



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

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, May 11, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting began at 3:32 pm

Present 6 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao,
Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker,
Councilmember Jane L. Prince and Councilmember Mitra Jalali
Absent 1 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 22-36](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1803 Ivy Avenue East a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
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

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Consent agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 2 [RES 22-614](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during August 5 to January 17, 2022, and setting date

of Legislative Hearing for June 7, 2022 and City Council public hearing for July 20, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2210, Assessment No. 228815)

Adopted

- 3 [RES 22-615](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during February 2022, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 7, 2022 and City Council public hearing for July 20, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2210B, Assessment No. 228112)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 22-616](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during November 19 to February 25, 2022, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 7, 2022 and City Council public hearing for July 20, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2210, Assessment No. 228210)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 22-617](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during December 27 to January 19, 2022, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 7, 2022 and City Council public hearing for July 20, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2210E, Assessment No. 228311)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 22-618](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Dangerous Tree services during January to February 2022, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 7, 2022 and City Council public hearing for July 20, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2205T, Assessment No. 229004)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 22-619](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during February to December 2022, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 7, 2022 and City Council public hearing for July 20, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2201V, Assessment No. 228000)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 22-670](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the 2021 Street Maintenance Service Program-Mill and Overlay on Red Rock Road. (File No. MO1808, Assessment No. 225500)

Adopted

- 9 [RES 22-676](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for improvements to the east-west alley bounded by Fuller, Aurora, Western and Virginia (Project No. 19243, Assessment No. 185000).

Adopted

- 10 [RES 22-688](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Griggs/Scheffer, Phase I paving project. File No. 19232C, Assessment No. 216001.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 22-691](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funds of \$100,000 from the Minnesota Twins Community Fund to support youth baseball and softball.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 22-706](#) Authorizing the Police Department (SPPD) to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to become a member of Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force (MNFCTF).

Adopted

- 13 [RES 22-636](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2022 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the United Association of Plumbers, Local 34.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 22-653](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2022 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, Local 10.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 22-663](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Lead Operating Engineer.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 16 [RES 22-722](#) Proclaiming May 14, 2022 as Hmong Day.

Council President Brendmoen thanked Councilmember Yang and community members. She then read from the resolution and moved approval.

Councilmember Jalali spoke in favor.

Councilmember Thao spoke in favor.

Councilmember Tolbert spoke in favor.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

17 [ABZA 22-1](#)

Considering the appeal of Muna Ali to a decision by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) denying zoning variance requests to exceed the maximum 20 square foot enclosed entrance size allowed by 48 square feet and to exceed the maximum allowable open covered porch projection by 8.3' at 664 Blair Avenue. (Public hearing closed May 4, 2022)

Councilmember Thao gave remarks. He then moved to grant the appeal in part (regarding the entryway) and deny the appeal in part (regarding the steps).

Motion of intent, appeal granted for 68 foot entryway, appeal denied for steps

SUSPENSION ITEM

[RES 22-759](#)

Celebrating community leader Leng B. Wong's 70th birthday and achievements.

Councilmember Thao spoke in favor and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

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

18 [Ord 22-17](#)

Granting the application of Nimco Ltd. to rezone property at 597 Seventh Street East from I1 light industrial to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Prince asked to lay over for one week.

Laid over to May 18th, 2022 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 19** [Ord 22-22](#) Establishing a Qualifications and Examining Committee for the position of Police Chief in accordance with City Charter §12.12.1.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

PUBLIC HEARINGS

See below for ways to testify.

- 20** [Ord 22-20](#) Granting the application of Corporate Associated Svcs Inc to rezone the property at 115 Plato Boulevard West from IT transitional Industrial to T3 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Michael Wade, City Planner, gave a combined staff report on Items 20 and 21.

Harris Bolhagen, developer, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor and moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to May 18th, 2022 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 21** [Ord 22-21](#) Granting the application of Jeffers Pond Development LLC to rezone the property at 150 Water Street West from IT transitional industrial to T3 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and lay over to June 22.

Laid over to June 22nd, 2022 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 22** [RES PH 22-76](#) Ratifying the assessment for the 2021 Street Maintenance Service Program-Mill and Overlay. (Project No. MO2120, Assessment No. 215520) (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

- 23** [RES PH 22-77](#) Ratifying the assessment for the 2021 Street Maintenance Service Program-Mill and Overlay work completed by a contractor. (Project No. MO2119, Assessment No. 215519) (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

- 24** [RES PH 22-78](#) Ratifying the assessment for 2021 Street Maintenance Service Program for above-standard lighting. (Project No. 2021ASL, Assessment No. 210026) (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

- 25** [RES PH 22-111](#) Authorizing the Police Department to amend the 2022 Grant Fund for the sub-grant received from Ramsey County for the Violent Crime Enforcement Team (VCET).

Axel Henry, St. Paul Police Commander, gave a staff report.

Councilmember Jalali asked for additional details.

Henry addressed Jalali's question.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 26** [RES PH 22-112](#) Approving the application of Metro Transit for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 14 and 15, 2022 at Cedar St Bridge over I-35E.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 27** [RES PH 22-113](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to execute grant agreements with the State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, which includes an indemnification clause, acceptance of grant funds, and amendment of related City budgets.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 28** [RES PH 22-116](#) Approving the application of The Lab LLC for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 15, 2022 at 767 N Eustis St. - The Lab.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 29** [RES PH 22-117](#) Approving the application of The Lab LLC for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 21 and 22, 2022 at 767 N Eustis St. - The Shed at The Lab.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 32** [RLH VO 22-13](#) Appeal of Linda Konicek, Tenant, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Revocation and Order to Vacate, Summary Abatement Order and Correction Notice at 653 REANEY AVENUE.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, gave a staff report.

Linda Konicek, appellant, spoke during the public hearing.

Council President Brendmoen moved approval.

Adopted (extension granted through May 16th, 2022)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Thao moved approval.

Legislative hearing consent agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 30** [RLH RR 22-32](#) Referring to Legislative Hearing a review for a potential stay of enforcement of demolition for Joe Steinmaus on behalf of Owner, Michael Murray, for property at 1628 DARLENE STREET.

Adopted

- 31** [RLH VBR 22-23](#) Appeal of Jay Mitchell representing Quality Residences LLC to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 1011 MARGARET STREET.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:26 pm

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