



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, October 6, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Please see below for meeting guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency

ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 3:31 p.m.

Present 7 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali and Councilmember Nelsie Yang

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 21-77](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1722 Reaney Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [CO 21-78](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 879 Sixth Street East a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 3 [CO 21-79](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1853 Minnehaha Avenue East a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 4 [CO 21-80](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 21-37.
Received and Filed
- 5 [AO 21-45](#) Establishing four (4) new projects through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round program as adopted via City Council Resolutions # RES 21-1269, RES 21-1303, RES 21-1337 and RES 21-1339; increasing one (1)

Year-Round STAR project via Resolution # RES 21-1269; returning the balance of one (1) project to the Year-Round STAR Program; and adjusting the Neighborhood STAR Program with 2021 Neighborhood STAR administrative funding.

Received and Filed

- 6 [AO 21-47](#) Amending the 2021 Department of Planning and Economic Development Operations budget

Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Noecker pulled Item 24 and moved the balance of the Consent Agenda.

7 in favor, none opposed

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 7 [Min 21-27](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of May 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2021.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 21-1356](#) Approving the May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2024 Maintenance Labor Agreement between the City and the United Association of Plumbers, Local 34 and Sprinkler Fitters, Local Union No. 417. (Laid over from September 22)

Adopted

- 9 [RES 21-1378](#) Accepting a donation from the Saint Paul Police K-9 Foundation to provide support to the Canine Unit.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 21-1383](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept site furnishings including picnic tables and grill, valued at \$7,000, for Hamline Park, donated by the Friends of Hamline Park and Hamline Midway Coalition.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 21-1398](#) Authorizing issuance of and negotiated sale of Special Assessment Revenue Bonds (Highland Bridge Project), Series 2021E.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 21-1405](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Ramsey County for sidewalk construction on McKnight Road between Mailand Road and Londin Lane.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 21-1408](#) Setting a Public Hearing date of November 3, 2021 for 2022 Water Charges.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 21-1410](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during April 22 to June 11, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for November 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for February 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2203, Assessment No. 228802)

Adopted

- 15 [RES 21-1411](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during July 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for November 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for February 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2203B, Assessment No. 228102)

Adopted

- 16 [RES 21-1412](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition service from July 2021 at 1819 York Ave, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for November 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for February 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2201C, Assessment No. 222000)

Adopted

- 17 [RES 21-1413](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during June 21 to July 29, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for November 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for February 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2203, Assessment No. 228202)

Adopted

- 18 [RES 21-1414](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during May 24 to June 21, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for November 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for February 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2203E, Assessment No. 228302)

Adopted

- 19 [RES 21-1415](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during July 19 to September 13, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for November 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for February 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2203P, Assessment No. 228402)

Adopted

- 20 [RES 21-1416](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Dangerous Tree during July 2021 at 1209 St Paul Ave, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for November 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for February 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2201T, Assessment No. 229000)

Adopted

- 21 [RES 21-1417](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Emerald Ash Tree(s) during August 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for November 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for February 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2202T, Assessment No. 229001)

Adopted

- 22 [RES 21-1432](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$1,127,272.73 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase 248 radios.

Adopted

- 23 [RES 21-1437](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Neighborhood Star Year-Round Program for the Far East Restaurant.

Adopted

- 25 [RES 21-1440](#) Approving a Liquor On Sale - 291 or more seats, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Entertainment (B) license to White Dragon Catering Inc. d/b/a White Dragon Hall LLC (License ID #20210000632) for the premises located at 1600 White Bear Avenue North Unit C.

Adopted

- 26 [RES 21-1441](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, Hogan-Bard LLC (License ID# 20210000674), d/b/a Emerald Lounge, located at 455 Seventh Street West.

Adopted

- 27 [RES 21-1444](#) Approving a transfer agreement with the Metropolitan Council to accept ten traffic signal controllers for installation on University Avenue.

