



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, November 19, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson may be participating remotely.

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

Present 7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Molly Coleman

- 1 [CO 25-46](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 799 University Avenue West a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

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Council President Noecker stated that Item 10 was being withdrawn, and that Items 9, 15, and 16 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Bowie 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 25-1491](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during June 27 to July 8, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 16, 2025 and City Council public hearing for February 18, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2602TW, Assessment No. 268702)

Adopted

- 3 [RES 25-1547](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during April 22 to May 21, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 2, 2025 and City Council public hearing for February 11, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2602E, Assessment No. 268301)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 25-1548](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during February 12 to May 22, 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 9, 2025 and City Council public hearing for February 11, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2602, Assessment No. 268901)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 25-1549](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during June 2025, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 9, 2025 and City Council public hearing for February 11, 2026 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2602B, Assessment No. 268101)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 25-1742](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the North End Improvement Club for the McDonough Recreation Center Halloween Party.

Adopted

- 7 [RES 25-1743](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept a donation, in the amount of \$800, from the North End Community Foundation for the McDonough Recreation Center Halloween Party.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 25-1748](#) Approving a partial waiver of the Sustainable Building Ordinance for the Police Outdoor Range building.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 25-1753](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to revoke the Entertainment (B), Liquor On-Sale 100 Seats or Less, Liquor On-Sale Sunday license against Pimento St. Paul Inc d/b/a Pimento Jamaican Kitchen (License ID #20230000917) for the premises located at 354 Wabasha St. N. (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

- 11 [RES 25-1760](#) Authorizing the Emergency Management department to apply for the 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant program from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to support emergency management activities, and has a cost share match.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 25-1762](#) Authorizing the City to renew a lease agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for use of space on City property at 1450 Red Rock Road.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 25-1770](#) Authorization to Release the 4(d) Affordable Housing Incentive Program Covenant on 1048 Central Ave W.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 25-1772](#) Authorizing carryforward of unused Private Activity Bond Volume Cap.

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 9 [RES 25-1752](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to revoke the Liquor On-Sale 100 Seats or Less, Liquor On-Sale Sunday license held by Damera Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant LLC d/b/a Damera (License ID #20110004770) for the premises located at 823 University Ave. W. (Laid over from November 19, 2025) (to be withdrawn)

Councilmember Bowie moved to lay over to December 3.

Laid over to December 3, 2025

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 15 [RES 25-1781](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Nelsie Yang to the Saint Paul Port Authority Board of Commissioners for a term beginning on December 1, 2025.

Councilmember Yang gave remarks and moved approval.

Council President Noecker gave remarks.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 16** [RES 25-1782](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Nelsie Yang to the Board of Water Commissioners for a term beginning on December 1, 2025.

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

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

- 17** [Ord 25-63](#) Amending Legislative Code Chapter 220 to allow for Garbage Cart Sharing at properties with two or more Dwelling Units beginning January 1, 2026.

Councilmember Coleman moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 18** [Ord 25-66](#) Creating Chapter 420 of the Legislative Code establishing regulations for the registration of cannabis and hemp businesses, creating Chapter 420A of the Legislative Code establishing a permit requirement and process for temporary cannabis events, and amending section 310.01 to add a definition for "Cannabis Fees".

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

19 [Ord 25-67](#)

Amending Chapter 170.02 of the Legislative Code to allow the Director of Parks and Recreation to adjust the hours of certain parks to accommodate for park use during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

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

20 [Ord 25-68](#)

Amending Section 106.01 of the Legislative Code to allow businesses in the Downtown Entertainment District to temporary allow items in the right-of-way without a sidewalk-use permit during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

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 [Ord 25-69](#)

Amending section 293.02(d) of the Legislative Code to remove the requirement for a sound level variance in the Downtown Entertainment District during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

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

22 [Ord 25-70](#)

Amending section 409.08 of the Legislative Code to allow holders of Liquor Licenses issued under section 409 to apply for extended service of alcoholic

beverages until 2:00 a.m. during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Councilmember Coleman moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

23 [Ord 25-71](#)

Amending section 55.04(a) of the Legislative Code to simplify the requirement for a temporary structure permit during the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championship.

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

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

24 [Ord 25-76](#)

Creating Chapter 297 of the Legislative Code prohibiting the use and placement of virtual currency kiosks within the City.

