



City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - Final

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, August 11, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Please see the meeting guidelines due to the COVID-19 health pandemic emergency.

ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 3:34 p.m.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 21-61](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 21-33.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 21-33](#) Amending ESG-CV projects: increased funding for Rapid Re-housing and Emergency Shelter. Amending CDBG projects: funding for Acute Intervention project and Expanded Pre-Charge Diversion Program.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 21-34](#) Amending the 2021 Fund 722 budget for the Fire Department to more accurately record expenditures.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 21-35](#) Amending the 2021 Fund 200 budget for Fire Department to more accurately record expenditures.
Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 5** [RES 21-1040](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during October 20, 2020 to April 19, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 7, 2021 and City Council public hearing for January 5, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2201, Assessment No. 228800)
- Adopted**
- 6** [RES 21-1041](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during May 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 7, 2021 and City Council public hearing for January 5, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2201B, Assessment No. 228100)
- Adopted**
- 7** [RES 21-1042](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during April 14 to May 14, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 7, 2021 and City Council public hearing for January 5, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2201, Assessment No. 228200)
- Adopted**
- 8** [RES 21-1043](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during March 22 to April 21, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 7, 2021 and City Council public hearing for January 5, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2201E, Assessment No. 228300)
- Adopted**
- 9** [RES 21-1044](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during May 14 to June 9, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 7, 2021 and City Council public hearing for January 5, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2201P, Assessment No. 228400)
- Adopted**
- 10** [RES 21-1082](#) Authorizing the City to submit a Clean Water Fund grant application to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), and authorizing City officials to execute a grant agreement on behalf of the City for the Bush-Desoto Stormwater Pond Retrofit and related facilities.
- Adopted**
- 11** [RES 21-1091](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of 33 sets of ballistic

vests and helmets valued at \$72,600 from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation and Shield 616.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 21-1095](#) Authorizing the Office of Technology and Communications to apply for and accept grant funds in an amount of \$200,000 from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for Tech for All.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 21-1096](#) Authorizing the Office of Technology and Communications to apply for and accept grant funds in an amount of \$20,000 from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for evaluation technology.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 21-1097](#) Approving the Labor Agreement between the Independent School District 625 and the United Association of Plumbers, Local 34 (May 1, 2021- April 30, 2024).

Adopted

- 15 [RES 21-1105](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for funds of up to \$5,000,000 from the National Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) grant program and to apply for grants to other agencies and groups as needed for any matching amounts required.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 21-1116](#) Accepting a gift of \$2,475.00 from Uintah Basin Domestic Violence Coalition to cover the cost of airfare, lodging, meals and transportation expenses for Mike Seasley and Kathleen Salaba to give a presentation on their work in the area of Domestic Violence at a conference taking place in Utah on October 7, 2021.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 21-1119](#) Approving a Cabaret - Class A license to Twin Cities Catalyst Music d/b/a The Garage (License ID #20190002866) for the premises located at 965 Payne Avenue.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 21-1121](#) Approving a Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Entertainment (A) license to Papa Legba's Lounge LLC d/b/a Papa Legba's Lounge (License ID #20200000878) for the premises located at 202 Cesar Chavez Street.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 21-1122](#) Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to add an Entertainment (B) and Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) to existing licenses for Randolph Craft LLC d/b/a A Side Public House (License ID #20210000331) at 754 Randolph Avenue.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 21-1128](#) Authorizing the Department of Emergency Management to execute a grant contract amendment for a timeline extension with the State of Minnesota for the 2019 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) grant.

Adopted

SUSPENSION ITEM

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

- [RES 21-1181](#) Recommending that the City explore a vaccination requirement for all City employees.

Councilmember Tolbert said he is bringing this under suspension to get started on this work and get started with what the requirement looks like for the employees. It is to ensure that the employees are vaccinated. Long story short: we have a safe, effective, and free vaccination in the State. We have a duty to our employees and also to the young people 12 and under who do not have the ability to get vaccinated. That is just part of being a responsible society, especially with the major spreading of this variant. We should ensure we lead by example. Ramsey County started this yesterday. The State has started this today. Virginia is looking at it. All municipalities look at this. We encourage the schools to look at this, too. It was discussed at the school board meeting. It allows ample time for those who have not been vaccinated yet. He would ask for the colleagues support and makes the motion to lay it over.

Councilmember Brendmoen said it is timely with other entities. She will support the resolution.

