



City of Saint Paul

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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, December 10, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:32 PM

Present 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Molly Coleman

Absent 2 - Councilmember Anika Bowie and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 25-77](#) Moving funds from one account code to another within the Grant Matching F211 project to align with project spending.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 25-78](#) Approving the 2025 Fund 200 - City Grants Fund for the Fire Department to more accurately record expenditures.
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Council President Noecker stated that Items 7 and 14 were being withdrawn.

Councilmember Coleman moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

- 3 [RES 25-1652](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for January 14, 2026, to consider approval of the 2026 Saint Anthony/Rondo Arterial Mill and Overlay Project.
Adopted
- 4 [RES 25-1737](#) Approving the Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME Clerical, Local 2508; AFSCME Technical, Local 1842; Classified Confidential Employees Association (CCEA); Operating Engineers, Local 70; Professional Employees Association (PEA) and Saint Paul Supervisors' Organization (SPSO) for the purpose of implementing the regrading of classifications per the recommendations of the Talent and Equity Resources/Human Resources Office.
Laid over to December 17, 2025
- 5 [RES 25-1842](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for January 14, 2026, to consider approval of the 2026 Wheelock/Grotto Phase II Area Paving and Lighting; and Mill and Overlay Project (Project 19277 and MO2604, Asmt 265200 and 265203).
Adopted
- 6 [RES 25-1887](#) Approving the application for a license for HopSkipDrive Technologies LLC d/b/a HopSkipDrive for a Transportation Network Company license (License ID # DSIBLTRANB-000152-2025), for the premises located at 360 E. 2nd Street, Suite 200, in Los Angeles, California.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 25-1889](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Jaclyn Nicholas and Amira Abdirahman to a two-year term on the Advisory Committee on Aging. (to be withdrawn)
Withdrawn
- 8 [RES 25-1891](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Yomi Geleto, Reyyan Suleyman, and Kajsiab Yang as Youth on Boards members to the Capital Improvement Budget Committee.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 25-1892](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Second Hand Dealer-Motor Vehicle (DSIBLAUTO-00160-2025), Auto Repair Garage (DSIBLAUTO-000155-2025), and Auto Body Repair Shop (DSIBLAUTO-00163-2025) licenses now held by Dale Imports Inc d/b/a Dale Imports (License ID # DSIBLAUTO-00160-2025, DSIBLAUTO-000155-2025, and DSIBLAUTO-00163-2025) for the premises located at 100 Cottage Ave W.
Adopted

- 10 [RES 25-1893](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Auto Repair Garage (DSIBLAUTO-000130-2025) and Second Hand Dealer-Motor Vehicle Parts (DSIBLAUTO-000147-2025) licenses now held by Mister Tire LLC d/b/a Mister Tire (License ID # DSIBLAUTO-000130-2025 and DSIBLAUTO-000147-2025) for the premises located at 1201 Rice St.
- Adopted**
- 11 [RES 25-1898](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Services to apply for the FY26 SWC Resilience Grant Program from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for community-led climate adaptation engagement with a 10% in-kind match.
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 25-1905](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 2 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for FoxFace Studios LLC.
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 25-1910](#) Appointing Robins Kaplan, LLP under the direction of Jake Holdreith as Special Counsel representing the City.
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 25-1916](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Adam Hertell, Sara L. Maaske, and Deborah Schlick to the Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2028. (to be withdrawn)
- Withdrawn**
- 15 [RES 25-1925](#) Authorizing the acceptance of \$25,000.00 in total grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to enhance fire suppression and rescue diving capabilities; authorizing the execution of a grant agreement.
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 25-1926](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the 2024 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) for \$679,543.63 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide training and physicals for firefighters.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 25-1928](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for a grant for \$20,000 from Ramsey County Public Health to purchase a LUCAS device.
- Adopted**
- 18 [RES 25-1946](#) Authorizing the City Council to expend up to \$400.00 for food and refreshments at a Ward 6 Community Engagement Event in December.
- Adopted**

SUSPENSION ITEM

[RES 25-1980](#)

City Council actions in response to SPPD conduct during federal immigration enforcement.