Adopted

- 28 [RES 21-1454](#) Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to issue a Wine On Sale and Malt On Sale (Strong) License to Taste of Nepal LLC d/b/a Taste of Nepal (License ID #20210001199) for the premises located at 1415 Rice Street.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 24 [RES 21-1438](#) Authorizing the City to transfer a total of \$902,255 in CDBG-CV award funds to a specific account for COVID-related spending activities. (Laid over from October 6.)

Councilmember Noecker said this stood out. It is a lot of money and it is the end of this money. She did not see a lot of detail that accompanied this item.

Council President Brendmoen said there is a staff member available.

Claudia Klinkhammer, PED (Planning and Economic Development) said Keystone Community Services purchased the properties in December 2020 to develop a 20,000 square foot site. It would consolidate food services into one location to distribute food annually. This project was chosen because of the COVID pandemic. In response to the pandemic, Keystone provided emergency food due for more than 30,000 additional people, 4477 households, 21 drive-through food distribution sites since June 2020, food supports for many people who never used assistance programs before. They started a new home delivery with 575 individuals. Across Minnesota, food shelves have seen an increase. Additionally, CDBG services to low and modern income folks are met by this project. 99% of individuals served by Keystone qualify as low to moderate income. When housing costs require more than 30% of their income, Keystone provides a critical stop gap. This project is ready to go. They expect to begin construction in July 2022.

Councilmember Noecker said it sounds like a worthy project. There are lots of worthy organizations. Was this open to others to apply? How did we come to choose Keystone? Klinkhammer responded that Brendmoen put this one forward. She suggested this project when another one was not approved. Brendmoen responded she is talking about the Firehouse 51 project. The question was is there a process around that. She recommended something right after that. The question is: "was there a process?"

Klinkhammer responded she cannot speak in detail to the processes. There were initial set of projects proposed. She was not part of that team or selection process. Others involved were not able to be with them today. Brendmoen responded that a recommendation from a councilmember is not a process. During the pandemic, they did a lot of food distribution. One backed up Highway 94. People lined up at 10:00 a.m. to give out food. They made people schedule an appointment. They collected e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers. They were able to reach out to the clients and asked how would you like to get food distributed to you. They really learned that people found it or decided to pick it up instead of waiting in line at a food shelf. This includes closing some food shelves in the neighborhood. Brendmoen said this could be a replacement for Firehouse 51.

Councilmember Jalali said it was her understanding that the city has an annual CDBG project. Keystone was motivated to apply because they are moving into the building. She has visited with them there. They are looking at a range of funding sources. It

was tricky to make the requirements meet the needs. Claudia was not part of that review team. She wondering if there was anyone else who could speak to the process.

John McCarthy, Office of Financial Services Director, said this is a different bucket of CDBG funds than they typically receive. They have a process for the typical funding. This was a special COVID allocation the City received. Keystone reached out to the City for special funding. They had them submit the same application.

Councilmember Tolbert said this is a fund that they will not have again unless Congress comes again with another funding. McCarthy responded that is correct. There are talks with the federal budget, but it would not be exactly the same thing.

Tolbert said Noecker's question is important on how we got here. At the HRA/PED meeting they discussed having a process for these funds and how decisions are made and how people are made aware. When PED makes these presentations, it is to talk about end of year money. They have these funds quite often where there is leftover money. When PED presents different funds and processes, additional money would be good to add on to them. He supports the project as well. He appreciates the word Keystone has done at the last minute.

Councilmember Prince seconded what Tolbert said. We really need a process. There is nearly \$1 Million and that needs to be something they are all aware of. What is the geographic reach?

Mary McKeown said Keystone serves primarily Ramsey County: 94% live in Ramsey County. The majority of the people live in Saint Paul. It is citywide. The food shelves are available to anyone, but they will let you know the food shelf that is closest to your location and where you live.

Councilmember Prince said Keystone is one of 5 organizations doing this work. Right now, they have so many organizations that are doing important work. Just yesterday, Thao and her were invited to a meeting where they learned about a similar need for better warehouse space for a food shelf that is operating in the City. It is difficult to come to this meeting. When they are asked about funding these other worthy needs, they have so few sources of funds that are flexible for organizations that are doing work. She does not want to stop this project from moving forward, but she might suggest that we consider a layover if there is support for more conversations about this. There was a proposal to provide money to a nonprofit to purchase a city owned building. The Council had expressed great concern about that kind of mechanism. If they have been aware of having these funds for a period of time, it seems they should have had a conversation. She thinks that Tolbert is right about them looking at these through the HRA.

