



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

Council President Rebecca Noecker
Vice President Nelsie Yang
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Molly Coleman
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember HwaJeong Kim

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 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 26-65](#) Amending the Citywide Capital Maintenance budget for the Fleet Services division in the Office of Financial Services

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

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 2 [RES 26-1352](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Metropolitan Council for grant proposals submitted to the Livable Communities Act (LCA) programs for site assessment, cleanup or environmental remediation, other predevelopment activities, and or funding for new construction or redevelopment from LCA Round Two of 2026.

Adopted

- 3 [RES 26-1365](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Miscellaneous Abatement services during July to August 2026, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 20, 2026 and City Council public hearing for January 20, 2027 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2604A, Assessment No. 268505)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 26-1464](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 70, for the purpose of providing a pilot program for off-shift differential pay for employees that are regularly scheduled to work on the weekends. (To be laid over one week for adoption)

Laid over to October 7, 2026

- 5 [RES 26-1569](#) Authorizing the acceptance of \$66,027.29 from the MN Department of Commerce's Solar on Public Buildings Grant Program for solar installation at the Solid Waste & Recycling Facility and authorizing the execution of a grant agreement.

Adopted

- 6 [RES 26-1576](#) Accepting the gift of travel expense and tuition from the Knight Foundation in partnership with the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University for Mayor Kaohly Her to attend the Leading a Government Residents Can See and Trust program from 9/28/2026 - 9/29/2026.

Adopted

- 7 [RES 26-1583](#) Memorializing a City Council decision to grant the appeals of Jon Knutson, on behalf of Loucks, and Carolyn Wolf, on behalf of Tegra, from the Board of Zoning Appeals decision denying two zoning variances from City Council Resolution 23-1442 for a hotel at United Village Block D (where 43.1% window and door openings are proposed for façade length [a 6.9% variance] and 23.3% for façade area [a 6.7% variance], below the required 50% and 30%) at 1560 University Avenue West.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 26-1584](#) Memorializing a City Council decision to grant the appeal of Joe Bennett from the Board of Zoning Appeals decision denying a zoning variance to convert an existing lit freestanding sign to dynamic display at 1305 7th Street West.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 26-1586](#) Setting a public hearing date of November 4, 2026 for 2027 Water Rates and Charges and 2027 Water Fees and Charges.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 26-1589](#) Accepting the gift of travel expense and tuition from the Knight Foundation in

partnership with Harvard University for Mary Xiong to attend the Responsive Cities Network Sprint convening from 9/29/2026 - 09/30/2026.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 26-1592](#) Authorizing approval of settlement and payment in full and final settlement of the employment-related claim involving former Saint Paul Fire Department employee, Jodie Carroll against the City of St. Paul.
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 26-1595](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Saint Paul Police Federation to provide an accelerated program for Police. (To be laid over one week for adoption)
- Laid over to October 7, 2026**
- 13 [RES 26-1597](#) Approving the application for a Gambling Location license (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-003262-2026) to be added to the existing Liquor On Sale and Liquor On Sale--Sunday licenses (License ID #DSIBLLIQ-000216-2025) held by NS LLC d/b/a Pizza Maya for the premises located at 1324 7th St. W.
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 26-1601](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2025 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant from the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety State Fire Marshal Division to provide hazardous materials training and purchase equipment.
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 26-1602](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Council President Rebecca Noecker to the Saint Paul Port Authority Board of Commissioners for a temporary term beginning on September 24, 2026.
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 26-1603](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson to the Board of Water Commissioners for a temporary term beginning on September 24, 2026.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 26-1607](#) Approving a Public Hearing on the Issuance of Conduit Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (the "HRA") for a Multifamily Rental Housing Development Project Located at 408 St. Peter Street; Reciting a Proposal for a Housing Finance Program Related to Such Multifamily Rental Housing Development; Approving the Related Project and Program Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462C; Authorizing the HRA to Issue Conduit Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds and Authorizing the Preparation of Necessary Documents and Materials in Connection with Said Project and Program, and Related Documents, District 17, Ward 2.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 26-1611](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Brian Brown, Mattias Kostov, and Rafe Stanley to the Truth-in-Sale of Housing Board.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 26-1612](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Jon Commers to the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (SPPHA).

Adopted

- 20 [RES 26-1614](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept a gift of travel and lodging from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund for two staff members to attend the 2026 Bank On Leadership Training (BOLT) convening in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 21 [RES 26-1616](#) Approving the City of Saint Paul Audit Committee's next two studies concerning the Department of Safety and Inspections' Business Licensing Operations and the Public Works Department's Street Maintenance and Pothole Repair Operations, and authorizing Wilder Research to conduct the respective studies in 2026 and 2027.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 22 [RES 26-1553](#) Approving adverse action against the Tobacco Shop license (License ID #20100004254) held by Northern Tier Retail LLC d/b/a Speedway #4420 for the premises located at 1125 7th St. W. (Licensee will speak to Council on her own behalf).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 23 [RES 26-1588](#) Proclaiming September 25, 2026, as Dolly Parton Day in the City of Saint Paul.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

RECESS

The City Council will recess to convene as the Library Board to take up RES 26-1594, Requesting that the City levy property taxes for the Saint Paul Public Library Agency. They will then adjourn the Library Board meeting and reconvene as the City Council.

