



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, February 21, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 24-9](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 857 Lafond Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 24-11](#) Amending the 2024 spending budget in the Department of Public Works' Electric Vehicle Maintenance accounting unit.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 24-12](#) Shifting funds within and between ARP projects in alignment with adopted budget, and project spending.
Received and Filed

ROLL CALL

- Present** 6 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
- Absent** 1 - 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

Council President Jalali stated that Item 17 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

- 4** [RES 24-181](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during November 6 to 7, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 19, 2024 and City Council public hearing for May 1, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2414A, Assessment No. 248513)
Adopted
- 5** [RES 24-182](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Equipment and Labor for Clean Up services during November to December 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 19, 2024 and City Council public hearing for May 1, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2415A, Assessment No. 248514)
Adopted
- 6** [RES 24-191](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding Trunk Highway 3 from 11th Street East to Kellogg Boulevard East.
Adopted
- 7** [RES 24-199](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026) and Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the Saint Paul Police Federation.
Laid over to February 28, 2024
- 8** [RES 24-208](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a cooperative agreement with Ramsey County for the Capital City Bikeway Kellogg Phase 1 Project.
Adopted
- 9** [RES 24-224](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Legislative Hearing Officer, for Minal LLC, d/b/a Midway Café & Grill (License ID #20230002192), which

has applied for Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Gambling Location licenses, located at 1964 University Avenue West.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 24-243](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Saint Paul Manual & Maintenance Supervisors Association for the purpose of providing on-call pay for MMSA employees in Public Works to perform sewer-related emergency work.

Laid over to February 28, 2024

- 11 [RES 24-252](#) Granting of a permanent easement for drainage and utilities to Ramsey County within Como Golf Course.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-253](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2024 Workplace Wellness Community Grant for up to \$5,000 from the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce for health and wellness equipment for firefighters at the fire stations.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 24-264](#) Authorizing the City to accept a donation of \$9,000 from the Saint Paul Police Foundation to support the Police Department's Bike Truck Program.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 24-279](#) Authorizing the appropriate City officials to execute and record deed declarations for capital projects funded with State General Obligation Bonds.

Adopted

- 15 [Min 24-6](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of November 1, 8, and 15, 2023.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 24-185](#) Establishing the rate of pay for the classification of Human Resources Consultant IV in Classified Confidential Employees Association, Grade 20R.

Adopted

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

FOR DISCUSSION

- 17 [RES 24-294](#) Recognizing the Minnesota Music Café as Minnesota's Best Concert Venue

Councilmember Noecker read from the resolution, spoke in support, and moved approval.

Karen Palm, owner of the Minnesota Music Cafe, gave remarks.

Adopted as amended

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

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 Pioneer Press. Public hearings on ordinances are generally held at the second reading.

Final Adoption

- 18** [Ord 24-7](#) Amending the appendix to Chapter 409 of the Legislative Code pursuant to Section 17.07.1 of the Charter and Section 409.16 of the Legislative Code to create four (4) distinct Commercial Development Districts within the area known as the Creative Enterprise Zone and allow for nine (9) On-Sale Liquor Licenses of any type, notwithstanding on-sale liquor licenses allowed under § 409 of the Legislative Code, to be distributed among the four (4) Districts.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 19** [RES PH 24-35](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$2,500,000 for construction for the Wakan Tipi Center project at the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 20 [RES PH 24-36](#) Approving the application of Patrick McGovern’s Pub for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for Lucky Palooza & St Patrick’s Day events on March 9, 2024, March 16, 2024 and March 17, 2024 at 225 7th Street West - Patrick McGovern’s Pub.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 21 [RES PH 24-37](#) Approving the application of Shamrocks Irish Nook for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the St Patrick’s Day Weekend event on March 15, 2024, March 16, 2024 and March 17, 2024 at 995 7th Street West - Shamrocks Irish Nook.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 22 [RES PH 24-38](#) Authorizing an increase in the Parks and Recreation Grant Fund Budget in the amount of \$510,000 to reflect grant funding expected, budgeted, and awarded in 2023 from the Como Zoo DNR Grant (SFY 24/25).

Sima Shakhsari spoke during the public hearing.

Meredith Aby spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

RECESS

Meeting recessed at 3:18 PM

ROLL CALL

Meeting resumed at 4:30 PM

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Johnson

- 23** [RLH VO 23-37](#) Appeal of Ronald Staeheli to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 358 ARBOR STREET.
Adopted
- 24** [RLH RR 23-66](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 621 BIDWELL STREET in Council File RLH RR 23-39. (Continued Public Hearing to February 28, 2024)
Public hearing continued to February 28, 2024
- 25** [RLH TA 24-89](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 24-5 to ratify and made payable over five (5) years for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree services during June to August 2023 at 559 BURLINGTON ROAD. (File No. 2401T, Assessment No. 249000)
Adopted
- 26** [RLH VBR 24-9](#) Appeal of Gary Jager to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 1783 DAYTON AVENUE.
Adopted
- 27** [RLH TA 24-52](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 380 EARL STREET. (File No. J2402A1, Assessment No. 248518)
Adopted
- 28** [RLH TA 24-37](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 850 FIFTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2410A, Assessment No. 248509) (Public hearing continued to June 12, 2024)
Public hearing continued to June 12, 2024
- 29** [RLH VBR 23-70](#) Appeal of Greg Lehman to a Vacant Building Registration Notice and Fire

Certificate of Occupancy Revocation Notice at 839 FOURTH STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 30 [RLH CO 24-1](#) Appeal of Kelly Jelinek to a Correction Notice at 1818 IDAHO AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 31 [RLH RR 24-1](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 59 KING STREET EAST within fifteen (15) days after the February 21, 2024, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted

- 32 [RLH SAO 24-6](#) Appeal of Jeremy Plesha to a Summary Abatement Order at 1708 MARSHALL AVENUE.

Adopted

- 33 [RLH RR 23-43](#) Fourth Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 595 PARK STREET in Council File RLH RR 23-12. (Public hearing continued to October 18, 2023)

Amended and public hearing continued to March 27, 2024

- 34 [RLH VBR 24-2](#) Appeal of Franklin Zou LLC to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 540 RICE STREET.

Adopted

- 35 [RLH SAO 24-8](#) Appeal of Whitney Streeter to a Summary Abatement Order at 1472 SHERBURNE AVENUE.

Adopted

- 36 [RLH TA 23-406](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1472 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2410A, Assessment No. 248509)

Adopted

- 37 [RLH TA 24-38](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 929 SIXTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2410A, Assessment No. 248509)

Adopted

- 38 [RLH VO 23-35](#) Appeal of Si Nguyen to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 353 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST.

Public hearing continued to March 6, 2024

- 39 [RLH VBR 24-5](#) Appeal of Rob Yang to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 1573 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST.

Adopted

- 40 [RLH AR 24-6](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Property Clean up Fees from September 2023. (File No. J2410A, Assessment No. 248509)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:32 PM

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