



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 14, 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 26-3](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: \$25,000 of funding for Ryan Park and
\$20,000 of funding for Conway Park.
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 26-11](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2026 - December
31, 2027) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Union of
Elevator Constructors, Local 9.

Adopted

- 3 [RES 26-12](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for 2026 January Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City and the Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 417.

Adopted

- 4 [RES 26-25](#) Authorizing payment in the amount of \$12,325 in full and final settlement of the claim of Adam Branstner.

Adopted

- 5 [RES 26-27](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Service Line on Private Properties and setting date of City Council public hearing for February 18, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2601, Assessment No. 263000)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 26-30](#) Appointing Campbell Knutson under the direction of Corrine A. Heine as Special Counsel representing the Saint Paul Regional Water Services.

Adopted

- 7 [RES 26-46](#) Granting preliminary approval to the issuance of certain general obligation and revenue bonds as approved in the 2026 City budget; expressing the intent of the City to reimburse itself from the proceeds of such tax-exempt and taxable bonds; and authorizing City finance staff and advisors to take certain actions with respect to the sale of such bonds.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 26-48](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the 10-day license suspension adverse action against Club Milton INC d/b/a Club Milton, (License ID # 0097716) for the premises located at 334 Milton Street North.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 26-55](#) Approving a Parking Ramp (Private) New Location license application for Montcalm Apartments d/b/a Montcalm Apartments (License ID # 20240000271) for the premises located at 535 Lexington Pkwy S.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 26-56](#) Approving an Auto Repair Garage (DSIBLAUTO 000403-2025) & Auto Body Repair/Painting Shop (DSIBLAUTO 000402-2025) New Location license application for Tesla Inc d/b/a Tesla (License ID # DSIBLAUTO 000403-2025 and DSIBLAUTO 000402-2025) for the premises located at 2475 Doswell Ave.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 26-67](#) Authorizing the City Council to spend up to \$450 for the purchase of food for a

staff appreciation event in January 2026.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 26-89](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Interim Chief of the Saint Paul Fire Department.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 26-102](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for and if awarded, accept \$500 in grant funds from the St. Clements Faith Action Team.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

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

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

Angie Wiese, Director of Safety and Inspections, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Laid over to January 21, 2026 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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

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

Laid over to January 21, 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

- 16 [RES PH 26-6](#) Final Order approving the 2026 Saint Anthony/Rondo Arterial Mill and Overlay Project.

Brian Gravlin from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report.

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

Councilmember Bowie moved to continue the public hearing to January 28, 2026.

Public hearing continued to January 28, 2026

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

17 [RES PH 26-5](#)

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).

Councilmember Kim moved to continue the public hearing to January 28, 2026.

Public hearing continued to January 28, 2026

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

18 [RES PH 26-2](#)

Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto), and amending the operating budget with respect to the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Demonstration Account for Affordable Homeownership Grant for the benefit of The Rondo Community Land Trust's Mixed-Use Redevelopment at 642 Selby Avenue (District 8, Ward 1).

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

19 [RES PH 26-1](#)

Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto), and amending the operating budget with respect to the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account for Affordable Homeownership Grant for the benefit of Amani Construction & Development LLC's Serenity Townhomes Redevelopment at 0 Bush Avenue (District 4, Ward 6).

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

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 21** [RLH SAO 25-56](#) Appeal of Seth Richardson to a Summary Abatement Order at 2350 BAYLESS PLACE.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, gave a staff report and stated her recommendation.

Seth Richardson, property owner, spoke during the public hearing.

Pat Thompson from the Saint Anthony Park Community Council spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Coleman moved approval of Moermond's recommendation.

Council President Noecker gave remarks.

Councilmember Bowie asked about safety concerns.

Moermond spoke to Bowie's questions.

Adopted as amended

- 31** [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, gave a staff report and stated her recommendation.

Miguel Neely, property owner, spoke during the public hearing.

Moermond answered councilmember questions.

Kim moved approval of Moermond's recommendation.

Public hearing closed and laid over to January 21, 2026

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

- 20** [RLH SAO 25-79](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 239 BATES AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-60. (January 13, 2026 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)
- 22** [RLH TA 25-423](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 677 CALIFORNIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2512A, Assessment No. 255834) (Refer to January 27, 2026 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to January 27, 2026 Legislative Hearing
- 23** [RLH RR 25-35](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 52 ELIZABETH STREET EAST within fifteen (15) days after the January 14, 2026, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted
- 24** [RLH SAO 26-2](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1473 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-66.
Adopted
- 25** [RLH SAO 25-69](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2016 FREMONT AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-55. (January 13, 2026 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to January 20, 2026 Legislative Hearing
- 26** [RLH TA 25-411](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 680 MACALESTER STREET. (File No. CRT2601, Assessment No. 268200)
Adopted
- 27** [RLH SAO 26-1](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 805 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST in Council File RLH SAO 25-75.
Adopted
- 28** [RLH TA 25-412](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1171 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2601B, Assessment No. 268100) (January 13, 2026 Legislative Hearing)
Public hearing continued to January 28, 2026

- 29 [RLH TA 25-421](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1846 MONTREAL AVENUE. (File No. VB2601, Assessment No. 268900) (Refer to March 31, 2026 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to March 31, 2026 Legislative Hearing
- 30 [RLH TA 25-469](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 159 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2601, Assessment No. 268900)
Adopted
- 32 [RLH AR 25-94](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during May 2 to June 5, 2025. (File No. CRT2601, Assessment No. 268200)
Adopted
- 33 [RLH AR 25-95](#) Ratifying the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during March 25 to April 21, 2025. (File No. J2601E, Assessment No. 268300)
Adopted
- 34 [RLH AR 25-96](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during July 31, 2024 to April 22, 2025. (File No. VB2601, Assessment No. 268900)
Adopted
- 35 [RLH AR 25-97](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during May 2025 (File No. J2601B, Assessment No. 268100)
Adopted

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Bowie moved to suspend the rules to introduce the first reading of a change to the City's separation ordinance.

Council President Noecker asked if there was a file in Legistar, the City's legislative management software. Bowie stated that there was.

Noecker stated that the item could not be found in Legistar.

Dan Stahley, Assistant City Attorney, stated that the item could not be discussed if the item is not in Legistar or if there are not copies available for members and the public.

Greg Weiner, Interim City Clerk, confirmed Stahley's statement.

Bowie stated that everyone had been sent the ordinance via email.

Noecker opposed Bowie's motion.

Bowie gave additional remarks.

Yang asked if there was a procedural way to consider the item.

Weiner stated that there would need to be a pause to allow procedural requirements to be met.

Bowie agreed to a pause to meet procedural requirements.

Stahley stated that ordinances need to be approved as to form and sufficiency before being considered by Council.

Noecker stated that the requirement was not met.

Bowie gave additional remarks.

Councilmember Coleman stated the ordinance was not in completed form yet and that procedure needed to be followed.

Councilmember Yang gave remarks.

Motion to suspend the rules, requiring a two-thirds majority, failed 3-3 (those opposed being Councilmembers Coleman, Jost, and Noecker)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:33 PM

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