Meeting recessed at 3:47 PM

ROLL CALL

Meeting resumed at 3:57 PM

Budget Items

- 24 [RES 26-1605](#) Approving a 2027 maximum property tax levy for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA).
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 25 [RES 26-1599](#) Approving a 2027 maximum property tax levy for the City.
- 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

- 26 [Ord 26-40](#) Amending Appendix B of the Legislative Code relating to Northern States Power, D/B/A Xcel Energy, Gas Franchise.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0

- 27 [Ord 26-41](#) Amending Appendix C of the Legislative Code relating to Northern States Power, D/B/A Xcel Energy, Electric Franchise.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 28 [Ord 26-43](#) Amending the Legislative Code by adding a new Appendix B-2 relating to Northern States Power, D/B/A Xcel Energy, Gas Franchise Fee.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 29 [Ord 26-44](#) Amending the Legislative Code by adding a new Appendix C-2 relating to Northern States Power, D/B/A Xcel Energy, Electric Franchise Fee.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

First Reading

- 30 [Ord 26-46](#) Amending Chapter 51.01 of the Administrative Code, titled Disposition of City Property, Authority and procedure, to allow for conveyance of real property used by the Saint Paul Regional Water Services, to the Board of Water Commissioners.

Laid over to October 7, 2026 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 31 [Ord 26-39](#) Amending Chapter 63 of the Legislative Code pertaining to salt storage regulation.

Amended and laid over to October 7, 2026 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 26-182](#) Ratifying the assessment for benefits, costs and expenses for the Seventh Place Mall operation and maintenance costs for 2025. File No. 18428-25, Assessment No. 257200.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 33** [RES PH 26-183](#) Ratifying the assessment for benefits, costs and expenses for the Seventh Place Mall operation and maintenance costs for 2026. File No. 18428-26, Assessment No. 267200.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 34** [RES PH 26-193](#) Ratifying the assessment for benefits, costs, and expenses for the Grand/Snelling parking lot operation and maintenance costs for 2027. (File No. 18746-26, Assessment No. 267202)
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 35** [RES PH 26-201](#) Amending the 2026 Public Works General Fund Street Lighting Maintenance Accounting Unit budget by \$450,000 to provide electrician support for the Regional Water Services (SPRWS) Lead Replacement Project.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 36** [RES PH 26-244](#) 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 Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Contamination Cleanup grant for the benefit of LSB D St. Paul Broadway II, LLC for its project known as Ember on Pine located at 500 Broadway Street (District 4, Ward 2).
- Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

- 37** [RES PH 26-250](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept grant funding in the amount of \$2,926,000 from the State of Minnesota and to establish a budget in the Grant Fund to reflect said funds to support arts and cultural heritage at the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 38** [RES PH 26-268](#) Amending the 2026 Saint Paul Regional Water Services budget resulting in an increase in spending and financing of \$53,000 for a Metropolitan Council grant.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 45** [RLH SAO 26-66](#) Making finding on the appealed of Thomas Turbes to a nuisance abatement ordered for 2203 SELBY AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-56.

Adopted as amended (granted to October 7, 2026 for compliance)

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

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

- 39** [RLH SAO 26-90](#) Making finding on the appeal of Rich C. Nelson to a nuisance abatement ordered for 2348 BUFORD AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-84.

Adopted

- 40** [RLH SAO 26-94](#) Making finding on the appeal of Barbara Clark to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1552 CANFIELD AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-77. (September 22, 2026 Legislative Hearing)

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

- 41** [RLH SAO 26-92](#) Making finding on the appeal of Mary Roach to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1045 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-78.

Adopted

- 42** [RLH SAO 26-96](#) Second Making finding on the appeal of Liam Magistad to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1597 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-61.

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

- 43** [RLH SAO 26-63](#) Making finding on the appeal of Jane Myers nuisance abatement ordered for 1521 HAGUE AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 26-58.

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

- 44** [RLH SAO 26-80](#) Making finding on the Appeal of Kinnell Tacket to a nuisance abatement ordered for 444 JOHNSON PARKWAY in Council File RLH CO 26-4.

Adopted

- 46** [RLH SAO 26-93](#) Making finding on the appeal of Barry Campbell to a nuisance abatement ordered for 449 VAN DYKE STREET in Council File RLH SAO 26-71.

Adopted

- 47** [RLH AR 26-62](#) Ratifying the assessment for Demolition of Vacant, Nuisance and/or Hazardous Structure from the month of June 2026. (File No. J2608C, Assessment No. 262007)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:58 PM

City Council meetings are open for in person attendance, but the public may also comment on public hearing items in writing. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council. Comments may be submitted as follows:

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