Councilmember Jalali said she offers her appreciation. She saw the news item that almost 90% is delta variant. The government can act to institute that change.

Councilmember Thao said this is research based because people might have different practice. We should be respectful of that. Personal testimony: he got his first Pfizer shot. After that, he got COVID 19. Just listening to other folks who didn't get vaccinated, they had a different experience. He encouraged folks to get vaccinated.

Councilmember Yang thanked Tolbert. She is supportive of it. This is an important step to take. She wants to model other governments. It's hard to be that first one. This is important to save people's lives. We are not yet at 100%.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to lay over for one week.

7 in favor, none opposed

Laid over to August 18

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

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

First Reading

21

[Ord 21-32](#)

Adopting an emergency ordinance schedule of penalties for non-compliance of outdoor watering restrictions. (Emergency ordinances only require one reading for a final vote to be taken.)

Council President Brendmoen said Director Shea is here from Saint Paul Regional Water Services.

Patrick Shea appeared. (He showed a PowerPoint.) He is joined today by Racquel Vaske, Assistant General Manager, who will go through the statistics of where we are. This afternoon's actions are based on the water code and City code. This is an emergency ordinance.

Racquel Vaske appeared. (She went through her PowerPoint, which outlines the state drought plan.) They are in the drought warning stage because the river which started in July was under 2,000 cubic feet for 5 days in a row. Saint Paul Water put out a request to customers to follow an odd-even schedule. Next is the restrictive phase if the river gets below 1500 cubic feet for 5 consecutive days. Emergency feet is when the river gets below 1,000. The next slide talks about those levels at the river, which are the first things they have checked every morning. Between July 20 and the 31st, they were in the drought warning phase. They dropped below 1500 mark on August 4. It rained this weekend. We have 90 years of data on the Mississippi River. If we fall below 1500 today, the soonest we would enter the restrictive phase is August 16. The other data is their goal to be around that 50% above January level. January was 35.4, which puts the goal at 53.1 million gallons a day. On July 21st, they were at 72% above January. August 10, we were at 30.45. Due to the rain and partially due to customers jumping on board, people became aware of the drought, and the trends are going in the right direction.

Shea said that we have the potential to move from the drought warning phase to restrictive phase due to their diligence to be prepared. That 50% target will drop to 25% which is around 44 million gallons a day as their target to get to. That is where they were before authorization from the Board of Water Commissioners to implement these tasks, initiatives, restrictions. Through legal guidance, they need permission from the city councils for the enforcement side of it. They are asking for information to

implement soft enforcement measures and working towards shut off after 5 violations. First violation is educational notice, personal interaction. The second would be a written warning and a \$50 fine. The 4th would a \$100 fine. The 5th would be a \$150 fine and then a water shutoff. They would work on the suburban customers on what day a week would work. They are optimistic now with the seasons changing.

Councilmember Prince said we are in the requested odd/even. When does the penalty kick in? Shea responded we are in the voluntary phase. At the very earliest, we will hit the next phase next Monday. In the ordinance, there is a 72-hour waiting period for public education. There is no guarantee we will hit the mandated stage.

Councilmember Yang said the water commissioners brought up the need for it to be in multiple languages. Shea responded they reached out to some staff and some interpreting services to get that information out. They may use images like the dial. A lot of information is easily translatable. They will reach out to Yang and take her up on her offer to help.

Councilmember Tolbert said this is reasonable. At the end of the day, the goal is compliance and not punishment.

Council President Brendmoen said the goal is compliance. She has heard people say they have never seen the river so low.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Emergency ordinance is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

22 [Ord 21-27](#)

Amending Legislative Code Chapters 60, 63, 65, and 66 pertaining to off-street parking requirements.

Council President Brendmoen said there was a staff report last week. The public hearing was held virtually. There was quite a bit of input.

Councilmember Jalali said this is the kind of item that would be packed out or have lots of friends to testify. This proposal is a big enough deal and it's worth talking about it twice. We are on the verge of eliminating parking minimums. Days ago, we got a devastating report on climate. They are saying the earth is going to get hotter. It is not too late to turn back if we reduce emissions to the community. (She read some comments.)

Brendmoen shared her parking minimum story. In the southeast corner of the ward there is a building that has been there for over 100 years. They expanded to increase a shift, and they were required to add parking to buy land. The parking lot was vacant because there was no need for it. People then started dumping items. The owner put a chain link fence around the parking lot. There is a parking lot with a chain link fence

all because he had to meet the parking minimums. She is 150% supportive of it. There are parking overlays. There are expenses to create an eyesore. This is second reading.

