



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

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, May 24, 2023

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Public Hearing on the Summit Avenue Regional Trail Plan at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers.

Regular Council Meeting at 3:30 PM in Council Chambers will recess after finishing other business and then reconvene for the public hearing.

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

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

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 Yang moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 1 [RES 23-600](#) Approving the partial release of the utility easement rights referenced in Ramsey County, Document Number 4970150.
Adopted
- 2 [RES 23-705](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement with MnDOT for funding of the Maxfield Safe Routes to School Project.

Adopted

- 3 [RES 23-716](#) Changing the rate of pay for the classification of Digital Evidence Technician to Grade 030, EG 02, AFSCME Technical.
Laid over to June 7, 2023
- 4 [RES 23-720](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during March 14 to 31, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 20, 2023 and City Council public hearing for August 2, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2322A, Assessment No. 238528)
Adopted
- 5 [RES 23-721](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during April 4 to 13, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 20, 2023 and City Council public hearing for August 2, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2323A, Assessment No. 238530)
Adopted
- 6 [RES 23-740](#) Accepting the donation of travel and lodging expenses from Visit Saint Paul for Nicolle Goodman to attend the American Society of Association Executives annual meeting convening in Atlanta, Georgia from August 05-08, 2023.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 23-742](#) Authorizing the conveyance of the Barack & Michelle Obama Elementary School, City-owned property, to the St. Paul Public School District.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 23-745](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for, and if awarded, accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program to invest in forestry planning, planting, and management of the tree canopy throughout Saint Paul.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 23-746](#) Accepting temporary easements and authorizing payment to property owners for the West Side Traffic Signal Improvement Project.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 23-747](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2023 June Wage and Fringe Adjustment (June 1, 2023) for the Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 417.
Laid over to June 7, 2023
- 11 [RES 23-749](#) Approving the addition of a Gambling Location license to existing Liquor On Sale 101-180 Seats, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Liquor On Sale - 2AM Closing

and Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk) licenses held by The Bulldog Lowertown, Inc. d/b/a The Bulldog Restaurant (License ID #20160004150) for the premises located at 237 Sixth Street East, Suite 100.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 23-750](#) Approving a Motor Vehicle Salvage Dealer and a Second Hand Dealer - Motor Vehicle license to Soowys Corp. d/b/a Soowys Corp (License ID #20210000281) for the premises located at 240 Sycamore Street West.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 23-751](#) Approving a Tobacco Products Shop license to Mowney, Inc. d/b/a High 5 Tobacco (License ID #20230000294) for the premises located at 162 Pennsylvania Avenue West, Suite A.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 23-752](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for the National Forensic Sciences Improvement 2023 program, issued by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 23-754](#) Providing for the issuance of and accepting a proposal on the sale of a General Obligation Capital Note, Series 2023B; and levying a tax for the payment of the Series 2023B Note.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 23-763](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Legislative Hearing Officer, for David A. Heu (License ID # 20220001800), d/b/a Fun Auto, to add an Auto Body Repair Shop license to the existing Auto Repair Garage license, located at 931 Atlantic Street Unit I.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 23-766](#) Approving adverse action against the Liquor On Sale-100 seats or less;; Liquor On Sale-Sunday; Liquor On Sale-2AM Closing, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio); Tobacco Shop and Entertainment (A) licenses held by DP McCue, Inc. d/b/a Plum's Neighborhood Bar & Grill for the premises located at 480 Snelling Avenue South.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 23-770](#) Approving the use of the grant funds through the Ward 1 Neighborhood Star Year-Round Program for projects located at Midway Peace Park.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 23-717](#) Changing the rate of pay for the Animal Services Officer I-III series to Grades 030, 034, 037, respectively.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 23-730](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025) between the City and the Saint Paul Fire Supervisory Association International Association of Firefighters Local 3939.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 21 [RES 23-779](#) Recognizing May 21, 2023 as No Menthol Sunday in the City of Saint Paul.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in support.

Rev. Runney Patterson spoke to the resolution.

Sylvia Amos spoke to the resolution.

Councilmember Prince spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEM

- [RES 23-795](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 6 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for Checker Board Pizza, Far East Bar and Restaurant, Family Foods Market LLC, and Hillcrest Knoll Disc Golf Course.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- [RES PH 23-119](#) Approving the application of The Center for Irish Music for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 10, 2023 at 836 Prior Avenue North. - Celtic Junction Arts Center. (public hearing continued from May 24, 2023)

Councilmember Jalali moved to continue the public hearing to June 7.

Public hearing continued to June 7, 2023

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 second reading.

Final Adoption

- 22** [Ord 23-22](#) Amending Chapter 225 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code relating to weapons.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in support and moved approval.

Councilmember Prince spoke in support.

Gretchen Damon spoke to the resolution.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 23** [Ord 23-25](#) Amending Chapter 157 of the Legislative Code related to parking of commercial and overweight vehicles.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Councilmember Prince spoke in support.

Council President Brendmoen moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

First Reading

- 24** [Ord 23-26](#) Granting the application of Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans to rezone property at 704 Larpenteur Avenue East from R3 one family residential to RT2 townhouse residential and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map. (Public hearing continued and laid over for Final Adoption from June 7, 2023)

Laid over to June 7, 2023 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 25** [RES PH 23-109](#) Authorizing the Office of Human Resources to accept the Living Cities \$5,000 Healing Justice Grant and the Living Cities \$10,000 Flexible Grant.
- Councilmember Balenger moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0
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- 26** [RES PH 23-118](#) 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 Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Act Grant Tax Base Revitalization Account ("TBRA") grant for the benefit of Project for Pride in Living, Inc., a Minnesota non-profit corporation ("PPL") located at 892 East Seventh Street (PIN 28-29-22-33-0062 District 4, Ward 6).
- Councilmember Yang moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0
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- 27** [RES PH 23-122](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) to accept and amend the Special Fund for an additional \$25,000 in funds from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the 2022 Pathways to Policing grant.
- Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0
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- 28** [RES PH 23-124](#) Authorizing the Police Department to amend the 2023 Grant Fund for the sub-grant received from Ramsey County for the 2022 Violent Crime Enforcement Team (VCET).
- Councilmember Prince 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 23-126](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$11,660.99 for the Minnesota Task Force One (MNTF1) reimbursement from the City of Edina.

