



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 5, 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 25-65](#) Establishing two (2) new projects through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolutions 25-1561 and 25-1574, and returning funds from completed projects back to the Year-Round STAR program.

Received and Filed

- 2 [AO 25-68](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: \$3,000.00 of additional funding for 1050 Payne Ave (Eastside Pizzeria).

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 11 and 15 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Yang 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 25-1586](#) Requesting a variance from Minnesota Municipal State Aid Rules for the St. Anthony/Rondo Avenue Mill & Overlay Project from Snelling Avenue to Marion Street.
Adopted
- 4** [RES 25-1591](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Ramsey County for Right of Way acquisition on Ramsey County's Jackson Street Project.
Adopted
- 5** [RES 25-1626](#) Authorizing the Department of Safety and Inspections to apply for a grant in the amount of \$75,000 from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, to participate in the 2026 Building Official Training (BOT) grant program.
Adopted
- 6** [RES 25-1637](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for December 10, 2025, to consider approval of the 2026 Ivy/Birmingham Residential Mill and Overlay Project (Project MO2602, Asmt 265501).
Adopted
- 7** [RES 25-1638](#) Authorizing the Police Department (SPPD) to enter into a one-year lease agreement with the University of Minnesota which includes an automatic renewal option.
Adopted
- 8** [RES 25-1660](#) Authorizing the City to apply for \$298,000, with no match required, from the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Microgrids at Community Lifeline Facilities grant program for Oxford Community Center.
Adopted
- 9** [RES 25-1667](#) Requesting approval of a Third Amendment to the lease between the City and Board of Water Commissioners for the Police Department's use of Board-owned property for the K-9 facility and training.
Adopted
- 10** [RES 25-1676](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a joint powers agreement with Ramsey County Geographic Information Systems for governmental units interested in using geographic systems and data created and maintained by Ramsey County.
Adopted
- 12** [RES 25-1681](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for \$500,000

from the State Park Road Account Grant Program for the Crosby Farm Road Reconstruction project.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 25-1697](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation, with conditions, for the application submitted by Aubergine Hospitality LLC (License ID#DSIBLLIQ-000182-2025), d/b/a Restaurant Aubergine, for Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) licenses, located at 525 Selby Avenue.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 25-1703](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to revoke the Liquor On-Sale 291 or More Seats, Liquor On-Sale Sunday & Entertainment (B) license against White Dragon Catering Inc. d/b/a White Dragon Hall LLC (License ID #20210000632) for the premises located at 1600 White Bear Avenue North, Unit C.

Adopted

- 16 [Min 25-40](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of August 1, 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2025.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 25-1608](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2025 Revised Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 11 [RES 25-1677](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation, with conditions, for the application submitted by the University of St. Thomas (License ID #20110002908), d/b/a same, to add an Entertainment (B) license and expand liquor service areas under the existing Liquor On Sale - 291 or More Seats license, located at 2115 Summit Avenue.

Councilmember Coleman 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

- 15 [RES 25-1728](#) Establishing the membership of the Reparations Harm Study RFP Review Committee ("Committee") to review proposals received from the Reparations Harm Study RFP.

Councilmember Johnson gave remarks and moved Version 2.

Councilmember Bowie spoke against Version 2.

Johnson spoke in favor of Version 2 and asked about the study's timeline.

Jay Willms, Director of Council Operations, addressed Johnson's question.

Bowie gave additional remarks.

Councilmember Yang spoke in favor of Version 2.

*Councilmember Kim spoke in favor of Version 2 and moved to call the question.
Approved 6 - 1 (Bowie opposed) and discussion ended.*

Version 2 approved 6-1 (Bowie opposed).

Johnson moved approval.

Bowie spoke in opposition.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

18 [RES 25-1701](#)

Authorizing the City to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with MnDOT regarding the reconstruction of Robert Street between Annapolis Street and Kellogg Boulevard.

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

19 [RES 25-1702](#)

Granting Municipal Consent for the MnDOT project to reconstruct Robert Street from Annapolis Street to Kellogg Boulevard, including the reconstruction of the viaduct south of Cesar Chavez Boulevard (State Project No. S.P. 6217-50).

Council President Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

20 [RES 25-1679](#)

Honoring Saint Paul Veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th, 2025.

Odell Brown and Mike Lovas from the St Paul Veterans Employee Resource Network gave remarks.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support.

Council President Noecker read from the resolution, spoke in support, and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

21 [RES 25-1717](#)

Honoring City Clerk Shari Moore for nearly four decades of dedicated public service to the residents of Saint Paul.

Council President Noecker gave remarks and read from the resolution.

Councilmember Jost spoke in support.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Councilmember Kim spoke in support.

Councilmember Coleman spoke in support.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in support.

Noecker spoke in support.

Jay Willms, City Council Director, gave remarks.

Shari Moore, City Clerk, gave remarks.

