

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

Tina Sheldon, Recording Secretary
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The HRA Board will meet immediately following the City Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 – Commissioners Brendmoen, Jalali, Noecker, Prince, Thao, Yang and Chair Tolbert

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Resolution approving and authorizing a seven-year (7) license agreement to District 6 Planning Council, d/b/a North End Neighborhood Organization (“NENO”), for temporary use of an HRA-owned parcel located at 168 Front Avenue, District 6, Ward 1

Nicolle Goodman, HRA Executive Director, gave a brief staff report.

Moved by Commissioner Thao, Resolution Adopted and set forth in RES 20-1593

VOTE: Yeas – 7 Nays – 0

2. Resolution amending the 2020 HRA budget for COVID-19 relief programs, including the Bridge Fund for Small Businesses grant program, Citywide

Nicolle Goodman, HRA Executive Director, gave a brief staff report.

Chair Tolbert spoke in favor of this program.

Moved by Commissioner Noecker, Resolution Adopted and set forth in RES 20-1622

VOTE: Yeas – 7 Nays – 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Resolution giving preliminary approval to the proposed issuance of conduit revenue bonds for the HOPE Community Academy Charter School Project, 720 Payne Avenue, under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 through 469.1655 District 5, Ward 7

Nicolle Goodman, HRA Executive Director, gave a brief staff report.

Discussion with Commissioners Yang and Prince regarding the project. J. Kou Vang, Hope Community Academy Project Manager, and Maychy Vu, Hope Community Academy Executive Director, was available to answer questions.

Written testimony was received and available online for Commissioners to review.

Commissioners Prince and Thao spoke in favor of this project.

Commissioners Jalali and Yang spoke in opposition to charter school projects and conduit revenue bonds.

Moved by Commissioner Prince, Resolution Public Hearing Adopted and set forth in RES PH 20-262

VOTE: Yeas – 5 Nays – 2 (Commissioners Jalali and Yang)

4. Resolution giving preliminary approval to the proposed issuance of conduit revenue bonds for the Minnesota Math and Science Academy Charter School Project, 169 Jenks Avenue, under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 through 469.1655 District 6, Ward 5

Nicolle Goodman, HRA Executive Director, gave a brief staff report.

Dick Ward, Colliers Securities Bond Underwriter, provided an accountability and use of revenue bonds statement.

Steve Marchese, Saint Paul Public School Board, spoke in opposition of this request.

Ben Johnson, Ballard Spahr Bond Counsel, provided information pertaining to conduit revenue bonds for public schools.

Moved by Commissioner Brendmoen, Resolution Public Hearing Adopted and set forth in RES PH 20-263

VOTE: Yeas – 5 Nays – 2 (Commissioners Jalali and Yang)

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chair Tolbert, the HRA Board Meeting is Adjourned