



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 9, 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 Anika Bowie,
Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Molly Coleman

Absent 1 - Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 26-33](#) Amending the 2026 spending and financing budgets in the Department of Public Works Sewers Accounting Unit to fund Construction and Repair costs, Engineering, and Transfers for Bond draws.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 26-62](#) Establishing one (1) new projects through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolution #- RES 26-1404.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 26-64](#) Amending the Financial Services technology budget to move funds in the new AU for grant management software, already included in the 2026 Adopted Budget.
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

- 4 [RES 26-1356](#) Approving the removal of railway tracks along Wabash Avenue under Ordinance No. 2728 (Nov. 21, 1907).
Adopted
- 5 [RES 26-1434](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the University Ave. from I35E to Lafayette Rd. street reconstruction project as part of the 2025 Saint Paul Streets and Sales Tax Street Program (Project No. 19272, Assessment No. 255204).
Adopted
- 6 [RES 26-1436](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the Pleasant Ave. From Victoria St. to St. Clair Ave. street reconstruction project as part of the 2025 Saint Paul Streets and Sales Tax Street Program (Project No. 19269, Assessment No. 255200).
Adopted
- 7 [RES 26-1443](#) 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 area, as part of the 2024 Mill and Overlay Program (Project No. MO2402B, Assessment No. 255508).
Adopted
- 8 [RES 26-1445](#) Waiving the signature requirement for the creation of the University and Snelling Commercial Development District, which shall be divided into four (4) quadrants.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 26-1447](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for alley improvements in the alley bounded by Hatch, Orchard, Kilburn, and Ryde (File No. 19266 Assessment No. 255001).
Adopted
- 10 [RES 26-1450](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for alley improvements in the alley bounded by Laurel, Selby, Mackubin, and Arundel (File No. 19245 Assessment No. 255000).
Adopted
- 11 [RES 26-1453](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for alley improvements in the alley bounded by Seventh, Woodward, Railroad, and Payne (File No. 19274 Assessment No. 255003).
Adopted
- 12 [RES 26-1459](#) Approving Ordinance Permits 20240010111, 20240010407, 20260010223, and 20260010224 for Roadway, Storm Sewer, Sanitary Sewer, and Traffic

related Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site (District 15, Ward 3).

Adopted

- 13 [RES 26-1465](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the Pelham Blvd: Franklin to Mississippi River Blvd. street reconstruction project as part of the 2026 Saint Paul Streets and Sales Tax Street Program (Project No. 19275, Assessment No. 265202).

Adopted

- 14 [RES 26-1470](#) Authorizing the Police Department to apply to the FY 2026 CPD Microgrants Program from the U.S. Department of Justice to increase the Recruitment Unit's ability to engage potential candidates.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 26-1471](#) Authorizing the Police Department to apply to the FY 2027 DWI Traffic Safety Officer Grants Program from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 26-1472](#) Authorizing the Police Department to apply to the FY 2027 Violence Against Women Act Special Projects Grants Program from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 26-1477](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the Wheelock/Grotto Phase II Area Paving and Lighting; and Mill and Overlay Project as part of the 2026 Saint Paul Streets and Sales Tax Street Program (Project No. 19277 and MO2604, Assessment No. 265200 and 265203).

Adopted

- 18 [RES 26-1497](#) Authorizing payment in the amount of \$12,335.47 in full and final settlement of the claim of Cathryn Teigen.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 26-1498](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Entertainment (A) licenses (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-001912-2026) now held by Mexico 32 Cocina Limited Liability Company d/b/a Mexico 32 Cocina for the premises located at 883 Payne Ave.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 26-1499](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Entertainment (A), and Gambling Location licenses (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-002583-2026) now held by Bright Falls LLC d/b/a

Bird In Hand for the premises located at 472 Snelling Ave. S.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 26-1504](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale and Liquor On Sale - Sunday licenses (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-002597-2026) now held by Santana Food LLC d/b/a La Cucaracha for the premises located at 36 Dale St. S.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 26-1505](#) Approving a new location application for the Liquor On Sale, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Entertainment (A) licenses (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-002380-2026) for Taqueria Las Salsas de Doña Lulu LLC d/b/a Lulus Salsas for the premises located at 2233 Energy Park Dr. Ste. 100.

Adopted

- 23 [RES 26-1527](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with adverse action and the imposition of a \$1,000.00 matrix penalty against the Tobacco Shop license (License ID #918832) held by Frontier JK Limited Liability Company d/b/a Frontier JK Limited Liability Company for the premises located at 623 Como Ave.

