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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, March 24, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

**The City Council will not hold a meeting on March 31, a 5th Wednesday.
See the meeting guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 21-32](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 21-12.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Received and Filed

- 2 [AO 21-12](#) Amending CDBG projects budget and set up budget for 53 Geranium West.

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Council President Brendmoen says Items 3, 4, 5, 12 will be removed for separate consideration. 17 has been withdrawn.

*Councilmember Prince moved the Consent Agenda as amended.
7 in favor, none opposed
Consent Agenda adopted as amended*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Prince to Approve the Consent Agenda
The motion carried by the following vote:**

- 6 [RES 21-369](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during October to December 2020, and setting date of legislative hearing for April 15, 2021 and City Council public hearing for May 26, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 7 [RES 21-370](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during October to December 2020, and setting date of legislative hearing for April 15, 2021 and City Council public hearing for May 26, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2101A5, Assessment No. 210104)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 8 [RES 21-371](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during October to December 2020, and setting date of legislative hearing for April 15, 2021 and City Council public hearing for May 26, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2101A6, Assessment No. 210105)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 9 [RES 21-405](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the 2019 Street Maintenance Service Program-Sealcoating Street and/or Alley. (File No. 195600, Assessment No. 195600)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 10 [RES 21-407](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the 2020 Street Maintenance Service Program-Sealcoating Street and/or Alley. (File No. 205600, Assessment No. 205600)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 11 [RES 21-411](#) Approving the License renewal for licenses held by The Applebaum Companies, Inc., d/b/a Big Top Liquors ("Licensee") (License ID

#20180002156) for the location at 1544 University Avenue West

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

- 13 [RES 21-429](#) Approving the Labor Agreement between the Independent School District 625 and the Minnesota School Employees Association representing Classified Confidential Employees Association (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022). (Laid over from March 24)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Laid over to April 7

- 14 [RES 21-434](#) Approving the settlement agreement and release between the City of Saint Paul, Dana and Suzanne Taylor, and their Attorney Jason A. Lien.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 15 [RES 21-436](#) Authorizing agreements between the City of Saint Paul and property owners at the Holman Field Airport for the Police Department's use of commercial space for police operations.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

- 16 [RES 21-446](#) Approving the Municipal Utility and Water Services Easement Agreement as the form for execution and recording for the Ford Redevelopment Site, now known as "Highland Bridge"; and authorizing the execution of Easement Documents accordingly (District 15, Ward 3).

Sponsors: Tolbert

Adopted

- 17 [RES 21-467](#) Authorizing application and acceptance of a grant from the Knight Foundation to support evaluation and program design for Community-First Public Safety efforts.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Withdrawn

- 18 [RES 21-357](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022) between the City of Saint Paul and the Saint Paul Fire Supervisory Association International Association of Firefighters, Local 3939. (Laid over

from March 17)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 3 [RES 21-354](#) Authorizing issuance of and awarding the sale of General Obligation Various Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A, and levying a tax for the Series 2021A Bonds.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Mike Solomon, City Treasurer, is here. The City took competitive bids on 3 series of bonds. Sarah Brown, Debt Manager, will report the details. The next 3 agenda items are approval and award. These finance several significant capital projects: 2021 capital improvement projects. They fund infrastructure at the Highland Budget. They are refinancing interest debt. The bulk of the work goes into the credit rating process. The City of Saint Paul is AAA. The rating agencies were impressed by the prudent financial decisions made by the Mayor and City Council. They noted the strong economy, strong financial management. They noted the risks due to COVID-19. The City was successful in getting the high number of bids and low interest rates.

Sarah Brown, Debt Manager, spoke. The City sold 3 series of bonds. Series 2021A fund capital projects and capital equipment. She spoke on 2021 B (Item 4). This is short term debt. She spoke on 2021C (Item 5).

Solomon thanked McCarthy and OFS. He thanked the consultants. He thanked Holly Huston for participating in rating agency calls. He congratulated Dave McGilvrey on his retirement. He assisted the City on its first AAA rating.

Council President Brendmoen heard under 1% for 10-year CIB. That is amazing. She congratulated Dave and the Finance team. The underlying financial decisions were painful. This really was a team effort for the great bond rating. This is a wonderful report. This is the report for all 3.

