

City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

Council President Mitra Jalali
Vice President HwaJeong Kim
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:32 PM

Present 6 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali,
Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember
Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 1 - Councilmember HwaJeong Kim

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

1 CO 24-37 Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 674 Magnolia Avenue East a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public

hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

Received and Filed

2 AO 24-56 Establishing one (1) new project through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round

Program as adopted via City Council Resolutions # RES 24-829.

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

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang,

Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

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3	RES 24-1014	Approving the application with conditions, per the Legislative Hearing Officer, for the application submitted by Local Legend Hospitality LLC, d/b/a Local Rumor (License ID#20240000988), for Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk) licenses 1811 Selby Avenue. Adopted
		Adopted
4	RES 24-1031	Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept funds from Blaze Credit Union for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program in an amount of \$3,000 for the 2024 training program. Adopted
5	RES 24-1032	Authorizing the Police Department to submit a second application for funds under a Request for Proposals for the 2025 DWI Traffic Safety Officer Grant Program, issued by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).
		Adopted
6	RES 24-1069	Accepting a Sidewalk Easement from Saint Paul Academy and Summit School in conjunction with the improvement of school property at 1150 Goodrich Avenue.
		Adopted
7	RES 24-1070	Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during December 20, 2023 to March 20, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 22, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2501, Assessment No. 258800)
		Adopted
8	RES 24-1071	Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding
		services during April 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 22, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2501B, Assessment No. 258100)
		Adopted
9	RES 24-1072	Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of
3	NES 24-1012	Occupancy fees billed during October 6, 2023 to April 26, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 22, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2501, Assessment No. 258200)
		Adopted
40	DEC 04 4070	Approximate City's cost of annuising Francisco Harrist Inc.
10	RES 24-1073	Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during February 22 to March 21, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 22, 2024 and City Council public hearing

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		for January 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2501E, Assessment No. 258300)
		Adopted
11	RES 24-1074	Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during April 9 to May 16, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 22, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2501P, Assessment No. 258400)
		Adopted
12	RES 24-1075	Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) services during May to June 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 22, 2024 and City Council public hearing for January 8, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2501T, Assessment No. 259000)
		Adopted
13	RES 24-1077	Approving a Theaters and Movie Theaters - New Location license to Victoria Theater Arts Center d/b/a 825 Arts (License ID 20240000989) for the premises located at 825 University Avenue West.
		Adopted
14	RES 24-1079	Approving the application for change of ownership for 620 Club LLC d/b/a 620 Club for the Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Entertainment (A), and Gambling Location (License ID #20240001045) for the premises located at 620 7th Street West.
		Adopted
15	RES 24-1080	Approving the application for change of ownership for Wizards Auto Repair LLC d/b/a Wizards Auto Repair for the Auto Repair Garage and Second Hand Dealer Motor Vehicle Parts (License ID #20240000998) for the premises located at 985 Randolph Avenue.
		Adopted
16	RES 24-1082	Approving the Memorandums of Agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 21 for the purpose of adjusting the Paramedic Premium and Emergency Medical Technician wages for 2025. Laid over to August 14, 2024
17	RES 24-1091	Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment and Emergency Management Department to apply for the Cities for Financial Empowerment Grant in the amount of \$150,000 to support municipalities in building and expanding emergency preparedness and recovery infrastructure with a focus on financial empowerment.

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		Adopted
18	RES 24-1095	Approving the application for a change of ownership for St Paul Pilates & Fitness d/b/a St Paul Pilates & Fitness for the Health/Sport Club (License ID #20240000752) for the premises located at 655 Fairview Avenue North, Suite 170 B & F.
		Adopted
19	RES 24-1097	Authorizing the Saint Paul Public Library to apply for the Minnesota Historic and Cultural Heritage Grant from the Minnesota Historical Society to repair the roof at the Riverview Library, for which SPPL will provide \$66,000 in matching funds.
		Adopted
20	RES 24-1101	Authorizing the Library to accept terms of service, including indemnification language, from IPVideo Corporation, through Motorola Solutions, Inc., to use the HALO Device Manager software for managing HALO Smart Sensors in Library spaces.
		Adopted
21	RES 24-1115	Establishing the rate of pay for Human Resources Assistant, in AFSCME Clerical.
		Laid over to August 14, 2024
22	RES 24-1116	Changing the rate of pay for Water Control Systems Information Supervisor, in SPSO, EG 09.
		Laid over to August 14, 2024
23	RES 24-1118	Authorizing the City to accept the gift of travel expenses, lodging, and meals from the Great River Passage Conservancy for Andy Rodriguez and Melanie McMahon to attend the Highline Network convening in Detroit, MI from October 9-11, 2024.
		Adopted
24	RES 24-1121	Authorizing the issuance and negotiated sales of Tax-Exempt Sales Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds and approving certain documents in connection with the issuance of such sales tax revenue obligations.
		Adopted
25	RES 24-1132	Authorizing the City Attorney's Office to accept \$160,042.00 in additional funds and amend the 2024 Special Fund Budget for an amended award from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Crime Victim Services grant program.
		Adopted
26	RES 24-1136	Approving Ordinance Permit No. 20223460401 for Doran Companies on

