



City of Saint Paul

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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 28, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:32 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 26-10](#) Authorizing OFS to shift funds in Promote St. Paul AU between expenditure codes to reflect actual spending.
- 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

Council President Noecker stated that Items 13 and 15 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

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

- 2 [RES 26-84](#) Authorizing the proper City officials to enter into an Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County for the administration of

Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

Adopted

3 [RES 26-90](#)

Authorizing the Police Department's expenditures relating to Community Engagement meetings and events in 2026.

Adopted

4 [RES 26-91](#)

Authorizing the Police Department to purchase light refreshments for witnesses, victims, and suspects during Critical incident investigations and assistance programs.

Adopted

5 [RES 26-93](#)

Authorizing the Police Department expenditures for the Standardized Field Sobriety testing training program conducted in 2026.

Adopted

6 [RES 26-94](#)

Authorizing the Police Department's expenditures relating to the Canine Unit's community engagement meetings, community engagement events, and training sessions in 2026.

Adopted

7 [RES 26-95](#)

Authorizing the Police Department to purchase food and beverages for law enforcement trainings conducted in 2026.

Adopted

8 [RES 26-108](#)

Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the 10-day license suspension adverse action against Dilla Sports Bar & Restaurant Inc d/b/a Dilla Sports Bar & Restaurant (License ID # 20240000267) for the premises located at 1625 University Avenue West.

Adopted

9 [RES 26-110](#)

Approving the release of slope easement rights along Rose Avenue West and Geranium Ave West, between Woodbridge Street and Rice Street.

Adopted

10 [RES 26-142](#)

Acknowledging, Authorizing, and Supporting a Proposed Public Mural Art Project on a MnDOT Wall Located at the Northeast Quadrant of U.S. Hwy 61 (Mounds Blvd.) and 3rd Street East (District 4, Ward 7).

Adopted

11 [RES 26-170](#)

Amending RES 25-192, as amended by RES 25-658, to further extend the timeline for the establishment of the Administrative Citation Legislative Advisory Committee.

Adopted

12 [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.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 26-159](#) Establishing process for suspending City Council Rules of Procedure related to introducing immigration-related ordinances and resolutions.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 13 [RES 26-58](#) Amending Appendix A-2 of the Administrative Code relating to City Council Committees. (Laid over from January 28, 2026)

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

- 15 [RES 26-179](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Intergovernmental Relations Director - Assistant to the Mayor VI, Director of the Office of Neighborhood Safety - Assistant to the Mayor VI, Director of the Office of Financial Empowerment - Assistant to the Mayor VI, and Interim Co-Directors of the Department of Human Resources.

Council President Noecker moved approval.

Mayor's Office staff were sworn in.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

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

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

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

First Reading

SUSPENSION ITEM

- [Ord 26-6](#) Adding Chapter 268A to the Legislative Code to require law enforcement officers performing law enforcement duties to visibly display identification on the outermost layer of their uniform.

Tim Greenfield, Chief Policy Officer, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

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

Laid over to February 4, 2026 for Second Reading

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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

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

Laid over to February 4, 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

- 18** [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.
- Council President Noecker moved Version 2. Approved 6-0.*
- One resident spoke during the public hearing.*
- Councilmember Coleman moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.*
- Amended and laid over to February 4, 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
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- 19** [RES PH 26-6](#) Final Order approving the 2026 Saint Anthony/Rondo Arterial Mill and Overlay Project.
- 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
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- 20** [RES PH 26-5](#) Final Order approving 2026 Wheelock/Grotto Phase II Area Paving and Lighting; and Mill and Overlay Project (Project 19277 and MO2604, Asmt 265200 and 265203).
- Steve Dodge from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report.*
- 4 people spoke during the public hearing.*
- Lynn Rolf from the Office of Financial Services spoke to the assessments process and answered councilmember questions.*
- Councilmember Jost gave remarks.*
- 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

21 [RES PH 26-4](#)

Final Order approving the 2026 Earl Street: Maryland to Minnehaha Street Paving and Lighting Project (Project 19276, Asmt 265201).

Bryan Graveline from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report.

One resident spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Yang gave remarks and moved approval.

Councilmembers Noecker and Jost gave remarks.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

22 [RES PH 26-3](#)

Final Order approving the 2026 Pelham: Franklin to Mississippi River Blvd. Street Paving and Lighting Project (Project 19275, Asmt 265202).

Jerry Lee from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report.

8 residents spoke during the public hearing.

Lynn Rolf from the Office of Financial Services spoke to the assessments process and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Coleman gave remarks and moved approval.

Councilmember Yang gave remarks.

Lee spoke to questions from Councilmember Yang.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

23 [RES PH 26-15](#)

Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Safety (DSI) and Inspections in the amount of \$75,000 for the 2026 Building Official Training (BOT) from the Minnesota Department of Labor.

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

24 [RES PH 26-19](#)

Authorizing the Police Department to accept the 2025 Community Policing Development Microgrant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; authorizing the execution of the grant agreement and amending the 2026 grant budget and add activity budget.

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

25 [RES PH 26-27](#)

Accepting funds and amending the Department of Safety & Inspections operating budget for the administration of Legislative Code Chapter 193.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

26 [PH 26-4](#)

Public hearing on grievances about federal immigration operations.

5 people spoke during the public hearing.

Council President Noecker moved to continue the public hearing for one week.

Councilmember Bowie gave remarks.

Public hearing continued to February 4, 2026

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

- 28** [RLH TA 25-392](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 586 BURGESS STREET. (File No. VB2513C, Assessment No. 258839)
- Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, stated that she recommended an amendment to approve the assessment.*
- Councilmember Bowie moved approval of the recommendation.*
- Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)**
- 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 Coleman 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

- 27** [RLH CO 25-11](#) Appeal of Kevin Debezelle, KJD Rental Properties LLC, to a Correction Notice at 2043 ASHLAND AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 29** [RLH SAO 26-4](#) Appeal of Frida Alvarez to a Summary Abatement Order at 1021 COOK AVENUE EAST.
- Adopted**
- 30** [RLH FCO 26-2](#) Appeal of Gomaa Elzamel to a Fire Inspection Report at 1090 LOEB STREET.
- Public hearing continued to February 4, 2026**
- 31** [RLH RR 25-37](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for

674 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 25-20.

Adopted

- 32** [RLH TA 25-412](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1171 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2601B, Assessment No. 268100) (Continue to January 28, 2026 Public Hearing)

Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)

- 33** [RLH TA 26-19](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 25-103 to correct the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during April to June 2025. (File No. CG25Q2B5, Assessment No. 250122) to Collection of Delinquent Yard Waste Bills for services during April to June 2025 at 848 ORANGE AVENUE EAST. (File No. YW25Q2B1, Assessment No. 250500)

Adopted

- 34** [RLH CO 25-8](#) Appeal of Nachman Goldberg to a Correction Order at 1809 YORKSHIRE AVENUE.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 5:27

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