



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Council President Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Russel Balenger
Councilmember Mitra Jalali
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Councilmember Chris Tolbert
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

A Special City Council Meeting to honor recipients of the 2022 Saint Paul Business Awards will take place at 1:00 PM, before the regular City Council Meeting at 3:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:32 PM

Present 6 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali and Councilmember Russel Balenger

Absent 1 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang and Councilmember Russel Balenger

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 22-62](#) Amending the 2022 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Engineering Fund Survey Section Projects accounting unit.

Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 22-58](#) Amending the 2022 Saint Paul Regional Water Services spending budget to record the cost-neutral change in spending for the cost of issuance, principal, and interest due on PFA note DW07.

Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 22-59](#) Amending ESG-CV project budgets: adjusting funding for Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act activities administered by Ramsey County per the Joint Powers Agreement approved via RES 19-2110.

Received and Filed

- 4 [AO 22-60](#) Amending the 2022 Saint Paul Regional Water Services spending budget to transfer budget from Auto Truck Maintenance to Compressor Maintenance.

Received and Filed

- 5 [AO 22-61](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to reallocate \$50,000 within its various accounting units in the 2022 adopted budget to most accurately reflect the projected actual spending in each accounting unit and provide the appropriate levels of spending authority.

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 Brendmoen stated that Items 8, 15, and 16 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Balenger moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

- 6 [RES 22-1557](#) Authorizing the City to apply to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for Contamination Investigation Grant funding for a project at 530 Wheeler Street (Y of the North).

Adopted

- 7 [RES 22-1683](#) Amending sections 7 and 11 and adding section 14 to Appendix Chapter A-11 of the Administrative Code to shorten and clarify the Early Notification System requirements for public hearing notification on Class N License applications.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 22-1644](#) Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to add a Liquor - Outdoor Service Area (Patio) to existing Licenses to Black Hart of Saint Paul LLC d/b/a The Black Hart of Saint Paul (License ID # 20180001270) for the premises located at 1415 University Avenue.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 22-1645](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into an amended Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County for the Violent Crime Enforcement Team.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 22-1648](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for up to \$10,000 from Capitol Region Watershed District to support the BIPOC Parks Ambassadors Program, and if awarded, accept said grant.

Adopted
- 12 [RES 22-1652](#) Approving the extension agreements for transfer of Saint Paul Police employees, Tina C. McNamara, David A. Titus and Michael D. Whisler, to the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023).
Adopted
- 13 [RES 22-1686](#) Amending the membership of the Saint Paul City Council Early Learning Legislative Advisory Committee
Adopted
- 14 [RES 22-1619](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Assistant Building Official.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 8 [RES 22-1630](#) Approving an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant-CV ("CDBG-CV") spending plan for the Public Safety Annex demolition.

Travis Bistodeau, Deputy Director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development, gave a staff report.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor and moved approval.
Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0
- 15 [RES 22-1671](#) Reciting a proposal for a Housing Finance 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, 2285 Hillcrest Avenue

(Nellie Francis Court Projec) District 15, Ward 3).

Councilmember Tolbert spoke in favor and moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

- 16** [RES 22-1672](#) Reciting a proposal for a Housing Finance 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, 801 Mt Curve Boulevard and 2265 Hillcrest Avenue (Emma Norton/Restoring Waters Project, District 15, Ward 3).

Councilmember Tolbert spoke in favor and moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

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 first reading.

Final Adoption

- 17** [Ord 22-42](#) Granting the application of PHS Norfolk Avenue LLC to rezone the property at 1883 Norfolk Avenue from R3 one-family residential to RM2 medium-density multiple-family residential and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Tolbert thanked residents for their input, spoke in favor, and moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

First Reading

- 18 [Ord 22-46](#) Amending Chapter 310 of the Legislative Code to eliminate petition requirements, reference and establish uniform license procedures for Class N, R, and T Licenses, shorten the notification process, eliminate the license renewal public hearing provision, and update gender specific language and other outdated terms.

Dan Niziolek, Deputy Director of the Department of Safety and Inspections, gave a consolidated staff report on Items 18 through 21.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor and thanked staff for their work on these items.

Councilmember Prince spoke in favor and thanked staff for their work on these items.

Councilmember Yang spoke in favor and thanked staff for their work on these items.

Laid over to November 2, 2022 for Second Reading

- 19 [Ord 22-47](#) Amending Chapter 409 of the Legislative Code to eliminate petition requirements, reference and incorporate uniform license procedures as outlined in Section 310 of the Legislative Code and update gender specific language and other outdated terms.

