



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 8, 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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 24-32](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Final payment for 800 Robert Street.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 24-34](#) Establishing two (2) new projects through the Neighborhood STAR
Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolutions # 24-508 and
24-575.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 24-38](#) Amending HOME Project Budgets: \$249,672.61 of funding for 2023 HOME
admin activities to be funded with undesignated HOME funds.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 24-41](#) Amending ESG Project Budgets: Funding for 2023-24 Emergency Solutions
Grant activities administered by Ramsey County per the Joint Powers
Agreement approved via RES 19-2110.
Received and Filed
- 5 [AO 24-42](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: \$30,000 of additional funding for Ramsey
County Lead Hazard Control Program subaward.
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 Jalali stated that Item 23 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 6** [RES 24-569](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during October 25 to December 20, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 4, 2024 and City Council public hearing for July 17, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2409, Assessment No. 248812)
Adopted
- 7** [RES 24-570](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during January 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 4, 2024 and City Council public hearing for July 17, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2409B, Assessment No. 248108)
Adopted
- 8** [RES 24-571](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during December 28 to January 30, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 4, 2024 and City Council public hearing for July 17, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2408, Assessment No. 248207)
Adopted
- 9** [RES 24-572](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during November 22 to December 22, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 4, 2024 and City Council public hearing for July 17, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2409E, Assessment No. 248312)
Adopted
- 10** [RES 24-573](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during December 5 to 14, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 4,

2024 and City Council public hearing for July 17, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2407P, Assessment No. 248406)

Adopted

- 11 [RES 24-574](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) during February 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 4, 2024 and City Council public hearing for July 17, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2407T, Assessment No. 249008)

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-611](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for June 12, 2024, to consider approval of the 2024 Saint Paul Streets Program (2024 SPS).

Adopted

- 13 [RES 24-627](#) Approving an MPCA grant application for Climate Action and Resilience Plan update support.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 24-631](#) Authorizing the submission of the 2024-25 Consolidated Plan-Annual Action Plan (CDBG, ESG, HOME) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), authorizing submittal of grant applications to HUD for CDBG, ESG, and HOME awards, including any available special program allocations, and authorizing the execution of related HUD agreements.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 24-660](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Sara Daggett to the Visit Saint Paul Board of Directors.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 24-666](#) Naming Sweetwater Drive as a private street.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 24-668](#) Approving the issuance by the City of Brooklyn Park of conduit multifamily housing revenue bonds on behalf of Brooklyn Park AH II, LLLP using, in part, recycled bonding authority from the Dale Street project, 313 Dale Street North (District 8, Ward 1).

Adopted

- 18 [RES 24-670](#) Authorizing the City through the Parks and Recreation Department to accept a \$100,000 donation from the Minnesota Twins Community Fund.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 24-674](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and AFSCME Technical Local 1842 for the purpose of establishing a Competency-based

Internal Testing Process for Saint Paul Regional Water Services - Water Utility Technician II and III classifications.

Laid over to May 15, 2024

- 20** [RES 24-675](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department to accept a donation in the amount of \$40,000 from the Midway Men's Club to support Recreation Services programming.
- Adopted**
- 21** [RES 24-684](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Jaylana Peters and Myra Bolling-Smith to the Neighborhood STAR Board.
- Adopted**
- 22** [RES 24-687](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On-Sale-100 seats or less, Liquor On-Sale-Sunday license now held by Waid Restaurant Group d/b/a Hyacinth Restaurant (License ID #20210000004) for the premises located at 790 Grand Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 24** [RES 24-689](#) Authorizing the City through its Parks and Recreation Department to enter into an agreement, which requires mutual indemnification, with Urban Forestry Credits for a Project Implementation Agreement - City of Saint Paul Planting Project 2021-2023, to help expand the City's public urban forest.
- Adopted**

FOR DISCUSSION

- 23** [RES 24-688](#) Authorizing the City through its Parks and Recreation Department to enter into an agreement, which requires mutual indemnification, with Green Cities Accord to collaborate on Tree Planting project - City of Saint Paul Planting Project 2021-2023, to help expand the City's public urban forest.
- Andy Rodriguez, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a staff report.*
- Micaela Neu from Green Cities Accord spoke to the resolution.*
- Councilmember Noecker spoke in support.*
- Councilmember Kim moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 25** [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)

Police Commander Paul Ford gave an introduction.