Council President Brendmoen 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 23-127](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) to accept and amend the Special Fund for an additional \$51,398 in funds from a subgrant from the St. Paul and Ramsey County Intervention Project (SPIP).

Councilmember Jalali 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

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will receive a combined public hearing and be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate public hearing and discussion if desired.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Yang 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 TA 23-122](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1932 ASHLAND AVENUE. (File No.CG2301A3, Assessment No. 230107)

Adopted

- 32 [RLH VBR 23-19](#) Appeal of Michael VanGrinsven, RE/MAX Prodigy o/b/o Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1622 BARCLAY STREET.

Adopted

- 33 [RLH TA 23-161](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 505 BEAUMONT STREET. (File No. CG2301A3; Assessment No. 230107)

Adopted

- 34 [RLH TA 23-128](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1185 BURNS AVENUE. (File No. CG2301A3, Assessment No. 230107)

Adopted

- 35 [RLH RR 23-23](#) Third Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 698 DESOTO STREET in Council File RLH RR 22-16.

Adopted

- 36 [RLH TA 23-151](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1074 EUCLID STREET. (File No. CG2301A2, Assessment No. 230106)

Adopted

- 37 [RLH TA 23-127](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1460 FARRINGTON STREET. (File No. CG2301A2; Assessment No. 230106)

Adopted

- 38 [RLH TA 23-134](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 597 HAZEL STREET NORTH. (File No. CG2301A3, Assessment No. 230107)

Adopted

- 39 [RLH FCO 23-30](#) Appeal of Linda Aiken to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1364 HEWITT AVENUE.

Adopted

- 40 [RLH TA 23-132](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1749 IDAHO AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2301A3, Assessment No. 230107)

Adopted

- 41 [RLH TA 23-125](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 920 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2301A1, Assessment No. 230105)

Adopted

- 42** [RLH RR 23-8](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1082 LOEB STREET within fifteen (15) days after the March 22, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (Legislative Hearing on May 22, 2023)
- Referred to June 13, 2023 Legislative Hearing**
- 43** [RLH TA 23-130](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2069 MANITOU AVENUE. (File No. CG2301A2, Assessment No. 230106)
- Adopted**
- 44** [RLH TA 23-129](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2000 MONTANA AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2301A1, Assessment No. 230105)
- Adopted**
- 45** [RLH TA 23-124](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 884 MOUND STREET. (File No. CG2301A1, Assessment No. 230105)
- Adopted**
- 46** [RLH TA 23-193](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1391 PLEASANT AVENUE. (File No. CG2301A1; Assessment No. 230105)
- Adopted**
- 47** [RLH TA 23-126](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2208 PRINCETON AVENUE. (File No. CG2301A1; Assessment No. 230105)
- Adopted**
- 48** [RLH TA 23-141](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 127 SIDNEY STREET EAST. (File No. CG2301A1, Assessment No. 230105)
- Adopted**
- 49** [RLH TA 23-135](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 723 SIXTH STREET EAST. (File No. CG2301A3, Assessment No. 230107)
- Adopted**
- 50** [RLH TA 23-160](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 114 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. (File No. CG2301A2, Assessment No. 230106)
- Adopted**
- 51** [RLH TA 23-131](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 666 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. CG2301A2, Assessment No. 230106)

Adopted

- 52 [RLH VO 23-12](#) Appeal of Brian Norelius to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 842 VANDALIA STREET.

Adopted

- 53 [RLH AR 23-30](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2022. (File No. CG2301A1, Assessment No. 230105)

Adopted

- 54 [RLH AR 23-31](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2022. (File No. CG2301A2, Assessment No. 230106)

Adopted

- 55 [RLH AR 23-32](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2022. (File No. CG2301A3, Assessment No. 230107)

Adopted**SUSPENSION ITEM**

- [RES 23-805](#) Authorizing the City to transfer \$30,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to specific accounts for Project PEACE - Technology and Equipment as a Response to Violence.

Councilmember Noecker asked for clarification on the resolution.

Brooke Blakey, Director of the Office of Neighborhood Safety, addressed Noecker's question.

Councilmember Prince asked for clarification on the resolution.

Blakey addressed Prince's question.

Councilmember Tolbert asked for clarification on the resolution.

Blakey addressed Tolbert's question.

Councilmember Jalali spoke in support and moved approval.

Prince expressed additional concerns.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

RECESS (The Council will recess, and reconvene at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.)

Meeting recessed at 4:08 PM

ROLL CALL

Meeting resumed at 5:32 PM

PUBLIC HEARING (The public hearing on this item will take place at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.)

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

56 [RES PH 23-125](#) Adopting the Summit Avenue Regional Trail Plan.

Sean Kershaw, Director of Public Works, gave an introduction.

Andy Rodriguez, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave an introduction.

Alice Messer, Manager for Parks and Recreation, gave a staff report.

Rachel Coyle, City Forester, continued the staff report.

Councilmember Prince spoke in opposition.

73 people spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Councilmember Balenger spoke in support.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in support.

Councilmember Tolbert spoke in support.

Councilmember Prince spoke in opposition.

Councilmember Jalali spoke in support and moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Prince

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 9:56 PM

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