



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 18, 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 3:33 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 [AO 21-36](#) Amending 2019 HOME administration project to the maximum allowable administration allocation for the 2019 HOME grant.

Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Brendmoen said Item 16 needs to be taken separately.

Councilmember Jalali moved the balance of the Consent Agenda.

7 in favor, none opposed

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 2 [RES 21-1045](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on Private Property during April to June 2021, and setting date of City Council public hearing for September 15, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2103LDSRP, Assessment No. 214003)

Adopted

- 3 [RES 21-1046](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private Property during April to June 2021, and setting date of City Council public hearing for September 15, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2103, Assessment No. 213003)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 21-1047](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during June 1 to 11, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 21, 2021 and City Council public hearing for January 12, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2201A, Assessment No. 228500)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 21-1048](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during June 15 to 30, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 21, 2021 and City Council public hearing for January 12, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2202A, Assessment No. 228501)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 21-1100](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to Enter into a Contract with JotForm Services for the Lease of their Interactive Form and Data Collection Application.

Adopted

- 7 [RES 21-1132](#) Approving a Project Management Agreement between the City and the Port Authority, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59, for the proposed Red Rock Road Mill and Overlay Project.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 21-1136](#) Authorizing the City to apply for Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Redevelopment Grant funding for Farwell Yards (102 and 150 West Water Street and 75 Bidwell Street) and 200 Plato Avenue projects.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 21-1140](#) Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to issue a Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Liquor - Outdoor Service Area (Patio) Licenses to Rok LLC d/b/a Rok Eatery (License ID #20210000774) for the premises located at 882 Seventh Street West Suite 12.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 21-1142](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Classified Confidential Employees Association (CCEA) for the purpose of addressing the employment status of employees hired through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.
Laid over to August 25
- 11 [RES 21-1144](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Construction Coordinator in Grade 018 of EG 06, Professional Employees Association (PEA).
Laid over to August 25
- 12 [RES 21-1145](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Design and Construction Supervisor in Grade 022 of EG 09, Saint Paul Supervisors Organization (SPSO).
Laid over to August 25
- 13 [RES 21-1167](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2024) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 110.
Laid over to August 25
- 14 [RES 21-1169](#) Approving a Preliminary Order to set the date of Public Hearing for October 6, 2021 to consider approval to install two new standard light fixtures at Laurel and Nina as requested by the Riley Row Townhouse Association. Project No. 19251, Assessment No. 215100.
Adopted
- 15 [RES 21-1171](#) Approving adverse action against the Cigarette/Tobacco and Gas Station License held by Reemo Corp. ("Licensee") d/b/a Minnoco (License ID# 20130005314) at 1200 Rice Street.
Adopted
- 17 [RES 21-1176](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME Legal, Local 3757 for the purpose of addressing the employment status of employees hired through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.
Laid over to August 25

FOR DISCUSSION

- 16 [RES 21-1173](#) Supplemental Resolution #21-1173 Supplementing the General Resolution (CF 88-835) Relating to Sewer Revenue Bonds and providing for the issuance of Sewer Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021F (Green Bonds) and taking other required actions.
Council President Brendmoen said there was a sneak preview at the Budget meeting.
Michael Solomon, Office of Financial Services, talked about our rating and went into details.

Brendmoen thanked him for his report.

Councilmember Prince moved approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted as amended

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

18 [RES 21-1157](#)

Directing the City Clerk to notify the County Auditor to place an initiative regarding whether to adopt the proposed Residential Rent Stabilization ordinance on the November 2, 2021 ballot and approving the title and language for that ballot question.

Council President Brendmoen said we have a basic understanding of this. She requested an explanation from the City Attorney's Office.

Rachel Tierney, City Attorney's Office, said they received a petition to put this on the ballot. It was sufficient. Now, it is for the Council to approve the language to print on the ballot. The title and language are approved by her office.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

19 [RES 21-1179](#)

Authorizing the City to transfer \$3,507,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to specific accounts to address ARP Administration and other needs to respond to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts and provide government services.

Laura Longsdon and John McCarthy are here with staff report.

Longsdon said the proposals includes several items: ARP administration, RiverCentre Ramp, Library hours, parks hours, Council technology, DSI (Department of Safety and Inspections) Customer Services Specialists, vaccine incentives, Fire EMS (Emergency Management Services) Supervisor, Law Enforcement Career Path Academy, Office of Neighborhood Safety.

ARP administration covers staff, contracts, and technology to administer the funds. This includes 20 FTE's (full-time employees) in various departments.