Police Sergeant Chou Vang gave a staff report.

Councilmember Bowie asked about the grant application process.

Scott Hvizdos, Grants Specialist with the Police Department, addressed Bowie's question.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 26** [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)

Police Sergeant Chou Vang gave a staff report.

Councilmember Johnson asked about the officer recruitment process.

Chou addressed Johnson's question.

Councilmember Bowie asked about the curriculum requirements.

Chou addressed Johnson's question.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 27** [RES PH 24-84](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department to accept and amend the 2024 Special Fund Budget for a 2024 Traffic Safety Vehicle Grant, issued

by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Police Sergeant Chou Vang gave a staff report.

Council President Jalali asked about camera placement.

Chou addressed Jalali's question.

Jalali asked about data collection.

Police Commander Paul Ford addressed Jalali's question.

Jalali asked about the origin of the grant.

Scott Hvizdos, Grants Specialist with the Police Department, addressed Jalali's question.

Councilmember Johnson asked about the cost of the vehicle.

Hvizdos addressed Johnson's question.

Councilmember Bowie asked about new vs. existing vehicles.

Hvizdos addressed Bowie's question.

Johnson asked about Police grant application priorities.

Ford and Hvizdos addressed Johnson's question.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 28** [RES PH 24-91](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$51,078.80 for a grant received from the Metropolitan Emergency Service Board.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 29** [RES PH 24-97](#) Approving the applications of the Minnesota United FC for sound level variance applications in order to present amplified sound on May 15, and May

18, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with pre-event sound checks at 5:00 p.m., within the Street and the Beer Garden Area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Avenue North.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 30** [RES PH 24-98](#) Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 18, 2024 at 200 Dr Justus Ohage Boulevard - Harriet Island Regional Park Riverside.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 31** [RES PH 24-100](#) Approving the application of Grand Avenue Business Association for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 2, 2024 along Grand Avenue from Dale Street to 1647 Grand Avenue with events at 1647 Grand Avenue, 1055-1071 Grand Avenue, 857 Grand Avenue, 788 Grand Avenue, 734 Grand Avenue, and 733-791 Grand Avenue.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in support and moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

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: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 32** [RLH RR 24-16](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 621 BIDWELL STREET in Council File RLH RR 23-66. (Public hearing continued to May 8, 2024)
Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)
- 33** [RLH OA 24-6](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of David Neel Fodor for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 287 CECELIA PLACE.
Adopted
- 34** [RLH RR 23-10](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1117 JENKS AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the April 19, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (Refer to May 28, 2024 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to May 28, 2024 Legislative Hearing
- 35** [RLH RR 24-22](#) Denying request for a stay of enforcement of Council File RLH RR 23-56 ordering the razing or removal of the structures at 1058 JESSIE STREET within 15 days after the March 13, 2024 City Council Public Hearing.
Adopted
- 36** [RLH VBR 24-27](#) Appeal of Chelsea Foss to a Vacant Building Registration Warning Letter Requirement at 69 LYTON PLACE.
Adopted
- 37** [RLH OA 24-5](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Pang Fang Moua for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 67 MAGNOLIA AVENUE WEST.
Adopted
- 38** [RLH VO 24-11](#) Appeal of David Bustad, tenant, to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1194 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 39** [RLH RR 24-5](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 802 MOUND STREET within fifteen (15) days after the April 17, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to grant 180 days)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)
- 40** [RLH SAO 24-25](#) Appeal of Colleen Mulcahy to a Summary Abatement Order at 272

RICHMOND STREET.

Adopted

- 41 [RLH CO 24-3](#) Appeal of Colleen Mulcahy to a Correction Notice at 272 RICHMOND STREET.

Adopted

- 42 [RLH OA 24-4](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Danny Tran for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 523 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 3:59 PM

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