*7 in favor, none opposed
Adopted as amended*

Adopted as amended

- 4 [RES 21-355](#) Authorizing the issuance of and awarding the sale of General Obligation Temporary Tax Increment Bonds, Series 2021B, and pledging tax increments for the payment thereof.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted as amended

- 5 [RES 21-356](#) Providing for the issuance of and accepting a proposal on the sale of General Obligation Street Reconstruction and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021C, and levying a tax for the payment of the Series 2021C Bonds.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted as amended

- 12 [RES 21-423](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into an agreement with the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency for the collaborative A Community outreach Program (ACOP), that includes an indemnification clause.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Councilmember Prince said she believes all of them received a memo from Pastor Noel and the access group about this item concerning the language in the contract pertaining to Section 3. When federal funds are used, priority is given to hiring low income people from the surrounding community. Noel has been a watchdog and an advocate for low income people. On behalf of the Council, she checked with the City Attorney. The language in the agreement is specifically prescribed by HUD regulations. This is important as we are receiving and using a lot of federal funding through the American Rescue plan. She will continue to work with him on behalf of the council. She will move approval.

Council President Brendmoen thanked Prince for the follow-up.

7 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted

Adopted

- 19 [RES 21-448](#) Approving the renewal of the Liquor On-Sale 101-180 seats, Liquor On-Sale Sunday, and Entertainment (C) ("Licenses") held by LL Entertainment Services Inc., d/b/a The Lamplighter Lounge, for the premises located at 160 Larpenteur Avenue West under License ID #: 200200000805, and the addition of conditions to the Licenses held by LL Entertainment Services Inc., d/b/a Lamplighter Lounge ("Licensee").

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Council President Brendmoen said they had a hearing this morning and a community impact statement. There was powerful testimony. She has never had a public hearing with such a lineup. After listening to the testimony, this item needs to go back to the City Attorney's Office and DSI (Department of Safety and Inspections). It is a business that needs to face adverse action. Even though there are 729 police records on this address, the calls for service by adjoining businesses and residents may be recorded at other addresses. Richardson's testimony about being shot on the premises, it might not be reflected in this hearing. They owe it to their community to look at this and the proper adverse action to be brought before this Council. There are lots of different things in motion right now. Ms. Tierney has worked to put together a tight proposal for the right path.

Rachel Tierney said Version 2 changes the Council's actions. The original proposal was to renew and impose conditions. After the meeting this morning, she made the amendment so that this is a temporary renewal of the license. It refers this to the City Attorney's Office for appropriate action. It includes the killing of Nia Black plus some of the testimony this morning. Originally, the Council was asked to approve license conditions. The basis of those conditions would be part of the basis for the adverse action. They are not imposing them at this time. If they were to require the business to close before being heard, that would violate state law. This is a referral to the City

Attorney's Office for a full review, looking at the surrounding community, looking at everything, and they would propose the adverse action and move forward.

Brendmoen said people should understand that this is a move toward adverse action. How long will this process take? Tierney responded they will move forward as quickly as they can. They do not have complete control. The licensee has a right to be heard in front of an ALJ (Administrative Law Judge). She hopes by early summer. If there is a hearing, this would be complicated and contested. Due processes are an important right for people.

Brendmoen said she wanted to make sure that information is on the record. When you are looking for resolution, every week seems like an eternity.

Councilmember Noecker said Version 2 looks different than Version 1. She does not understand why conditions were not imposed on it before. Would it make sense to renew for a specific period of time? She does not want to get too far into this next year.

Tierney said she would not recommend that. If they are not finished with adverse action you cannot revoke the license at that point.

Ricardo Cervantes, DSI Director, talked about the meetings with the business owner. The conditions were agreed to by the license holder at that time. Those conditions are not lawfully in place for that to happen.

Brendmoen said the applicant is complying with the conditions. It was simply codifying what they are already doing.