RiverCentre Ramp includes maintenance expenses, replace failing security camera, and emergency notification system. The ability to complete this work this year depends on the time frame when it can move forward.

Library hours and Parks and Recreation Hours restoration are for library and park positions that were reduced. Library 12.5 FTE's. Mayor's proposal also includes ARP funding for these FTE's. Also, to restore rec center hours. As with libraries, the budget includes ARP funding which covers 24.93 FTE's.

Council Technology – equipment needs in Council conference rooms to allow for hybrid meetings.

DSI Customer Services Specialists to address backlogs in permits and licensing that exist. This is an immediate need. This would allow the department 2 specialists. It also covers costs in overtime that DSI has used for this backlog.

Vaccine incentives – This is in partnership with Ramsey County. This would provide \$50 for people to receive a vaccination. The County program is more accessible.

Council President Brendmoen said she is supportive of efforts to get people vaccinated. Saint Paul-Ramsey County have a combined public health entity. Saint Paul gets taxes from residents. Why are we funding this? It seemed like something that residents are already funding. Longsdon said she can follow-up on this. The discussion is around ARP funds. The City's allocation is more than the County's. There is an agreement to go into this program as partners. McCarthy said he agrees with everything Longsdon said. They can follow-up with Director Schute. It is funded fully through ARP. It is a joint effort.

Councilmember Yang asked if other cities are funding into the vaccine program, as well. Longsdon said she is not aware of other cities contributing, but she can follow-up on that.

Councilmember Thao said if they do not know how the money is going out to people, he wonders why they are voting on this today. Longsdon responded Ramsey County has said this is a separate program than what the state is doing. The intention is not to duplicate, but to provide a service that is accessible to residents of Ramsey County. They have been advertising this and holding this clinic. They are hoping to immunize people as much as possible because of this surge. The gift cards are available until resources end.

Longsdon continued: EMS supervisor is for the cost of restoring one position allowing for support of EMS services delivered to residents. This funded through the Mayor's budget through the general fund.

Final 2 items are for 2021 costs and 2022 ongoing costs to be covered by general fund. The Law Enforcement Career Path Academy is to cover salaries for program participants. Finally, the amendment is for bringing on staff for the Office of Neighborhood Safety.

Councilmember Noecker said this is more of a comment. Last time they were presented with budget amendment, she said they did not want to keep spending the ARP funds this way in a piecemeal fashion. She feels that we cannot continue to spend this money in dribs and drabs. They owe themselves the time to develop the coherent strategy. The Mayor proposed his recommendations on his budget last week. The Council is working on theirs now. Her hope is that will allow them to get to a shared strategy. She proposes we lay this over for a week.

Councilmember Tolbert said he supports that motion. It makes sense. They need to have a path going forward on the RiverCentre Ramp. There are maintenance issues that need to be done. Since PED (Planning and Economic Development) has taken over the RiverCenter ramp, he would like to see the timeline so they don't keep putting money into a 50-year old ramp. Many of us have been involved so we know the issue well.

Councilmember Jalali said she supports the motion. She is questioning items that support police funding along items that are for community safety strategy. The law enforcement career path academy has an admirable goal, but does not meet that goal all the time. Only 8 people of diverse backgrounds have become part of it. Getting extra time to review something like that would be more appropriate. It is fair to ask questions about the effectiveness of funding that initiative.

Yang said she also supports the lay over. In terms of the line item for vaccination, they have already talking about how important it is. They are ready to talk about the entire pie instead of pieces.

Councilmember Prince said they were clear last time that this was not the way to be handling the American Rescue Plan funding. She is supportive of many of the things on this resolution. The law enforcement academy is one of them. It is critically important that parks and library funding is there. It is clear that the Council send a message to the Administration that they need to work together, we are on the same team, this money is a tremendous opportunity. She supports the one week layover.

Brendmoen said she supports the one week layover. She would like McCarthy to walk through the items. She agrees with comments of understanding the holistic plan. One week is not a lot of time. They will not have a whole plan to nail down next week. It would be helpful to go through the items to understand why this is urgent.

McCarthy said he understood the comments. The thing that is urgent is the RiverCentre repair. It took longer to get this in front of the Council. That is concrete work that needs to be done this season. Even a week delay further challenges getting that work done this season. They have to make sure they maintain it. The vaccination incentives: that program is underway. The team administering this grant is Longsdon with people helping out. They really need to staff up in this area so they don't make mistakes. Those 3 are the ones most urgent.

Brendmoen said they may have to close the ramp. McCarthy responded Huepenbecker may be able to answer specifics.