Councilmember Yang asked about the timeline. These funds had to be used in a particular time frame. McCarthy said it is his understanding that it is the end of 2023. That is when the spenddown is required. The expert on this is on vacation.

Noecker said she supports 100% the work of Keystone. Right now she does not have a satisfactory question of why one organization was awarded more than others. She didn't realize the timeline is 2023. That doesn't strike her as a hurry. She is not comfortable voting for this today. She moved to layover 2 weeks.

Councilmember Jalali said she is supportive of that. Keystone is in her ward. She is hoping we get to a shared goal. More time is always fine by her.

Brendmoen said they have been in the overlay of budget. She continues to wonder if we have enough staff. To do the process is great, but process takes time. The fact that it is a surprise to people is not a surprise to her. There was some process. If OFS and PED are not able to answer the question, she is supportive of the 2-week layover. She is 100% supportive of using the resources for Keystone.

7 in favor, none opposed

Laid over to October 20

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Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

29 [RES 21-1452](#)

Recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Saint Paul.

Councilmember Prince said this is an important recognition of indigenous people. They will be breaking ground on a project. (She read some of the highlights of the resolution.) She moved approval.

Council President Brendmoen said the resolution was beautifully written.

7 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted

Moved by Councilmember Prince, Resolution is Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

30 [SR 21-162](#)

Status update from Human Resources on vaccine requirement.

Councilmember Tolbert said the Administration has asked for a little more time to discuss this. There is a meeting at Como next week, and he is asking for a 2 week layover. Human Resources (HR) will be presenting their budget at the 10:00 org meeting next week. They can give the Council an update on requiring employees to have a vaccination. He hopes they get moving on this. The Council passed this in August. He will accept the Administrations asking for more time.

Council President Brendmoen said the 10:00 report from HR is suitable. She supports the layover request and encourages HR to give a report.

Shari Moore, City Clerk, said she will do another file for the October 20 agenda.

Tolbert asked can they make the staff report a resolution? He plans to lay this over until the policy is in place or in effect.

Councilmember Prince said she is disappointed that this is feeling adversarial and not like we are all on the same team.

Brendmoen said there is a lot of municipalities and private employers that are all working on the same issue. She agrees that the desire is there between the Administration and the Council, and it needs to be executed in a timely manner. They are sending emergency personnel into homes. They need to make sure their employees are safe and vaccinated.

Withdrawn, Human Resources did not report.

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

- 31** [Ord 21-36](#) Establishing a Community Advisory Committee for the position of Director of Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity pursuant to the provisions Section 11.01 of the Administrative Code.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Ordinance is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

First Reading

- 32** [Ord 21-29](#) Amending Chapter 324 of the Legislative Code in order to create separate licenses for Tobacco Products Shops and Tobacco Shops, to restrict pricing discounts or coupons, and to create a distance requirement between establishments licensed to sell tobacco.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing will be in 2 weeks. Part of this is cleaning up initiatives from the past. He wants to thank Councilmember Yang who has been a champion on this. She will give an overview. The major change is that there will be 2 classes of licenses to sell tobacco: tobacco shops like convenience stores and tobacco product shops that sell primarily tobacco. The distance requirement is ½ mile. They talked about this when they were working on previous tobacco legislation. This does not impact the renewal of existing licenses. The cap on tobacco licenses is 150 and the cap is 105. If a tobacco shop closes, that license will not be given to another applicant. The 4th change is liquor stores will not be able to sell flavored tobacco products. All tobacco will be minimum price of \$10. Coupons or price promotions will not be used, including vape. The penalty for violations has been increased. They are in line with other matrix penalties.

Councilmember Yang thanked people for taking the lead for this work. They would not be here, but for the Association of Nonsmokers. They have been dedicated and committed. This is about taking back our community.

Brendmoen said this will be laid over to October 20.

