



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

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

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting began at 3:32 PM

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

Absent 1 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 22-33](#) Amending the 2022 spending budget for the Office of Financial Services.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 22-34](#) Amending the 2022 spending budget in the Department of Public Works
Engineering Fund Survey Section Projects accounting unit.
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 Thao moved approval.

Consent Agenda Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert,
Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 3 [RES 22-747](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during July 27 to February 16, 2022, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 5, 2022 and City Council public hearing for August 17, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2211, Assessment No. 228816)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 22-760](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during March 2022, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 5, 2022 and City Council public hearing for August 17, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2211B, Assessment No. 228114)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 22-761](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during January 20 to February 18, 2022, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 5, 2022 and City Council public hearing for August 17, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2211E, Assessment No. 228314)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 22-762](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during February 28 to March 29, 2022, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 5, 2022 and City Council public hearing for August 17, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2207P, Assessment No. 228406)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 22-763](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Dangerous Tree service during March 2022 at 1032 Jessie St, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 5, 2022 and City Council public hearing for August 17, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2206T, Assessment No. 229005)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 22-764](#) Authorizing the City to request funds from the FY 2024 Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Metro Local Partnership Program and making a commitment for the local share of funding if grants are awarded.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 22-765](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointments of Mitra Jalali and Rebecca Noecker to

serve on The Family Housing Fund.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 22-825](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a License Agreement for Metro Transit Bus Pad Improvements at the Arlington Hills Community Center.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 22-833](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to enter into a statewide mutual aid agreement jointly with other government municipalities and entities.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 22-834](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to enter into a statewide mutual aid agreement jointly with other government municipalities and entities for the leasing of equipment.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 22-841](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of a public hearing for July 13th, 2022 to consider the construction of the Capital City Bikeway project and acquisition of necessary property rights.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 22-848](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for installation of a fire protection system at the Minnesota Transportation Museum at 193 Pennsylvania Ave. E., covering Bay A of the building. (Project No. FP2021-01, Assessment No. 217100).

Adopted

- 15 [RES 22-850](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Assistant Division Manager - Saint Paul Regional Water Services in Grade 025 of EG 09, Saint Paul Supervisors Organization (SPSO).

Laid Over to June 15, 2022

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 16 [RES 22-857](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills

for service during January to March 2022, and setting date of legislative hearing for July 7, 2022 and City Council public hearing for August 17, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2202A1, Assessment No. 220105)

Adopted

- 17 [RES 22-859](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during January to March 2022, and setting date of legislative hearing for July 7, 2022 and City Council public hearing for August 17, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2202A2, Assessment No. 220106)

Adopted

- 18 [RES 22-860](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during January to March 2022, and setting date of legislative hearing for July 7, 2022 and City Council public hearing for August 17, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2202A3, Assessment No. 220107)

Adopted

- 19 [RES 22-863](#) Accepting a dedication of easement for public sewer purposes from Independent School District No. 625 as part of the improvement and expansion of the American Indian Magnet School site.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 22-865](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 5 neighborhood STAR year-round program for Abogados Cafe.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 22-837](#) Approving the Maintenance Labor Agreement (May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2025) between the City of Saint Paul and the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 Minnesota/North Dakota.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 22-838](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2022 Wage and Fringe Adjustment (June 1, 2022) for the Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 417.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 23 [CO 22-41](#) Administering the oath of office to Angie Wiese, Director of Safety & Inspections; Andy Rodriguez, Director of Parks & Recreation; Christian Deloia, Interim Director of Technology & Communications; and Jeremy

Ellison, Interim Chief of Police.

Council President Brendmoen stated that the oath of Angie Wiese will be postponed to the following week, and that the remaining oaths will be taken one at a time.

Andy Rodriguez sworn in as Director of Parks & Recreation.

Christian Deloia sworn in as Interim Director of Technology & Communications.

Jeremy Ellison sworn in as Interim Chief of Police.

