



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 1, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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

- 1 [AO 25-50](#) Amending ESG project budgets: Reallocating funding for the 2023-24
Emergency Solutions Grant activities administered by Ramsey County per the
Joint Powers Agreement approved via RES 19-2110.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 25-51](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: \$210,000 of funding for 30,000 Feet (1351
Arcade St).
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 25-52](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: \$1,358,842.03 of funding for 200 Wilkins
Street (Joseph's Pointe) using undesignated housing real estate funds.
Received and Filed

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

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 Bowie moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 4 [RES 25-1245](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an Interconnection Agreement with Xcel Energy, which includes an indemnification clause, for solar at Fire Station #3.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 25-1246](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an Interconnection Agreement with Xcel Energy, which includes an indemnification clause, for solar at Hamline Midway Library.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 25-1367](#) Approving the addition of retroactive language to the Property and Evidence Specialist establishment in rate of pay.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 25-1440](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessments for the Cretin/Bayard Area Phase 2 mill and overlay constructed as part of the 2024 Mill and Overlay Program. (File No. MO2401, Assessment No. 255501)
Adopted
- 8 [RES 25-1441](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessments for the Fourth/Howard area mill and overlay constructed as part of the 2024 Mill and Overlay Program. (File No. MO2402, Assessment No. 255502)
Adopted
- 9 [RES 25-1442](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessments for the Hatch/Park area mill and overlay constructed as part of the 2025 Mill and Overlay Program. (File No. MO2502, Assessment No. 255505)
Adopted

- 10 [RES 25-1466](#) Setting a public hearing date of November 5, 2025 for 2026 Water Rates and Charges and 2026 Water Fees and Charges.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 25-1470](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to add organizations to the List of Eligible Recipients for Charitable Gambling funds for 2024.
Adopted
- 12 [RES 25-1471](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessments for the Ruth/Algonquin - Burns to Stillwater mill and overlay constructed as part of the 2023 Mill and Overlay Program. (File No. MO2307, Assessment No. 245507)
Adopted
- 13 [RES 25-1475](#) Approving and authorizing the execution of Municipal Advisory Services Agreements with the financial service firms of Baker Tilly, Ehlers, and PFM Financial Advisors, LLC.
Adopted
- 14 [RES 25-1483](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of City Council public hearing for November 5, 2025 to consider approval for the Grand/Snelling parking lot operation and maintenance costs for 2026 (File No. 18746-25, Assessment No. 257202).
Adopted
- 15 [RES 25-1500](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Auto Repair Garage and Auto Body Repair Shop license now held by First Transit Inc d/b/a First Transit Inc (License ID #20250000656) for the premises located at 1 Ridder Circle.
Adopted
- 16 [RES 25-1504](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of a public hearing for October 22, 2025 to consider the reconstruction of University Avenue between I35-E and Lafayette Road and acquisition of necessary property rights.
Adopted
- 17 [RES 25-1512](#) Accepting a right-of-way easement from FCC Environmental Services Minnesota in conjunction with the improvement of property at 560 Randolph Avenue.
Adopted
- 18 [RES 25-1519](#) Approving the 2026 City Council meeting schedule.
Adopted
- 19 [RES 25-1521](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 7 Neighborhood Star Year-Round program for Saint Paul Aerie NO.33 Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 25-1524](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 4 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 25-1525](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 4 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round program for Black Hart of Saint Paul, LLC.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 25-1276](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the establishment of the 2026 - 2027 health insurance contribution rates and VEBA contribution rates.

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 23 [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 Coleman moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to October 8, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 24 [Ord 25-55](#) Amending Chapter 224 of the Legislative Code to align with State law changes.

Councilmember Yang gave remarks on a potential amendment.

Council President Noecker spoke to procedure.

Councilmember Kim spoke in support of a potential amendment.

Yang moved to continue the public hearing for one week.

Kim asked about process.

Shari Moore, City Clerk, provided clarification.

Councilmember Johnson gave remarks.

Public hearing continued to October 8, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

25 [Ord 25-56](#)

Amending Chapter 224A of the Legislative Code to clarify record production processes.

Councilmember Johnson moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to October 8, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

26 [Ord 25-57](#)

Amending Chapter 233 of the Legislative Code to align with State law changes.

Councilmember Jost moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to October 8, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

27 [RES PH 25-216](#)

Authorizing an increase in the Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Fund in the amount of \$675,000 a year for two years, to reflect grant funds received from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program, entering into a grant agreement detailing the requirements of said grant (which includes an indemnification clause) and amending the Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Fund to reflect said funds to support the Right Track 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

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Bowie 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

- 28** [RLH SAO 25-53](#) Appeal of Paul Warner to a Summary and Vehicle Abatement Orders at 42 BAKER STREET WEST. (September 30, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (granted to October 3, 2025 for compliance)
- 29** [RLH TA 25-363](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1578 BURG AVENUE. (File No. J2513TW, Assessment No. 258571)
Referred to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 30** [RLH TA 25-364](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 762 CAPITOL HEIGHTS. (File No. J2526R, Assessment No. 258570) (Refer to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 31** [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 November 19, 2025
- 32** [RLH TA 25-375](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 828 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2526R, Assessment No. 258570) (Refer to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 33** [RLH TA 25-372](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 947 FREMONT AVENUE. (File No. J2513TW, Assessment No. 258571) (To refer to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 34** [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 November 19, 2025

- 35 [RLH TA 25-373](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 120 LAWSON AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2513TW, Assessment No. 258571)
Referred to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 36 [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 November 19, 2025
- 37 [RLH TA 25-376](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 583 MARSHALL AVENUE. (File No. J2526R, Assessment No. 258570) (Refer to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to November 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 38 [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 November 19, 2025
- 39 [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 November 19, 2025
- 40 [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 November 19, 2025
- 41 [RLH AR 25-80](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during May 28 to June 6, 2025 (File No. J2526R, Assessment No. 258570)

Adopted as amended (1077 Blair Ave referred to November 18, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
- 42 [RLH AR 25-81](#) Ratifying the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during June 2 to 9, 2025 (File No. J2513TW, Assessment No. 258571)

Adopted as amended (384 Blair Ave and 101 Winnipeg Ave referred to November 18, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 3:46 PM

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