



City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - Final

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, June 9, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Please see the meeting guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 3:32 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 21-47](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Orders 21-23, 21-24 and 21-25.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 21-29](#) Amending CDBG projects budget: funding for 879 Rice Street (Smokin' Ninjas) and 1046 Rice Street (Hunter Boys Southern BBQ).
Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Brendmoen said Item 14 will be withdrawn, and Item 17 will be pulled.

Councilmember Yang moved the Consent Agenda as amended.

7 in favor, none opposed
Consent Agenda is adopted as amended

A motion was made by Councilmember Yang to Approve the Consent Agenda
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

- 3 [RES 21-759](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during October 15, 2020 to February 15, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 6, 2021 and City Council Public Hearing for August 18, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2110, Assessment No. 218816)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 21-761](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during March 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 6, 2021 and City Council Public Hearing for August 18, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2110B, Assessment No. 218111)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 21-762](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition service from March 2021 at 535 Forest Street (C.D.B.G. Funds), and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 6, 2021 and City Council Public Hearing for August 18, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2104C, Assessment No. 212003)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 21-763](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during February 15 to March 22, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 6, 2021 and City Council Public Hearing for August 18, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2110, Assessment No. 218210)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 21-764](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during January 20 to February 19, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 6, 2021 and City Council Public Hearing for August 18, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2110E, Assessment No. 218313)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 21-765](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during February 26 to April 6, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 6, 2021 and City Council Public Hearing for August 18, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2107P, Assessment No. 218409)

Adopted

- 9 [RES 21-802](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreements (January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022) and Memorandums of Agreement (2021 - 2022) between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME District Council 5, Clerical - Local 2508 and Technical - Local 1842.
- Adopted**
- 10 [RES 21-808](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Jonathan Deering and Lucas Paschal to the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Adopted**
- 11 [RES 21-809](#) Approving the Maintenance Labor Agreement (May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2024) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, Local 10. (laid over from June 9)
- Laid over to June 16**
- 12 [RES 21-821](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funds of \$2,000 from Twin Cities Public Television to support STEM learning.
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 21-828](#) Approving a Liquor Off Sale and Cigarette/Tobacco license to Kolobok Inc. d/b/a International Wines & Liquors (License ID #20210000510) for the premises located at 710 Cleveland Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 21-838](#) Approving adverse action against the Cigarette/Tobacco license application submitted by Shoroq LLC d/b/a Twins Market and Meat for the premises located at 1055 Fourth Street East. (To be withdrawn.)
- Withdrawn**
- 15 [RES 21-840](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for Randolph Craft LLC, d/b/a A Side Public House (License ID # 20210000331), for Liquor On Sale - 291 or more seats, Liquor On sale - Sunday, Malt Off Sale (Growler) licenses, located at 754 Randolph Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 21-849](#) Requesting adoption of an ordinance; authorizing staff to take certain actions with respect to the EAB Project; and declaring the official intent of the City to reimburse certain original expenditures related to the capital project from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds to be issued by the Port Authority.
- Adopted**
- 18 [RES 21-859](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for Mucci's Italian LLC (License ID # 20150003362), d/b/a same, to

add a Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio) license to the existing Liquor On sale - 100 seats or less, and Liquor On Sale - Sunday licenses, located at 786 Randolph Avenue.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 17 [RES 21-858](#) Approving the appointment of Chris Xiong as the Legislative Aide in Ward 6.

Councilmember Yang said she is excited to have Chris as her legislative aide. She moved approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 19 [RES 21-864](#) Authorizing the City to transfer \$575,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to a specific account for the RightTrack+ program.

Council President Brendmoen said this was discussed. This is the first ARP (American Rescue Plan) dollars we are moving.

Councilmember Tolbert said they spoke about it at the Org Meeting. He is supportive of the Right Track program. This is a new part of the Right Track program; this is an added component of the wrap around services. The City continues to partner with Ramsey County. He encourages his colleagues to support it. It is great to get young people in a pathway of living wage jobs.

Councilmember Noecker said she shares her strong support. This is a direct impact to help the young people. It leverages the county dollars. She thanked staff for the speed to bring this forward.

Brendmoen said we had a robust discussion at the Org Meeting. This is good support of the government.

