



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Council President Mitra Jalali
Vice President HwaJeong Kim
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

- Present** 4 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
- Absent** 3 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim and Councilmember Anika Bowie

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 24-22](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 303 Charles Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 24-35](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: \$95,000 of Additional funding for 47 Douglas and \$949,500 of funding for 652 Sherburne, to be funded with various undesignated funds.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 24-37](#) Designating Paul Ford, Assistant Chief of Police, as an authorized signer for the Police Department pursuant to Sec. 86.01 of the Administrative Code.
Received and Filed

ROLL CALL

- Present** 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
- Absent** 2 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang and Councilmember HwaJeong Kim

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 Bowie moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

- 4 [RES 24-599](#) Authorizing City staff to apply for and accept Safe Streets for All funding to implement transportation safety improvements entitled “Safe and Equitable Streets: Systemic Improvements for Saint Paul & Ramsey County Roads Project.”
Adopted
- 5 [RES 24-605](#) Approving a Parking Ramp (Private) license to Reuter Walton d/b/a The Donegan (License ID 20240000458) for the premises located at 241 Kellogg Boulevard East.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 24-606](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Second Hand Dealer - Motor Vehicle license now held by Alldrive Auto Sales LLC d/b/a Alldrive Auto Sales (License ID #20240000367) for the premises located at 1265 Arcade Street.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 24-608](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a Customer Agreement with SHI International Corp.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 24-609](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals issued by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Target Corporation.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 24-616](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of \$1,025 from Jason Juetten and the family of Kathy Juetten.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 24-617](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all costs incurred to host a

graduation ceremony for new firefighters on July 24, 2024 at the Minnesota History Center.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 24-619](#) Authorizing the Department of Emergency Management to apply for an annual Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-620](#) Authorizing the Department of Emergency Management to apply for an annual Port Security grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Adopted

- 13 [RES 24-621](#) Authorizing the Department of Emergency Management to apply for an annual Emergency Management Performance grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Adopted

- 14 [RES 24-624](#) Authorizing the execution of an Access, Parking, and Temporary Construction Easement Agreement with Saint Paul Public Schools.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 24-628](#) Establishing the Heights Site Green Infrastructure Stormwater Management District and establishing ongoing operation and maintenance charges for property and uses served by the district's stormwater infrastructure.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 24-639](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor Off Sale and Tobacco Shop license now held by 3 Seashells Inc. d/b/a Mick's Bottle Shop/Perrier (License ID #20240000487) for the premises located at 666 Grand Avenue.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 24-644](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale-181-290 seats, Liquor On Sale-Sunday Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) and Entertainment (B) license now held by Paikka LLC d/b/a Paikka (License ID #20150002513) for the premises located at 550 Vandalia Street, Suite 165.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 24-645](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor on Sale-100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale-Sunday and Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk) license now held by Lanna Thai LLC d/b/a Lanna Thai Restaurant (License ID #20240000356) for the premises located at 2295 Como Avenue.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 24-646](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale - 101-180 seats, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Liquor On Sale-2AM Closing, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Entertainment (A) and Gambling Location license now held by BRC Bar LLC d/b/a Alary's Bar (License ID #20240000446) for the premises located at 1369 7th Street East.
- Adopted**
- 20 [RES 24-648](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Jackie Larson, Jillian Nelson, Kaiti Shelton, and Matteo Vuong-Deo-Campo to the Mayor's Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities.
- Adopted**
- 21 [RES 24-650](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Rebecca Noecker to the Saint Paul Port Authority Board of Commissioners for a temporary term beginning on May 1, 2024.
- Adopted**
- 22 [RES 24-651](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson to the Board of Water Commissioners for a temporary term beginning on May 1, 2024.
- Adopted**
- 23 [RES 24-653](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Brian Martinson to a three-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- Adopted**
- 24 [RES 24-654](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Maia Maiden and Lindsay Kimball to the Cultural STAR Board.
- Adopted**
- 25 [RES 24-655](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Amity Dimock, Stacey Meath, Santino Franco, and John Porten to the Neighborhood Safety Community Council.
- Adopted**
- 26 [RES 24-657](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Jun Choua Yang and Lucas Paschal to the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Adopted**
- 27 [RES 24-658](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Lara Forstrom to the Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission.
- Adopted**
- 28 [RES 24-659](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Katie Kapaun to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County.

Adopted

- 29 [Min 24-13](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2024.

Adopted

- 30 [RES 24-480](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2024 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City and the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters.

Adopted

- 31 [RES 24-577](#) Approving the revised Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Saint Paul Manual & Maintenance Supervisors Association for additional Public Works and Saint Paul Regional Services classifications to be eligible for preferred license premium pay.