Received and Filed

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 Legal Ledger. Public hearings on ordinances are held at the second reading.

Final Adoption

- 24** [Ord 22-27](#) Approving an interim ordinance requesting a Planning Commission study to undertake a zoning study of non-conventional residential housing unit products.

Council President Brendmoen spoke about a potential adjustment to the ordinance which would grant an extension of the effective date by 30 days but require an additional council hearing date due to making a change. Stated that the Council would act in whichever way the stakeholders preferred.

Deputy City Attorney Adam Niblick spoke about how this would provide additional time for state permit approval while the ordinance is in effect.

Gabrielle Clowdus testified that she thought there may have been a miscommunication, and that they already got state approval.

Niblick continued that there were additional approvals needed but it was not clear what they were. Communication came from city building officials concerns about a timeline.

Brendmoen stated that regardless of decision, the city would be there as a partner. She also was unaware of what items were outstanding.

Clowdus appreciated that expression of partnership and testified that the buildings are ready, and the people are ready to move in.

Councilmember Noecker expressed concern about miscommunication and voiced her continued partnership.

Clowdus asked for ten minutes for the stakeholder group to discuss the decision.

Brendmoen tabled the item.

Later, after Item 50, Brendmoen resumed discussion of the item.

Clowdus testified that they wanted to continue moving forward without making any changes to the ordinance.

Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 25** [Ord 22-26](#) Amending Section 409.07 of the Legislative Code to allow Sunday sales in micro-distilleries.
- Councilmember Prince moved approval.*
- Laid over to June 15, 2022 for Adoption**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
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- 26** [Ord 22-28](#) Amending Chapter 2.02 of the Administrative Code pertaining to the duties of the Office of Financial Empowerment; authorizing support for early learning.
- Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*
- Laid over to June 15, 2022 for Adoption**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
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- 27** [RES PH 22-153](#) Approving the application of El Burrito Mercado for three sound level variances in order to present live music on certain Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays for a Summer Music Series en La Placita beginning Thursday, June 23 through Sunday, August 28, 2022 at the El Burrito LaPlacita Patio space at 175 Cesar Chavez Street.
- Councilmember Noecker thanked the Department of Safety and Inspections for working closely with the applicant and moved approval.*

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

- 30** [RLH RR 22-23](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 587 COOK AVENUE EAST within fifteen (15) days after the June 8, 2022, City Council Public Hearing. (Refers back to June 28, 2022 pending \$5,000 performance deposit is posted)

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moremond stated that item 30 was to be read into record separately.

Moermond continued, explaining the vacancy of the lot for 17 years. She spoke to the owner, Gerald Krippner, maintaining property tax payments and vacant lot assessments, but has not kept up with requirements needed to rehab the house as a duplex. Recommended removing "only within 15 days" from the resolution, as the owner could not post a \$5,000 performance deposit or secure a partnership to do the rehabilitation.

Council President Brendmoen clarified that the lot has been vacant under the current owner for 14 years.

Gerald Krippner testified, explaining how he came into the property and why the building is in its current state. Presented arguments for not ordering the removal of the structure.

Brendmoen asked for clarification on what action Mr. Krippner preferred from the City.

Krippner stated that he would like the city to keep the property at a vacancy Category 2 to give him more time to rehabilitate or sell the property.

Councilmember Prince asked for details and clarification from Mr. Krippner on the inability to post a \$5,000 deposit.

Krippner continued clarifying that he couldn't post the deposit due to a lack of funds.

Prince moved to close the public hearing. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Prince asked Moermond for clarification on if a certain permit had been issued in mid-May.

Moermond continued, explaining that there was not a permit application for the property during that time. And presented other arguments in support of amending the resolution.

Brendmoen clarified that the property is in Ward 6 and just outside Ward 5, and moved approval of the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation.