Laid over to October 20 for Second reading

33 [Ord 21-37](#)

Granting the application of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to rezone 231 Front Avenue from B2 to T2 and amending Legislative Code Sec. 60.303 to reflect the change.

Marilyn Rosendahl, Planning and Economic Development, gave a staff report. The location is the northwest corner. (She gave background of this property.) District 6 submitted a letter of support for the rezoning. There are 4 key findings: 1) The application is to rezone the property to T2 to allow affordable housing ownership, 2) The proposed zoning is consistent with the way this area has developed, 3) The proposed zoning is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, 4) The proposed zoning is compatible with surrounding residential areas. The Planning Commission recommended approval for rezoning from B2 to T2. She has additional slides. It has been noncontroversial.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing will be on October 20.

Laid over to October 20 for Second reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

34 [RES PH 21-266](#)

Adopting the 2022 Operating Plan for the Saint Paul Downtown Improvement District and imposing a service charge pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 428A.

Council President Brendmoen asked was there are staff report. Councilmember Noecker responded she did not request a staff report. This is a measure that she strongly supports. The Downtown Alliance is there to make Downtown safer and more user friendly. The crime rate is down. It is funded through the Downtown Improvement District, which is assessed at a higher rate. She is grateful to the Downtown Alliance. They were the largest City in the country without a Downtown Improvement District. They have their own governing board.

Joe Spencer was on the phone line. He thanked them for supporting the creation and management plan last year. In the first year, they were able to launch the safety communications center in March. They brought on the director of safety strategies John Bandemer, the leader of many of these services. In May, they were able to bring on the street team with additional support. They were able to make that larger than planned. They initially planned to have 2 members of the street team. They have about 16 now. They removed over 1,000 graffiti tags in the Downtown area and hot spots just outside the district. They made social service referrals to 172 people over the course of the summer. 235 people received safety escorts. They removed 906 50-gallon bags of litter from the Downtown area over the summer. The budget is larger this year but smaller than what they projected it to be. The plan for next year will allow them to have the street team staffing 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and keep director of safety strategies on board. He mostly wanted to thank the City Council for the support. He is happy to come back anytime to visit.

Noecker thanked Joe and staff. It is amazing how they are just seeing this occur as an agenda item. It is easy to overlook how many years it took. It is with their foresight and Downtown leaders for it to be something that is part of their agenda. It is really noteworthy and a wonderful thing for Saint Paul.

Prince thanked Spencer and Noecker. She tipped her hat to John Manillo who started talking about this in the early 90's. She is fully on board.

Brendmoen said she has seen the street teams. The removal of trash, gum, and graffiti send the right message. She had the opportunity to visit many cities and it is different when you see a city with empty garbage cans and no graffiti versus broken glass and gum. She is fully supportive as well.

Spencer said he is proud to have been part of this. He thanked the workers. The work is not always glamorous. It would not be possible without the commercial property owners and residential businesses. It is their vision. This is them taking care of their own backyard.

Noecker moved approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

35 [RES PH 21-198](#)

Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept Parks and Trails Legacy Funds, enter into grant agreements, and amend the financing and spending plan in the amount of \$2,511,523.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

36 [RES PH 21-214](#)

Final Order approving installation of two new standard light fixtures at Laurel and Nina as requested by the Riley Row Townhouse Association. Project No. 19251, Assessment No. 215100.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 37** [RES PH 21-215](#) Ratifying the assessment for the Como Avenue from Brompton Street to City Limits paving and lighting project constructed as part of the 2020 St. Paul Street Paving Program (SPS). (File No. 19235, Assessment No. 205201)

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held online.

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 38** [RES PH 21-216](#) Ratifying the assessment for the Tedesco Street from west of Otsego Street to Payne Avenue paving and lighting project constructed as part of the 2020 St. Paul Street Paving Program (SPS). (File No. 19237, Assessment No. 205202)

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Prince moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 39** [RES PH 21-217](#) Ratifying the assessment for replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Como Avenue trail project. File No. 19248C, Assessment No. 216003.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 40** [RES PH 21-219](#) Ratifying the assessment for installation of a fire protection system for 2475 Doswell Avenue (File No. FP2021-03, Assessment No. 217102)

Council President Brendmoen said the hearing was held online.