Council President Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

First Reading

25 [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.

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

Council President Noecker moved to lay over to December 3.

Laid over to December 3, 2025 for Second Reading

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 26** [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.
- 14 people spoke during the public hearing.*
- Councilmember Yang gave remarks.*
- Tony Johnson, City Planner, addressed councilmember questions.*
- Councilmember Johnson gave remarks.*
- Anton Jerve, Planning Manager, addressed councilmember questions.*
- Council President Noecker moved to continue the public hearing to December 3.*
- Public hearing continued to December 3, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 27** [Ord 25-77](#) Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective January 1, 2026.
- Councilmember Coleman moved to close the public hearing.*
- Laid over to December 3, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 28** [RES PH 25-232](#) Amending the City's Capital Improvement Budget and Operating Budget to correct a bond proceed transfer for Fire's cardiac monitors.
- Councilmember Jost moved approval.*

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 29** [RES PH 25-250](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$195,597.33 to utilize Parkland Dedication funds for the Taylor Park Improvements project.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 30** [RES PH 25-251](#) Amending budgets for energy projects financed through the \$5 million Green Energy Program.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 31** [RES PH 25-256](#) Authorizing the City through its Fire Department to amend a joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota through its State Fire Marshal Division to provide a hazardous materials response team and amend the 2025 financing and spending plans for the Fire Department in the amount of \$360,000.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEM[SR 25-260](#)

Port Authority 2026 budget presentation.

Todd Hurley, CEO of the Port Authority, gave a staff report and answered

councilmember questions.

Received and Filed

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 35** [RLH RR 25-28](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 430 DALE STREET NORTH within fifteen (15) days after the October 22, 2025, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to remove within 15 days)
- Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.*
- 7 people spoke during the public hearing.*
- Councilmember Bowie gave remarks and asked for clarification.*
- Moermond addressed Bowie's questions.*
- Councilmember Johnson gave remarks.*
- Councilmember Kim gave remarks.*
- Councilmember Yang asked for clarification.*
- Moermond addressed Yang's questions.*
- Bowie moved to lay over to December 17 and require a \$5,000 performance deposit, code compliance inspection, and nuisance abatement plan.*
- Public hearing closed and laid over to December 17, 2025.**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0

- 45** [RLH CO 25-14](#) Appeal of William Acree to a Correction Order at 610 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, gave a staff report.

Councilmember Bowie moved to grant to January 9, 2026 for compliance.

Adopted as amended (granted to January 9, 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: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

- 32** [RLH RR 25-31](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1079 ARKWRIGHT STREET within fifteen (15) days after the November 19, 2025, City Council Public Hearing. (Grant 180 Days)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

- 33** [RLH RR 25-29](#) Third Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 594 BRUNSON AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 25-8.

Adopted

- 34** [RLH FCO 25-54](#) Appeal of Pat Ware to a Fire Inspection Report at 673 CHARLES AVENUE.

Adopted

- 36** [RLH TA 25-283](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 821 and 823 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J2522R3, Assessment No. 258581)

Public hearing continued to April 22, 2026

- 37** [RLH TA 25-106](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 900 LAUREL AVENUE. (File No. J2511R1, Assessment No. 258551)

Public hearing continued to April 22, 2026

- 38** [RLH TA 25-155](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 133 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2513R1, Assessment No. 258558)

Public hearing continued to April 22, 2026

- 39** [RLH FCO 25-55](#) Appeal of Francis J Hickey to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1407 PROSPERITY AVENUE.

Adopted

- 40** [RLH TA 25-200](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1440 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2517R1, Assessment No. 2585666) (Continue Public Hearing to April 22, 2026)

Public hearing continued to April 22, 2026

- 41** [RLH CO 25-12](#) Appeal of Patrick O'Neill, Jr. Attorney for Alford S. Karayusuf, to a Correction Order at 1164 SUMMIT AVENUE.

Adopted

- 42** [RLH VO 25-23](#) Appeal of Paris Getty to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate and a Summary Abatement Order at 855 THIRD STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 43** [RLH TA 25-281](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1451 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2519R2, Assessment No. 258575)
Public hearing continued to April 22, 2026
- 44** [RLH TA 25-240](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1141 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2519R1, Assessment No. 258573)
Public hearing continued to April 22, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:09 PM.

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