



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

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, May 26, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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ROLL CALL

The meeting was 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 21-46](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1484 University Avenue West a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

Received and Filed

- 2 [AO 21-28](#) Amending the 2021 spending budget within the Department of Public Works Administration Fund Office Administration Accounting Unit.

Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Brendmoen said we are taking Item 21 separately.

Councilmember Prince moved balance of the Consent Agenda.

7 in favor, none opposed

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Consent agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 3 [Min 21-18](#) Approving the Saint Paul City Council meeting minutes of February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2021.
- Adopted**
- 4 [RES 21-702](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for a Parking Ramp (Private) license for Grand Finn Alley Apts LLC (License ID # 20210000217), d/b/a same, located at 2140 Grand Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 5 [RES 21-705](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2021 Wage and Fringe Adjustment for the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters. (laid over from May 26)
- Laid over to June 2**
- 6 [RES 21-728](#) Approving an Auto Repair Garage with conditions to Ayari LLC d/b/a Auto Max (License ID #20210000124) for the premises located at 555 University Avenue West.
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 21-730](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for Rift Valley Auto Services Inc., d/b/a Rift Valley Transportation (License ID # 20200000655), located 45 Empire Drive, to add an Auto Body Repair/Painting Shop license to the existing Auto Repair Garage license to allow the repair of vehicles owned by the general public.
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 21-741](#) Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to issue a Wine On Sale, Malt On Sale (Strong), and Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) Licenses with conditions to Bole Ethiopian Cuisine LLC d/b/a Bole Ethiopian Cuisine (License ID #20210000577) for the premises located at 1341 Pascal Street.
- Adopted**
- 9 [RES 21-745](#) Approval of a Liquor Off Sale and Cigarette/Tobacco license to Arcade Wine & Spirits LLC (License ID #20210000282) for the premises located at 1100 Arcade Street.
- Adopted**
- 10 [RES 21-748](#) Authorizing the City's acceptance of property owned by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for use as an overflow parking lot for the Richard H. Rowan Public Safety Training Center.
- Adopted**

- 11 [RES 21-749](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the construction of traffic signal controls on Trunk Highway 156 (Concord Street) at the Trunk Highway 52 ramps.
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 21-752](#) Changing the rate of pay for the Meter Operations Supervisor classification. (laid over from May 19)
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 21-757](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on Private Properties during January to March 2021, and setting date of City Council public hearing for July 7, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2102LDSRP, Assessment No. 214002)
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 21-758](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private Properties during January to March 2021, and setting date of City Council public hearing for July 7, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2102, Assessment No. 213002)
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 21-779](#) Approving a liquor service area expansion and upgrade to a Liquor On Sale - 291 or more seats license added to existing Liquor On-Sale-Sunday, Entertainment (A) and Gambling Location licenses held by Amazed Group, LLC d/b/a Cups & Cheers (License ID #20190001176) located at 1624 & 1626 White Bear Avenue North.
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 21-780](#) Authorizing the City enter into an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) for the Randolph Bridge Project.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 21-782](#) Approval of a Liquor On Sale-291 or more seats, a Liquor On Sale-Sunday and an Entertainment (A) license for Lucky Mee Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a King Thai (License ID #20210000342) located at 225 University Avenue West.
- Adopted**

- 18 [RES 21-784](#) Approving the Labor Agreement (January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 70. (laid over from May 19)

Adopted

- 19 [RES 21-787](#) Reciting a proposal for a Housing Finance Program for a multifamily rental housing development, approving the project and the program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462C, authorizing the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to issue conduit multifamily housing revenue obligations and authorizing the preparation of necessary documents and materials in connection with said project and program for the PHS Highland Park Project, located at 822 Woodlawn Avenue, 820 Mount Curve Boulevard and 825 Mount Curve Boulevard (District 15, Ward 3).

Adopted

- 20 [RES 21-792](#) Approving an agreement with the City of Falcon Heights for maintenance of street lighting.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 21 [RES 21-797](#) Authorizing the Ramsey County Housing & Redevelopment Authority to exercise its powers within the City's Housing and Redevelopment Authority area of operation at the same time the City exercises the same powers.

Council President Brendmoen said we were talking about this at the HRA meeting. We are not having a second staff report.

*Councilmember Tolbert said HRA's staff report is good. He 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

- 22 [SR 21-87](#) American Rescue Plan update and report from the Administration.

Laura Logsdon, Senior Budget Analyst in the Office of Financial Services, gave an update.

Received and Filed

- 23 [RES 21-673](#) Clarifying the City Council's sole authority to review appeals from the Zoning Code.

Council President Brendmoen said this item is being withdrawn.

Councilmember Thao said he is going to withdraw. He wanted to thank Councilmembers Prince and Yang for going to the mat and co-sponsoring this. He is disappointed how everything unfolded. The Administration talks about making the City work for all of us. It is hard for us to understand those who don't have a home. Those are the folks who are going to get displaced. Going forward, he hopes the Administration will work with the Council.

Councilmember Prince said she requested that Lindsey Olson attend this meeting on April 28 and that she seek an advisory committee from the Attorney General's Office. Olson clearly feels she has responded to us. They received a letter from Ms. Olson that she would not seek the AG's advice. Ms. Olson provided councilmembers on her official opinion on this matter. While that is her opinion, a super majority would help with the councilmembers and community. When the council and Mayor disagree, who is the City Council's attorney? That is a question that still needs to be answered.

Brendmoen recommends doing a resolution.

Withdrawn

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.

First Reading

- 24 [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 not requesting a staff report.

Laid over to June 2 for second reading/public hearing

Laid over to June 2 for Second reading

- 25 [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)

Council President Brendmoen said they do not need a staff report.