Adopted

- 24 [RES 26-1540](#) Approving the City and Xcel Energy Memorandum of Understanding.

Adopted

- 25 [RES 26-1541](#) Approving a partial waiver of the Sustainable Building Ordinance for the Baker Park restroom building at 209 Page St. W.

Adopted

- 26 [RES 26-1545](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Daniel Edgerton, David Chung, Matthew Keliher, Dan Waddell, Kenlyn Kjesbo, and Stuart Orlowski and the reappointment of Lauren Dees-Erickson, William O'Brien, Pang Yang, and Makayla Cox as members of the Capital Improvement Budget Committee.

Adopted

- 27 [RES 26-1547](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Tom Aasheim, Joanathan Banks, Hanna Getachew-Kreusser, Katie Kapaun, Mary Rick, and Trish Stevens to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County.

Adopted

- 28 [RES 26-1551](#) Authorizing the Saint Paul Police Department to donate a surplus patrol car to the Saint Paul Police Historical Society.

Adopted

- 29 [RES 26-1552](#) Authorizing the City to accept a donation from the GovAI Coalition to reimburse the travel expenses of OTC Director Jaime Wascalus to GovAI

Coalition-related events.

Adopted

- 30 [RES 26-1554](#) Approving amendments to and authorizing the reissuance of Conduit Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds and authorizing the preparation of necessary documents and materials in connection with said amendments, 801 Mt Curve Boulevard, 2265 Hillcrest Avenue and 2285 Hillcrest Avenue (Emma Norton/Restoring Waters and Nellie Francis Court Projects), (District 15, Ward 3).

Adopted

- 31 [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.

Adopted

- 32 [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.

Adopted

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

FOR DISCUSSION

- 33 [RES 26-1483](#) Recognizing the City's participation in Welcoming Week 2026.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 34 [RES 26-1502](#) Amending RES 17-1065 and restoring the City of Saint Paul's practice of honorary street co-naming.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Jost

- 35 [RES 26-1543](#) Honoring Elder Professor Emeritus of History Mahmoud El-Kati through Co-Naming Milton Street and Iglehart Avenue.

Adopted

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Jost

- 36 [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)

Withdrawn

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

- 37 [Ord 26-39](#) Amending Chapter 63 of the Legislative Code pertaining to salt storage regulation.

Laid over to September 16, 2026 for Second Reading

- 38 [Ord 26-40](#) Amending Appendix B of the Legislative Code relating to Northern States Power, D/B/A Xcel Energy, Gas Franchise.

Laid over to September 16, 2026 for Second Reading

- 39 [Ord 26-41](#) Amending Appendix C of the Legislative Code relating to Northern States Power, D/B/A Xcel Energy, Electric Franchise.

Laid over to September 16, 2026 for Second Reading

- 40 [Ord 26-43](#) Amending the Legislative Code by adding a new Appendix B-2 relating to Northern States Power, D/B/A Xcel Energy, Gas Franchise Fee.

Laid over to September 16, 2026 for Second Reading

- 41 [Ord 26-44](#) Amending the Legislative Code by adding a new Appendix C-2 relating to Northern States Power, D/B/A Xcel Energy, Electric Franchise Fee.

Laid over to September 16, 2026 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 42 [RES PH 26-239](#) Approving the application of Blood Cancer United, Inc. for a sound level

variance in order to present amplified sound for Light the Night event on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 200 Dr. Justus Ohage Blvd - Harriet Island Regional Park.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 43** [RES PH 26-246](#) Amending the Parks and Recreation 2026 Grant and Aid Fund for a \$160,000 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

- 44** [ABZA 26-4](#) Considering the appeal of a decision by the Board of Zoning Appeals denying a variance request to allow a curb cut located within 60 feet of a residentially zoned property to remain.

Motion of intent is to grant the appeal

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

- 45** [RLH SAO 26-84](#) Appeal of Rich C. Nelson to a Summary Abatement Order at 2348 BUFORD AVENUE.

Adopted

- 46** [RLH SAO 26-78](#) Appeal of Mary Roach to a Summary Abatement Order at 1045 CHARLES

AVENUE.

Adopted

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

Adopted

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

Adopted

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

Adopted as amended

- 50 [RLH SAO 26-89](#) Making finding on the appeal of Anna Fraser to a nuisance abatement ordered for 844 STRYKER AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-72.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 5:04 PM

City Council meetings are open for in person attendance, but the public may also comment on public hearing items in writing. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council. Comments may be submitted as follows:

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