Huepenbecker said they had their certificate of occupancy inspection. Reinspection is coming up. They have applied for these funds. That is an urgency. They are trying to get it done before winter.

Brendmoen said if they don't do it this fall, would it close for the winter?

Huepenbecker responded that is a potential. It will be DSI's call. There are items that need to be addressed. Brendmoen responded the common denominator would be that they are urgent. The Council's equipment is required to go back to Chambers in a few weeks.

Brendmoen said there is a motion for a one week layover.

Regarding Parks and Libraries, Yang asked which facilities which staff would be

working in. Barb Sporlein, Libraries, said they have a recommended schedule that restores the number of hours. She will send the schedule for all the branches. The schedule will restore the hours to pre-pandemic levels.

7 in favor, none opposed

Laid over to August 25

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

Nay: 0

20 [RES 21-1181](#)

Recommending that the City explore a vaccination requirement for all City employees.

Councilmember Tolbert laid it over so people to have notice of this. They have to have a responsible government which is requiring a vaccine or mandatory testing. At the minimum, it should be what the federal government is requiring. This Delta variant is very dangerous. Part of this, we need to lead by example. We have a forward facing staff. This is simple. We know it works, we know it is effective. It helps stop the spread. Get vaccinated and get masked up. We have the ability to stop this and get back to our lives.

Council President Brendmoen said this will be coming back with costs. She is fully supportive.

*Tolbert moved approval.
7 in favor, none opposed
Resolution is adopted*

Adopted

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.

Final Adoption

21 [Ord 21-27](#)

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

Council President Brendmoen said this is before us for a final vote.

Councilmember Thao said they have heard about tearing down homes to make them

into parking lots. There are some concerns in this ordinance. Eliminating minimum parking requirement will not create an incentive to purchase land to build more parking. Without the requirement, they would not need to acquire land to build parking. Additionally, businesses who want to purchase residential land will need to rezone the property to build a parking lot. Building parking on a residential parcel will require rezoning. He has raised this concern with staff and they support the district council and district plan. In addition, staff is recommending putting language about parking location into ordinance. He appreciates the work of staff for community input. Also allowing businesses to use the street.

Brendmoen responded she agrees with Thao.

Councilmember Jalali said that she is excited to add to the enthusiasm. 31% of the city's emissions are to vehicle travel. This will address climate change. If you build a new bar, 2/3 of the site would need to be parking for drivers under our current rule. If you walk around the Midway, it is lot after lot along the Green Line. Folks who need to get around without a car often are forced into the cycles of dependence. It is a racial and climate equity issue.

Councilmember Noecker said this is smart policy. It is good for the environment and small businesses. This is really going to be a change. It will be a difficult change. She is thinking of the many small business owners. Some people cannot pick their parking in their tiny business. She is looking forward to voting yes.

Councilmember Yang thanked staff and leaders. It was joyful to read the people who are for this. When you drive or bike along Phalen, there are many buildings with excess parking spaces that take up a lot of land that are largely unused. She came from a refugee family with farmers, she thinks of them having more community gardens and places to bond together. Empty parking spaces do not add value to their community. More spaces for businesses and infrastructure. More space for housing. There will be parking that is intentional and based on need.

Councilmember Prince said she will be speaking to a reduction and not an elimination. When Mr. Johnston gave his presentation on August 4, he was clear the original study was a reduction study. The reduction meets all of the City's policy and all climate goals. The elimination came from the Planning Commission believing that having one standard would make things easier. We have an option that allows us to meet all of our policy goals and climate goals. When you talk about getting people out of our cars and into transit, you have real transit options. The East Side transit corridors are highly insufficient. The headway aren't any frequent lines on her side of town. It is good to say let's people get out of their cars if transit is there. We have built the bike plan on the East Side. Transit is not highly available. The Metro Transit experience is frustrating. She has 400 East African families that live in the Afton View Apartment. For 6 years she has been trying to get them a transit shelter, but there aren't enough people boarding at that location. They need trash pickup at the bus shelters. Metro Transit said they only have trash pickup on the green line, blue line, A line, and C line. Before we start talking about the magic of getting people out of their cars and into transit, we need to look at the inequitable services in the City. The East Side is like it's own city when it comes to transit. Her proposal is that we pass reductions today and we move into elimination when the rush line and gold line are on line in a few years. In the meantime, she does not totally object to elimination, it is not necessary when staff says we meet all our objections in reduction. The parking lot for Target in the Midway: it was built to allow parking on the busiest day of the year. Market rate housing is going in around town and we are deciding that everyone else will

search for parking space.