Payne Avenue. **Adopted** RES 24-1162 Approving the Mayor's appointment of Hannah Riederer and Maggie Lorenz to 27 the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission. **Adopted** 28 RES 24-1164 Approving the Mayor's appointment of Chris Tolbert to the Board of Water Commissioners. **Adopted** 29 RES 24-1134 Directing the City Clerk to notify the County Auditor to place a ballot question on the November 5, 2024 ballot regarding changing the years when City elections are to be held and approving the title and language for that ballot question. **Adopted** FOR DISCUSSION 30 RES 24-1104 Celebrating Karen Reid on her retirement as Director of the Neighborhood

Development Alliance.

Adopted

Yea: 6-Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 -Councilmember Kim

31 RES 24-1154 Recognizing the 10 year anniversary of the Summer Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools in the City of Saint Paul Public Schools.

Adopted

Yea: 6-Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

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 Pioneer Press. Public hearings on ordinances are generally held at the second reading.

Final Adoption

32 Ord 24-15

Amending Chapter 67 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the EG East Grand Avenue Overlay District.

Public hearing continued to August 14, 2024 for Final Adoption

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Live testimony is limited to two minutes for each person. See below for optional ways to testify.

33 RES PH 24-187

Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of two grant agreements (with indemnity obligations) and related documents, and amending the operating budget with respect to the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Act Contamination Cleanup Grant, and a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Grant for the benefit of the Gloryville project located at 1570 White Bear Avenue (District 2, Ward 6).

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

34 RES PH 24-185

Accepting grant funds, amending the Planning and Economic Development operating budget, and authorizing execution of a grant agreement related to the City's sponsorship of a Minnesota Investment Fund grant for the benefit of Simpli-Fi Automation Inc. for its project located at 370 Wabasha Street North (District 17, Ward 2).

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang,
Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

35 RES PH 24-176

Approving the application of Center for Broadcast Journalism for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Saturday, August 10, 2024 on 7th Street East between Hope Street and Arcade Street.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

36 RES PH 24-177

Approving the application of Irish Fair of Minnesota for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 9, 10 and 11, 2024 at 200 Justus Ohage Blvd - Harriet Island Regional Park.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang,
Councilmember Bowie. Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

37 RES PH 24-180

Approving the application of James J Hill House, Gibson Stanton, Site Manager for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 17, 2024 at 240 Summit Ave - James J Hill House.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang,
Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

38 RES PH 24-183

Approving the application of MN Department of Human Services for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 14, 2024 at 1600 Phalen Dr - Phalen Regional Park.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

39 RES PH 24-184

Approving the application of MN Department of Human Services for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 14, 2024 at 1000 Wheelock Pkwy E - Phalen Regional Park Softball Fields.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

40 RES PH 24-186 Approving the application of Ka Vang for a sound level variance in order to

City of Saint Paul

present amplified sound on August 17, 2024 and August 18, 2024 at 425 Rice St - parking lot.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

41 RES PH 24-188

Approving the application of Lakeside Guitar Festival/MN Last Waltz for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 9, and August 10, 2024 at 1360 Lexington Ave - Como Lakeside Pavilion.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

49 RLH TA 24-268

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1841 DAYTON AVENUE. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524)

Adopted as amended (payment to be made over 4 years)

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang,
Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

52 RLH TA 24-221

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1762 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. VB2409A, Assessment No. 248825)

Laid over to September 11, 2024 to consider an updated prorated vacant building fee if work is complete.

Also in attendance:

Mike Mortimer, owner/appellant Brad Egan, owner's attorney

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: This property has been in the Vacant Building Program since December 27, 2021. The vacancy initially resulted from a fire and a death on the property. What is before you is the December 27, 2023 — December 26, 2024 Vacant Building Fee. 7 months in, if we had finaled permits, I might have recommended pro-rating the fee down to 6 months. 4 permits remain not yet finaled. I met with the owner and attorney in the hall. This was our second conversation, the first being in the Legislative Hearing. Their ask is to show grace to continue to the matter for 5 weeks to September 11.