Tolbert moved approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 20 [RES 21-867](#) Celebrating the 52nd Anniversary of Stonewall and June 2021 Pride Month.

Tony Newborn, Human Resources Director, addressed the Council.

Kristien R. E. Butler, Director of Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity (HREEO), addressed the Council.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 21** [RES 21-870](#) Honoring Nia Black by declaring June 13th 2021 as Community Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Council President Brendmoen said there was a conversation about the senseless shooting death of Nia Black at this location. They made a promise to her mother by declaring a day to her daughter. Ms. Brendmoen read part of the resolution and moved the resolution.

Councilmember Yang said this is special for Nia's family. Ms. Yang's brother was a survivor of gun violence. This means a lot to people who are concerned about this issue.

*7 in favor, none opposed
Resolution is adopted*

Adopted

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

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 Legal Ledger. Public hearings on ordinances are held at the second reading.

Final Adoption

- 22** [Ord 21-17](#) Granting the application of Ali Alfureedy to rezone property at 444 Maryland Ave W from B1 local business district to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map. (Public Hearing held June 2)

Council President Brendmoen said she is going to recommend denying this application. This is a rezoning question. This is a residential neighborhood. It is across the street from an investment in a neighborhood with a lot of apartment buildings. The street is transforming to a residential feel. Across is an apartment building full of families with young children. It is a family neighborhood. It is currently

zoned B1 for a local business district for basic needs and services for residents. There is a Laundromat nearby, and a small grocery store. The applicants want to have a tobacco store in this location. The City erred and approved a license for a tobacco store. Since the tobacco store has been added to this location, calls have increased by triple. In the past 3 years, the police have visited the location 1700 times. It is accompanied by a senseless homicide, shootings in the middle of the day, fighting, tumble out activity, loitering. There is a police camera in the area to keep a lid on that activity. One of the Habitat for Humanity owners sold their home because they were concerned about the violence from the shop. The applicant is trying to switch to a T2 zoning which would allow for a tobacco store. The current B1 zoning works fine. The shop provided more groceries before the tobacco shop was added. The 2040 comp plan does not contemplate any changes in the area. North End Neighborhood Association small area plans also keeps it as a B1. She moved to deny the application.

Councilmember Yang said she supports her motion. She had a similar issue in her ward. When they hear from the businesses, they say they do not know why it is happening, but the truth is they do.

7 in favor, none opposed

Motion for the application is denied; the ordinance fails

Application denied, ordinance fails

Yea: 0

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

23 [Ord 21-18](#)

Granting the application of Stonewood Investments LLC rezone property at 300 Banfil Street/149-155 Dousman Street Rezone from B2 community business to RM2 medium-density multiple-family residential and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map. (Public Hearing held June 2)

Councilmember Noecker said she 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

24 [Ord 21-19](#)

Granting the application of Pillai Builders LLC to rezone property at 385 Topping Street from B1 local business to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the

Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Thao requested a staff report.

Menaka Mohan gave a staff report. Zoning around it is RT1. (She gave a history of the site.) The applicant is proposing to build some type of housing on the site, which is not an allowed use in the B1 district. Strictly residential uses is not allowed in a B1 district. District 6 submitted a letter supporting the rezoning. Darlene Heiskary is a neighbor who submitted comments opposing the rezoning to T2 from B1. The application is to rezone the property to T2 to allow some type of housing. The proposed zoning is consistent with the way this area has developed. The proposed zoning is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed zoning is compatible with surrounding residential uses. Court rulings have determined that "spot zoning" is illegal in Minnesota. Planning Commission recommended approval of this rezoning.

Councilmember Prince said the person in the letter felt that RT1 may be a more appropriate choice. Mohan responded T2 gives them more flexibility in what they propose and their design. The T2 provides more options.

Councilmember Thao said he will support the application. There is flexibility for this in the future. We need more housing. If someone wants to build more housing, it is good. It is close to the bike trail and other things.

Ordinance is laid over to June 16 for second reading

Laid over to June 16 for second reading

25 [Ord 21-22](#)

Placing the classification titled Lead Victim Witness Coordinator in the unclassified service pursuant to Section 12.03.2(H) of the Charter.

