



# City of Saint Paul

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Council Chambers - 3rd  
Floor  
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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*

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Wednesday, October 8, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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#### ROLL CALL

**Meeting started at 3:30 PM**

**Present** 6 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim,  
Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost, Councilmember  
Cheniqua Johnson and Councilmember Molly Coleman

**Absent** 1 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker

#### COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 25-39](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 810 Maryland Avenue East a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)  
**Received and Filed**
- 2 [AO 25-54](#) Reallocating Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program funds designated to Faith City Church via Resolution # 25-846 to one Neighborhood STAR project adopted via Resolution # 24-1460, as per Resolution # 25-1413.  
**Received and Filed**
- 3 [AO 25-57](#) Capital Maintenance completed project and account cleanup.  
**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

*Councilmember Johnson moved approval.*

**Consent Agenda adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 4     [RES 25-1486](#)     Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council Public Hearing to ratify the assessment for benefits, costs, and expenses for the Grand/Snelling parking lot operation and maintenance for 2026 (File No. 18746-25, Assessment No. 257202).  
**Adopted**
- 5     [RES 25-1522](#)     Authorizing the City to enter into the attached amendment between the City and Keystone Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation ("Keystone"), to their Management Agreement.  
**Adopted**
- 6     [RES 25-1535](#)     Approving the request of District Energy St. Paul, Inc. to amend District Cooling rates for fiscal year 2026.  
**Adopted**
- 7     [RES 25-1536](#)     Approving the request of District Energy St. Paul, Inc. to amend District Heating rates for fiscal year 2026.  
**Adopted**
- 8     [RES 25-1539](#)     Authorizing the City to enter into a two-year lease agreement with the Minnesota State Agricultural Society for the Saint Paul Police Department's use of interior office and exterior vacant land for its overflow impound lot during the winter months.  
**Adopted**
- 9     [RES 25-1543](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Anika Bowie to serve on the League of Minnesota Cities.  
**Adopted**
- 10    [Min 25-33](#)     Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of July 9, 16, and 23, 2025.  
**Adopted**

#### **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**

- 11     [Ord 25-54](#)     Amending Chapter 11 of the Administrative Code to update the responsibilities of the Department of Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity.

*Councilmember Jost moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 12     [Ord 25-56](#)     Amending Chapter 224A of the Legislative Code to clarify record production processes.

*Councilmember Coleman moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 13     [Ord 25-57](#)     Amending Chapter 233 of the Legislative Code to align with State law changes.

*Councilmember Bowie moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

**First Reading**

- 14     [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.

*Stefan Hankerson, City Planner, gave a staff report.*

Laid over to October 15, 2025 for Second Reading

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 15     [Ord 25-55](#)     Amending Chapter 224 of the Legislative Code to align with State law changes.
- Councilmember Yang moved approval.*
- Councilmember Johnson gave remarks.*
- Councilmember Kim gave remarks.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
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- 16     [RES PH 25-193](#)     Adopting the 2026 Operating Plan for the Comprehensive Downtown Improvement Special Service District and imposing a service charge pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 428A.
- Joe Spencer from the Downtown Alliance spoke during the public hearing.*
- Michelle Lichtig, resident, spoke during the public hearing.*
- Councilmember Bowie moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker
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- 17     [RES PH 25-220](#)     Approving the application of University of St. Thomas, (UST) Saint Paul Seminary and Saint John Vianney Seminary, for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on October 18, 2025 at 2115 Summit Avenue, UST O'Shaughnessy Stadium.
- Josh Hengemuhle from the University of St. Thomas spoke during the public hearing.*
- Councilmember Coleman moved approval.*
- Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 18**     [RES PH 25-222](#)     Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on October 12, 2025 at Harriet Island - 49 Harriet Island Rd.

*Councilmember Jost moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

**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:** 6 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Noecker

- 19**     [RLH TA 25-392](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 586 BURGESS STREET. (File No. VB2513, Assessment No. 25889) (October 7, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

**Referred to December 9, 2025 Legislative Hearing**

- 20**     [RLH VO 25-19](#)     Appeal of Isaac Garland and Franchesca Vann-Wickstrom to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate at 705 DAYTON AVENUE. (October 7, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

**Public hearing continued to October 15, 2025**

- 21     [RLH VO 25-12](#)     Appeal of Lita Fierro to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint-Condemned at 927 DESOTO STREET.  
**Adopted as amended (appeal granted)**
- 22     [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)  
**Public hearing continued to October 15, 2025**
- 23     [RLH FCO 25-55](#)     Appeal of Francis J Hickey to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1407 PROSPERITY AVENUE.  
**Public hearing continued to November 19, 2025**
- 24     [RLH VO 25-18](#)     Appeal of Stephen Martin, Tenant, to a Fire Inspection Report at 1771 REANEY AVENUE, APARTMENT 4 (carriage house).  
**Adopted**
- 25     [RLH RR 25-19](#)     Third Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 401 ROSE AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 25-14.  
**Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)**
- 26     [RLH TA 25-388](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 650 SIMS AVENUE (File No. 2507T, Assessment No. 259010) (Refer back to January 20, 2026 Legislative Hearing)  
**Referred to January 20, 2026 Legislative Hearing**
- 27     [RLH TA 25-282](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1240 VIRGINIA STREET. (File No. J2522R, Assessment No. 258555) (Reduce and to continue public hearing to October 8, 2025)  
**Public hearing continued to December 3, 2025**
- 28     [RLH TA 25-387](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 115 WINONA STREET EAST. (File No. 2507T, Assessment No. 259010)  
**Adopted**
- 29     [RLH AR 25-82](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during June 9 to 25, 2025 (File No. J2527R, Assessment No. 258572)  
  
**Adopted**
- 30     [RLH AR 25-83](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during April 2 to May 9, 2025 (File No. CRT2511, Assessment No. 258210)  
  
**Adopted**

- 31     [RLH AR 25-84](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during February 20 to March 21, 2025 (File No. J2513E, Assessment No. 258324)
- Adopted**
- 32     [RLH AR 25-85](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Graffiti Removal services during April 8 to 10, 2025 (File No. J2511P, Assessment No. 258410)
- Adopted**
- 33     [RLH AR 25-86](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during May to December 2024 (File No. J2503V, Assessment No. 258002)
- Adopted**
- 34     [RLH AR 25-87](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during January to April 2025 (File No. J2504V, Assessment No. 258003)
- Adopted**
- 35     [RLH AR 25-88](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) service during June 2025. (File No. 2507T, Assessment No. 259010)
- Adopted**
- 36     [RLH AR 25-89](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during April 17, 2024 to March 18, 2025. (File No. VB2513, Assessment No. 258829)
- Adopted**
- 37     [RLH AR 25-90](#)     Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during April 2025. (File No. J2513B, Assessment No. 258113)
- Adopted**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting ended at 3:57 PM**

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