



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, October 22, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:39 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 25-61](#) Establishing three (3) new projects through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolutions 25-1525, 25-1524, and 25-1521.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 25-64](#) Amending the 2025 Public Works General Fund budget to reallocate budgeted amounts within spending accounts to better align with actual spending needs.
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 16 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Johnson 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 25-1577](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to revoke the Massage Practitioner license against Ruth Sharon Atherly d/b/a Ruth Sharon Atherly, (License ID #20240000111) for the premises located at 621 Cleveland Avenue South.

Adopted

- 4 [RES 25-1599](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during April to June 2025, and setting date of legislative hearing for November 13, 2025 and City Council public hearing for December 17, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG25Q2B1, Assessment No. 250118)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 25-1600](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during April to June 2025, and setting date of legislative hearing for November 13, 2025 and City Council public hearing for December 17, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG25Q2B2, Assessment No. 250119)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 25-1601](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during April to June 2025, and setting date of legislative hearing for November 13, 2025 and City Council public hearing for December 17, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG25Q2B3, Assessment No. 250120)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 25-1602](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during April to June 2025, and setting date of legislative hearing for November 13, 2025 and City Council public hearing for December 17, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG25Q2B4, Assessment No. 250121)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 25-1603](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during April to June 2025, and setting date of legislative hearing for November 13, 2025 and City Council public hearing for December 17, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG25Q2B5, Assessment No. 250122)

Adopted

- 9 [RES 25-1604](#) Adopting the Hamline Midway 2030 Neighborhood Plan as an Addendum to the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 25-1605](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Yard Waste Bills for service during 2025, and setting date of legislative hearing for November 13, 2025 and City Council public hearing for December 17, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. YW25Q2B1, Assessment No. 250500)
Adopted
- 11 [RES 25-1607](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of lunch for firefighters valued at \$5,000 from Operation BBQ Relief.
Adopted
- 12 [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.
Laid over to November 5, 2025
- 13 [RES 25-1611](#) Authorizing payment in the amount of \$31,302.88 in full and final settlement of the claim of Lindsey Dannen.
Adopted
- 14 [RES 25-1619](#) Approving the addition of the Gambling Location License to the existing Liquor On Sale-291 or more seats, Liquor On Sale-Sunday and Liquor On Sale - 2AM Closing licenses for Saint Paul Arena Company LLC d/b/a Saint Paul Arena Company (License ID# 200000003747) for the premises located at 199 Kellogg Boulevard West.
Adopted
- 15 [RES 25-1648](#) Approval of a Lease Agreement between the Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation and The JK Movement.
Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 16 [RES 25-1643](#) Supporting TaikoArts Midwest's General Obligation Bond Project Request.

Jennifer Weir from Taiko Arts Midwest gave remarks.

Councilmember Kim spoke in favor and moved approval of Version 2.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in favor.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

17 [RES 25-1634](#)

Declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Shelley Cline from the St. Paul Intervention Project gave remarks.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Councilmember Jost spoke in support.

Councilmember Coleman spoke in support.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in support.

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

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEMS

[RES 25-1620](#)

Approving Ordinance Permit 20240020101 for Roadway and Sidewalk infrastructure installed by the Saint Paul Port Authority on The Heights project site.

Jonathan Reisetter from the Department of Planning and Economic Development gave a staff report on the six suspension items.

Councilmember Yang 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

[RES 25-1621](#)

Approving Ordinance Permit 20240020102 for Roadway and Sidewalk infrastructure installed by the Saint Paul Port Authority on The Heights project site.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

[RES 25-1622](#)

Approving Ordinance Permit 20250020301 for Roadway Traffic Lighting Infrastructure installed on The Heights project site (at the following locations: On Ivy Avenue from Orange Avenue to McKnight Road; on Winthrop Street from Ivy Avenue to Cottage Avenue; on Howard Street from Ivy Avenue to Arlington Avenue; on Arlington Avenue from Howard Street to McKnight Road; on Cottage Avenue from Howard Street to Winthrop Street).

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

[RES 25-1623](#)

Approving Ordinance Permit 20250020302 for Roadway Traffic Lighting Infrastructure installed on The Heights project site (at the following locations: On Ivy Avenue from Orange Avenue to McKnight Road; on Winthrop Street from Ivy Avenue to Cottage Avenue; on Howard Street from Ivy Avenue to Arlington Avenue; on Arlington Avenue from Howard Street to McKnight Road; On Cottage Avenue from Howard Street to Winthrop Street).

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

[RES 25-1624](#)

Approving Ordinance Permit 20250020303 for Roadway Traffic Signing and Striping Infrastructure installed on The Heights project site (at the following locations: On Ivy Avenue from Winthrop Street to McKnight Road; on Winthrop Street from Ivy Avenue to Arlington Avenue; on Howard Street from Ivy Avenue to Arlington Avenue; Cottage Avenue from Howard Street to Winthrop Street).

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

[RES 25-1625](#)

Approving Ordinance Permit 20240020401 for Storm Sewer Infrastructure installed by the Saint Paul Port Authority on The Heights project site (at the following locations: on Winthrop Street from Ivy Avenue (MH5006) to Clear Street (MH5008), Cottage Avenue (MH5018) to Sherwood Avenue (MH5080),

and at Arlington Avenue (MH5058 to MH5057); on Howard Street from Ivy Avenue (MH5109) to Arlington Avenue (MH5053); on Arlington Avenue from Howard Street (MH5053) to Winthrop Street (MH5057)).

