times I called due to the tickets and wanted to show the inspector that what they wrote is not correct. He never answered and never returned my call. On March 20, 2024 police enforcement came by and I spoke to him. He agreed to give me one year to clean the house. I didn't say all that to the inspector, but he didn't agree. Then, I don't know where to look for the information and I don't know the rules or laws of the City or state about where to put things. That's why I let him keep giving me tickets. At the end of the year, I called the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI). The manager explained the rules to me. After that, I cleaned up all of it. I am asking to dismiss all the tickets because they keep repeating. Some of the tickets are already sent to property taxes. Can I make a complaint on that?

Councilmember Kim moved to close the public hearing. Approved 5-0.

Kim: Could we make these all payable over time?

Moermond: Per your instruction, I amended all of the resolutions to ratify the assessments and make them payable over three years.

Kim moved approval as amended.

Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

33 [RLH TA 25-31](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2503E1, Assessment No. 258312)

Assessment ratified and made payable over 3 years.

(see minutes from RLH TA 25-30)

Councilmember Kim moved approval as amended.

Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

34 [RLH TA 25-32](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2504E3, Assessment No. 258315)

Assessment ratified and made payable over 3 years.

(see minutes from RLH TA 25-30)

Councilmember Kim moved approval as amended.

Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

35 [RLH TA 25-33](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2505E2, Assessment No. 258317)

Assessment ratified and made payable over 3 years.

(see minutes from RLH TA 25-30)

Councilmember Kim moved approval as amended.

Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

36 [RLH TA 25-34](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2501E1, Assessment No. 258309)

Assessment ratified and made payable over 3 years.

(see minutes from RLH TA 25-30)

Councilmember Kim moved approval as amended.

Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

- 37** [RLH TA 25-64](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2506E2, Assessment No. 258320)
- Assessment ratified and made payable over 3 years.*
- (see minutes from RLH TA 25-30)*
- Councilmember Kim moved approval as amended.*
- Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 3 years)**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Bowie

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 Jost moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

- 18** [RLH TA 25-97](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1106 ALBEMARLE STREET. (File No. J2510T, Assessment No. 258520)
- Adopted**
- 19** [RLH TA 25-90](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1467 ASHLAND AVENUE. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
- Adopted**
- 20** [RLH SAO 25-24](#) Appeal of Matthew Ellenberger to a Summary Abatement Order at 983 AVON STREET NORTH.
- Adopted**
- 21** [RLH TA 25-140](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 810 BUFFALO STREET. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
- Adopted**

- 22 [RLH TA 25-89](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 864 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)
Adopted
- 23 [RLH TA 25-83](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1826 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519) (April 1, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 24 [RLH TA 25-167](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 273 COTTAGE AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2505D, Assessment No. 258820)
Adopted
- 25 [RLH TA 25-141](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 776 DESOTO STREET. (File No. J2504R1, Assessment No. 258542)
Adopted
- 26 [RLH TA 25-87](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 836 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
Adopted
- 27 [RLH TA 25-156](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 901 EUCLID STREET. (File No. J2510T, Assessment No. 258520)
Adopted
- 28 [RLH TA 25-116](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2060 FOURTH STREET EAST (2060 4TH STREET EAST). (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
Adopted
- 29 [RLH TA 25-85](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 605 FRONT AVENUE (Vacant Lot). (File No. J2510T, Assessment No. 258520)
Adopted
- 30 [RLH TA 25-92](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1319 GALTIER STREET. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)
Adopted
- 31 [RLH TA 25-84](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 940 GOODRICH AVENUE. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
Adopted
- 38 [RLH TA 25-110](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1112 KINGSFORD STREET. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
Adopted

- 39 [RLH TA 25-148](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 714 LAFOND AVENUE. (File No. J2504T3, Assessment No. 258545)
Adopted
- 40 [RLH TA 25-106](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 900 LAUREL AVENUE. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519) (Public hearing continued to October 1, 2025)
Public hearing continued to October 1, 2025
- 41 [RLH TA 25-107](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 686 LEXINGTON PARKWAY SOUTH. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)
Adopted
- 42 [RLH TA 25-82](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1114 MARGARET STREET. (File No. J2511T, Assessment No. 258523)
Adopted
- 43 [RLH TA 25-183](#) Amending Council File RLH TA 24-475 to delete the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during May 2, 2023 to February 19, 2024 at 233 MARYLAND AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2411, Assessment No. 248817)
Adopted
- 44 [RLH TA 25-53](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1540 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2506A, Assessment No. 258822) (Public hearing continued to April 2, 2025)
Public hearing continued to April 16, 2025
- 45 [RLH TA 25-96](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1155 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519) (Public hearing continued to September 10, 2025)
Public hearing continued to September 10, 2025
- 46 [RLH TA 25-138](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 193 ROBERT STREET SOUTH. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
Adopted
- 47 [RLH TA 25-93](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 304 RYAN AVENUE. (File No. J2510T, Assessment No. 258520)
Adopted
- 48 [RLH TA 25-94](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 304 RYAN AVENUE. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)
Adopted

- 49 [RLH TA 25-101](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 ST ALBANS STREET SOUTH, UNIT 1B. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
Adopted
- 50 [RLH TA 25-123](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 ST ALBANS STREET SOUTH, UNIT 2B. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
Adopted
- 51 [RLH TA 25-124](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 ST ALBANS STREET SOUTH, UNIT 3B. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
Adopted
- 52 [RLH TA 25-125](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 ST ALBANS STREET SOUTH, UNIT 4B. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
Adopted
- 53 [RLH TA 25-126](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 ST ALBANS STREET SOUTH, UNIT 5B. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
Adopted
- 54 [RLH TA 25-127](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 42 ST ALBANS STREET SOUTH, UNIT 6B. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
Adopted
- 55 [RLH TA 25-108](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 502 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)
Adopted
- 56 [RLH TA 25-76](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1141 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2506, Assessment No. 258805)
(Continued public hearing to April 2, 2025)
Amended and public hearing continued to April 9, 2025
- 57 [RLH TA 25-88](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 125 WINTER STREET. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)
Adopted
- 58 [RLH AR 25-19](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during October 7 to 23, 2024. (File No. J2511R Assessment No. 258519)
Adopted
- 59 [RLH AR 25-20](#) Ratifying the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during October 14 to 22, 2024. (File No. J2510T Assessment No. 258520)
Adopted

60 [RLH AR 25-21](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during October 28 to November 8, 2024. (File No. J2512R Assessment No. 258522)
Adopted

61 [RLH AR 25-22](#) Ratifying the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during October 24 to November 6, 2024. (File No. J2511T Assessment No. 258523)
Adopted

ROLL CALL

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

RES 25-560 Appointing Lisa Nelson as the interim Ward 4 councilmember.

Councilmember Kim moved to reconsider the motion to suspend the rules to take up the item.

Councilmember Johnson gave remarks.

Councilmember Jost gave remarks.

Councilmember Bowie gave remarks.

Councilmember Yang gave remarks.

Council President Noecker gave remarks.

Kim renewed her motion to reconsider suspending the rules to take up the item.

Needing two-thirds of members present, the motion failed 3-3 (those opposed being Councilmembers Bowie, Jost, and Johnson).

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 5:31 PM

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