



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 19, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

Present 5 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Molly Coleman

Absent 2 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker and Councilmember HwaJeong Kim

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 26-51](#) Amending the 2026 spending and financing budgets in the Department of Public Works Asphalt Plant Accounting Units to fund the purchase of a Skid Steer Loader.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 26-56](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate grant fund and activity budget to more accurately reflect activity for the 2023 Port Security Grant.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 26-57](#) Authorizing the Saint Paul Public Library Agency to reallocate the budget to more accurately record revenue and expenditures for the department special project fund for 2026.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 26-58](#) Establishing Seventeen (17) New Projects Through the STAR Economic Development Program as Adopted by City Council Resolution 26-405.
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**

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Kim

- 5** [RES 26-1225](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during June 2026, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 15, 2026 and City Council public hearing for October 14, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2614B, Assessment No. 268120)
Adopted
- 6** [RES 26-1235](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for benefits, costs and expenses for the Seventh Place Mall operation and maintenance costs for 2025. File No. 18428-25, Assessment No. 257200.
Adopted
- 7** [RES 26-1236](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for benefits, costs and expenses for the Seventh Place Mall operation and maintenance costs for 2026. File No. 18428-26, Assessment No. 267200.
Adopted
- 8** [RES 26-1261](#) Authorizing payment in the amount of \$26,625.00 in full and final settlement of the claim of Emily Trudeau.
Adopted
- 9** [RES 26-1272](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council Public Hearing to ratify the assessment for benefits, costs, and expenses for the Grand/Snelling parking lot operation and maintenance for 2027. File No. 18746-26, Assessment No. 267202.
Adopted
- 10** [RES 26-1281](#) Approval of resolution to change the rate of pay for Assistant Chief of Police from Grade 035 to the new Grade 38C of the Employee Group 17, Non-Represented City Managers (to be laid over one week for adoption)
Laid over to August 26, 2026
- 11** [RES 26-1294](#) Changing the rate of pay for Senior Zoo Keeper, EG 10, Manual and Maintenance Supervisors. (To be laid over one week for adoption)

Laid over to August 26, 2026

- 12 [RES 26-1301](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with adverse action and the imposition of a \$500 matrix penalty and amended license conditions against Richard A Defoe Entertainment Inc d/b/a Wilebskis Blues Saloon (License ID #0096027) for the premises located at 1638 Rice St.
Adopted
- 13 [RES 26-1302](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all costs associated with the Fire Explorers program training and events in 2026.
Adopted
- 14 [RES 26-1315](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit a grant application to the FY 2027 Enforcement Grant Program from the Office of Traffic Safety of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
Adopted
- 15 [RES 26-1317](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 7 Neighborhood Star Year-Round for Champion Investments LLC
Adopted
- 16 [RES 26-1319](#) Approving the use of grants funds through the Ward 7 Neighborhood Star Year-Round Program for More Doors LLC
Adopted
- 17 [RES 26-1327](#) Approving and Authorizing the Non-use of a Project Labor Agreement on a Single-family Housing Redevelopment Project at 47 Douglas Street.
Adopted
- 18 [RES 26-1330](#) Approving and Authorizing the Non-use of a Project Labor Agreement on a Duplex Housing Development Project at 1087 Ross Avenue.
Adopted
- 19 [RES 26-1335](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale (100 seats or less) and Liquor On Sale - Sunday licenses (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-001090-2026) now held by El Jalisco Grill and Bar Mexican Restaurant No 3 Inc d/b/a El Jalisco Grill and Bar Mexican Restaurant No 3 for the premises located at 296 Larpenteur Ave. E.
Adopted
- 20 [RES 26-1336](#) Approving a Liquor On Sale - 181-290 seats, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio), and Entertainment (B) licenses (License ID #DSIBLLIQ- 001555-2026) new location application by Avalon LLC d/b/a Avalon for the premises located at 80 4th St. W.
Adopted

- 21 [RES 26-1337](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028) between the City of Saint Paul and the Classified Confidential Employees Association. (To be laid over one week for adoption)
- Laid over to August 26, 2026**

ROLL CALL

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

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 22 [Ord 26-38](#) Administrative Ordinance establishing a Qualifications and Examining Committee for the position of Fire Chief pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.01(a) of the Administrative Code and Section 12.12.1 of the Saint Paul City Charter.
- Laid over to August 26, 2026 for Final Adoption**