Brendmoen said she is appreciates how much Prince has come around on bike routes and infrastructure. It stops on Ward 6 because of previous decisions.

Councilmember Tolbert said he has been a supporter of these parking minimums for a while. Lastly, it does help small businesses. Some small businesses cannot meet the parking minimums. This does not prohibit parking from being built and it will not. The free market will take care of a lot of the parking. Most new buildings will add the parking because they know their customers and renters will want a stall. It is not for everybody but most will. The parking has been integrated into the City goals. He wanted to ensure they unintegrate all of those things. He has been assured that the only integration of parking minimums is the storm water one. He has been assured by PED (Planning and Economic Development) that is the only closed loop.

Brendmoen said she is supportive of this. Places that need parking will add parking. We choose where we go based on where we can park our bike, where we can park out car, if we can walk there.

Jalali moved approval.

7 in favor, one opposed (Prince)

Ordinance is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Prince

22 [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 there was a public hearing extended, closed last week, final vote today.

Councilmember Jalali said there was a lot of public comments. She reiterated her support. Moved to approve.

Councilmember Noecker said she supports increasing density. She is grateful for the owner and developer and their investment in Saint Paul. T2 is more appropriate than T3. She will be voting against the motion.

Brendmoen asked was there a staff report you wanted? Noecker responded no.

Councilmember Yang said she won't be supporting the motion today.

Councilmember Prince said it is possible for T2 zoning. She will vote against the motion. Neighbors build community.

Councilmember Thao said he will be voting against the motion.

Councilmember Tolbert said the rezoning is appropriate and T3 is an appropriate

zoning. He will support Jalali's motion.

Brendmoen said she will vote in support.

4 in favor, 3 opposed (Noecker, Prince, Yang)

Ordinance is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 3 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Yang

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 23** [RES PH 21-199](#) Approving the application of Shine in the World Ministries for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on September 2-5, 2021 at 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard - MN State Capitol.

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

- 24** [RES PH 21-200](#) Approving the application of Dual Citizen Brewing for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on September 11, 2021 at 725 Raymond Avenue.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the 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 21-201](#) Approving the application of Film Score Fest for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on September 4, 2021 at 221 Fifth Street East - Mears Park.

Council President Brendmoen said this public hearing was held virtually.

*Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve.
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 21-203](#) Accepting Metropolitan Council and the Department of Employment and Economic Development grants, amending the 2021 City budget upon acceptance of said grant: and approving and authorizing execution of a grant agreement and other necessary documents.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

*Councilmember Jalali 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 21-202](#) Approving the application of Compassionate Action for Animals for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on September 19, 2021 at 200 Dr Justus Ohage Boulevard - Harriet Island Regional 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 the 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 21-204](#) Approving the application of Selby Avenue Jazz Fest/R. Mychael Wright for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on September 11, 2021 at 934 Selby Avenue.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Thao 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

- 29** [RES PH 21-205](#) Approving the application of MDVA for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on September 10 and 11, 2021, 2021 at 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard - MN State Capitol, Upper Mall.

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

- 30** [RES PH 21-207](#) Approving the application of Minnesota Recovery Connection for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on September 18, 2021 at 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard - State Capitol Upper and Lower malls.

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

- 31** [RES PH 21-209](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$17,943.73 for the reimbursement from Ramsey County Public Health for COVID-19 vaccinators.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Tolbert 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

32 [RES PH 21-210](#)

Approving and authorizing acceptance of a grant from the McKnight Foundation in the amount of \$4,000.00, amending the 2021 City budget in the amount of \$4,000.00 upon acceptance of said grant, and approving and authorizing expenditure of the \$4,000.00 grant for zoning studies in connection therewith (Citywide).

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing 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

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

Councilmember Thao moved to adopt these items.

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

33 [RLH CO 21-5](#)

Appealing a Correction Notice by Donovan Tegg at 9 ALICE COURT.

Adopted

36 [RLH TA 21-297](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 963 COMO BOULEVARD EAST. (File No. VB2110, Assessment No. 218816)

Adopted

- 37 [RLH VBR 21-49](#) Appealing a Vacant Building Registration Notice by Christina Harding, Green Jacket LLC, at 1233 CONWAY STREET.

Adopted

- 39 [RLH TA 21-285](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 854 EUCLID STREET. (File No. J2110E, Assessment No. 218313)

Adopted

- 40 [RLH TA 21-301](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 416 FAIRVIEW AVENUE SOUTH. (File No. CRT2110, Assessment No. 218210)

Adopted

- 41 [RLH VBR 21-51](#) Appealing a Vacant Building Registration Notice by Jodi Leshner - representing - Leslie A. Fisher Trust at 1605 FIFTH STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 42 [RLH FCO](#)
[21-114](#) Appealing a Correction Notice - Re-Inspection Complaint by Erin Washington at 910 FOREST STREET.

