



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, September 3, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:33 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

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 9 - 12 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Bowie 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

- 1 [RES 25-963](#) Approving the Labor Agreement (May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2028) between the City of Saint Paul and the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters.

Laid over to September 10, 2025

- 2 [RES 25-1296](#) Reducing the 2025 financing and spending budgets in the Department of Public Works Recycling and Organized Trash fund.

Adopted

- 3 [RES 25-1310](#) Approving the agreement for transfer of Saint Paul Police employee, Michael DeTomaso, to the Ramsey County Attorney's Office (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026).
Adopted
- 4 [RES 25-1319](#) Authorizing the Departments of Public Works to apply for the FY29-30 Minnesota Highway Freight Program (MNHFP) grant, which has a local match requirement, from the Minnesota Department of Transportation to complete the Kellogg Boulevard Capital City Bikeway Project.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 25-1330](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to accept a gift of travel, lodging and registration expenses from the Shared-Use Mobility Center for Erin Kayser to attend the 2025 New Shared Mobility Summit.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 25-1340](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation with conditions for the application submitted by Blue Moxy Wellness LLC (License ID # 20250001071), d/b/a Discover Strength, for a Health/Sport Club license, located at 747 Cleveland Avenue S.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 25-1352](#) Agreeing to join the additional national opioid settlements pursuant to the amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement and authorizing City staff to execute all necessary documents, including Participation Form(s) and accompanying Release(s), to ensure the City's participation in additional national opioid settlements (including but not limited to the settlements with Purdue Pharma L.P. and the Sackler Family as well as the settlements with opioid manufacturers Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus).
Adopted
- 8 [RES 25-1353](#) Approving the City Council's appointment of Demetrius Shaw and Regina Jackson to the Saint Paul Recovery Act Community Reparations Commission.
Adopted
- 13 [RES 25-1289](#) Establishing the rate of pay for the Legislative Hearing Officer series, in EG 17, Non-Represented City Managers, Grades 010, 20C, and 25C, respectively.
Adopted
- 14 [RES 25-1288](#) Establishing the rate of pay for the City Council Communications Lead, Non-Represented City Managers, Grade 010.
Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 9** [RES 25-1357](#) Reciting a proposal for a housing program for a Multifamily Rental Housing Development, approving the project and the program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462C, authorizing the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to Issue Conduit Multifamily Housing Revenue Obligations and authorizing the preparation of necessary documents and materials in connection with said project and program, Joseph's Pointe at Upper Landing Project, 200 Wilkin Street (District 9, Ward 2). (Laid over from September 3, 2025)
- Council President Noecker moved to lay over for one week.*
- Laid over to September 10, 2025**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 10** [RES 25-1358](#) Approving issuance of a \$241,157.97 ERA2 loan and execution of the loan agreements and related documents for the Joseph's Pointe at Upper Landing Project, 200 Wilkin Street (District 9, Ward 2). (Laid over from September 3, 2025)
- Council President Noecker moved to lay over for one week.*
- Laid over to September 10, 2025**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 11** [RES 25-1359](#) Authorizing use of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the rehabilitation of the Joseph's Pointe at Upper Landing project, 200 Wilkin Street (District 9, Ward 2). (Laid over from September 3, 2025)
- Council President Noecker moved to lay over for one week.*
- Laid over to September 10, 2025**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 12** [RES 25-1339](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA) to provide law enforcement security services that meet National Football League Standards during NFL games held at the US Bank Stadium.

Tim Flynn, Deputy Police Chief, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEM

[RES 25-1403](#)

Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale 101-180 seats, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Liquor On Sale-2A, Closing, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Entertainment (A) and Gambling Location license now held by Eagle Street LLC d/b/a Eagle Street (License ID #20250001115) for the premises located at 253 Kellogg Blvd W.

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

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.

First Reading

15 [Ord 25-50](#)

Amending Chapter 45 of the Administrative Code to define reporting requirements and require that the City's Legislative Agenda be submitted to City Council at least 90 days prior to the start of the regular State Legislative session.

Councilmember Jost moved Version 2.

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

Amended and laid over to September 10, 2025 for Second Reading

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 16** [Ord 24-26](#) Amending Chapters 65 and 66 of the Legislative Code pertaining to drive-through sales and services and walk-up service windows. (Public hearing continued from November 13, 2024)
- Council President Noecker moved to lay over to February 18, 2026.*
- Public hearing continued to February 18, 2026 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 17** [Ord 25-48](#) Amending Chapter 130 of the Legislative Code, Procedure for Vacating Streets and Other Public Grounds.
- Councilmember Coleman moved to close the public hearing.*
- Laid over to September 10, 2025 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 18** [RES PH 25-162](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works Sewer Utility to accept and amend the Sewer Fund for a Point Source Implementation Grant, issued by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA).
- Councilmember Jost moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Coleman
- Nay:** 0
- 19** [RES PH 25-174](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept the Auto Theft Prevention grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, authorizing execution of a grant agreement, and amending the 2025 grant fund budget and adding the activity budget.
- Councilmember Johnson moved approval.*
- Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

- 20** [RES PH 25-187](#) Authorizing the City Attorney's Office to accept a \$139,767 grant and authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement (which includes an indemnification clause) with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs (OJP) to provide crime victim services during the 12-month period of October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, and amending the 2025 spending and financing budget for the City Attorney's Office.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 21** [RES PH 25-178](#) Approving the Moore Street Lofts final (combined) plat.

Kady Dadlez, City Planner, gave a staff report.

Scott Vanwert, Resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Coleman moved to close the public hearing. Approved 7-0.