Councilmember Jalali said the 911 alternative conviction was being held at the same time. There was level of community hurt. It impacted her. She was very struck by that. Are they saying they cannot go the route of denying the license renewal and seek adverse action because it would block us from doing that? She doesn't understand why we can't block their license. Tierney responded in order to take any action, they have a license for state law and in their ordinance. If we haven't followed those steps, we can't take that action. At this point, we haven't followed those steps. She is concerned about what she heard. She remembers working on the Hamline University BP gas station and everything the neighbors went through. Someone was shot there and someone did die; that was terrible.

Prince said she is really confused. There were conditions that the business agreed to follow and they haven't been following them? We're saying all the conditions negotiated were being followed. Did I hear that right?

Cervantes said the proposal was signed off by the license holder. Given the activities occurring in the parking lot. Those are the portions that need investigating.

Prince said they didn't look at taking adverse action in the incidents. So often they are dealing with license matrix penalties.

Cervantes says there have been previous actions. In the last 2 years, there have not been monetary penalties. They have been reviewing the actions. The recommendations were that it is the least amount they can do. There are restrictions to police records. They need to work with the Police Department, City Attorney's Office, and we need to bring a strong case. They share in the grief and the concern

about public safety.

Prince said that clearly this is a unique set of circumstances. These have been missed. She is not questioning him; she is just trying to understand it. The police welcome the opportunity to tie what's going on to the license. It gives us a way to combine our efforts to stop the activity. Even before this morning's hearing, she couldn't understand it in view of what she understands of the license process and the matrix system. It raised all kind of questions. Somehow this business has really slipped through the cracks.

Brendmoen said we have talked about this on other occasions. There is a similar situation in another part of the ward.

Councilmember Yang asked when they will come back to the Council. Tierney responded they will move this forward. She can update as things move along. We'll move this forward as soon as we are ready. She asked is it currently open. (the response is yes)

Noecker said right in front of us is to approve the license renewal. If we do not approve, we are closing the business without them not being heard. It seems if an item is in front of us, we should have the opportunity vote it up and down. Tierney responded the reality is the code builds into is for the council to call for the ph we had this morning. That hearing does not replace the adverse action process. I'm not sure 60 day is time to turn it around. The various laws do not line up with the calendar. It is a temporary renewal.

Noecker said it would be good to change the process. We are being told we can't vote it down today. Tierney responded she will do that.

Councilmember Thao said that is long overdue to hold a business responsible. We have a high standard for all business in Saint Paul. The testimony this morning was powerful. It is good for members to hear about what is happening in that corner. It is important to allow the staff and us to work with DSI to hold the business accountable.

Councilmember Tolbert said he appreciates the public testimony. This is an important first step forward. The property manager and owner who signs these leases is also on notice. This is a problematic property they are doing business with.

Tolbert moved.

7 in favor, none opposed

Adopted as amended

Adopted

20 [RES PH 21-14](#)

Ratifying the assessment for a water main and connection at 1628 Point Douglas Road South. (File No. 18982B4, Assessment No. 216100)

Sponsors: Prince

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held on online and over the phone.

Councilmember Prince moved to close the public hearing. She is satisfied that the

assessment is correct. She moved to close the public hearing and approve.
7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

21 [SR 21-31](#)

Presentation from St. Paul Regional Water Services.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Steve Schneider is here to present presented from Water. This is the large project they have overtaken. Patrick Shea has taken over the role. And Mr. Menkhaus.

Patrick Shea, pending General Manager, comes from Fridley. Spent time in St. Cloud. They are in the process of the McCarrons Water Treatment project. It is one of the most significant projects in its history, but one of the largest in the State. It is a historic structure. Larger portion constructed in 1925. Projects is replacing structure that are over 100 years old. It is a modernization. They are looking at replacing a facility that produces excellent water quality.

Will Menkhaus said half a million people depend on this water treatment plant. If you waited for it to fail, you are waiting too long. That is a high level overview. A quick look at the scope of the project, they will be replacing in kind but with more modern equipment. Even with new technology they will only take up half the footprint they do now.

Shea said they would like to emphasize this is not an expansion project. Change to taste are unlikely. They will provided staff with more control over what happens. Steve Schneider did some work with facility in the 2000's. They will do outreach to the general public. They got a little media coverage. Kidney dialysis relies on their water. There will be a rate effect. You are looking at \$160 Million. They first phase of the financing is coming up quickly. It will be under a penny per gallon. Rates remain competitive. It is a proactive approach. They are making sure they are weighing the costs and the benefits. Bottled water is a convenient option, but they are less expensive. This rate structure is to finance the current operations. Unless there is something unforeseen it will be funded through these rate increases.

