



City of Saint Paul

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15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Council Chambers - 3rd
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Meeting Minutes

City Council

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

Wednesday, January 21, 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 26-7](#) Designating Hnuchee Vang, Jodi Pfarr, and Nickolaus Stumo-Langer, Assistant Mayors, as authorized signers for contracts made in the name of the City of Saint Paul pursuant to Section 86.01 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code.

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

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 2 [RES 26-129](#) Authorizing the City to apply to the Minnesota Department of Employment

and Economic Development Redevelopment program for a project at 642 Selby Avenue, "The Beasley", on behalf of the Rondo Community Land Trust.

Adopted

- 3 [RES 26-44](#) Authorizing the use of a Project Labor Agreement for a 2028 federal funded Gold Line Pedestrian Improvements Public Works project.

Adopted

- 4 [RES 26-85](#) Authorizing City officials to execute a grant agreement on behalf of the City for the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services 2026 Private Property Inflow & Infiltration Grant Program.

Adopted

- 5 [RES 26-106](#) Approving the application for a license for Gambit Brew Co LLC d/b/a Gambit Brewing for the Liquor On Sale-100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Malt Off Sale (Growler)-Brew Pub & Entertainment (A) license (License ID # DSIBLLIQ-000345-2025) for the premises located at 141 4th St E, Suite LL2.

Adopted

- 6 [RES 26-119](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the January 2026 Wage and Fringe Adjustment (Dues Only) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 82.

Laid over to January 28, 2026

FOR DISCUSSION

- 7 [RES 26-132](#) Celebrating 140 Years of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival.

Council President Noecker spoke in favor, read from the resolution, and moved approval.

Three people from the Winter Carnival gave remarks.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 8 [RES 25-1914](#) Outlining the City's 2026 Legislative Agenda. (Laid over from January 21, 2026)

Nick Stumo-Langer and Hnu Vang, Assistant Mayors, gave a staff report.

Council President Noecker moved to lay over to February 11, 2026.

Laid over to February 11, 2026

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

9 [RES 26-121](#)

Calling on Governor Walz to pass an eviction moratorium through Executive Order to support Saint Paul in keeping families in their homes, and further protect them from ICE.

Council President Noecker stated there was a Version 2.

Councilmembers Kim, Yang, Coleman, Jost, Bowie, and Noecker spoke in favor.

Kim moved approval of Version 2.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

SUSPENSION ITEM

[RES 26-166](#)

Recognizing Friday, January 23, 2026, as a Day of Truth and Freedom.

Councilmember Kim spoke in favor, read from the resolution, and moved approval.

Councilmembers Yang, Bowie, Coleman, and Jost spoke in favor.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

10 [SR 26-9](#)

Review of Emergency Management Services - Early Notification Systems (ENS).

Rick Schute, Director of Emergency Management, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Received and filed

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

- 11 [Ord 26-1](#) Modifying and establishing certain City Council staff positions in Chapter 16 of the Administrative Code.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

First Reading

- 12 [Ord 26-4](#) Granting the application of Baillon Company to rezone four (4) I1 light industrial parcels to B5 central business-service.

Stefan Duarte-Breen gave a staff report.

Laid over to January 28, 2026 for Second Reading

SUSPENSION ITEM

- [Ord 26-5](#) Adding Chapter 268 to the Legislative Code to prohibit law enforcement staging operations on city-owned properties and limit access to non-public City spaces.

Tim Greenfield, City Council Chief Policy Officer, gave a staff report.

Councilmembers Kim, Yang, Coleman, Bowie, Jost, and Noecker spoke in favor.

Laid over to January 28, 2026 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 13 [Ord 26-2](#) Changing references in the Legislative and Administrative Codes from Animal Control to Animal Services and correcting typographical errors.

Councilmember Coleman moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Laid over to January 28, 2026 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 14** [RES PH 25-293](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to amend the financing and spending plan in the amount of \$85,709 and to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Commerce to accept Solar on Public Buildings grant program funds for solar installation at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 15** [RES PH 25-294](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to amend the financing and spending plan, in the amount of \$72,000, and to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Commerce to accept Solar on Public Buildings grant program funds for solar installation at Frogtown Community Center.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 16** [RES PH 25-295](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept grant funding in the amount of \$203,680.00 from the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources (authorization to enter into a grant agreement detailing the requirements of said grant, and to amend the Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Fund to reflect said funds) to support Saint Paul's tree planting program.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

17 [RES PH 26-9](#)

Authorizing execution of a grant agreement and amending the city's 2026 operating budget to include a \$100,000 donation from the Unity Church-Unitarian to support the work of the Saint Paul Recovery Act Community Reparations Commission.

6 people from Unity Church spoke during the public hearing.

Council President Noecker spoke in favor.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in favor and moved approval.

Councilmember Yank spoke in favor.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

18 [RES PH 26-10](#)

Approving the petition of the Church of St. Bernard Inc., to vacate a portion of alley right-of-way in Block 1 of Barney, Norton and Kingsley's Second Addition to St. Paul, address 147 Geranium Avenue West.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

19 [RES PH 26-11](#)

Approving the petition of the Friends of Nova Classical Academy, to vacate the air space over and across the intersection of Madison Street and Mercer Way.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

20 [PH 26-2](#)

Public hearing on grievances about federal immigration operations.

30+ people spoke during the public hearing.

Council President Noecker moved to close the public hearing

Public hearing closed

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

21 [RLH SAO 26-3](#)

First Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1079 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH in Council File RLH SAO 25-71.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, spoke to the amended resolution to extend the abatement deadline.

Councilmember Kim moved approval as amended.

Adopted as amended (extension granted)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 22** [RLH TA 25-275](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1762 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. VB2510A, Assessment No. 258833)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 23** [RLH VO 26-1](#) Appeal of Austen Fisher, SMRLS, on behalf of Tenant JLynne Reigns to a Fire Inspection Report, including a Condemnation Order to Vacate at 1891 SEVENTH STREET EAST #301.
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:25 PM

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