Jalali moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and ordinance is laid over to August 18 for 3rd reading/final adoption

Public Hearing closed, laid over to August 18 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

23 [Ord 21-31](#)

Granting the application of St Albans LLC to rezone property at 695 Grand from B2 Community Business District to T3 Traditional Neighborhood District, amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map, and denying the rezoning out of the EG East Grand Avenue Overlay District. (Public hearing closed August 11)

Council President Brendmoen said they continued the public hearing to this week at the request of Councilmember Noecker. Public testimony is inputted in Legistar. There was some calls questioning if all the information is getting into Legistar. Councilmembers look at them when they come in and when they are in Legistar.

Councilmember Noecker said there was a lot to read and think about with this. She thanked everyone for their hard work on this issue. She knows the work it takes to delve into these issues. She also thanked the developers. She will comment first on the proposed rezoning in front of us. She believes the rezoning is appropriate for this site. The current B2 zoning does not allow for mixed use development and Grand Avenue is a mixed-use corridor. What is the best rezoning for this part of our City for now and into the future because the rezoning will stay with the land? T3 zoning is not appropriate for this site: 1) T3 is not consistent with the way the development has developed. The closest T3 is Selby and Dale and Snelling and Grand, which is obviously a different intersection than Grand and St. Albans. 2) Land use chapter requires them to ensure that building massing, height, scale, and design transition to those permitted in adjoining districts. Without the overlay district, it is difficult to see how the proposed building would transition to the existing adjacent buildings. 3) the rezoning is in conflict with the District 16 neighborhood plan. The staff report acknowledges this inconsistency. All the mixed-use benefits can also be realized with additional zoning. T2 has the same design standards with T3. There have already been successful rezoning with T2. This project is extremely valuable project with the neighborhood. This allows seniors to age in place. She would like to see the project come back to us. They should be willing to make those tradeoffs. About the overlay district, neighbors support increased density, but not on this scale. Since the district was put in place 15 years ago, there have been 33 new mixed use buildings in Saint Paul. Not one of them were constructed on Grand.

Brendmoen said there is a lot of information. She heard her mention an alternative about lesser upzoning. Is she proposing a different level of zoning. Noecker said she cannot suggest a new zoning right now. We have to approve or reject the current zoning.

Brendmoen asked if one wanted to go back to the drawing board for T2 zoning, what does that take. Someone answered that it would go through the same process: new application, zoning committee make a recommendation to Planning Commission, Planning Commission make a recommendation to City Council. Planning Commission is familiar with this case. Discussion would be just as great. Process may take 60 to 120 days.

Brendmoen asked if that is an option for people to explore. Every month is crucial with development. 2 to 4 months is good to know.

Councilmember Jalali said she supports moving the process forward. They appreciate mixed use development in the neighborhoods. She has overlay districts in parts of her ward. Some of them are used to block things. It has impeded their ability to house people. This project is about embracing vitality in Grand Avenue. There have been so many articles about how this is one of the main commercial corridors in the City. There is a narrative that businesses are dying. The questions of why the businesses are dying is because we are not supporting the growth that is needed. We cannot allow suburban people to drive in and spend money in the City. She recognizes that there could be a path forward. The Planning Commission recommended to change the rezoning and denied the second request to take it out of the overlay district. She does not think the benefits outweigh the evidence that we have. She would like to see the project advance today. She will work hard to advance development at his site. It is important for the climate and for engaging growth.

Brendmoen said there has been no motion at this time. She asked Jalali to clarify.

Jalali said if the motion is to deny the rezoning and not allow the project to advance today, she will vote no against that.

Councilmember Yang said she does not support the rezoning. The decisions and who housing is built for is important to have. That is left out of the conversation. For us, they have a duty to think about what they build a city for. This proposal does not meet folks where they are at. She will not be able to support the rezoning.

Councilmember Prince said she is grateful for Noecker for painstaking analysis of this. This is a tough question. The amount of support and opposition is overwhelming. She agrees with her assessment that this is not a TN zone. Given the 2040 comp plan which was recently passed, does not identify this as an urban village or a high-volume transit corridor which would call for a T3. They need to build the community together and come up with a way to get something similar to this build. She appreciates Yang's point about who can live there. This is the urgent need for inclusionary zoning. She will not be voting to rezone the property.

