



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

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, January 10, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

Present 6 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 1 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1 [RES 24-38](#) Electing the officers of the City Council.

Council President Jalali gave remarks.

Councilmember Kim gave remarks and moved approval.

Councilmember Yang gave remarks.

Councilmember Noecker gave remarks.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

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 Jost moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 2 [RES 24-13](#) Designating the City's official newspaper for 2024.
- Adopted**
- 3 [RES 24-21](#) Waiving the signature requirement for the creation of four individual Commercial Development Districts within the Creative Enterprise Zone.
- Adopted**
- 4 [RES 24-44](#) Approving adverse action against the Auto Body Repair/Painting Shop and Second Hand Dealer-Motor Vehicle license applications submitted by PET Enterprise LLC d/b/a Sandstone Auto Sales LLC (License ID# 20220000214) for the premises located at 786 Robert Street South.
- Adopted**
- 5 [RES 24-14](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2024 January Wage and Fringe Adjustment (January 1, 2024) for the Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 417.
- Laid over to January 17, 2024**
- 6 [RES 24-33](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Legislative Hearing Officer, for Pristine Motors LLC, d/b/a Pristine Motors (License ID #20230002076), for a Second Hand Dealer - Motor Vehicle license, located at 378 Como Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 24-32](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Legislative Hearing Officer, for Habanero Tacos Mexican Grill & Bar Corp, d/b/a Habanero Tacos (License ID #20220001905), to add an Entertainment (A) license to the existing Liquor On Sale - 101-180 seats, and Liquor On Sale - Sunday licenses, located at 80 Snelling Avenue N.
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 24-45](#) Authorizing the appropriate personnel to enter into MnDOT Detour Agreement

No. 1055747 for the Trunk Highway 51 (Snelling Ave) project.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 24-46](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Operating Engineers, Local 70 to provide On-call pay in the Saint Paul Regional Water Services Distribution division.
Laid over to January 17, 2024
- 10 [RES 24-5](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for the 2024-25 Pathway to Policing (P2P) Grant Program, issued by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS).
Adopted
- 11 [RES 24-6](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for the 2024 Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training (ICPOET) Grant Program, issued by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS).
Adopted
- 12 [RES 24-7](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for the 2024 - 2025 Firearms Storage Grants, issued by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS).
Adopted
- 13 [RES 24-8](#) Authorizing the application and execution of a trail easement for the Fish Hatchery Trail project.
Adopted
- 14 [RES 24-23](#) Approving adverse action and imposition of a \$500 Matrix Penalty against the Auto Repair Garage and Second Hand Dealer Motor licenses held by M F K Enterprise Inc. d/b/a M F K Enterprise for the premises located at 830 Robert Street South (License ID #200057957).
Adopted
- 15 [RES 24-35](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for up to \$200,000 in Equity Grant funds for the Hmong Cultural Plaza at Phalen Regional Park, the Saint Paul Swims Safely program, and the Rec Check Outdoors program.
Adopted
- 16 [RES 24-40](#) Approving the Memorandums of Agreement between the City and AFSCME Clerical, Local 2508 and AFSCME Technical, Local 1842, for the purpose of providing preferred license premium pay for AFSCME employees in the Saint Paul Regional Water Services.
Laid over to January 17, 2024

- 17 [RES 24-47](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Cheniqua Johnson to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County.
- Adopted**
- 18 [RES 24-48](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Rebecca Noecker to serve on the Saint Paul Children's Collaborative for a term ending December 31, 2027.
- Adopted**
- 19 [RES 24-49](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment Anika Bowie, Mitra Jalali, and reappointment of Rebecca Noecker to serve on the Visit Saint Paul Board of Directors for a term ending December 31, 2027.
- Adopted**
- 20 [RES 24-50](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Cheniqua Johnson to serve on the Red Rock Corridor Commission a term ending December 31, 2027.
- Adopted**
- 21 [RES 24-51](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Nelsie Yang to serve on the Ramsey County League of Local Governments for a term expiring on December 31, 2027.
- Adopted**
- 22 [RES 24-55](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Chris Tolbert to the Saint Paul Board of Water Commissioners for a term ending July 8, 2024.
- Adopted**
- 23 [RES 24-56](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Anika Bowie, Saura Jost, and Nelsie Yang to the Board of Water Commissioners.
- Adopted**
- 24 [RES 24-57](#) Appointing Anika Bowie to serve on the Ramsey County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
- Adopted**
- 25 [RES 24-58](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Anika Bowie and Nelsie Yang to serve on The Family Housing Fund.
- Adopted**
- 26 [RES 24-59](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Nelsie Yang and Cheniqua Johnson to

the Saint Paul Port Authority.

