



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, September 2, 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 26-61](#) Establishing two (2) new projects through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolution #- RES 26-1317 and RES 26-1319.
- 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

- 2 [RES 26-1202](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to apply for federal funding from the Highway Safety Improvement Program administered by the Metropolitan Council, which has a match requirement, to support safety improvements on TH51 (Snelling Avenue).
- Adopted

- 3 [RES 26-1226](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during August 2025 to May 2026, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 29, 2026 and City Council public hearing for October 14, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2603, Assessment No. 268906)
- Adopted**
- 4 [RES 26-1298](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during April 2026, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 29, 2026 and City Council public hearing for January 6, 2027 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2604, Assessment No. 268907) (to be withdrawn)
- Withdrawn**
- 5 [RES 26-1320](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the Mill and Overlay on Concordia/Rondo from Snelling to Marion as part of the 2024 Mill and Overlay Program (Project No. MO2403B, Assessment No. 255503).
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 26-1324](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the Jackson Street: University to Pennsylvania street reconstruction project as part of the 2025 Saint Paul Streets and Sales Tax Street Program (Project No. 19271, Assessment No. 255203).
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 26-1331](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the Wheelock/Grotto Residential Area Street Reconstruction Project as part of the 2025 Saint Paul Streets and Sales Tax Street Program (Project No. 19270, Assessment No. 255202).
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 26-1358](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the Mill and Overlay in the Fourth/Howard, Phase II project area as part of the 2025 Mill and Overlay Program (Project No. MO2501, Assessment No. 255504).
- Adopted**
- 9 [RES 26-1366](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify 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).
- Adopted**
- 10 [RES 26-1379](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the Mill and Overlay on George Street from

Cherokee to Cesar Chavez as part of the 2025 Mill and Overlay Program (Project No. MO2503, Assessment No. 255506).

Adopted

- 11 [RES 26-1383](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the Mill and Overlay on Eustis Street from the City limits to 100 feet south of the City limits as part of the 2025 Mill and Overlay Program (Project No. MO2504, Assessment No. 255507).

Adopted

- 12 [RES 26-1385](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Second Hand Dealer - Motor Vehicle license (License ID #DSIBLAUTO-002364-2026) now held by EMR Auto Sales LLC d/b/a EMR Auto Sales for the premises located at 1414 Arcade St.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 26-1386](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for up to \$3,040,0000 from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Legacy grant.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 26-1389](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Annapolis Street paving project. File No. 19249C, Assessment No. 266001.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 26-1394](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the Robert Street: Kellogg to 11th street reconstruction project as part of the 2024 Saint Paul Streets Program (Project No. 19263, Assessment No. 255201).

Adopted

- 17 [RES 26-1400](#) Approving the Labor Agreement (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028) and Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the Saint Paul Manual & Maintenance Supervisors Association.

Laid over to September 9, 2026

- 18 [RES 26-1402](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the United Association of Plumbers, Local 34, for the purpose of establishing mandatory contributions for the utilization of the Minnesota Paid Leave program.

Laid over to September 9, 2026

- 19 [RES 26-1408](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Griggs Scheffer Phase II paving project. File

No. 19233C, Assessment No. 266002.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 26-1415](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Grand: Fairview to Snelling paving project. File No. 19265C, Assessment No. 266003.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 26-1417](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Jackson: University to Pennsylvania paving project. File No. 19271C, Assessment No. 266004.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 26-1419](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Pelham: Franklin to Mississippi River Blvd paving project. File No. 19275C, Assessment No. 266005.

Adopted

- 23 [RES 26-1422](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the Grand Ave. from Fairview Ave. N. to Snelling Ave. street reconstruction project as part of the 2024 Saint Paul Streets and Sales Tax Street Program (Project No. 19265, Assessment No. 245204).

Adopted

- 24 [RES 26-1429](#) Authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to accept the donation of a six-passenger golf cart valued at \$10,000 from The Toro Company.

Adopted

- 25 [RES 26-1438](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Wheelock-Grotto Phase I paving project. File No. 19270C, Assessment No. 266006.