Brendmoen says if they are looking further down the road, is it an opportunity for the Council to request increased affordability. Prince responded her understanding is that they can seek voluntary affordability with the density bonus, but they have not passed that policy. That could come down the line. If the rezoning is passed today, there are problems with the variance and conditional use permit coming forward. The developer says he needs the variance for financial reasons. The Minnesota Supreme Court has been clear in land use cases that the conditions for allowing a zoning variance do not include economic considerations.

Noecker thanked everyone for this conversation. She is in favor of this project and in favor of density. She is trying to provoke a denser environment. They have a range of

zoning for the City in which we could choose. Different zones fit appropriately in different neighborhoods. The fact that we have a number of different zones and a range means we should be trying to fit the area to the zone. Density does not come in one form.

Jalali said affordability, it is right to be raising that. The difference between this development happening now versus before is that they are posed to bring forward new projects in the City that will bring forth affordability. The inclusionary zoning process times out with this one, and there is a decent chance they can support a project like this.

Brendmoen says that she is struggling with this item. She supports denser more walkable communities. She has concerns about the overlay district, legalities around moving forward with this zoning. She would request a layover to get a deeper understanding. She would like to understand better to think that through. They have the tools to move forward with this project with the upzoning to T3. It is complex.

Councilmember Thao said this is an important project. His experience is they have some good development, Selby and Snelling. This is a big deal for Grand Avenue. There are shops leaving and coming in. He would appreciate supporting a one-week layover and comb through things again.

Councilmember Tolbert said he would support a one-week layover. Are they running out of time? Virginia Palmer responded there should be plenty of time for a one-week layover.

Noecker said this is a complex issue. There are important issues at stake here. She moved a one-week layover. This is a complicated issue. She has not had conversations about this. She encouraged staff to have conversations with the applicant. The intent is not to help or slow down. It is just to put in the appropriate zoning. She has been informed that the overlay district is in place. It takes precedence over all other zoning. She moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and laid over to August 18 for final adoption

Public Hearing closed, laid over to August 18 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

24 [RES PH 21-194](#)

Approving the application of Monster Series LLC for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on August 28, 2021 at 180 Shepard Road - Upper Landing Park, SW Corner.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Noecker said she asked staff about the other sound level variances. She wondered about what measures were put in place to make sure they are safe. There was a memo that outlined the procedures on how. She moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 25** [RES PH 21-195](#) Approving the application of Twin Cities Jazz Festival for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on September 17 and 18, 2021 at 221 Fifth Street East - Mears Park.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 26** [RES PH 21-197](#) Approving the application of Rice & Larpenteur Alliance for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on August 14, 2021 at 1675 Rice Street.

Council President Brendmoen moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 27** [RES PH 21-206](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$9,002.02 for the Minnesota Task Force One reimbursement from the City of Edina.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 28 [RES PH 21-208](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into a grant agreement with the Office of National Drug Control Policy for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (HIDTA) and amending the 2021 budget and activity budget.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Prince moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Jalali moved to adopt.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearings are closed and resolutions are adopted

The Legislative Hearing Officer recommends adoption of the following resolutions, as no objections to these recommendations were received:

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

Nay: 0

- 29 [RLH VO 21-30](#) Appealing a Correction Notice, including Condemnation by Eden Iwu, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, on behalf of Sandra Rae Johnson to at 1529 ADRIAN STREET, UNIT 6.

Adopted

- 30 [RLH VBR 21-45](#) Appealing a Vacant Building Registration Notice by Anthony Post to at 604 ASBURY STREET.

Adopted

- 32 [RLH VBR 21-44](#) Appealing a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter by Anthony Bassett to at 975 MARSHALL AVENUE.

Adopted

- 33 [RLH VBR 21-47](#) Appealing a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice by Ivan Farrera at 1717 SELBY AVENUE.

Adopted

- 34 [RLH VO 21-29](#) Appealing a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection (which includes condemnation) by Elisa Sloves to at 1619 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST.

Adopted

For the following item, no objection to the Legislative Hearing Officer's amended recommendation was received, and therefore, she recommends amendment and adoption:

- 31 [RLH RR 21-15](#) Denying a stay of enforcement of demolition for property at 655 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST. (Legislative Hearing on August 10, 2021)

Councilmember Yang moved to amend and adopt.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted as amended

Adopted as amended (Grant 180 days stay of enforcement to allow for owner removal/repair of property)

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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