Laid over to June 2 for second reading/public hearing

Laid over to June 2 for Second reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 26 [RES PH 21-125](#) Approving the application of Dual Citizen Brewing for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on June 12, 2021 at 725 Raymond Ave.

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

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

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

- 27 [RES PH 21-129](#) Amending the City budget to accept \$83,320,812 in federal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts.

Council President Brendmoen said there was a long discussion earlier. This is an opportunity to work in partnership to determine where the funds are allocated.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none oppose

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 21-16](#) Granting the application of IO Investments LLC to rezone property at 1053 Dale Street North from R4 one-family residential to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Shari Moore, City Clerk, said they could adopt it today if they choose.

Council President Brendmoen said we have held a public hearing virtually. We held it an extra week for comments. She 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

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

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

- 29 [RLH TA 21-212](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 604 ASBURY STREET. (File No. CG2101A6, Assessment No. 210105)

Adopted

- 32 [RLH TA 21-202](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1231 BARCLAY STREET. (File No. CG2101A3, Assessment No. 210102)

Adopted

- 33 [RLH TA 21-214](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1957 BERKELEY AVENUE. (File No. CG2101A2, Assessment No. 210101)

Adopted

- 34 [RLH TA 21-213](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1672 CONWAY STREET. (File No. CG2101A6, Assessment No. 210105)

Adopted

- 35 [RLH TA 21-192](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 818 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. CG2101A6, Assessment No. 210105)
Adopted
- 37 [RLH TA 21-208](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1078 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)
Adopted
- 38 [RLH VO 21-18](#) Amending Council File RLH VO 21-11, adopted April 21, 2021, to grant Sheri Galindo an additional extension for property at 1082 EUCLID STREET.

Adopted
- 39 [RLH TA 21-200](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1282 HAGUE AVENUE. (File No. CG2101A1, Assessment No. 210100)
Adopted
- 40 [RLH TA 21-188](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 571 HALL AVENUE. (File No. CG2101A1, Assessment No. 210100)
Adopted
- 41 [RLH TA 21-211](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1856 HIGHLAND PARKWAY. (File No. CG2101A2, Assessment No. 210101)
Adopted
- 43 [RLH TA 21-198](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1247 JESSIE STREET. (File No. CG2101A2, Assessment No. 210101)
Adopted
- 44 [RLH TA 21-190](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1180 LANE PLACE. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)
Adopted
- 45 [RLH FCO 21-58](#) Appeal of Andrew Songle to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 784 LAUREL AVENUE.
Adopted
- 46 [RLH TA 21-248](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 876 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)
Adopted

- 47 [RLH TA 21-207](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 820 LEXINGTON PARKWAY SOUTH. (File No. CG2101A2, Assessment No. 210101)
- Adopted**
- 48 [RLH SAO 21-36](#) Appeal of Rory Wakemup to a Summary Abatement Order at 781 MANOMIN AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 49 [RLH TA 21-189](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 755 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)
- Adopted**
- 50 [RLH RR 21-28](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 174 PAGE STREET WEST in Council File RLH RR 20-56.
- Adopted**
- 51 [RLH RR 21-26](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 575 PARK STREET within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the May 26, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.
- Adopted**
- 52 [RLH RR 21-27](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 595 PARK STREET within one-hundred and eighty (180) days after the May 26, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.
- Adopted**
- 53 [RLH TA 21-170](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1360 POINT DOUGLAS ROAD SOUTH. (File No. CG2101A3, Assessment No. 210102)
- Adopted**
- 54 [RLH RR 21-29](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 2022 STILLWATER AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 21-3.
- Adopted**
- 55 [RLH SAO 21-38](#) Appeal of Paris Getty to a Summary Abatement Order at 855 THIRD STREET EAST.
- Adopted**

- 56 [RLH TA 21-227](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1541 WEST MINNEHAHA AVENUE. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)
Adopted
- 57 [RLH RR 21-31](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1143 WOODBRIDGE STREET in Council File RLH RR 21-8.
Adopted
- 58 [RLH TA 21-238](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 445 WYOMING STREET EAST. (File No. CG2101A1, Assessment No. 210100)
Adopted
- 59 [RLH AR 21-37](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A1, Assessment No. 210100)
Adopted
- 60 [RLH AR 21-38](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A2, Assessment No. 210101)
Adopted
- 61 [RLH AR 21-39](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A3, Assessment No. 210102)
Adopted
- 62 [RLH AR 21-40](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)

Adopted
- 63 [RLH AR 21-41](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A5, Assessment No. 210104)
Adopted
- 64 [RLH AR 21-42](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A6, Assessment No. 210105)
Adopted

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

- 31** [RLH TA 21-261](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 143 BAKER STREET WEST. (File No. CG2004A1, Assessment No. 200163) (Amend to CG2004A1-1, Assessment No. 200169)

Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)

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

Nay: 0

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

- 30** [RLH VO 21-14](#) Appeal of Graham Butler to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 702 AURORA AVENUE. (To refer back to July 6, 2021 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to July 6 Legislative Hearing

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

Nay: 0

- 42** [RLH RR 21-24](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 975 HUDSON ROAD within fifteen (15) days after the May 26, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.

Referred to June 15 Legislative Hearing

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

Nay: 0

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

- 36 [RLH SAO 20-40](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2233 ENERGY PARK DRIVE in Council File RLH SAO 20-24. (continued from May 26)

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, said there is a new document attached to the file. It is 10 pages. This is straightforward, but the document is technical in nature. She has asked Public Works to comment on some of the items. She is asking that the public hearing be continued to next Wednesday. Public Works will have a response by that time.

Councilmember Jalali moved the continuance.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing continued to June 2

Continue Council Public Hearing June 2, 2021

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

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