Laid over to November 2, 2022 for Second Reading

- 20 [Ord 22-48](#) Amending Chapter 410 of the Legislative Code to eliminate petition requirements, reference and incorporate uniform license procedures as outlined in Section 310 of the Legislative Code and update gender specific language and other outdated terms.

Laid over to November 2, 2022 for Second Reading

- 21 [Ord 22-49](#) Amending Chapter 411 of the Legislative Code to eliminate petition requirements, reference and incorporate uniform license procedures as outlined in Section 310 of the Legislative Code and update gender specific language and other outdated terms.

Laid over to November 2, 2022 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 22 [Ord 22-43](#) Amending Chapter 105 of the Administrative Code to add two youth commissioners to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and lay over for Final Adoption.

Laid over to November 2, 2022 for Final Adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

23 [Ord 22-44](#)

Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective January 1, 2023.

Susan Stewart, representing the St. Paul Haulers Consortium, spoke in favor.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and lay over for Final Adoption.

Laid over to November 2, 2022 for Final Adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

24 [RES PH 22-321](#)

Authorizing application and acceptance of a grant from the State to renovate the historic Victoria Theater; amending the 2022 City budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 upon acceptance of said grant; providing for the use of Project Labor Agreements in accordance with policy; and approving and authorizing execution of a State Grant Agreement and other necessary documents in connection therewith. (District 7, Ward 1)

Tyler Olson, Executive Director of the Victoria Theater Arts Center, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Balenger spoke in favor and moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

25 [RES PH 22-324](#)

Authorizing Fleet Services to amend 2022 fiscal budget, to increase 2022 Spending in the Fleet budget, by \$1,000,000 to purchase equipment and telematics integration services.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

- 26** [RES PH 22-325](#) Authorizing Police and Emergency Management Departments to accept a grant in the amount of \$570,111 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA for the 2022 Port Security Grant Program.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

- 27** [RES PH 22-326](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment to accept grant funds from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, and to amend the financing and spending plan, in the amount of \$30,000, according to the grant agreement.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

- 28** [RES PH 22-327](#) Amending the 2022 Regional Water Services budget resulting in an increase in spending and financing of \$250,000 for the Met Council to help with water conservation efforts.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

- 29** [RES PH 22-331](#) Authorizing the City to apply for a \$167,000 Homeownership Grant from Living Cities.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

- 30** [RES PH 22-332](#) Authorizing the City to apply for the \$100,000 Business Starts and Expansion Grant from Living Cities.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

- 31** [RLH RR 22-48](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 523 BEAUMONT STREET within fifteen (15) days after the September 21, 2022, City Council Public Hearing. (October 25, 2022 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to December 13, 2022 Legislative Hearing

- 32** [RLH TA 22-367](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 22-67 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2022 at 741 FLANDRAU STREET. (File No. CG2202A2, Assessment No. 220106)

Adopted

- 33** [RLH RR 22-55](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1366 FREMONT AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the October 26, 2022, City Council Public Hearing. (Forthcoming, pending October 25, 2022 Legislative

Hearing)

Referred to December 13, 2022 Legislative Hearing

- 34 [RLH RR 22-56](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 771 IOWA AVENUE WEST within fifteen (15) days after the October 26, 2022, City Council Public Hearing. (Forthcoming, pending October 25, 2022 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to November 22, 2022 Legislative Hearing

- 35 [RLH TA 22-364](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 22-67 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2022 at 732 JENKS AVENUE. (File No. CG2202A2, Assessment No. 220106)

Adopted

- 36 [RLH TA 22-365](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 22-11 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2021 at 732 JENKS AVENUE. (File No. CG2104A3, Assessment No. 210117)

Adopted

- 37 [RLH VBR 22-41](#) Appeal of Nick Hubers to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 40 MAGNOLIA AVENUE WEST.

Adopted

- 38 [RLH RR 22-43](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1802 ROSS AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the August 10, 2022, City Council Public Hearing.

Public hearing continued to November 2, 2022

- 39 [RLH RR 22-46](#) Ordering the removal of the structures at 1600 SEVENTH STREET WEST within fifteen (15) days after the August 24, 2022, City Council Public Hearing. (To refer to December 13, 2022 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to December 13, 2022 Legislative Hearing

- 40 [RLH VBR 22-44](#) Appeal of Adero Riser Cobb to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1790 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:22 PM

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