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

- 22** [RES PH 25-181](#) Approving the three sound level variance applications of University of St Thomas (UST) for a UST Stadium -Cretin Derham Hall (CDH) Football Game Series for Fridays September 5, 19 and October 10; Tuesday, October 21; and Saturday, October 25; in order to present live amplified sound at the University of St Thomas Stadium, 2115 Summit Avenue.

Dan Kennedy, Resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Coleman moved to close the public hearing. Approved 7-0.

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

- 23** [RES PH 25-182](#) Approving the application of University of St. Thomas for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Saturdays, October 4, October 18, November 1, and November 15, 2025 at 2115 Summit Ave - O'Shaughnessy Stadium.

Dan Kennedy, resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Coleman 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 25-183](#) Approving the application of Stone Saloon, SBC dba Waldmann Brewery, Waldmann Oktoberfest event series, Fridays, September 19 and 26; Saturdays, September 20, and 27; Sundays, September 21 and 28; for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound at Waldmann Brewery, 445 Smith Avenue N.

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

- 25** [RES PH 25-184](#) Approving the application of Wabasha Brewing Co for a Wabasha Brewing Co - Saturdays on the Patio event series, Saturdays, September 13 and 27, October 4, 11, 18 and 25 for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound at Wabasha Brewing Co, 429 Wabasha Street South.

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 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 26 [RLH TA 25-306](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 992 ARCADE STREET. (File No. J2511B1, Assessment No. 258116) (Public hearing closed and laid over from August 20, 2025)

Assessment ratified

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: Council asked me to follow-up on this item. The owner testified that they had a conversation with a Fire Inspections Manager about this case. There was an arson that first brought the Fire Department, and then the Police Department. Restoration Professionals, the City boarding contractor, then arrived along with staff from the Department of Safety and Inspections. Fire turned the scene over to them. The Fire Inspections Manager talked with the owner, and there seems to be a miscommunication. By the time the owner showed up, 4 doors had already been screwed shut. That is what the invoice indicates. The conversation was also about securing the windows, and the owner was told that if they did it themselves then there would not be a charge for the City doing that work. The owner was given additional time to get that done, and did so with their own boards. The invoice for screwing the doors shut is valid, though.

Councilmember Yang: I appreciate you looking into this and move the recommendation of the Hearing Officer. Moermond, please convey that to the owner.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 27 [RLH TA 25-296](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 815 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2523R1, Assessment No. 258583) (Public hearing closed and laid over from August 20, 2025)

Assessment ratified

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: Last time this was before Council, you asked two questions. First: How was the Homeless Assistance Response Team (HART) involved in the homeless encampment cleanup, and what was the nature of the items cleared as part of the summary abatement order being assessed. I talked with Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) Deputy Director David Hoban and Code Enforcement Supervisor Lisa Martin about this. They said that HART was there in early April to clear the encampment, working with police to help people take their tents, bedding, and materials. The occupants were the ones who removed the items, not a City crew. I was wrong in earlier stating that a City crew took items away. City staff merely partnered people there to get them to remove their own items. The cleanup being assessed was for two trailers full of garbage and scattered garbage throughout the site. DSI viewed those items as distinct and as being connected to the owner or tenant of the space. They did not associate the items with the encampment, and orders were written to remove the items two weeks later. My recommendation remains unchanged, which is to ratify the assessment.

Council President Noecker: Last time, I asked about the history of the property. Were we able to get that information?

Moermond: Before the Legislative Hearing in June, we looked at the property history.

That history includes:

-Dumping in 2023, cleaned up by the City.

-Snow removal in January of 2023, cleaned up by owner but an excessive consumption bill was sent for inspectors having to repeatedly go out there.

-Dumping in 2022, which was sent to Public Works, so there was probably a right-of-way connection, maybe on the alley-facing side.

-Additional garbage and dumping occasions in 2022 and 2021.

I see that the City often issues orders a couple times a year for this property to keep it maintained. The owner seems to take care of most things, and dumping tends to come in at least once a year as an issue getting complained about to the City.

Councilmember Bowie: I move the recommendation of the Hearing Officer. We can look in the future at how to best communicate the process of cleaning up homeless encampments to property owners.

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 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

- 28** [RLH TA 25-331](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 869 CLARK STREET. (File No. J2524R, Assessment No. 258563)
- FOLLOW-UP: Ramsey County was unable to identify the exact date of the address change for the property owner; therefore, unable to confirm notice issues. Recommend deletion.-Moermond 9/17/2025*
- Public hearing continued to September 17, 2025**
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- 29** [RLH TA 25-332](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 875 CLARK STREET. (File No. J2524R, Assessment No. 258563)
- FOLLOW-UP: Ramsey County was unable to identify the exact date of the address change for the property owner; therefore, unable to confirm notice issues. Recommend deletion.-Moermond 9/17/2025*

Public hearing continued to September 17, 2025

- 30** [RLH TA 25-314](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1119 EDGERTON STREET. (File No. J2524R, Assessment No. 258563)
Adopted
- 31** [RLH TA 25-334](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 506 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J2524R, Assessment No. 258563)
Adopted
- 32** [RLH TA 25-337](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 725 FULLER AVENUE. (File No. J2524R, Assessment No. 258563)
Adopted
- 33** [RLH TA 25-353](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1100 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2524R, Assessment No. 258563)
Adopted
- 34** [RLH TA 25-313](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1745 NEVADA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2502A, Assessment No. 258564)
Adopted
- 35** [RLH TA 25-346](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 747 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. J2524R, Assessment No. 258563)
Adopted
- 36** [RLH AR 25-72](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during April 15 to May 14, 2025. (File No. J2524R, Assessment No. 258563)
Adopted
- 37** [RLH AR 25-73](#) Ratifying the assessment for Miscellaneous Abatement services during February to May 2025. (File No. J2502A, Assessment No. 258564)
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT**Meeting ended at 4:22 PM**

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