Councilmember Yang 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

- 18** [Ord 25-58](#) Considering the application of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to rezone property at 1059 Maryland Avenue (NW Corner of Earl Street) from B2 Community Business to T2 Traditional Neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map.

Councilmember Yang 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

- 19** [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.

Sarah Haas from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Jost moved to lay over for three weeks.

Laid over to November 12, 2025 for Second Reading

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

Nay: 0

- 20 [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.

Mayor Melvin Carter gave remarks.

Brynn Hausz from the Mayor's Office gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Laid over to November 5, 2025 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 21 [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.

Michel Taylor, resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Ashley Bisner from JB Vang spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Johnson moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to November 5, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 22 [RES PH 25-224](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the 2022 Capital Maintenance Budget in the amount of \$300,000 to reflect cancelled HRA Transfer.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 23 [RES PH 25-228](#) Amending the Capital Improvement Budget to the 2025 DSI Animal Services Building Project.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 24** [RES PH 25-234](#) 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 Act Pre-Development Grant Program for the benefit of a project at 576 Lexington Parkway North. (The Lexington Deluxe) (Dist. 7, Ward 1).
- Councilmember Bowie moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 25** [RES PH 25-225](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept Parks and Trails Legacy Funds, enter into grant agreements, which include an indemnification clause, and amend the financing and spending plan in the amount of \$2,596,039.
- Councilmember Kim moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 26** [RES PH 25-226](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) Outdoor Recreation grant program funds and to amend the financing and spending plan in the amount of \$350,000 for a new City park at The Heights.
- Councilmember Yang moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
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- 27** [RES PH 25-235](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works Street Maintenance Division to spend funds from an awarded grant for a Workplace Wellness Micro Grant Physical Activity Station of \$700 from the Saint Paul Area Chamber with the funding coming from the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) through Saint Paul - Ramsey County Public Health.
- Councilmember Johnson moved approval.*
- Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

- 28** [RES PH 25-238](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to spend funds from a grant awarded by the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District for the enhanced street sweeping stewardship grant to perform additional street sweeping within the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District boundaries.

Councilmember Coleman 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 25-219](#) Final Order to consider the reconstruction of University Avenue between I-35E and Lafayette Road and acquisition of necessary property rights.

Bruce Engelbrekt from the Office of Financial Services gave a staff report.

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

- 30** [RES PH 25-229](#) Considering the application of Hunter Bradford, Degree of Honor, for an exception to the general hours of skyway operations for pedestrian skyway bridges which would close a door within the walkway of pedestrian skyway bridge #33, a bridge that is between the Degree of Honor Building and the Press House Apartments Building.

Jamaka Young, resident, spoke during the public hearing.

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

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 31** [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)
- Laid over to November 12, 2025.*
- Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: This is an assessment for October 2024 through October 2025. I will be recommending approval of the assessment, as the property is still in the vacant building program. I want to make sure the owner has notice of my recommendation, which is why I am asking for this to be laid over to November 12.*
- Councilmember Bowie moved to lay over to November 12, 2025.*
- Laid over to November 12, 2025**
- 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 Coleman 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 TA 25-294](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 427 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. J2522R4, Assessment No. 258582)
- Public hearing continued to February 4, 2026**
- 33** [RLH RR 25-17](#) First Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 887 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-17. (Nuisance is abated)
- Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)**
- 34** [RLH TA 25-119](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 263 CURTICE STREET WEST. (File No. J2507T1, Assessment No. 258537)
- Public hearing continued to February 4, 2026**
- 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. (Refer to October 28, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to October 28, 2025 Legislative Hearing

- 36 [RLH TA 25-111](#) Amending Council File RLH TA 24-472 to Continue the Public Hearing for the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1055 FOURTH STREET EAST adopted by Council on February 12, 2025. (File No. J2505R, Assessment No. 258508)

Public hearing continued to February 4, 2026

- 37 [RLH SAO 25-58](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2016 FREMONT AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 25-55. (October 21, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to November 18, 2025 Legislative Hearing

- 38 [RLH TA 25-160](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 562 GALTIER STREET. (File No. J2513R2, Assessment No. 258559) (Public hearing continued to October 22, 2025)

Public hearing continued to February 11, 2026

- 39 [RLH RR 25-27](#) Third Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 195 GOODRICH AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 25-15.

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

- 40 [RLH TA 25-260](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1654 JUNO AVENUE. (File No. J2518R2, Assessment No. 2585669) (Amend to delete)

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

- 41 [RLH TA 25-96](#) [Enter title here.]

Public hearing continued to February 11, 2026

- 42 [RLH RR 25-24](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 378 SIMS AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 25-5.

Public hearing continued to November 12, 2025

- 43 [RLH TA 24-489](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 676 THIRD STREET EAST. (File No. J2504E1, Assessment No. 258313)

Public hearing continued to February 11, 2026

- 44 [RLH RR 25-26](#) Third Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1213 WOODBRIDGE STREET in Council File RLH RR 25-23.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:44 PM

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