



City of Saint Paul

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Council Chambers - 3rd
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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

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

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

Present 6 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang,
Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Saura Jost,
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Molly Coleman
Absent 1 - Councilmember Anika Bowie

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 26-42](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate 2026 budget in the Police Special Fund to more accurately reflect expenditures.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 26-46](#) Adjusting budgets between Fire Department operating projects to align with actual project spending and revenue sources.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 26-49](#) Establishing one (1) new project through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolution #- RES 26-1179.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 26-50](#) Amending LAHA Project Budgets: Allocating \$200,000 from the Downtown Vitality Fund and \$880,000 from the Supportive Housing Fund for emergency shelter operations.
Received and Filed
- 5 [AO 26-52](#) Amending the 2026 PED Operations budget for technology upgrade.
Received and Filed
- 6 [AO 26-53](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: To allocate \$50,000 of funding for 1340

Payne Ave (Kynaw Poe Grocery).

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

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

- 7 [RES 26-1145](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit two applications to the FY 2026 Byrne Discretionary Grants Program from the U.S. Department of Justice.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 26-1151](#) Approving the use of a Project Labor Agreement for the Merriam Park Skate Park project.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 26-1156](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept a donation, in the amount of \$1,000, from Blaze Credit Union for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program for the 2026 training program.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 26-1165](#) Amending Council File No. 25-1339 to authorize the Police Department to enter into a revised agreement with the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA) to provide law enforcement and security services that meet National Football League (NFL) standards for NFL games held at U.S. Bank Stadium, as well as other designated high-profile events.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 26-1166](#) Accepting the Gift of Travel Expenses From Library Journal for Library Deputy Director Rebecca Ryan to Attend the Library Journal Safety Summit from Thursday July 16 to Friday July 17 in Cleveland, OH.
Adopted
- 12 [RES 26-1172](#) Authorizing approval of settlement and payment in full and final settlement of the pending lawsuit captioned, *Joseph Washington vs. City of Saint Paul, et. al.*, United States District Court, District of Minnesota, Court File Number, 22-CV-2899 NEB/SGE.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 26-1177](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028) and Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO Local 21.

Laid over to August 12, 2026

- 14 [RES 26-1180](#) Authorizing the acceptance of \$1,250,000 in total grant funding from the 2026 Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Community Project Funding (CPF) federal earmark for the Fire Department's Burn Building Restoration and Reconstruction.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 26-1185](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of a grill valued at \$3,400 from Emmett and Saji-Ya and the Saint Paul Fire Foundation.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 26-1192](#) Accepting the gift of travel expenses from AAPI LEAD for Mayor Kaohly Her's to attend the AAPI LEAD 2026 Summit from July 17, 2026-July 19, 2026 in Los Angeles, CA.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 26-1194](#) Approving the removal of all license conditions for the Tobacco Shop (License ID #738681) and Gas Station (License ID #738679) licenses, and related to the previous Auto Repair Garage license (License ID #20140001795), for Downtown BP, Inc. d/b/a Downtown BP for the premises located at 542 Robert St. N.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 26-1200](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20250030501 for Storm Sewer Infrastructure installed by Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC at the following locations on the United Village Project Site as defined in the "Development Agreement By and Between Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul and Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC": on Spruce Tree Avenue from Asbury Street to Snelling Avenue.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 26-1239](#) Authorizing the Department of Safety Inspections to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota's Fire Marshal Division regarding the enforcement of the Minnesota Fire Code to hotel inspections.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 26-1242](#) Approving reimbursement for the Ward 7 budget event.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 26-1246](#) Authorizing payment in the amount of \$22,225.39 in full and final settlement of claim of Xcel Energy.
Adopted
- 22 [RES 26-1250](#) Adopting the report of Ramsey County Elections finding that the petition for an initiative to create Chapter 34A of the Legislative Code pertaining to Tenant Right to Repair is sufficient.
Adopted
- 23 [RES 26-1251](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026) between the City of Saint Paul and the Law Enforcement Labor Services Local No. 635 representing Deputy Chiefs and Memorandums of Agreement.
Laid over to August 12, 2026
- 24 [RES 26-1257](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) licenses (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-001019-2026) now held by Taberna Castiza LLC d/b/a Tasca Madrid for the premises located at 173 Western Ave N.
Adopted
- 25 [RES 26-1262](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 110, for the purpose of establishing mandatory contributions for the utilization of the Minnesota Paid Leave program.
Laid over to August 12, 2026
- 26 [RES 26-1264](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Raider Liquor LLC (License ID# DSIBLLOFS-000922-2026), d/b/a Dabbler Depot, for a Liquor Off Sale License, located at 1545 7th St W.
Adopted
- 27 [RES 26-1266](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Hoodie's Coffee Den LLC (License ID# DSIBLLIQ-000958-2026), d/b/a Catzen Coffee, for Wine On Sale, Malt On Sale (Strong) and Entertainment (A) Licenses, located at 1416 Grand Avenue.
Adopted
- 28 [RES 26-1080](#) Establishing the rate of pay for the classification of Accounting Director, Grade 028, EG 09, SPSO.
Adopted
- 29 [RES 26-1084](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Public Works Supervisor II, Solid Waste, Manual and Maintenance Supervisors - Employee Group 10, Grade 038.

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION****ROLL CALL**

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

- 30** [RES 26-1253](#) Directing the City Clerk to notify the County Auditor to place a ballot question on the November 3, 2026 ballot regarding allowing tenants to make repairs to their building and approving the title and language for that ballot question.

