



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 12, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 25-66](#) Amending the 2025 Saint Paul Regional Water Services spending budget to record the cost-neutral change in spending of \$1,762,500 for the cost of issuance, principal and interest due on PFA note DW10.

Received and Filed

- 2 [AO 25-67](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the SPRWS 2025 Adopted Budget in the amount of \$50,000 to better support current priorities and maintain facility operations.

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 5, 8, and 9 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 3 [RES 25-1674](#) Authorizing the acceptance of \$59,270.40 from the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Solar on Public Buildings Grant Program for rooftop solar installation at Hamline Midway Library.

Adopted

- 4 [RES 25-1680](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funding from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) ReLeaf Community Forestry Grants Program to invest in forestry planning and management of the tree canopy throughout Saint Paul.

Adopted

- 6 [RES 25-1734](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for the FY25 Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Grant Program, issued by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Adopted

- 7 [RES 25-1738](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20240020604 for Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure installed by the Saint Paul Port Authority (SPPA) on The Heights project site at the following locations: on Arlington Avenue between Howard Street and McKnight Road.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 5 [RES 25-1721](#) Amending project budgets to align with spending needs.

Laura Logsdon, Interim Director of the Office of Financial Services gave a staff report alongside Maureen Hartman, Library Director, and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 8 [RES 25-1746](#) Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the City General Election held November 4, 2025.

Council President Noecker gave remarks and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEM[RES 25-1780](#)

Appointing Jacobson Lawyers Group, under the direction of Dan Jacobson, as special counsel representing the City in Saint Paul et al. v. Christopher Wright et al., filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Councilmember Coleman moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

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**10** [Ord 25-59](#)

Amending Chapters 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, and 69 of the Legislative Code as recommended in the Traditional Neighborhood (T) District Zoning Study.

Council President Noecker spoke in support.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

9 [RES 25-113](#)

Initiating the T District Follow-Up and Transit Corridor Zoning Study.

Councilmember Jost spoke in support and moved approval.

Council President Noecker spoke in support.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in support.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

11 [Ord 25-65](#)

Creating Chapter 225A of the Legislative Code titled Firearms Regulations to establish regulations for Assault weapons, Binary triggers, Ghost guns and Signage.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Councilmember Jost spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Councilmember Kim spoke in support.

Councilmember Coleman spoke in support.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in support.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support.

Council President Noecker spoke in support.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

First Reading**12 [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.

Tony Johnson, City Planner, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Council President Noecker moved Version 3.

Amended and laid over to November 19, 2025 for Second Reading

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

13 [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.

Sarah Haas, Solid Waste Program Administrator, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Laid over to November 19, 2025 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 14** [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 Bowie moved to close the public hearing.*
- Laid over to November 19, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 15** [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 Coleman moved to close the public hearing.*
- Laid over to November 19, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 16** [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 Jost moved to close the public hearing.*
- Laid over to November 19, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 17** [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 Johnson moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to November 19, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

18 [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 Yang moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to November 19, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

19 [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 Yang moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to November 19, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

20 [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 Kim moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to November 19, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

21 [Ord 25-76](#)

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

2 people spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Jost moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to November 19, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

- 22** [RES PH 25-253](#) Setting the Solid Waste Service Fee for 2026. (Public hearing closed and laid over from November 12, 2025)

Sarah Haas, Solid Waste Program Administrator, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Jost moved to close the public hearing and lay over to December 3.

Public hearing closed and laid over to December 3, 2025

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

Nay: 0

- 23** [RES PH 25-254](#) Authorizing Public Works to request \$828,344 in SCORE grant funds from Ramsey County to support the curbside recycling program and setting the 2026 City Recycling Service Fees. (Public hearing closed and laid over from November 12, 2025)

Sarah Haas, Solid Waste Program Administrator, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Coleman moved to close the public hearing and lay over to December 3.

Public hearing closed and laid over to December 3, 2025

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

Nay: 0

- 24** [RES PH 25-255](#) Authorizing the Public Library Agency to accept Minnesota Department of Education grant funds and amending the Library's 2025 financing and spending plans in the amount of \$500,000 to support reconstruction of the Hamline Midway Library.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 25** [RES PH 25-218](#) Ratifying the assessment for benefits, costs, and expenses for the Grand/Snelling parking lot operation and maintenance costs for 2026. (File No. 18746-25, Assessment No. 257202)

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 26** [RES PH 25-243](#) Approving the application of MN Run Series/Podium Sports Marketing Inc. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Turkey Trot Saint Paul on November 27, 2025, by Shepard Road between Washington Street and Sherman Street.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 27** [RLH TA 25-115](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 686 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. VB2507A, Assessment No. 258826) (Public hearing closed and laid over from April 9, 2025)

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

Councilmember Bowie moved the recommendation of the Hearing Officer.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 28** [RLH SAO 25-62](#) Appeal of Deborah Ruberto to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 235 BATES AVENUE.

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

Councilmember Johnson moved to refer to Legislative Hearings on December 9.

Referred to Legislative Hearings on December 9, 2025.

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

Nay: 0

- 29** [RLH SAO 25-60](#) Appeal of Emmett J. Owens, Jr. to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 239 BATES AVENUE.

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

Councilmember Johnson moved to refer to Legislative Hearings on December 9.

Referred to Legislative Hearings on December 9, 2025.

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

Nay: 0

- 38** [RLH SAO 25-61](#) Appeal of Johnny E Howard Sr to a Summary Abatement Order at 633 VAN BUREN AVENUE.

Councilmember Bowie asked for this item to be removed from the Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Johnson asked for clarification.

Bowie provided clarification.

Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 30** [RLH SAO 25-59](#) Appeal of Philip and Kelly Oliver to a Summary Abatement Order at 597 FOREST STREET.
Adopted
- 31** [RLH CO 25-10](#) Appeal of Michael Haubrich to a Correction Notice at 1488 HAZELWOOD STREET.
Adopted as amended (appeal granted)
- 32** [RLH FCO 25-64](#) Appeal of Todd Knudten to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1205 HOMER STREET.
Adopted
- 33** [RLH FCO 25-61](#) Appeal of Abdalla Tobasi to a Fire Fire Inspection Report at 933 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST.
Adopted
- 34** [RLH CO 25-9](#) Appeal of Parker Hoen to a Correction Notice at 1635 MONTREAL AVENUE.
Adopted as amended (appeal granted)
- 35** [RLH FCO 25-60](#) Appeal of Abdalla Tobasi to a Fire Fire Inspection Report at 809 SELBY AVENUE (806 SELBY AVENUE).
Adopted
- 36** [RLH RR 25-24](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 378 SIMS AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 25-5.
Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)
- 37** [RLH SAO 25-52](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2198 TILSEN AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-49.
Adopted
- 39** [RLH CO 25-13](#) Appeal of Robert Lankford to a Correction Order at 613 VIRGINIA STREET.
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:56 PM

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