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

- 22** [Ord 25-61](#) Amending Chapter 74 of the Legislative Code by enacting a new section designating the Theodore Hamm Brewing Company Heritage Preservation District as a Heritage Preservation Site.
- Councilmember Johnson spoke in support and moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- First Reading**
- 23** [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".
- Dan Niziolek, Deputy Director of the Department of Safety and Inspections, gave a staff report.*
- Laid over to November 12, 2025 for Second Reading**
- 24** [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.
- Angie Wiese, Director of Safety and Inspections, gave a staff report on Items 24 through 28.*
- Laid over to November 12, 2025 for Second Reading**
- 25** [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.
- Laid over to November 12, 2025 for Second Reading**
- 26** [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.

Laid over to November 12, 2025 for Second Reading

- 27 [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.

Laid over to November 12, 2025 for Second Reading

- 28 [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.

Laid over to November 12, 2025 for Second Reading

- 29 [Ord 25-76](#) Creating Chapter 297 of the Legislative Code prohibiting the use and placement of virtual currency kiosks within the City.

Tim Greenfield, City Council Chief Policy Officer, gave a staff report.

Council President Noecker spoke in support.

Laid over to November 12, 2025 for Second Reading**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

- 30 [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.

4 people spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Jost moved to close the public hearing.

Amended and laid over to November 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 31 [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.

14 people spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Coleman moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to November 12, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 32** [RES PH 25-208](#) Ratifying the assessment for Fourth/Howard area mill and overlay constructed as part of the 2024 Mill and Overlay Program. (File No. MO2402, Assessment No. 255502)

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 33** [RES PH 25-209](#) Ratifying the assessment for Cretin/Bayard Area Phase 2 mill and overlay constructed as part of the 2024 Mill and Overlay Program. (File No. MO2401, Assessment No. 255501)

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 34** [RES PH 25-210](#) Ratifying the assessment for Hatch/Park area mill and overlay constructed as part of the 2025 Mill and Overlay Program. (File No. MO2502, Assessment No. 255505)

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 35** [RES PH 25-213](#) Ratifying the assessment for Ruth/Algonquin - Burns to Stillwater mill and overlay constructed as part of the 2023 Mill and Overlay Program. (File No. MO2307, Assessment No. 245507)

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 36** [RES PH 25-217](#) Final Order approving 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
- 37** [RES PH 25-230](#) Establishing the Water Charges for 2026. (Public hearing closed and laid over from November 5, 2025)

Racquel Vaske, General Manager of Saint Paul Regional Water Services, gave a staff report on Items 37 and 38.

Councilmember Kim 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
- 38** [RES PH 25-231](#) Establishing the Water Fees and Charges for 2026. (Public hearing closed and laid over from November 5, 2025)

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

Public hearing close 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
- 39** [RES PH 25-239](#) Setting the 2026 Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer rates. (Public hearing closed and laid over from November 5, 2025)

Sean Kershaw, Director of Public Works, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

1 resident spoke during the public hearing.

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

Public hearing close and laid over to December 3, 2025

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jost

- 40** [RES PH 25-241](#) Approving the application of Salvation Army Northern Division for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Annual “Tree of Lights” Light Program in Rice Park starting November 15, 2025, through January 6, 2026, at Rice Park--109 W 4th St.

1 person spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jost

- 41** [RES PH 25-244](#) Amending the HOME 2025 general ledger budget to reflect the program income amount in the 2025-26 HUD Consolidated Plan-Annual Action Plan of \$206,225.38 and amending the HOME project budgets to reflect the 2025 HOME spending of \$1,629,610.90.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 42** [RES PH 25-245](#) Approving the petition of Via Yang, property owner at 1656 Wilson Avenue, to vacate the abutting north-south alley right-of-way, from Wilson Avenue to Old Hudson Road.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 43** [RES PH 25-246](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a joint powers agreement with

the State of Minnesota through its State Fire Marshal Division to receive funds for the Minnesota Air Rescue Team ("MART") and amend the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$500,000 to pay for training and equipment.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 44** [RES PH 25-247](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$4,500 from the Minneapolis Fire Department.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 45** [RES PH 25-248](#) Amending the financing and spending plans for the Fire Department in the amount of \$7,014.23 for a reimbursement from Rosenbauer Motors, LLC.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 46** [RES PH 25-249](#) Approving the 325 Commercial St final (combined) plat.

Councilmember Johnson 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

- 47** [RLH SAO 25-55](#) Appeal of Mark Puchala II to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle

Abatement Order at 2016 FREMONT AVENUE. (Public hearing closed and laid over from October 15, 2025)

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

Councilmember Johnson moved to grant to November 14 for compliance.

Adopted as amended (granted to November 14)

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

Nay: 0

- 49** [RLH RR 25-30](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 499 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH within fifteen (15) days after the November 5, 2025, City Council Public Hearing.

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

Councilmember Coleman 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

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will receive a combined public hearing and be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate public hearing and discussion if desired.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Johnson 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

- 48** [RLH VO 25-22](#) Amending Council File RLH VO 25-9, adopted June 11, 2025, to grant Dayana Valmyr additional extensions for property at 1220 SHERBURNE AVENUE.

Adopted

- 50** [RLH AR 25-91](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2025. (File No.

CG2503A3, Assessment No. 250126)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:26 PM

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