Councilmember Coleman spoke to the resolution and moved approval.

Councilmember Yang spoke in favor.

Councilmember Kim spoke in favor.

Councilmember Jost spoke in favor.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

FOR DISCUSSION

RECESS

Meeting recessed due to disruption.

Meeting recessed at 4:10 PM.

ROLL CALL

Meeting reconvened at 5:35 PM.

Present 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Molly Coleman

Absent 2 - Councilmember Anika Bowie and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

19 [RES 25-1914](#)

Outlining the City's 2026 Legislative Agenda. (Laid over from January 21, 2026)

Eric Peterson, Government Relations Associate, gave a staff report before the disruption.

Council President Noecker moved to lay over for one week after the disruption.

Laid over to December 17, 2025

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Bowie and 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

- 20** [Ord 25-4](#) Amending Title IV of the Saint Paul Administrative Code to add Chapter 92, titled Tree Preservation for City Sponsored Construction Projects.
- Council President Noecker moved to lay over for one week.*
- Laid over to December 17, 2025.**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson
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- 21** [Ord 25-72](#) Amending Chapters 60,61,68, and 72 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area and the Flood Plain Management Overlay Districts.
- Council President Noecker moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson
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- 22** [Ord 25-78](#) Establishing Chapter 15 of the Administrative Code to establish and define structured quarterly reporting requirements for certain personnel vacancies and overtime utilization.
- Councilmember Kim moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

First Reading

- 23** [Ord 25-79](#) Amending Chapter 107 of the Administrative Code pertaining to improvements

to the Planning Commission process.

Melanie McMahon, Director of Planning and Economic Development, gave an introduction.

Yasmine Robinson, Planning Director, gave a staff report.

Councilmember Coleman spoke in favor.

Council President Noecker spoke in favor.

Laid over to December 17, 2025 for Second Reading

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 24** [RES PH 25-240](#) Final Order approving the 2026 Ivy/Birmingham Residential Mill and Overlay Project (Project MO2602, Asmt 265501).

Steve Dodge, Street Engineering Manager, gave a staff report.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

- 25** [RES PH 25-270](#) Amending the spending and financing plans for various City departments.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

- 26** [RES PH 25-276](#) Authorizing the Police Department to amend the 2025 Police Department grant fund for the Ramsey County Violent Crime Enforcement Team grant.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

- 27** [RES PH 25-279](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$54,213.59 for the Minnesota Task Force One (MNTF1) reimbursement from the City of Edina.

Councilmember Coleman moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

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

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, asked to continue the public hearing to January 14, 2026.

Councilmember Coleman moved approval of the recommendation.

Continued Public Hearing to January 14, 2026.

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Bowie and 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: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

- 28** [RLH FCO 25-69](#) Appeal of Ronald Staeheli to a Fire Inspection Report at 358 ARBOR STREET.
Adopted
- 30** [RLH SAO 25-66](#) Appeal of Walker Wilkins and Andrea Vercruysse to a Summary Abatement Order at 1473 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE.
Adopted
- 31** [RLH RR 25-34](#) First Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 947 FREMONT AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 25-10. (December 9, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson
- 32** [RLH VO 25-21](#) Appeal of Dennis D. Grahns to a Notice of Condemnation As Unfit for Human Habitation & Order to Vacate at 555 SMITH AVENUE SOUTH.
Adopted
- 33** [RLH VO 25-24](#) Appeal of James A. Persson, obo Carol M. Persson, to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection (which includes condemnation) at 1436 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH.

Adopted
- 34** [RLH SAO 25-70](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 855 THIRD STREET EAST in Council File RLH VO 25-23.
Adopted as amended

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Coleman
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 - Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson
- 35** [RLH TA 25-282](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1240 VIRGINIA STREET. (File No. J2522R2, Assessment No. 258580) (Reduce and to

continue public hearing to January 7, 2026)

Public hearing continued to January 7, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:04 PM.

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