



City of Saint Paul

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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 26, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 26-48](#) Approving the 2026 Fund 200 - City Grants Fund for the Fire Department to more accurately record expenditures.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 26-54](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: To allocate \$254,961 for rehab of 47 Douglas St.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 26-59](#) Amending LAHA Project Budgets: Allocating \$785,598 for LAHA affordable housing development gap subsidy.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 26-60](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: \$140,000 of funding for DSI demolitions.
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: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 5 [RES 26-1247](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Miscellaneous Abatement services during June to July 2026, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 22, 2026 and City Council public hearing for January 6, 2027 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2603A, Assessment No. 268504)
Adopted
- 6 [RES 26-1248](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up during June 2026, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 22, 2026 and City Council public hearing for January 6, 2027 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2602R, Assessment No. 268607)
Adopted
- 7 [RES 26-1354](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into an encroachment agreement with the Metropolitan Council for capital improvements at Phalen Regional Park.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 26-1355](#) Authorizing the Public Works Department to apply for the State Competitiveness Fund from the Minnesota Department of Commerce to support the Evie Carshare program and meet the match requirement for the City's recently awarded Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement grant.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 26-1371](#) Authorizing acceptance of the gift of registration and in-kind travel support from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation for the Office of Financial Empowerment's Director Marcus Owens' participation in the 2026 PolicyLink Summit from 8/24/2026 - 8/28/2026.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 26-1372](#) Authorizing acceptance of travel expense reimbursement and in-kind travel support for the Director of the Office of Financial Empowerment's participation in convenings related to community wealth building, financial empowerment, entrepreneurship, housing, and community development.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 26-1373](#) Authorizing approval of settlement and payment in full and final settlement of the lawsuit, Ger Vang v. Charles Lemon and City of Saint Paul, Ramsey

County District Court, Court File Number 62-CV-25-3224.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 26-1382](#) Approving a new location application for the Liquor On Sale (100 seats or less) and Entertainment (A) licenses (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-001644-2026) for The Familiar LLC d/b/a The Familiar for the premises located at 949 Grand Ave., Unit #102.
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 26-1392](#) Accepting the gift of lodging from the Minnesota State Patrol and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Forestry Division for the Saint Paul Fire Department's Minnesota Air Rescue Team (MART) members to support fighting the wildfires in Northern Minnesota.
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 26-1396](#) Memorializing a City Council decision to deny the appeal of Dominic Carchedi from the Board of Zoning Appeals decision denying a zoning variance to establish a 24-resident supportive housing facility on the property at 418 Sherburne Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 26-1397](#) Memorializing a City Council decision to deny the appeal of Stronger Sober House from the Board of Zoning Appeals decision denying a zoning variance to establish a 11-resident supportive housing facility on the property at 519 Farrington Street.
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 26-1401](#) Approving an extension of Mara Humphrey's term on the Board of Water Commissioners.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 26-1403](#) Granting a permanent easement for right-of-way purposes to Anoka County over city-owned vacant land located at Unassigned Address along Centerville Road, Lino Lakes, Minnesota.
- Adopted**
- 18 [RES 26-1281](#) Changing 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.
- Adopted**
- 19 [RES 26-1294](#) Changing the rate of pay for Senior Zoo Keeper, EG 10, Manual and Maintenance Supervisors.
- Adopted**
- 20 [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.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 26-1427](#) Approving Stipends for Youth Speakers Participating in the Inaugural State of Our Youth Address.

Adopted

- 23 [RES 26-1428](#) Authorizing the Provision of Refreshments for the Inaugural State of Our Youth Address.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 21 [RES 26-1404](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 1 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for the United Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEM

- [RES 26-1479](#) Approving of the Use Agreement between the Department of Parks and Recreation and Neighborhood House for the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center, and approval of the termination of the prior Lease Agreement governing the property.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 24 [RES 26-1421](#) Calling upon the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County to end their contracts with Flock Safety.

Adopted

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

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

- 25 [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.
- 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.

- 26 [RES PH 26-175](#) Modifying Residential Permit Parking Area 23 boundaries to include Princeton Avenue between Woodlawn Avenue and Mount Curve Boulevard and the east side of Mount Curve Boulevard between Princeton Avenue and Fairmount Avenue.
- Councilmember Coleman moved denial. (For purposes of vote tracking, 'nay' votes are those in favor of denial)*
- Failed**
- Yea:** 0
- Nay:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- 27 [RES PH 26-190](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept grant funding in the amount of \$70,469.50 from Green Cities Accord to support Saint Paul's tree planting program.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 28 [RES PH 26-191](#) Approving the final (combined) plat at 500 Broadway St.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 29** [RES PH 26-195](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$3,922, to reflect a donation from the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy for the Dr. Justus O'Hage Memorial Restoration project.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 30** [RES PH 26-196](#) Approving the request of Energy Park Utility Company to amend rates.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 31** [RES PH 26-199](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept Parks and Trails Legacy Funds, amend the Department of Parks and Recreation financing and spending plan, in the amount of \$2,907,008, and enter into grant agreements (which include an indemnification clause).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 32** [RES PH 26-205](#) Approving the application of University of Saint Thomas for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Cretin Derham Hall Football events on the Fridays of September 18, and October 2, 2026, at 2115 Summit Avenue - O'Shaughnessy Stadium.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 33** [RES PH 26-206](#) Approving the application of Stone Saloon, SBC d/b/a Waldmann Brewery for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Waldmann Oktoberfest event on Friday, September 18, Saturday, September 19, Sunday, September 20, Friday, September 25, Saturday, September 26, and Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 455 Smith Avenue North - Waldmann Brewery.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 34** [RES PH 26-207](#) Approving the application of Church of Lumen Christi for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Block Party event on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at 1668 Montreal Avenue - Urban Academy Charter School baseball fields.
- Adopted**
- 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 26-212](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept the 2025 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant from the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, authorizing the execution of the grant agreement 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

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 36** [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 from August 19, 2026)
- Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0

- 40 [RLH VBR 26-15](#) Appeal of Paul Mulcahy to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 272 RICHMOND 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
- 37 [RLH SAO 26-76](#) Making finding on the appeal of Liam Magistad to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1597 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-61.
- Adopted**
- 38 [RLH FCO 26-69](#) Appeal of Peter Larsen to a Fire Inspection Report at 368 FRONT AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 39 [RLH VBR 26-16](#) Appeal of Isaac Mooney, Wells Property, to an email dated 8/4/26 informing staff that a vacant building file was opened at 1400 HEWITT AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 41 [RLH SAO 26-75](#) Making finding on the appeal of Jane Foster to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1312 SCHEFFER AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-54.
- Adopted**
- 42 [RLH SAO 26-60](#) Appeal of Erin Metz Verdeja to a Summary Abatement Order at 1518 SELBY AVENUE.
- Public hearing continued to September 2, 2026**
- 43 [RLH RSA 26-19](#) Appeal of Matthew and James Lindquist to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 1507 SEVENTH STREET W Units 6 and 8.
- Public hearing continued to September 2, 2026**

- 44 [RLH SAO 26-73](#) Appeal of Melanie Richards to a Summary Abatement Order at 2103 SHERWOOD AVENUE.
Adopted
- 45 [RLH SAO 26-83](#) Making finding on the appeal of Delmy Muniz to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1689 STILLWATER AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-70. (August 25, 2026 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)
- 46 [RLH SAO 26-72](#) Appeal of Anna Fraser to a Notice to Cut Tall Grass and/or Weeds at 844 STRYKER AVENUE.
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:31 PM

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