Shea said he wanted to focus on a few reasons. They are just at the very beginning. They recently had equipment delivered. They are building a small version of a treatment plant. For 12 months, that is everything they are proposing. They are attacking this project through design built. Jacob's engineering can make water quality—If it doesn't perform, it is Jacob's risk. The existing facility can be up and running through the build. They do not have to start any demolitions.

Councilmember Thao asked about the subcontractors. Shea responded they went through a robust request for proposals. They had 14 submit qualifications. They shortlisted the 3. They selected Jacob's Engineering. They are a public rated company. They have a strong commitment to diversity. They can chop up the work in small packages to ensure small businesses can compete. It is a large corporation. They have great plans in place currently.

Thao asked are there goals they try to meet. Shea responded in the case of federal funding, the City defers to the federal standards. Instead, the standards are basically certain steps they have to take to ensure everyone has a fair opportunity for the work.

Schneider said they are working in Council with the procurement department with the City of Saint Paul. They will be involved in that process. The Board of Water Commissioners required a project labor agreement with the contractor and local labor unions.

Prince said she wanted to note Pastor's concern that federal funds that there is a Section 3 requirement. That is an important way to hire people who need those jobs. It means a lot of have this ready to go as Steve is leaving us. Want to congratulate the people on the Water Board as they do everything right.

Yang thanked them on their presentation. She thanked Steve. The board presented a resolution. He will be retiring next Wednesday, the 31st. She thanked him for his leadership and the legacy he built.

Schneider says its been an honor to spend 99% of his career to work at the Utility. He loves going to work everyday know that he knows makes a difference. He is 100% confident in the choice of Mr. Shea to continue the great history of the utility. He can't wait to come back in 5 years when the project is done. He looks forward to retirement, but it is a fork in the road.

Tolbert wanted to thank Steve, too. Tolbert joined the Water Board 9 years ago. They are fortunate that are foreparents had the forethought to plan for Water. They have always been forward thinking. Everything has been long term. He has traveled with him to Water conference. He learned how fortunate we are in Saint Paul. We are in a better position than any community in the world. We really are lucky in that sense. We have the best water in the state.

Brendmoen said she will not repeat the comments from the Water Board. She is excited for what retirement holds. She welcomed Mr. Shea to charter his own path forward.

Received and Filed

ORDINANCES

An ordinance is a city law enacted by the City Council. It is read at four 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 third reading.

Final Adoption

- 22** [Ord 20-29](#) Amending Chapter 409 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the distance restriction between liquor license locations and to reduce the location radius for off-sale wine only license locations.

Sponsors: Prince and Thao

Councilmember Prince said this was a wine license. She had hoped she would have something to put before the Council today in terms of a possible amendment, but DSI (Department of Safety and Inspections) has not been able to get to this. She will layover to April 21.

7 in favor, none opposed

Ordinance is laid over to April 21

Laid over to April 21

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 23** [RES PH 21-20](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget to transfer funding from the 2021 Wabasha Project, the 2017 Como Project, and 2020 Municipal State Aid (MSA) Contingency into multiple Public Works projects.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Council President Brendmoen said this is a public hearing. It has been held online and transcribed over the phone.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

- 24** [RES PH 21-35](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital and Operating Budgets for the 2021 Downtown Pavement Project.

Sponsors: Noecker

Council President Brendmoen said this is a public hearing. It has been held online and transcribed over the phone.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

- 25** [RES PH 21-40](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget to add Ramsey County funding and transfer funding from 2021 Municipal State Aid Contingency to the 2020 Randolph Sidewalk Project.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Council President Brendmoen said this is a public hearing. It has been held online and over the phone.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

- 26 [RES PH 21-61](#) Authorizing an increase in the Parks and Recreation Grant Fund Budgets in the amount of \$1,420,000 to reflect various grant funding awarded in 2021 and establishing the appropriate grant activity budgets.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Councilmember Brendmoen said this is a public hearing that has been held online and over the phone.

*Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.
7 in favor, none opposed*

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

Legislative Hearing Items

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

- 27 [RLH TA 21-165](#) Amending Council Files No. RLH AR 21-2 to delete the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during September 2020 at 969 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J2104B, Assessment No. 218103)

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

- 28 [RLH TA 20-665](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 430 DALE STREET NORTH. (File No. J2006P, Assessment No. 208405)

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

- 32 [RLH TA 21-167](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 20-164 to delete the assessment for Property Clean Up services during September 1 to 14, 2020 at 1010 LAFOND AVENUE. (File No. J2107A, Assessment No. 218506)

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

- 33 [RLH TA 21-82](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 52 LITCHFIELD STREET. (File No. J2105A1, Assessment No. 218521)

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

- 35 [RLH AR 20-87](#) Ratifying the assessments for Dangerous Tree(s) Removal service during December 2019 at 2118 SAINT ANTHONY AVENUE. (File No. 2006T, Assessment No. 209005)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 36 [RLH TA 21-138](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1910 SUBURBAN AVENUE. (File No. J2102P2, Assessment No. 218407)

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted

- 37 [RLH TA 21-131](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 31 WINTER STREET. (File No. J2014A2, Assessment No. 208546)

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

- 38 [RLH TA 21-133](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 31 WINTER STREET. (File No. J2017A, Assessment No. 208529)

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

- 39 [RLH TA 21-174](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 31 WINTER STREET. (File No. J2008B2, Assessment No. 208118)

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

- 40 [RLH TA 21-171](#) Amending Council Files No. RLH AR 21-1 to reduce the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during February 18 to August 13, 2020 at 171 WYOMING STREET. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803)

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

- 42 [RLH AR 20-86](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during January 4 to February 26, 2020. (File No. J2006P, Assessment No. 208405)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

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

- 41 [RLH AR 20-83](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during January 2020. (File No. J2009B, Assessment No. 208108)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted as amended (refer 1877 Grand Avenue to Legislative Hearing on April 6 at 9:00 a.m.)

For the following items, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to continue the public hearing to the dates listed:

- 29 [RLH RR 21-12](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 134 ELIZABETH STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 20-13. (Legislative Hearing on March 23, 2021)

Sponsors: Noecker

Public hearing continued to April 14

- 30 [RLH TA 21-102](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1314 FOURTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2106A3, Assessment No. 218525) (Public hearing continued to September 8, 2021)

Sponsors: Prince

Public hearing continued to September 8

- 34 [RLH TA 21-97](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1817 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2105A2, Assessment No. 218522) (Public hearing continued to September 22, 2021)

Sponsors: Yang

Public hearing continued to September 22

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

- 31 [RLH TA 21-166](#) Reconsidering ratification of the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 959 HUDSON ROAD. (File No. VB2102, Assessment No. 218801)

Sponsors: Prince

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, said this is a vacant building fee. This is the second public hearing. This property went into the vacant building program. The bill covers June 25, 2020 through June 24, 2021. The vacant building fee was appealed. There was a hearing last November. At that hearing, the purchaser acquired the building in September. The bill and pending assessment was not

addressed in the closing. In November, he asked that it be waived entirely. She recommends the case would be that the Council in 6 months bill for half the normal amount. The work being done by then would be January. She continued and found the work had not been completed. Owner said he was having trouble given the drop box at DSI (Department of Safety and Inspections). His original Council public hearing was February 10. Certificate of Occupancy was not issued at that time. It was issued on March 19. That means the property has been in the program for 9 months. Her practice is to recommend payment of the entire fee. They would like to request the fee be waived. They have a closing scheduled. They thought the deadlines were unrealistic. These weren't actually a deadline, they were to prorate the fee. They would like the half the fee be waived. They would also want the full fee waived. It is not the practice of the Council to waive fees in this situation. She recommends 9 of 12 months.

Councilmember Prince said the building has been in the program since 2014. This owner has owned it since when? Moermond responded September 4, 2020.

Prince said she would be willing to reduce the fee by 3 months, which would be \$1750. She appreciates the work is completed. They have owned the property since September. She moved it at \$1750.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted as amended

Adopted as amended (assessment reduced to a total of \$1,750)

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