Adopted

- 27 [RES 24-60](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Rebecca Noecker to serve on the Great River Rail Commission.

Adopted

- 28 [RES 24-61](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Anika Bowie, Mitra Jalali, and HwaJeong Kim to serve on the Ramsey County Dispatch Policy Committee.

Adopted

- 29 [RES 24-62](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Mitra Jalali, Cheniqua Johnson, and HwaJeong Kim to the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee.

Adopted

- 30 [RES 24-70](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Hwa Jeong Kim and Saura Jost (as an alternate) to serve on the Metropolitan Transportation Advisory Board.

Adopted

- 31 [RES 23-1962](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Classified Confidential Employees Association for the purpose of establishing a performance pay process.

Adopted

- 32 [RES 23-1984](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Operating Engineers, Local 49 for the purpose of establishing a training fund.

Adopted

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.

First Reading

- 33 [Ord 24-4](#) Granting the application of Hovda Properties LLC to rezone property at 0 Saint Clair Avenue Rezone from B1 local business to T3 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Chris Hong, City Planner, gave a staff report.

Laid over to January 17, 2024 for Second Reading

- 34 [Ord 24-2](#) Amending Chapters 106, 113, 170, and Appendix I Section 20 of the Legislative Code pertaining to snow removal and placement.
Withdrawn
- 35 [Ord 24-3](#) Amending Chapters 19 and 160 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the power of right of way inspectors to issue citations. (To be withdrawn)
Withdrawn

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 36 [Ord 23-70](#) Amending Chapter 310.01 of the Legislative Code to add a table and definition for fees associated with business activities that are referenced but not stipulated within specific ordinance sections and animal fees.
Dan Niziolek, Deputy Director of the Department of Safety and Inspections, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.
Council President Jalali moved to close the public hearing.
Laid over to January 17, 2024 for Final Adoption
Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
Nay: 0
- 37 [RES PH 23-357](#) Approving the petition of Joseph Commers and Robert Stolpestad, on behalf of Midway 280 Business Commons LLC and Exeter Territorial LLC, to vacate an alley between 2505 University Avenue West and 2424 Territorial Road. (Public hearing continued from December 20, 2023.)
Council President Jalali spoke in favor and moved approval.
Adopted
Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
Nay: 0
- 38 [RES PH 24-2](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept Hazardous Tree Removal and Replacement funds, enter into a grant agreement, and amend the financing and spending plan in the amount of \$66,321.51.
Councilmember Yang moved approval.
Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 39** [RES PH 24-5](#) Approving the application of St. Paul Festival & Heritage Foundation for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the St. Paul Winter Carnival in Rice Park starting January 25, 2024 through February 3, 2024 at Rice Park - 109 W 4th St.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 40** [RES PH 24-6](#) Approving the establishment of The Heights Sherman Associates Phase I Housing Tax Increment Financing District in the Project Area and a Tax Increment Financing Plan therefor (District 2, Ward 6).

Nicole Goodman, Director of Planning and Economic Development, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Tim Wulling spoke during the public hearing.

Jan Leadholm spoke during the public hearing.

Ramsey County Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong spoke during the public hearing.

Amada Duerr from the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing. Approved 7-0.

Yang spoke in favor and moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 41** [RLH RR 23-18](#) Fourth Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 318 EDMUND AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 21-11. (Public hearing closed, laid over from August 16, 2023)

Previous forfeiture of the \$10,000 performance deposit is confirmed. Nuisance

conditions have been abated and the matter is resolved.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: I am asking for an amendment to reflect that the Certificate of Code Compliance has been issued and the nuisance conditions has been abated.

Council President Jalali: Do you support that, Councilmember Bowie?

Councilmember Bowie: Yes.

Adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 42** [RLH VO 23-37](#) Appeal of Ronald Staeheli to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 358 ARBOR STREET.

Public hearing continued to January 24, 2024

- 43** [RLH VBR 23-73](#) Appeal of Peter Lee to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 770 FOURTH STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 44** [RLH SAO 23-50](#) Appeal of Udoka C Ofoedu to a Summary Abatement Order at 1386 FURNESS PARKWAY.

Adopted

- 45** [RLH RR 23-69](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 792 ROSE AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 23-32.

Adopted

- 46** [RLH TA 23-353](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1348 SIXTH

STREET EAST. (File No. J2401E, Assessment No. 248300)

Adopted

- 47 [RLH RR 23-59](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1457 THIRD STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 23-19. (Public hearing continued to December 20, 2023)

Public hearing continued to January 24, 2024

- 48 [RLH SAO 23-52](#) Appeal of Marie Eggers to a Summary Abatement Order at 763 WEIDE STREET.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:11 PM

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