Council President Brendmoen said it is basically codifying this for the City Attorney's Office.

Laid over to June 16 for second reading

26 [Ord 21-23](#)

Granting the Port Authority authority to issue general obligation bonds to which the full faith, credit, and resources of the City are pledged pursuant to the provisions hereof and by authority of said Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 469 and 475, as amended.

Council President Brendmoen said Mike Hahm (Parks and Rec Director) and others are here. This is the long awaited conversation finalizing funding for Emerald Ash Borer removal, replacement, and job training.

Mike Hahm, Director of City's Parks and Rec, said they had received direction from the Council at the Org Meeting on April 21 and 28 to pursue a funding partnership with the Saint Paul Port Authority. He spoke at length at the 2 Org Committee meetings and the last 10 budget cycles about the City's ash borer crisis. This funding allows them to do 3 things: 1) fully address the environmental crisis to fund the remaining program. All public boulevard ash trees will be removed, stumped, and planted by the end of 2066, 2) Stumping, planting and trimming backlog will be addressed, cycles for trimming will be restored and targeted toward a 15-year cycle, 3) This will establish a jobs program, which the Port Authority partnership is designed to deliver. They will plant 2,000 trees citywide. This will finance through federal jobs program partnerships

and ear mark pursuits. They will be checking a lot of priority boxes. They will also address critical Forestry needs. Someone who will work with forestry professionals, this will address the urban tree canopy. There are 7 sponsors for this item and Item 16.

Councilmember Noecker said this is a big day. She thanked several people to get this done.

Councilmember Thao said he likes the partnership between the Port Authority and the City of Saint Paul. One of the lessons is with the ARP people, this could be the type of model that could work together.

Councilmember Tolbert thanked Parks and the Port Authority. That all trees will be stumped and replaced by 2026 is fantastic. This allows Forestry to focus on things other than ash borer. Forestry is one of the best groups in the City. It's important that Forestry can go back to focus on other things.

Councilmember Prince said that when they are going through a heat spell like this, the fact of having lost so many shade trees is devastating.

Brendmoen gave a special thank you to Todd Harley, Port Authority. He helped move this along.

Hahm thanked Forestry staff.

This will be laid over to June 16 for second reading

Laid over to June 16 for second reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 27** [RES PH 21-126](#) Authorizing an increase in the Parks and Recreation Grant Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,310,000 to reflect additional CDBG Cares grant funding awarded in 2021 for Family Distance Learning, Expanded Meal Access and Rec Center Covid Reporting Technology.

Councilmember Brendmoen said Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and 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

- 28** [Ord 21-20](#) Creating Chapter 233A of the Legislative Code to establish certain rights for hospitality workers who have suffered loss of employment due to the Covid-19 pandemic to return to work with their previous employer.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing has been held virtually, over the phone, and in e-mail.

Councilmember Noecker said it would be nice to have a report and the background for this at the next hearing. She moved to close the public hearing and lay the matter over.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and laid over to June 16 for final adoption

Laid over to June 16

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

Nay: 0

29 [Ord 21-21](#)

Repealing Chapter 193 of the Legislative Code related to Tenant Protections.

Council President Brendmoen said this is a public hearing. It has been held virtually. Comments are attached to the record.

Councilmember Yang moved to hold open the public hearing.

Councilmember Jalali said she will support that motion. This is to create public policy around. She is reading through e-mails. She appreciates people using this opportunity to fight for this ordinance. She has many in depth reasons why she believes that. Renters in our community need our City to be our lobby. They need us to stand up for our rights. She welcomes more time for people to give more input. A year ago, she was fighting to support this policy. She is looking for a way forward. She strongly supports keeping the public hearing open. We have not explored it thoroughly.

Councilmember Prince said she feels strongly that it is a good idea to continue the public hearing. There is a tremendous amount of confusion and concern. There is a certain level of confusion and concern around all of us. She is wondering why we are doing what we are doing today. She would like the Administration to attend our next meeting and gives us a rationale on how we should move forward on this. We have not heard from the Office of Financial Empowerment. There is now some confusion.