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 23 [RES PH 26-149](#) Approving the Establishment of the Como-Eustis Special Sanitary Sewer Availability Connection Charge District. Determining the Como-Eustis Special Sanitary Sewer Availability Connection Charge for Phase 1 and 2 Sewer Capacity Improvements (Ward 4, District 12).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 24 [RES PH 26-158](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$633,224 to reflect remaining bond issued

interest proceeds received from the Saint Paul Port Authority for the EAB Capital Project.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 25** [RES PH 26-194](#) Amending the City's Capital Improvement Budget and Operating Budget to reflect the final sale details resulting from the issuance of the G.O. Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2026B and the G.O. Street Reconstruction Bonds, Series 2026C.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 26** [RES PH 26-197](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept the second amendment to the sub-grant agreement from the Saint Paul and Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project and add grant activity budget.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 27** [RES PH 26-198](#) Approving the application of Anderson Race Management, on behalf of MN Recovery Connection, for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Walk for Recovery event on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd - Minnesota State Capitol Grounds.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 28** [RES PH 26-200](#) Approving the application of Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church for a sound

level variance in order to present amplified sound for Nativity County Fair event on Friday, September 18, Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 1900 Stanford Avenue - Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School grounds.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 29** [RES PH 26-209](#) Ratifying the assessment for the Mill and Overlay for Front Avenue from Rice to Western, as part of the 2024 Mill and Overlay Program (Project No. MO2306, Assessment No. 245506).

Public hearing continued to October 7, 2026

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 30** [RLH TA 26-155](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 565 ALDINE STREET (AKA 571 ALDINE STREET). (File No. J2611B, Assessment No. 268116)

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 33** [RLH TA 26-152](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 99 CALIFORNIA AVENUE WEST (AKA 100 CALIFORNIA AVENUE WEST). (File No. J2612B, Assessment No. 268118)

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 39** [RLH RR 26-16](#) Amending Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 947 FREMONT AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 25-34.

Public hearing closed and laid over to September 2, 2026

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 44** [RLH SAO 26-50](#) Making finding on the appealed of Gary Grimes to a nuisance abatement ordered for 314 WYOMING STREET EAST in Council File RLH SAO 26-46.

Public hearing closed and laid over to August 26, 2026

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 36** [RLH VO 26-33](#) Appeal of Bambi Barclay to a Correction Notice (which includes vacate order) at 1103 CHATSWORTH STREET NORTH.

Adopted as amended (granted to October 15, 2026)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 35** [RLH RR 26-14](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 914 CENTRAL AVENUE WEST within fifteen (15) days after the August 19, 2026, City Council Public Hearing. (Refer to September 15, 2026 on condition)

Referred to September 15, 2026 Legislative Hearing

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 31 [RLH TA 26-147](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2195 BENSON AVENUE. (File No. CG25Q4B2-1, Assessment No. 260146)
Adopted
- 32 [RLH TA 26-153](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1654 BUSH AVENUE. (File No. 2605T, Assessment No. 269005)
Adopted
- 34 [RLH SAO 26-64](#) Making finding of Tami Richardson to the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1547 CARROLL AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-55.
Adopted
- 37 [RLH TA 26-145](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2012 COMO AVENUE. (File No. J2611B, Assessment No. 268116)
Adopted
- 38 [RLH TA 26-149](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 865 DEALTON STREET. (File No. CG25Q4B2-2, Assessment No. 260149)
Adopted
- 40 [RLH SAO 26-74](#) Making finding on the appeal of Mark Puchala II to a nuisance abatement ordered for 2016 FREMONT AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-59.
Adopted as amended (appeal denied, matter resolved)
- 41 [RLH TA 26-150](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 790 ROSE AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG25Q4B4-2, Assessment No. 260140)
Adopted
- 42 [RLH SAO 26-70](#) Appeal of Delmy L. Muniz to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 1689 STILLWATER AVENUE.

Adopted

- 43 [RLH RSA 26-15](#) Appeal of Corey Johnson to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 200 WINTHROP STREET S.

Adopted

- 45 [RLH TA 26-148](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 847 YORK AVENUE. (File No. CG25Q4B4-1, Assessment No. 260148)

Adopted

- 46 [RLH AR 26-44](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding fees billed during March 2026 on Private Property. (File No. J2611B, Assessment No. 268116)

Adopted

- 47 [RLH AR 26-45](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding fees billed during November 2025 at 701 4TH STREET EAST. (File No. J2607B2, Assessment No. 268117)

Adopted

- 48 [RLH AR 26-46](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding fees billed during April 2026 on Private Property. (File No. J2612B, Assessment No. 268118)

Adopted

- 49 [RLH AR 26-50](#) Ratifying the assessment for Demolition of Vacant, Nuisance and/or Hazardous Structure from the month of May 2026. (File No. J2607C, Assessment No. 262006)

Public hearing continued to September 2, 2026

- 50 [RLH AR 26-65](#) Ratifying the assessment for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) service during February to April 2026. (File No. 2605T, Assessment No. 269005)

Adopted**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 4:54 PM

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