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 41** [RES PH 21-220](#) Ratifying the assessment for replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Como Avenue paving project. File No. 19235C, Assessment No. 216002.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held online virtually.

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 42** [RES PH 21-228](#) Ratifying the assessment for replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Lexington Parkway project. File No. 19253C, Assessment No. 216004.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing has been held virtually.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 43 [RES PH 21-239](#) Ratifying the assessment for the Ford Site 429 improvement project. (File No. 19246, Assessment No. 205203)

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing has been held virtually.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 44 [RES PH 21-240](#) Ratifying the assessment for the Ford Site 429 improvement project. (File No. 19246-20YR, Assessment No. 205204)

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing has been held virtually.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 45 [RES PH 21-243](#) Approving the request of District Energy St. Paul, Inc. to amend District Cooling rates for fiscal year 2022. (Public hearing closed October 6, 2021.)

Councilmember Prince closed the public hearing and laid the matter over for one week.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and matter laid over to October 13

Public hearing closed and laid over to October 13

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 46 [RES PH 21-244](#) Approving the request of District Energy St. Paul, Inc. to amend District Heating rates for fiscal year 2022. (Public hearing closed October 6, 2021.)

Councilmember Prince moves to close the public hearing and lay over.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and laid over to October 13

Public hearing closed and laid over to October 13

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 47** [RES PH 21-252](#) Amending the open space lot specific standards for the Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan. (Public hearing closed October 6, 2021.)

Council President Brendmoen said we will hear Item 54 next; they are companion items.

Councilmember Tolbert said that was correct. He would close the public hearing and lay over to October 20.

Brendmoen suggested they close the public hearing and lay over to October 13. It is noncontroversial.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is laid over to October 13

Public hearing closed and laid over to October 13

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 54** [Ord 21-35](#) Amending Chapter 66 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Ford Districts (Leg. Code §§ 66.900 Ford Districts and 66.931 Ford District Dimensional Standards by zoning district). (Public hearing closed October 6, 2021.)

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and lay over to October 13.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and ordinance laid over to October 13

Public hearing closed and laid over to October 13 for final adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 48** [RES PH 21-270](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the

amount of \$164,469.02 for a contribution received from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education to pay for training for firefighters.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 49** [RES PH 21-273](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department for \$42,750 for the reimbursement from the Minnesota Firefighter Initiative to provide training for firefighters.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 50** [RES PH 21-275](#) Approving the application of Big River Pizza for a sound level variance in order to present amplified music for Let There Be Songs to Phil the Air -Saturday, on October 30, 2021 at the St. Paul Farmers Market.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 51** [RES PH 21-276](#) Approving the applications of the Minnesota United FC for sound level variance applications in order to present amplified sound on October 20, 2021

and on October 31, 2021 within the Street and the Beer Garden Area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Avenue North.

Councilmember Thao said he wants to support this sound variance. They have been awarded the MLS all star game next year. When the same event was held in Orlando, it brought in \$4.7 Million to that City. They really need a jump start to the economy. It will be a week long event. He moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

52 [RES PH 21-277](#)

Authorizing an increase in the 2021 Office of Technology and Communications special fund grant budget in the amount of \$220,000 to reflected newly accepted grant funding from the Knight Foundation.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held online.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

53 [Ord 21-33](#)

Amending Chapters 65 and 66 of the Legislative Code pertaining to homeless services facilities. (Public hearing closed October 6, 2021.)

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and lay over to October 13.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed & ordinance laid over to October 13 for final adoption

Public hearing closed and laid over to October 13 for final adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

Items 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 71, and 74:

*Councilmember Yang moved to adopt
7 in favor, none opposed*

The Legislative Hearing Officer recommends adoption of the following resolutions, as no objections to these recommendations were received:

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 55** [RLH TA 21-406](#) Amending Council Files No. RLH AR 21-79 to delete the assessment for Graffiti services during April 15 to May 11, 2021 at 810 ATLANTIC STREET. (File No. J2108P, Assessment No. 218410)
Adopted
- 56** [RLH OA 21-12](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Dustin Nguyen for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 1128 BEECH STREET.

