



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

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, July 21, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present 5 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Chris Tolbert,
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali and
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Absent 2 - Councilmember Dai Thao and Councilmember Jane L. Prince

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 21-58](#) Letters from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1514 Van Buren Avenue and 120 Winter Street West nuisance properties. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

Received and filed
- 2 [AO 21-32](#) Establishing one new account code for Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program award adopted via City Council Resolutions #21-871, and returning unused Year-Round STAR project funding to the Year-Round STAR Program

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 removed Item 10 from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval of the Consent Agenda.

5 in favor, none opposed

Consent Agenda is adopted as amended

A motion was made by Councilmember Tolbert to Approve the Consent Agenda The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 3** [RES 21-904](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to solicit funds to pay for a bronze bust of William and Alfred Godette to be displayed in the lobby of the Fire Department headquarters building.

Adopted

- 4** [RES 21-950](#) Changing the rate of pay for the Communication Services and Maintenance Supervisor classification. (laid over from July 14)

Adopted

- 5** [RES 21-971](#) Approving the settlement between Delores Franco and the City of Saint Paul.

Adopted

- 6** [RES 21-990](#) Approving the Labor Agreements between the Independent School District 625 and the United Association of Steamfitters, Pipefitters, and Service Technicians, Local Union No. 455 (May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2024); Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local 10 (May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2024) and Tri-Council, Local 49, Local 120 and Local 363 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020) (laid over from July 14)

Adopted

- 7** [RES 21-994](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Equipment and Labor for Clean Up during May 2021 at 0 Westminster Street (322922220098), and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 17, 2021 and City Council public hearing for October 6, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2125A, Assessment No. 218545)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 21-1010](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply for the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-Development grant fund for 652-58 Sherburne Avenue West and 892 Seventh Street East and Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development Pre-Development grant fund for 1490 Seventh Street East.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 21-1018](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept the donation of a floating dock from Lake Phalen Community Rowing, a Minnesota nonprofit organization, which provides free instruction to youth.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 10 [RES 21-1049](#) Approving the appointment of Jessica Larson Johnston as the Legislative Aide in Ward 5.

Council President Brendmoen moved approval and said she sent out notices about Johnston as legislative aide.

5 in favor, none opposed

Adopted

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

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

- 11 [Ord 21-26](#) Amending Chapter 310.02 of the Legislative Code to allow re-application within a year if a license applicant can provide evidence of rehabilitation as outlined in Minnesota Statute 364.03, subd. 3.

Councilmember Yang said there was some edits to make sure it is gender neutral language. She moved Version 2 and lay over to July 28. She said Tolbert brought up the amendment.

5 in favor, none opposed

Amendment is approved and laid over to July 28 for final adoption

Amended and laid over to July 28th for final adoption

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 12** [Ord 21-28](#) Amending section 157.03 of the Legislative Code to prohibit parking at electric vehicle charging stations in the public right-of-way, unless the vehicle is an electric vehicle using the charging station.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually. This was noticed incorrectly in the Legal Ledger. The motion is to continue the public hearing for a final vote next week.

Councilmember Jalali moved to continue the public hearing for a final vote in one week.

5 in favor, none opposed

Public Hearing continued to July 28 when a final vote can also occur

Public hearing continued to July 28 for final vote

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 13** [RES PH 21-167](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$187,100 to reflect 2021 Grant funding from the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) for Como Regional Park Transportation Improvements Phase II.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually. She moved to close the public hearing and approve.

5 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 14 [RES PH 21-168](#) Amending the Capital Improvement Budget in the amount of \$666,636 to reflect funding dollar amounts restored in the State Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 Parks and Trails Funding for Parks projects.

Council President Brendmoen said this is a public hearing that was held virtually. Folks were able to participate online and over the phone.

*Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve.
5 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted*

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 15 [RES PH 21-169](#) Amending the 2021 Financing and Spending Plans in the Library Agency for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Digital navigators pilot grant.