Adopted As Amended (remove within 15 days)

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda Adopted As Amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 28** [RLH TA 22-143](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 802 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J2219A, Assessment No. 228519)

Adopted

- 29** [RLH RR 22-22](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1508 COMO AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the June 8, 2022, City Council Public Hearing. (Refers to June 28, 2022 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to June 28, 2022 Legislative Hearing

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 31** [RLH TA 22-125](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1003 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J2219A, Assessment No. 228519)

Adopted

- 32** [RLH TA 22-191](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1654 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J2218A, Assessment No. 228518)

Adopted

- 33 [RLH TA 22-128](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 179 FAIRVIEW AVENUE SOUTH. (File No. J2219A, Assessment No. 228519)
Adopted
- 34 [RLH CO 22-2](#) Appeal of Eva Stites to a Correction Order and Appointment Letter at 1099 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 35 [RLH VO 22-15](#) Appeal of Jasmine Parker to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 394 HOPE STREET.
Adopted
- 36 [RLH TA 22-162](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 310 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2218A, Assessment No. 228518)
Adopted
- 37 [RLH TA 22-156](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 884 MOUND STREET. (File No. CG2201A3, Assessment No. 220102)
Adopted
- 38 [RLH VBR 22-29](#) Appeal of Scott Bradley to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 820 OCEAN STREET.
Public Hearing Continued to June 22, 2022
Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang
- 39 [RLH TA 22-203](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 21-42 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020 at 161 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE WEST. (File No. CG2101A6, Assessment No. 210105)
Adopted
- 40 [RLH TA 22-157](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1492 PORTLAND AVENUE. (File No. J2219A, Assessment No. 228519)
Adopted
- 41 [RLH TA 22-108](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 792 ROSE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2219A, Assessment No. 228519)

Adopted

- 42 [RLH TA 22-109](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 792 ROSE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2218A, Assessment No. 228518)

Adopted

- 43 [RLH TA 22-150](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1707 ROSE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2219A, Assessment No. 228519) (Public hearing continued to October 19, 2022)

Public Hearing Continued to October 19, 2022

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 44 [RLH TA 22-184](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 532 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2219A, Assessment No. 228519) (Public hearing continued to October 12, 2022)

Public Hearing Continued to October 12, 2022

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 45 [RLH RR 22-19](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 694 SHERBURNE AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the May 25, 2022, City Council Public Hearing. (To refer to June 14, 2022 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to June 14, 2022 Legislative Hearing

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 46 [RLH RR 22-24](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1457 THIRD STREET EAST within fifteen (15) days after the June 8, 2022, City Council Public Hearing.

Referred June 14, 2022 Legislative Hearing

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 47 [RLH AR 22-42](#) Ratifying the assessments for Sewer Repair in Right of Way during November 2021 at 647 THOMAS AVE. (File No. J2221A, Assessment No. 228522)
- Adopted**
- 48 [RLH AR 22-39](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during January 13 to 14, 2022. (File No. J2218A, Assessment No. 228518)
- Adopted**
- 49 [RLH AR 22-40](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during January 11 to 31, 2022. (File No. J2219A, Assessment No. 228519)
- Adopted**
- 50 [RLH AR 22-41](#) Ratifying the assessments for Equipment and Labor for Clean Up services during November to December 2021. (File No. J2220A, Assessment No. 228521)
- Adopted**

Announcements

Council President Brendmoen invited Ceci Goyette up to testify.

Councilmember Jalali introduced Goyette, who was visiting the City Council to learn about city government.

Ceci Goyette testified that she learned how many steps go into each decision in the lawmaking process.

Brendmoen asked about summer plans for Goyette.

Goyette continued.

Councilmember Tolbert spoke about the grand opening of Gateway Park at Highland Bridge in Ward 3 on Tuesday, June 14, at 3:30 PM.

Councilmember Prince spoke about the Urban Roots Mobile Market on Sundays from 12-3 PM at Arlington Hills Library.

Council President Brendmoen spoke Groove it in the Garden events happening at Como Conservatory on Wednesdays at 6 PM throughout the summer.

Announcements

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 4:17 PM

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