Adopted
- 57** [RLH FCO
21-146](#) Appeal of Lori Kustritz, EMK Holding, to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint at 460 BEAUMONT AVENUE.

Adopted
- 58** [RLH TA 21-401](#) Amending the previously ratified assessment to reduce the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during June 1 to November 13, 2020 at 971 ARCADE STREET. (File No. VB2107, Assessment No. 218806)

Adopted
- 59** [RLH RR 21-61](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1033 GALTIER STREET in Council File RLH RR 20-31.

Adopted
- 60** [RLH VBR 21-57](#) Appeal of Phos Nov to a Letter requiring a Code Compliance Inspection plus a Summary Abatement Order at 112 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST.

Adopted
- 61** [RLH TA 21-368](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 485 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2124A, Assessment No. 218543)

Adopted
- 64** [RLH TA 21-365](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1058 MATILDA STREET. (File No. J2124A, Assessment No. 218543)

Adopted

- 65 [RLH OA 21-11](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Dustin Nguyen for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 760 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 66 [RLH OA 21-10](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Dustin Nguyen for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 1277 RICE STREET.

Adopted

- 71 [RLH AR 21-83](#) Ratifying the assessments for Equipment and Labor for Clean Up service during May 2021 at 0 WESTMINSTER ST (322922220098). (File No. J2125A, Assessment No. 218545)

Adopted

- 74 [RLH AR 21-82](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during May 14 to 28, 2021. (File No. J2124A, Assessment No. 218543)

Adopted

Items 62, 67, 69, 72, 73:

Councilmember Tolbert moved to amend and adopt

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearings are closed and resolutions are adopted as amended

For the following items, no objection to the Legislative Hearing Officer's amended recommendation was received, and therefore, she recommends amendment and adoption:

- 62 [RLH TA 21-247](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 779 LAFOND AVENUE. (File No. J2117A, Assessment No. 218526) (Public Hearing continued to October 6, 2021)

Adopted as amended (decrease assessment)

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 67 [RLH TA 20-210](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 836-838 SMITH AVENUE. (File No. J2008B, Assessment No. 208107)

Adopted as amended (make assessment payable over 5 years)

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 69** [RLH TA 21-176](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 553 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J2017A1, Assessment No. 208554) (Public Hearing continued to October 6, 2021)
- Adopted as amended (decrease assessment)**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
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- 72** [RLH RR 21-57](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 901 YORK AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 20-32. (Amend to remove the building within 15 days with no option for repair)
- Adopted as amended (remove the building within 15 days with no option for repair)**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
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- 73** [RLH AR 21-81](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during May 6 to 14, 2021. (File No. J2123A, Assessment No. 218542)
- Adopted as amended (refer 705 Magnolia Avenue East to Legislative Hearing on October 19)**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
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- Item 63 – October 13, Item 70 – February 16:*
Councilmember Thao moved to continue public hearings to dates noted.
7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearings are continued
- For the following items, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to continue the Public Hearing to the dates listed:**
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- 63** [RLH TA 21-367](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 990 MARION STREET. (File No. J2124A, Assessment No. 218543)
- Continued Public hearing to October 13**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

- 70** [RLH TA 21-359](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 603 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J2124A, Assessment No. 218543) (Public hearing continued to February 16, 2022)
- Continue Public hearing to February 16**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
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- 68** **RLH RR 20-22** Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 678 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH within fifteen (15) days after the May 27, 2020 City Council public hearing. (To Refer to October 26, 2021 Legislative Hearings)
- Councilmember Jalali said she wants to support bringing this back to Legislative Hearings. She appreciates Ms. Moermond. A nonprofit is working to rehabilitate. This conversation is long running and a conversation to keep it going. She moved. 7 in favor, none opposed*
- Resolution is referred to October 16 Legislative Hearing*
- Referred to Legislative Hearing on October 26**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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