Adopted

- 26 [RES 26-1474](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Samantha Juneau to the Administrative Committee of the Pension Plan of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Adopted

- 27 [RES 26-1480](#) City Council approval of the Development Agreement, Use Agreement, and Disbursement Agreement between the Department of Parks and Recreation and The Sanneh Foundation for Conway Park.

Adopted

- 28 [RES 26-1484](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Molly Coleman to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County.

Adopted

- 29 [RES 26-1489](#) Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Seal Hi-Rise.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

SUSPENSION ITEM

- [RES 26-1544](#) Appointing the Public Rights Project (PRP) as special counsel for the purpose of providing legal representation to the City of Saint Paul in affirmative litigation to challenge a federal rule related to grants.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 16 [RES 26-1399](#) Authorizing the Police Department to apply to the FY 2026 CPD Microgrants Program from the U.S. Department of Justice. (Laid over from September 2, 2026)

Laid over to September 9, 2026

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

Nay: 0

- 31 [RES 26-1492](#) Appointing Korinne Dennis as Communications Lead, Reggie Evans as Reparations Legislative Aide and Joanna Zimny as Legislative Hearing Officer.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 32 [SR 26-186](#) Staff report on the State of our Youth address.

Received and Filed

- 30 [RES 26-1493](#) Proclaiming September 2nd, 2026 as Jacy Johnson Becker Day in the

City of Saint Paul

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** [RES PH 26-210](#) Approving the application of University of Saint Thomas for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for Tommie Fest Homecoming event on Friday, September 25, 2026, at 2115 Summit Avenue - J.P. Monahan Plaza.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 34** [RES PH 26-217](#) 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 Thursday, October 8, and Wednesday, October 21, 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
- 35** [RES PH 26-221](#) Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for a Walk for Water event on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 226 Spring Street - Upper Landing Park.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 36** [RES PH 26-222](#) Amending the spending plan in the Fire Department Public Safety Aid projects to more accurately account for the expenditures.
- Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

- 37** [RES PH 26-236](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$108,118.15 for the contribution received from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education to pay for training for firefighters.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 38** [RES PH 26-237](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$8,500 for a payment received for selling a trailer that was no longer needed for department use.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 39** [RES PH 26-238](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$37,000 for the amount received from the sale of the land located at 1683 Energy Park Drive.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 40** [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 from August 19, 2026)

Adopted (forfeit \$2,500 and forfeit remaining deposit by \$2,500 every 45 days)

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

Nay: 0

- 46** [RLH TA 26-158](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 777 OHIO STREET. (File No. J2602A, Assessment No. 268503)
- Referred to October 6, 2026 Legislative Hearing (Public hearing on October 14, 2026)**
- 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

- 41** [RLH SAO 26-77](#) Appeal of Barbara Clark to a Summary Abatement Order at 1552 CANFIELD AVENUE.

Adopted

- 42** [RLH RSA 26-20](#) Appeal of Robert Fox to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 1640 EDGERTON STREET.

Public hearing continued to September 9, 2026

- 43** [RLH RSA 26-21](#) Appeal of Carli Valez, Tenant, to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 1640 EDGERTON STREET.

Public hearing continued to September 9, 2026

- 44** [RLH FCO 26-71](#) Appeal of Greg Heck, Montrose PI LLC, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 221 MONTROSE PLACE.

Adopted

- 45** [RLH VBR 26-17](#) Appeal of John Ludwig, Superior Financing Inc, to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 12 OAKLEY AVENUE.

Adopted

- 47** [RLH SAO 26-60](#) Appeal of Erin Metz Verdeja to a Summary Abatement Order at 1518 SELBY

AVENUE.

Public hearing continued to September 9, 2026

- 48** [RLH RSA 26-19](#) Appeal of Matthew and James Lindquist to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 1501 SEVENTH STREET W Units 6 and 8.

Adopted

- 49** [RLH SAO 26-71](#) Appeal of Barry Campbell to a Summary Abatement Order at 449 VAN DYKE STREET.

Adopted

- 50** [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)

Adopted

- 51** [RLH AR 26-52](#) Ratifying the assessment for Emergency Sewer Repair at 777 OHIO STREET, fees billed during the month of April 2026. (File No. J2602A, Assessment No. 268503)

Public hearing continued to October 14, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:40 PM

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