Failed

Yea: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

Nay: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

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

- 31** [Ord 26-35](#) Amending Chapter 65 of the Legislative Code pertaining to golf courses.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 32** [Ord 26-36](#) Adding Chapter 86.13 to the Administrative Code to require City Council approval of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste contracts.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 33** [Ord 26-27](#) Administrative Ordinance placing the classification titled Deputy City Clerk in the unclassified service pursuant to Section 12.03.2(H) of the City of Saint Paul Charter (must be approved by Civil Service Commission after adoption by City Council but prior to Mayor signature).
- Laid over to August 12, 2026 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 34** [Ord 26-31](#) Amending Section 224.05(c) of the Legislative Code to eliminate the City's provisional 90-day minimum wage rate in the City of Saint Paul for workers between the ages of 14 and 17.
- Laid over to August 12, 2026 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 35** [RES PH 26-167](#) Amending the STAR budget to include a one-time transfer in, in the amount of \$400,000, from the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Enterprise Fund for the Commercial Corridors program, Citywide.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 36** [RES PH 26-132](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to amend the financing and spending plan, in the amount of \$250,000, to accept Local Trail Connections grant program funds from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for improving trail connections into and within the parkland adjacent to the Mounds Maintenance Facility, and to enter into an agreement with the DNR, which includes an indemnification clause.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0

- 37** [RES PH 26-160](#) Amending the Parks and Recreation 2026 Grant and Aid Fund for a \$2,285,000 donation from Como Friends, a non-profit to promote, support, preserve and enhance the Como Zoo and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 38** [RES PH 26-162](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept the donation from the Saint Paul Police Foundation in the amount of \$35,000 and amending the 2026 grant budget and adding activity budget.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 39** [RES PH 26-164](#) Authorizing the Police Department to amend the 2026 grant and activity budget in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2025 Port Security Grant.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 40** [RES PH 26-163](#) Amending the budget for the City Council Office Renovation Project, and approving an Internal Loan Document for the Project.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 41** [RES PH 26-170](#) Authorizing the acceptance of \$50,000 in total grant funding from the Rocky Mountain Institute, which requires no match, for purchase of 2 curbside EV chargers and the associated site work required; and authorizing the execution of a grant agreement; and amending the financing and spending in the Public Works grant budget in the amount of \$50,000.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 42** [RES PH 26-157](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$202.88 for the donation from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation to support the Fire Explorers program.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 43** [RES PH 26-165](#) Authorizing the City through its Fire Department to amend a joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota through its State Fire Marshal Division to provide a hazardous materials response team and amend the 2026 financing and spending plans for the Fire Department in the amount of \$360,000.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 44** [RES PH 26-168](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to amend the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$500,000 to pay for training and equipment for the Minnesota Air Rescue Team (MART).
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 45** [RES PH 26-173](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$21,131.47 for the Minnesota Task Force One (MNTF1) reimbursement from the City of Edina.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 46** [RES PH 26-161](#) Approving the application of One Simple Plan for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for an IndiaFest 2026 event on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd - Minnesota State Capitol Grounds.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 47** [RES PH 26-172](#) Approving the application of Wabasha Brewing Co. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for Music at Wabasha event series on the Saturdays of August 22, September 12, September 19, September 26, October 17, and October 31, 2026, at 429 Wabasha Street South - the Patio of Wabasha Brewing Co.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 48** [RLH VBR 26-14](#) Appeal of Degen Goitom, ACMN Properties LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Requirement at 1047 ARCADE STREET.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda**Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended**

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

Nay: 0

- 49** [RLH CO 26-3](#) Appeal of Isaiah Tolo to a Correction Order at 575 BEAUMONT STREET.

Adopted

- 50 [RLH SAO 26-61](#) Appeal of Liam Magistad to a Summary Abatement Order at 1597 CHARLES AVENUE.
Adopted
- 51 [RLH VO 26-26](#) Appeal of Wyatt Partridge of Hellmuth & Johnson, Representing Brendon Smith, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice which includes Condemnation at 74 CONGRESS STREET WEST.
Adopted
- 52 [RLH SAO 26-59](#) Appeal of Mark Puchala II to a Summary Abatement Order at 2016 FREMONT AVENUE.
Adopted
- 53 [RLH SAO 26-58](#) Appeal of Jane Myers to a Summary Abatement Order at 1521 HAGUE AVENUE.

Adopted
- 54 [RLH VO 26-32](#) Appeal of Jamie Rasmussen to a Fire Inspection Notice of Condemnation and Order to Remain Vacant at 1875 NEBRASKA AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 55 [RLH VO 26-34](#) Appeal of Justin Rasmussen to a Fire Inspection Notice of Condemnation and Order to Remain Vacant at 1875 NEBRASKA AVENUE EAST. (August 4, 2026 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (appeal granted on order to vacate)
- 56 [RLH RR 26-12](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 594-596 REANEY AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the July 15, 2026, City Council Public Hearing. (Continued Public Hearing to August 5, 2026)
Public hearing continued to August 12, 2026
- 57 [RLH SAO 26-54](#) Appeal of Jane Foster to a Summary Abatement Order at 1312 SCHEFFER AVENUE.
Adopted
- 58 [RLH VO 26-30](#) Appeal of Obsa Tahir to a Fire Inspection Report, which includes condemnation, at 507 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST and 509 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST.
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT**Meeting ended at 4:06 PM**

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