Council President Brendmoen said she is not sure how to amend that into the lay over motion. She doesn't agree with some of the summary that Jalali shared. She does not want to wait several years to support these rules. She would wait until 2022 for our first court hearing. She recognizes that we have fought, we have been in court. We have failed. We can disagree with the details. We can get to work. She appreciates the confusion. The messaging has been convoluted.

Councilmember Thao said he had a conversation with the community member. Sponsoring this item does not mean we are against the ordinance. It is a small setback. It is out of hand of the City Council. It is out of their hands and in the hands of the judge or court. We have enough intel to know this may not be in our favor.

Councilmember Noecker said we can talk about in the first few weeks. She feels the hurt. She is not in the business to work hard on an ordinance and then rescind it.

Councilmember Yang said she supports keeping the public hearing open. She hopes that we take the time to read. She is a renter herself. It is really urgent. We should take our time to talk to them. It is the renters who are speaking up.

Councilmember Jalali said she acknowledges that there is a court injunction. She is frustrated. There is still not the level of clarity our community deserves. No matter what, we are going to be in this effort. The time is now to name those commitments. Lacking in this conversation so far, she would like to get to this place in a few days.

*Yang moved to hold open the public hearing
7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing continued to June 16*

Public hearing continued to June 16

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS:

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 30** [RLH VBR 21-24](#) Appeal of Chris Johnson to the Code Compliance Certificate Requirement and Summary Abatement Order at 1764 BUSH AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 34** [RLH VO 21-20](#) Appeal of Teresa Warnke and Bridgette Smith to a Notice of Condemnation-Unfit for Human Habitation-Order to Vacate at 1834 HOYT AVENUE EAST.
- Adopted**
- 35** [RLH SAO 21-41](#) Appeal of Landon Taylor, OVT Family LLC, to a Summary Abatement Order at 1087 JESSAMINE COURT.
- Adopted**

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

- 36 [RLH VO 21-17](#) Appeal of Steven Kraut, Apogee Properties, to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 58 LAWSON AVENUE WEST.

Adopted as amended (extension granted)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 38 [RLH SAO 21-48](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 855 THIRD STREET EAST in Council File RLH SAO 21-38. (Legislative Hearing on June 8, 2021)

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to refer to Legislative Hearing to the dates listed:

- 31 [RLH RR 21-37](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1253 CLEVELAND AVENUE NORTH within fifteen (15) days after the June 9, 2021, City Council Public Hearing. (Refers back to July 13, 2021 Legislative Hearing)

Refer back to July 13 Legislative hearing

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 32 [RLH RR 21-38](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 2062 COMO AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the June 9, 2021, City Council Public Hearing. (Refers back to July 13, 2021 Legislative Hearing)

Refer back to July 13 Legislative hearing

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 37** [RLH RR 21-39](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 2075 SCUDDER STREET within fifteen (15) days after the June 9, 2021, City Council Public Hearing. (Refers back to July 13, 2021 Legislative Hearing)

Refer back to July 13 Legislative hearing

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is contested and additional testimony from the appellant is in the record:

- 33** [RLH VBR 21-31](#) Appeal of Mariah Kraatz-Rimkus, Realty Pros LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1615 DARLENE STREET.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, said this building was meeting the definition of vacant building. The owners appealed. On 3 occasions, the police have been called to this property. At the last time, the property had been broken into, the property was referred to DSI (Department of Safety and Inspections), an inspector was sent out there, and found deteriorated brick, garage open, tall grass, etc. They determined it should be a Category 2. It was secured by other means, which would categorize it as a Category 1. The owner indicated that it was vacant because they had not gotten around to rehab it yet. They are just beginning to pull together the bids and permits. In the course of the hearing, it is a Category 2 vacant building. She would ask the Council to waive the fee for 90 days. The dollars could be sent repairing the property. Attached to the record is a memo from an attorney representing the owner. He makes arguments it was a short period of time from the former owners and the folks who picked it up in the foreclosure sale and they should have been given more time to fix things. The vacant building program is not a punitive program. It is a program to look at a snapshot of time to look at where things go and where things need to go.

Councilmember Yang said she looked at the documents attached to the item. She supports the recommendation of the Legislative Hearing Officer. Hopefully they will get the house up and running and fixed in no time.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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