



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, June 5, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:32 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 24-47](#) Amending the 2024 Saint Paul Regional Water Services spending budget to record the cost-neutral change in spending for principal and interest due on PFA note DW08.
Received and Filed

- 2 [AO 24-48](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: \$244,000 of funding for 729 Burr St and \$276,000 of funding for 930 York Ave to be funded with undesignated funds.
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 Items 18 and 23 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Johnson 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

- 3** [RES 24-640](#) Approving the release of grading easements along Ivy Avenue and the partial release of a utility easement reservation in vacated streets and alleys within The Heights development.
Adopted
- 4** [RES 24-680](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2024 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 82.
Laid over to June 12, 2024
- 5** [RES 24-763](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during August 14, 2023 to January 24, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 30, 2024 and City Council public hearing for August 14, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2410, Assessment No. 248814)
Adopted
- 6** [RES 24-764](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during January to February 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 30, 2024 and City Council public hearing for August 14, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2410B, Assessment No. 248109)
Adopted
- 7** [RES 24-765](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during February 7 to 19, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 30, 2024 and City Council public hearing for August 14, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2409, Assessment No. 248208)
Adopted
- 8** [RES 24-766](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during December 27, 2023 to January 19, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 30, 2024 and City Council public hearing for August 14, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2410E, Assessment No. 248316)
Adopted
- 9** [RES 24-767](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services billed during January 8 to February 5, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 30, 2024 and City Council public hearing for August 14, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2408P, Assessment No. 248407)

Adopted

- 10 [RES 24-768](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) during March 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 30, 2024 and City Council public hearing for August 14, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2408T, Assessment No. 249010)
- Adopted**
- 11 [RES 24-769](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) during January 2024 at 2163 Marshall Ave, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 30, 2024 and City Council public hearing for August 14, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2409T, Assessment No. 249011)
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 24-771](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the Trunk Highway 51(Snelling) Project from St. Clair Avenue to Grand Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 24-774](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for grant funds of \$4,000 from National Recreation and Park Association.
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 24-779](#) Appointing Jardine, Logan & O'Brien, P.L.L.P., as Special Counsel for purposes of providing legal advice, counsel, and representation in civil lawsuits involving the City.
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 24-780](#) Modifying the interest rate for Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on private properties, as requested by the property owners, adopted with RES PH 24-86 on May 1, 2024. (File No. SWRP2401, Assessment No. 243000.)
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 24-785](#) Approving the expansion of the Malt On Sale (Brewery Taproom), Malt Off Sale (Brewery), Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio) & Liquor On Sale - Sunday License to the existing licenses for Bang Brewing Company LLC d/b/a Bang Brewing Company (License ID# 20120004741) for the premises located at 2320 Capp Road.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 24-788](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Saint Paul Manual and Maintenance Supervisors Association for the purpose of providing a shoe allowance for Senior Zookeepers at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory.

Laid over to June 12, 2024

- 19 [RES 24-798](#) Approving adverse action against the Tobacco Shop license held by Garso Mini Mart d/b/a Garso Mini Mart (License ID #20200002430) for the premises located at 189 7th Street East.
Adopted
- 20 [RES 24-799](#) Authorizing the City to apply for \$72,000 from the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Solar on Public Buildings Grant Program for rooftop solar installation at North End Community Center.
Adopted
- 21 [RES 24-803](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for the 2024 HIDTA Discretionary Grant Program, issued by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.
Adopted
- 22 [RES 24-804](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for the 2025 Enforcement Grant Program, issued by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).
Adopted
- 24 [RES 24-829](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 4 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for Checker Board Pizza Professional Corporation.
Adopted
- 25 [RES 24-520](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Data Practices Specialist, in EG 02, AFSCME Technical, Grade 039. (To be withdrawn.)
Withdrawn
- 26 [RES 24-526](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Data Practices Supervisor, EG 09. (To be withdrawn.)
Withdrawn
- 27 [RES 24-748](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Library Safety Specialist, EG 02.
Adopted
- 28 [RES 24-776](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Tri-Council LIUNA Laborers, Local 363, for the purpose of establishing and clarifying requirements for the newly created Utility Trainee classification.
Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 18** [RES 24-794](#) Authorizing the City Attorney to execute a Special Counsel Retainer Agreement to retain Brian Grogan and the law firm of Moss & Barnett to represent the City in matters of geothermal franchising and other specialized areas as necessary.
- Councilmember Johnson asked for details from staff.*
- Kyle Citta from the City Attorney's Office gave a staff report.*
- Johnson asked about the timeline.*
- Citta spoke to Johnson's question.*
- 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
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- 23** [RES 24-812](#) Approving the final plat for Townhomes of Hillcrest Heights.
- Councilmember Johnson asked for details from staff.*
- Bill Dermody, City Planner, gave a staff report.*
- 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
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- 29** [RES 24-831](#) Commemorating the 55th Anniversary of Stonewall and Celebrating June 2024 Pride Month.
- Council President Jalali spoke in favor.*
- 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

- 30** [RES 24-787](#) Authorizing issuance of and awarding the sale of General Obligation Various Purpose Bonds, Series 2024A and levying a tax for the Series 2024A Bonds.
- Neal Younghans from the Office of Financial Services gave a staff report on Items 30 and 31.*

Councilmember Noecker asked for clarification.