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 32 [PH 24-2](#) Public hearing to consider the application of Mortho LLC to rezone property at 1984 Marshall Avenue from RM1 multiple-family residential to RM2 multiple-family residential. (Public hearing closed and laid over from April 17, 2024)

Council President Jalali spoke in favor.

Yasmine Robinson from the Department of Planning and Economic Development answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in opposition.

Jalali moved intent to approve.

Motion of intent to approve the application failed

Yea: 2 - Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 3 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

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

- 33 [Ord 24-13](#) Granting the application of Project for Pride in Living to rezone property at 892 East 7th Street from B3 general business to T3 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 34 [RES PH 24-85](#) Ratifying the assessments for Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on private properties. (File No. 2401LDSRP, Assessment No. 244000)

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

- 35 [RES PH 24-86](#) Ratifying the assessments for Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on private properties. (File No. SWRP2401, Assessment No. 243000)

Kathleen Bartholomay, 297 Syndicate Street South, spoke during the public hearing.

Walter Schoumaker, 7 Sandralee Drive East, spoke during the public hearing.

Richard Ekobena from the Department of Public Works spoke to testifier concerns and recommended removing testifier addresses for separate consideration.

Stephen Effertz, 1024 Reaney Avenue, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Bowie moved to close the public hearing. Approved 5-0.

Council President Jalali suggested removing the three testifier addresses for separate consideration.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval, amending the three addresses out for separate consideration.

Adopted as amended (7 Sandralee Drive East, 297 Syndicate Street South, and 1024 Reaney Avenue removed for separate individual consideration)

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

- 36** [RES PH 24-89](#) Approving the application of Ordway Center for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 29 - June 1, 2024 at Rice Park - 109 4th St W and June 1, 2024 at Landmark Plaza - 379 St. Peter St.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

- 37** [RES PH 24-90](#) Approving the application of The United Hmong Family, Inc. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 29 and 30, 2024 at 1151 Jessamine Ave W - McMurray Fields.

Mee Vang from The United Hmong Family Inc. spoke during the public hearing alongside colleagues Jerry Yang and Khou Yang.

Councilmember Noecker thanked the testifiers.

Councilmember Johnson thanked the testifiers.

Council President Jalali thanked the testifiers.

Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

- 38** [RES PH 24-96](#) Approving the application of Hot Summer Jazz Festival for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on June 21 and 22, 2024 at 221 5th St. E. - Mears Park.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

- 39** [RES PH 24-93](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$8,024.12 for the Minnesota Task Force One (MNTF1) reimbursement from the City of Edina.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

- 40** [RES PH 24-94](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department for the reimbursement from the Minnesota Firefighter Initiative for one firefighter to attend the National Firefighter Cancer Symposium in Miami, FL, February 21-24, 2024.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

- 41** [RES PH 24-99](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department (“SPPD”) to accept and amend the 2024 Special Fund Budget for a Pathways to Policing Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS). (Public hearing closed and laid over from May 1, 2024)

Councilmember Bowie moved to close the public hearing. Approved 5-0.

Bowie moved to lay over for one week.

Public hearing closed and laid over to May 8, 2024

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

- 42** [RES PH 24-101](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department (“SPPD”) to accept and amend the 2024 Special Fund Budget for a Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS), Intensive Comprehensive Police Officer Education and Training (ICPOET) Program. (Public hearing closed and laid

over from May 1, 2024)

Councilmember Johnson asked if Councilmember Bowie wanted a layover on the item.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor of a layover and moved to close the public hearing. Approved 5-0.

Noecker moved to lay over for one week.

Public hearing closed and laid over to May 8, 2024

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Kim

- 43** [RLH RR 24-17](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 887 CHARLES AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the May 1, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (Refer to May 28, 2024 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to May 28, 2024 Legislative Hearing

- 44** [RLH TA 24-126](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2330 LONG AVENUE. (File No. J2414A, Assessment No. 248513)

Adopted

- 45** [RLH VO 24-12](#) Appeal of Matt Birk to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 786 ROBERT STREET SOUTH.

Adopted

- 46** [RLH VBR 24-24](#) Appeal of Matt Alto and Tyler Olsen to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 825 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST.

Adopted

- 47 [RLH VBR 24-26](#) Appeal of Si Nguyen, owner and Joann Nguyen, daughter to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 507 VIRGINIA STREET.

Adopted

- 48 [RLH AR 24-23](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during November 6 to 7, 2023. (File No. J2414A, Assessment No. 248513)

Adopted

- 49 [RLH AR 24-24](#) Ratifying the assessments for Equipment and Labor for Clean Up services during November to December 2023. (File No. J2415A, Assessment No. 248514)

Adopted**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 4:25 PM

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