Brad Egan: Mike Mortimer has owned this property for 45 years. Mortimer was a union electrician and fixed a lot of problems with property himself. Three days before Christmas in 2021 there was a fire, resulting in Mortimer's stepson being killed. He signed a repair contract while dealing with the remorse of the incident, and then had to spend a lot of time fighting the contractor, who gutted the property instead of just dealing with the part that was fire-damaged. A lot of Mortimer's improvements were taken out. He rented it and always had good tenants. There were then issues with the mortgage company and insurance company, which are now resolved. He's also had heart issues which have slowed him down as the primary contractor.

Council President Jalali: What is your ask?

Egan: We want another 5 weeks to complete the work before council again considers this fee.

Jalali: What is the hope for what will happen in that time?

Egan: Mortimer will complete the electric work. He is not just repairing. He is improving the property. I have photos to share as well. On the screen you can see the high-quality work.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing approved 6-0.

Jalali: What would extra time mean for the resolution before us?

Moermond: I ask that the amount be prorated based on the continued amount of time. I also ask that if the work is still not completed that the assessment should be ratified.

Jalali: I would like to do that.

Councilmember Jost: I support that motion.

CM Johnson: Could you explain the prorating?

Moermond: We will update the percentage of the assessment that is to be paid based on how long the building will have been in the vacant building program. If the building end up having been in the program for 9 of the 12 billed months, Council could prorate the assessment proportionally.

Johnson: I support that motion.

CM Yang: I'm sorry for your loss. I support the motion. I hope you take advantage of this extra time

Jalali: The motion again is to lay this over to September 11, and update the prorating of the assessment accordingly if the work is done.

Public hearing closed and laid over to September 11, 2024

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang,
Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

59 RLH VBR 24-39 Appeal of Steven R. Schwartz to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1105 PAYNE AVENUE.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang,

Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will receive a combined public hearing and be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate public hearing and discussion if desired.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kim

42 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 342 BATES AVENUE. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524) (Legislative Hearing on

August 6, 2024)

Public hearing continued to August 14, 2024

43 RLH TA 24-236 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1056 BEECH

STREET. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524) (Public hearing

continued to January 8, 2025)

Public hearing continued to January 8, 2025

44 RLH RR 24-27 Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 303 CHARLES AVENUE

within fifteen (15) days after the August 7, 2024, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted

45 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 549 DAYTON

AVENUE. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524)

Adopted

46	RLH TA 24-244	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 729 DAYTON AVENUE UNIT 1 (File No. J2421R, Assessment No. 248526)
		Adopted
47	RLH TA 24-242	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 729 DAYTON AVENUE UNIT 2. (File No. J2421R, Assessment No. 248526)
		Adopted
48	RLH TA 24-243	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 729 DAYTON AVENUE UNIT 3 (File No. J2421R, Assessment No. 248526)
		Adopted
50	RLH TA 24-217	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 927 DESOTO STREET. (File No. J2418A, Assessment No. 2488522)
		Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)
51	RLH TA 24-233	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1047 DESOTO STREET. (File No. J2421R, Assessment No. 248526)
		Adopted
53	RLH TA 24-240	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1069 FREMONT AVENUE. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524)
		Adopted
54	RLH TA 24-251	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 978 HYACINTH AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524)
		Adopted
55	RLH TA 24-262	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1137 KINGSFORD STREET. (File No. VB2408A, Assessment No. 248824)
		Adopted
56	RLH TA 24-241	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 601 LEXINGTON PARKWAY NORTH. (File No. J2421R, Assessment No. 248526)
		Adopted
57	RLH RR 24-20	Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1156 LINCOLN AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the June 12, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to remove 15 days with no option for repair)
		Country ability realing. (Amona to remove 10 days with no option for repair)
		Adopted as amended (remove within 15 days)
58	RLH TA 24-250	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 972 ORANGE
J 0	<u> </u>	AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524)
		Adopted

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60	RLH RR 24-28	Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 975 REANEY AVENUE in Council File RLH RLH RR 23-61. Adopted
61	RLH RSA 24-6	Appeal of Colin Gulling to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 1184 SEMINARY AVENUE.
		Public hearing continued to August 21, 2024
62	RLH SAO 24-46	Appeal of Linda Carreno to a Summary Abatement Order at 670 SIMS AVENUE.
		Adopted
63	RLH TA 24-249	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 749 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524)
		Adopted
64	RLH TA 24-235	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 392/394 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524)
		Adopted
65	RLH AR 24-42	Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during January 10, 2024 at 927 DESOTO STREET. (File No. J2418A, Assessment No. 248522)
		Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)
66	RLH AR 24-50	Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish & Garbage Clean Up services during February 1 to 12, 2024. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524)
		Adopted
67	RLH AR 24-51	Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish & Garbage Clean Up services during February 14 to 27, 2024. (File No. J2421R, Assessment No. 248526) Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:51 PM

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