Younghans addressed Noecker's question.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in favor and moved approval as amended.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Johnson

- 31** [RES 24-789](#) Providing for the issuance of and accepting a proposal on the sale of General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds, Series 2024B; and levying a tax for the payment of the Series 2024B Bonds.

Council President Jalali moved approval as amended.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Johnson

- 32** [RES PH 24-121](#) Authorizing the Office of Neighborhood Safety to use fund balance, accumulated and unspent in 2023, to increase the financing and spending budgets in the Office of Neighborhood Safety Special Fund by \$3,598,936. (Public hearing closed, laid over from June 5, 2024)

Councilmember Bowie moved to lay over for one week.

Council President Jalali spoke against a layover.

Laid over to June 12, 2024

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Jost

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 33** [RES PH 24-108](#) Authorizing the conveyance of city-owned property at 1199 Rice Street to Ramsey County in connection with the County's Rice Street roadway improvement program.
- 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
- 34** [RES PH 24-130](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Office of Neighborhood Safety (“ONS”) to accept and amend the financing and spending plan in the amount of \$450,000 for a 2024 Community Crime Intervention and Prevention Grant, issued by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
- 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
- 35** [RES PH 24-131](#) Amending the Parks and Recreation and the Public Library’s spending and financing budgets in the total amount of \$1,478,814 to reflect grant funds received from the MN Department of Education’s After School Community Learning Grant, to be used during the period of May 8, 2024 to June 30, 2027 and authorizing the proper the City officials to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota (that includes indemnification language).
- 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
- 36** [RES PH 24-123](#) Approving the application of City of Lakes Community Band for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 18, 2024 at 1360 Lexington Parkway North - Como Lakeside Pavilion.
- 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

- 37 [RES PH 24-126](#) Approving the application of Ruck B Media/Kyle Rucker for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 6th Street East between Sibley Street and Wacouta Street.

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

- 38 [RES PH 24-127](#) Approving the application of Ruck B Media/Kyle Rucker for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 109 4th Street West - Rice Park.

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

- 39 [RES PH 24-132](#) Approving the application of Breakaway Music Festival Inc. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 28, and June 29, 2024 at 400 Snelling Avenue North - Allianz Field Grounds.

Jarrod Fucci, President of Breakaway Music Festival, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Bowie asked about the type of music being played.

Fucci spoke to Bowie's question.

Councilmember Noecker asked why they picked St. Paul for a venue.

Fucci spoke to Noecker's question.

Councilmember Johnson asked where to find more information.

Fucci spoke to Johnson's question.

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

- 40** [RES PH 24-137](#) Authorizing the City to amend project budgets from Grant Fund to Special Fund.

Maia Wahlberg from the Office of Financial Services gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Johnson moved Version 2, spoke to the amendment, and asked the City Clerk to read the amendment.

Shari Moore, City Clerk, read the amendment.

John McCarthy, Director of Financial Services asked for timeline adjustments in the amendment.

Council President Jalali spoke in favor of the request from McCarthy.

Johnson spoke in favor of the request from McCarthy and amended her amendment.

Councilmember Noecker asked if a 3-week layover was needed.

Jalali spoke in favor of adopting as amended.

Councilmember Bowie asked for clarification.

Johnson addressed Bowie's question.

McCarthy addressed Bowie's question.

Johnson renewed her motion to approve Version 2 as amended.

Jalali spoke in favor.

Councilmember Kim spoke in favor.

Adopted as amended

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

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will receive a combined public hearing and be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate public hearing and discussion if desired.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Jost 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

- 41** [RLH RR 24-21](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1043 BEECH STREET in Council File RLH RR 23-68.
Adopted
- 42** [RLH TA 24-125](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 557 DALE STREET NORTH. (File No. J2406E, Assessment No. 248305) (Public hearing continued to June 5, 2024)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 43** [RLH RR 24-18](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 857 LAFOND AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the June 5, 2024, City Council Public Hearing.
Adopted
- 44** [RLH TA 24-177](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1082 LOEB STREET. (File No. VB2407D, Assessment No. 248823)
Adopted
- 45** [RLH TA 23-307](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 746 MONTANA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2324A2, Assessment No. 238541)
Adopted
- 46** [RLH VO 24-13](#) Appeal of Dharmendra Bhakta to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 901 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH.
Adopted
- 47** [RLH OA 24-3](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Fee Owner, Kao Lee Vang-Thao, Hotland Properties, LLC, for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 732 STATE STREET.
Adopted
- 48** [RLH TA 23-92](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 779 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2304E3, Assessment No. 238310)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)

- 49 [RLH TA 23-93](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 779 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2305E3, Assessment No. 238314)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 50 [RLH TA 23-94](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 779 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2306E3, Assessment No. 238318)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 51 [RLH SAO 24-14](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 183 WYOMING STREET EAST in Council File RLH SAO 23-51.
Adopted
- 52 [RLH CO 24-4](#) Appeal of Alice Baier to a Correction Order and Summary Abatement Order at 2425 YOUNGMAN AVENUE.
Adopted
- 53 [RLH AR 24-34](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during December 6 to 20, 2023. (File No. J2416A, Assessment No. 248515)
Adopted
- 54 [RLH AR 24-35](#) Ratifying the assessments for Sewer Repair in Right Way during December 2023 at 687 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. J2417A, Assessment No. 248516)
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:30 PM

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