Council Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

*Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.
5 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted*

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 16 [RES PH 21-172](#) Approving the application of Water Lantern Festival for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on July 31, 2021 at 1400 Phalen Drive-Phalen Park Beach House.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

*Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and approve. This is about healing. The history dates back to ancient times in east Asia. It brings together generations and small businesses.
5 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted*

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS:

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

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 20** [RLH FCO 21-99](#) Appeal of Anna Decrans, Premier Housing Management, to a Reinspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies at 765 EDGERTON STREET.
Adopted
- 21** [RLH TA 21-286](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1164 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. VB2109, Assessment No. 218815)
Adopted
- 25** [RLH VO 21-19](#) Appeal of Derek Thooff, Attorney, on behalf of Pa Nah Vang, to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate at 865 JESSIE STREET.
Adopted
- 27** [RLH TA 21-262](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1803 MARGARET STREET. (File No. VB2109, Assessment No. 218815)
Adopted
- 29** [RLH TA 21-267](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1358 PHALEN BOULEVARD. (File No. J2109B, Assessment No. 218109)
Adopted
- 30** [RLH TA 21-322](#) Amending the previously ratified assessment to reduce the assessment for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during December 21 to January 12, 2021 at 856 RAYMOND AVENUE. (File No. CRT2108, Assessment No. 218208)
Adopted
- 33** [RLH TA 21-272](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1802 ROSS AVENUE. (File No. J2107B1, Assessment No. 218115)
Adopted

- 34 [RLH SAO 21-53](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1941 STANFORD AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 21-49.
Adopted
- 35 [RLH SAO 21-51](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 855 THIRD STREET EAST in Council File RLH SAO 21-43.
Adopted
- 37 [RLH TA 21-303](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 925 WILSON AVENUE (vacant lot) . (File No. J2109E, Assessment No. 218310)
Adopted
- 38 [RLH AR 21-53](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during July 7, 2020 to January 15, 2021. (File No. VB2109, Assessment No. 218815)
Adopted
- 39 [RLH AR 21-54](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during February 2021. (File No. J2109B, Assessment No. 218109)
Adopted
- 40 [RLH AR 21-55](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during January 18 to February 12, 2021. (File No. CRT2109, Assessment No. 218209)
Adopted
- 41 [RLH AR 21-56](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during December 23, 2020 to January 19, 2021. (File No. J2109E, Assessment No. 218310)
Adopted
- 42 [RLH AR 21-57](#) Ratifying the assessments for Diseased Tree(s) Removal services during January to February 2021. (File No. 2103T, Assessment No. 219002)
Adopted
- 43 [RLH AR 21-58](#) Ratifying the assessments for Dangerous Tree(s) Removal service during November 2020 at 830 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. 2104T, Assessment No. 219003)
Adopted

- 44** [RLH AR 21-59](#) Ratifying the assessments for Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during February to November 2020 . (File No. J2101V, Assessment No. 218000)

Adopted

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

- 17** [RLH VO 21-14](#) Appeal of Graham Butler to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 702 AURORA AVENUE.

Adopted as amended (grant extension)

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 22** [RLH TA 21-284](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 854 EUCLID STREET. (File No. J2109E, Assessment No. 218310) (Legislative Hearing on July 20, 2021)

Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 23** [RLH TA 21-21](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1030 FOURTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2104A, Assessment No. 218503) (Amend to delete)

Adopted as amended (delete assessment)

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 24** [RLH TA 21-59](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 FAIRVIEW AVENUE SOUTH. (File No. J2110A, Assessment No. 218509) (Public hearing continued to July 21, 2021)
- Adopted as amended (delete assessment)**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince
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- 31** [RLH TA 21-36](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1187 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. J2012A1, Assessment No. 208542) (Public Hearing continued to July 21, 2021)
- Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince
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- 36** [RLH TA 21-17](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 634 WATSON AVENUE. (File No. J2104A, Assessment No. 218503) (Public hearing continued to July 21, 2021)
- Adopted as amended (delete assessment)**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

For the following items, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to continue the Public Hearing to the dates listed:

- 18** [RLH SAO 21-46](#) Appealing a Summary Abatement Order by Dennis J. Juvland at 2078 BUSH AVENUE.
- Continue public hearing to July 28**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 19** [RLH SAO 21-57](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1450 DALE STREET NORTH in Council File RLH SAO 21-40. (Legislative Hearing on July 20, 2021)

Continue public hearing to July 28

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 28** [RLH TA 21-271](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1238 MARION STREET. (File No. VB2109, Assessment No. 218815) (Public hearing continued to September 1, 2021)

Continue public hearing to September 1

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 32** [RLH TA 21-259](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 976 ROSE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2109E, Assessment No. 218310) (Public Hearing continued to October 20, 2021)

Continue public hearing to October 20

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to refer to Legislative Hearing to the dates listed:

- 26** [RLH TA 21-291](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 329 LAWSON AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2109B, Assessment No. 218109) (To be referred back to October 5, 2021 Legislative Hearing and Public Hearing on October 13, 2021)

Referred to Legislative hearing on October 5

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

- 33a** [RLH TA 21-296](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1297 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. VB2109, Assessment No. 218815) (Legislative Hearing on July 20, 2021)

Referred to Legislative hearing on August 17

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Prince

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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