Adopted

- 43 [RLH TA 21-292](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 15 KELLOGG BOULEVARD WEST (File No. CRT2110, Assessment No. 218210)

Adopted

- 44 [RLH RR 21-55](#) Making finding on the substantial abatement ordered for 975 MARSHALL AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 21-23.

Adopted

- 45 [RLH VO 21-33](#) Appealing a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Revocation and Order to Vacate by Loretta Kimmet-Mobley at 1132 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 48 [RLH RR 21-54](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1355 PAYNE AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 21-22.

Adopted

- 49 [RLH VBR 21-48](#) Appealing a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter by Wessam Sonbol at 1446 RICE STREET.

Adopted

- 50 [RLH TA 21-290](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1426 SCHEFFER AVENUE. (File No. CRT2110, Assessment No. 218210)
- Adopted**
- 51 [RLH VBR 21-50](#) Appealing a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter by Alissa Gray, Winifred Partners LLC, to at 1490 SEVENTH STREET EAST.
- Adopted**
- 52 [RLH VO 21-32](#) Appealing a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 754 SHERBURNE AVENUE by Ann Tran, ATH & WEAL LLC.
- Adopted**
- 53 [RLH TA 21-294](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 605 STRYKER AVENUE. (File No. J2107P, Assessment No. 218409)
- Adopted**
- 54 [RLH RR 21-42](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1004 THOMAS AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 21-6.
- Adopted**
- 55 [RLH SAO 21-60](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1372 VICTORIA STREET NORTH in Council File RLH SAO 21-55.
- Adopted**
- 56 [RLH TA 21-293](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 936 WESTMINSTER STREET. (File No. J2110B, Assessment No. 218111)
- Adopted**
- 57 [RLH AR 21-62](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during October 15, 2020 to February 15, 2021. (File No. VB2110, Assessment No. 218816)
- Adopted**
- 58 [RLH AR 21-63](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during March 2021. (File No. J2110B, Assessment No. 218111)
- Adopted**
- 59 [RLH AR 21-64](#) Ratifying the assessments for Demolition service from March 2021 at 535 FOREST STREET (C.D.G.B. Funds). (File No. J2104C, Assessment No. 212003)

Adopted

- 60 [RLH AR 21-65](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during February 15 to March 22, 2021. (File No. CRT2110, Assessment No. 218210)

Adopted

- 61 [RLH AR 21-66](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during January 20 to February 19, 2021. (File No. J2110E, Assessment No. 218313)

Adopted

- 62 [RLH AR 21-67](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during February 26 to April 6, 2021. (File No. J2107P, Assessment No. 218409)

Adopted

Councilmember Prince moved to amend and adopt.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearings closed and resolutions adopted as amended

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

- 34 [RLH VO 21-31](#) Appealing a Notice of Condemnation-Unfit for Human Habitation-Order to Vacate by Nichole Ruiz to at 666 ARLINGTON AVENUE EAST. (Legislative Hearing on August 17, 2021)

Adopted as amended (Grant appeal on Order to vacate, removal from the Fire C of O Program and an extension to September 17, 2021 for compliance with the orders.)

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

Nay: 0

- 38 [RLH TA 21-362](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 77 COOK AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2110E, Assessment No. 218313) (Legislative Hearing on August 17, 2021)

Adopted as amended (delete assessment)

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

Nay: 0

- 46** [RLH TA 21-295](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1880 OLD HUDSON ROAD. (File No. J2110E, Assessment No. 218313) (Legislative Hearing on August 17, 2021)

Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)

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

Nay: 0

For the following items, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to continue the Public Hearing to September 1, 2021.

- 35** [RLH TA 21-304](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 554 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. VB2110, Assessment No. 1543973)

Councilmember Thao moved to continue to September 1.

Public hearing continued to September 1

Public hearing continued to September 1

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

Nay: 0

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is contested and additional testimony from the appellant is in the record.

- 47** [RLH TA 21-308](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1323 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. VB2110, Assessment No. 218816)

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, said there is a statement in the record. This is a registered vacant building fee. It covers a one year time period. It spent the entire year in the vacant building program. The owner continues to make the case that he should not continue this fee.

Councilmember Yang said she will move forward with Moermond's recommendation. 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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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